

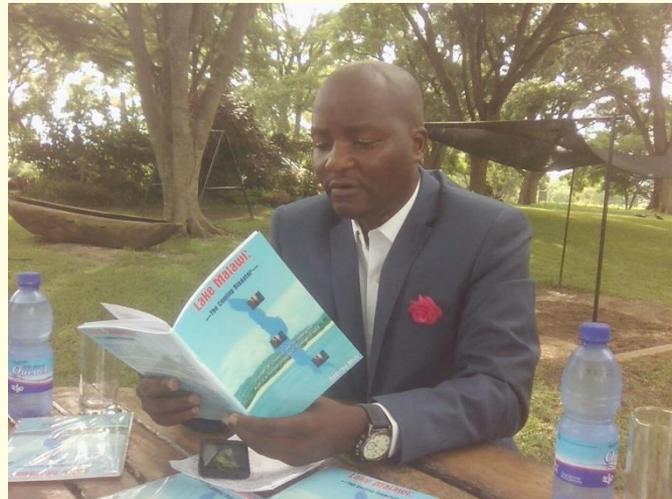
MANAGING MOUNTAINS IN MALAWI, SOUTHERN AFRICA

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Education

- Thandizo Pvt Secondary School (1998)-Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE)
- UNIVERSITY OF MALAWI – (1999- 2004)
- Bachelor of Science –Geography and Geology
- Post Graduate Diploma in Project Management in 2012
- Advance First Aid and Home Based Care Course for Trainer of Trainers 2006
- (St. John Ambulance of South Africa)
- UNIVERSITY OF CAPETOWN- (2013-2014) Post Graduate Diploma in Pesticides Risk Management

Employment and main activities

Employed as an Executive Director-Institute of Sustainable Development (ISD)

- Team Leader for Conservation Projects
- Leader in Water and Sanitation Program
- Trainer in governance and accountability for local town and district ward councillors
- Leader in Volunteer placement project
- Design and draft environmental and conservation project proposals for funding
- Heads and manage the staff and entire organisation
- Liaise with all external stakeholders

Other interests (volunteer work, hobbies etc.)

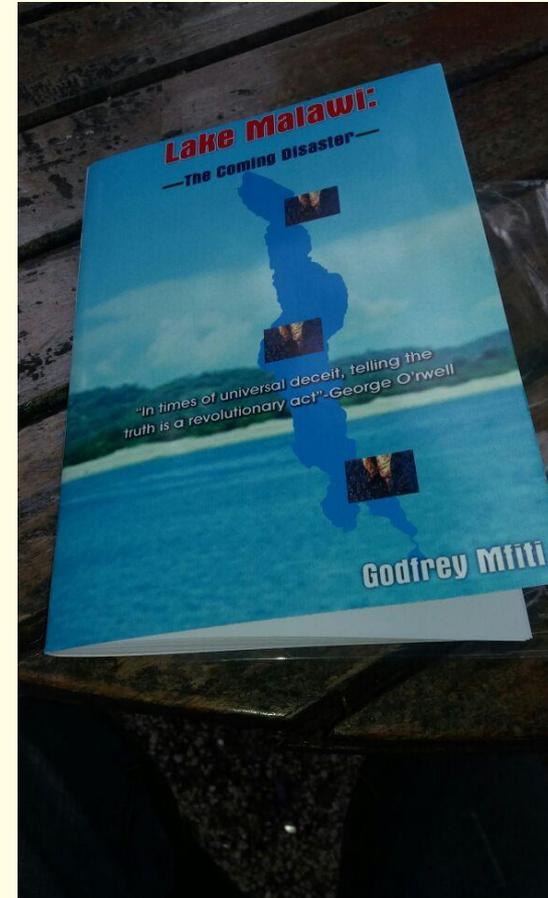
- Godfrey Mfiti is the Author of an informative book titled **“Lake Malawi: The Coming Disaster”** ISBN: 978-1-78808-655-4 Published in January, 2017.
- He is Environment and Education Rights Activist without borders.
- A reputable Public speaker and youth motivator.
- Experienced in Civic engagement
- Promotes governance, accountability and youth participation.
- A consultant, fundraiser & development work proposal developer
- Community mobiliser with high level communication skills.
- Has passion to analyse environmental related policies

