

## HIGHLIGHTS AND ATTRACTIONS

## HOW TO FIND AMANI?

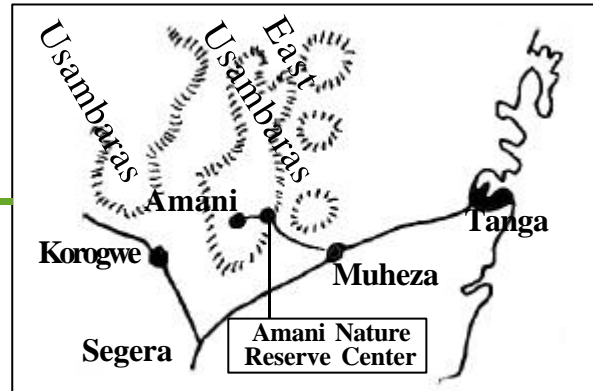
**A**mani Nature Reserve and its surrounding area has much to offer the visitor. The trails and driving routes crisscrossing the area have been designed in a way that everyone's diverse and varied interests and needs are met while maintaining the natural integrity of the area. In fact, many of the trails and driving routes are designed in a way to encompass the widest range of natural and cultural environments East Usambara has to offer. In order to facilitate visitor enjoyment of the area, this **trail key** briefly describes each of Amani's trails and driving routes: the major features, sights and interests found on each of them. The list is by no means exhaustive. Even those closely familiar with the area are constantly surprised by the biodiversity and richness of the area.

**A** selected group of local villagers have been trained as nature guides by Amani Nature Reserve. These knowledgeable guides can further tailor routes to quest's specific demands - whether it be botany, birding, hiking, ecology or just the leisurely enjoyment of nature. In fact, the information provided by the trail guides is limited only to generic information about the various trails. In order to gain a deeper knowledge and enjoyment of the culture and nature of Amani, a guide is recommended on all the trails.



Local bird-expert Billy Munisi mimics the song of one of the many birds difficult to spot without a guide in Amani's dense forests.

**A**mani Nature Reserve is located west of the coastal city of Tanga. The town of Muheza, situated at the foothills of the East Usambara mountains, is 35 kilometers from Tanga. Signposts guide the traveller the remaining 25 kilometers from Muheza to Amani.



## FURTHER INFORMATION

**T**he East Usambara Area Conservation Management Programme (EUCAMP) aims at protecting biodiversity and water sources while sustaining villager's benefits from the forest. The project is implemented by the Forestry and Beekeeping Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism with financial support from the Government of Finland and European Union.

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# Amani Nature Reserve:

## Summary of Trails & Driving Routes



**TRAIL GUIDE**

## SUMMARY OF THE TRAILS AND DRIVING ROUTES OF AMANI

TRAIL NAME	TIME / DISTANCE	TERRAIN	POINTS OF INTEREST
<b>A</b> mani Botanical Garden Research Center Tour.	1 - 3 hours short walk close to Amani Nature Reserve Headquarters	Very easy walk around Amani Village.	Wide range of indigenous and introduced plants, Amani village surroundings, birding.
<b>M</b> omole Hill Trail	1 - 3 hours, 4 km walk	Not difficult, slippery in rains	Natural forest, tree plantations, birding, scenery.
<b>K</b> wamkoro Forest Reserve	30 min drive (9 km) to start, 2-4 hour walk (6-10 km). Alternatively a 30 km walk with camping in between.	Easy walk on flat terrain and forest road. Camping option more demanding	Natural forests, plantations, African violet sites, birding, camping, scenery.
<b>M</b> onga Trail	15 min (6km) drive to start, 1.5 hour walk (3.2 km). Can be walked all the way also.	Easy walk on mainly flat terrain.	Natural forests, tea plantations, birding.
<b>N</b> dola Trail	50 minute drive (18 km) to start, 1.5 - 2.0 hr (5 km) walk.	Moderately easy, with some steep climbing,	Village agriculture, open grassland, tea plantations, birding, scenery.
<b>D</b> erema Trail	5 - 7 hour walk (12 km) with shorter options.	Long walk, mostly easy with some steep climbs.	Forest, village agriculture, tea plantations, German relics, birding, scenery.
<b>S</b> igi Spice Garden and Chemka Village Tour	1 - 3 hour walk from Sigi Information Center. Can also be a combined as a walk from Amani to Sigi and back (18 km).	Easy walk mostly on flat terrain. Amani-Sigi-Amani option longer and more demanding.	Palms, spices, fruit trees, village agriculture, water-powered mill, rivers.
<b>S</b> igi Mountain Trail	4 hour climb from Sigi Information Center	Very steep demanding climb, extremely slippery in rain.	German relics, village agriculture, lowland and submontane forest, treasure pit, birding.
<b>N</b> dola Drive	2 - 3 hour drive (43 km).	Rough road, hilly, 4WD drive	Farmland, tea and forests, birding, scenery.
<b>B</b> ulwa Drive	1.5 - 2.0 hour drive (22 km)	Easy drive except in rains.	Forest and tea plantations
<b>M</b> onga Drive	1.5 - 2.0 hour drive (32 km)	Fairly easy, except in rains.	Village, tea plantation, forest and open land, scenery