HOBBIES

Chess player

Reading non-fiction books

Watching soccer

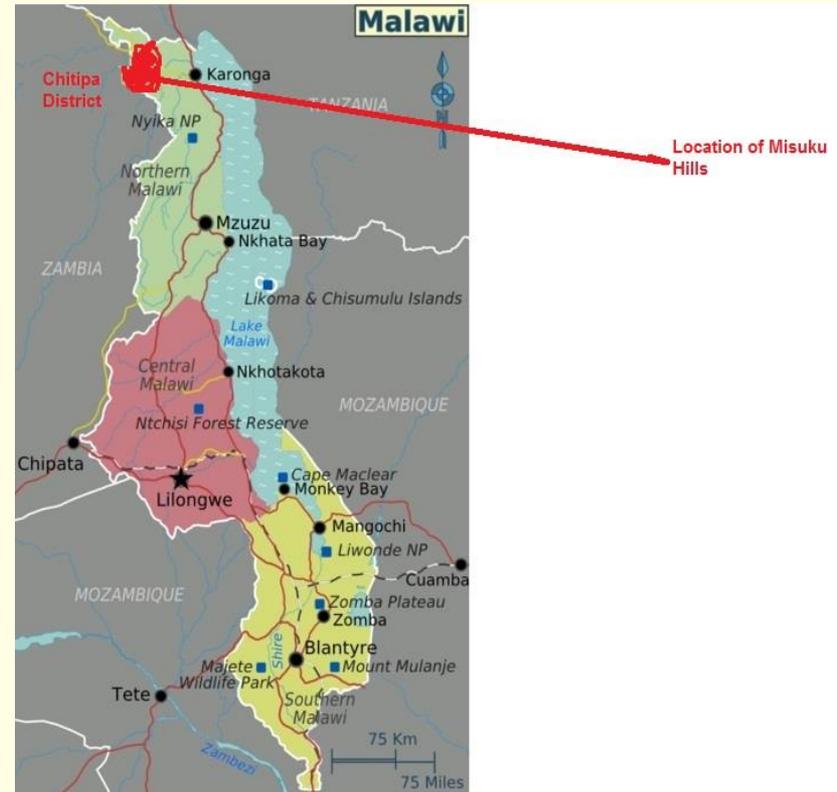


Misuku Hills Conservation Project 1/3

Misuku is a hilly area in *Chitipa District in Northern Malawi*. The area is inhabited by a majority of poor households that depend on farming. Misuku is embowered with huge forests of Misuku hills. These forests provide an excellent potential for beekeeping. However for a long time beekeepers of Misuku simply produced honey at subsistence level.



Misuku Hills in Northern Malawi



Map of Malawi showing location of Chitipa

They would get only **K400/KG** of their honey, which was sold unprocessed, uncertified and with no reliable markets. All the honey was sold locally in their area. Honey has great potential to improve income levels of poor households in Misuku. In Supermarkets and stores honey fetches **MK500/300g**.

The Misuku Hills Conservation Project

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Promotes the following:

1. Tree regeneration & Reforestation (2700 hectares)
2. Plot harvesting of wood for fuel
3. Bee Keeping- 1500 farmers (Bee keepers association)
4. Candle making from bee wax
5. Gravity-fed Water for domestic use

Misuku Hills comprises of **One hundred and ten (110) villages**; a village covers five clubs and 10 members making a total of more than **4800 beekeepers** that simply produce honey at subsistence level. Initially there was no improvement.

Honey has great potential to improve income levels of poor households in Misuku who live on less than **1USD/day**. It was on this background that Misuku Beekeepers Association came up with the Misuku Hills Indigenous Forest Project.

The aim of **this project was to build capacity, conservation of biodiversity and beekeepers in Beekeeping and Honey processing. Provision of funds improves training, provision of equipment and material, Certificate of Honey and Candles, linking farmers to market.**

Pictures below : Mughese Rainforest Reserve below and members of the Misuku bee keepers association undergoing trainings



1. Communities trained in making beehives for **commercial honey production**
2. Enhanced beekeeping and harvesting of non wood products will benefit over **1400 households** who live in Misuku hills
3. The project is conserving of **27 000 hectares** of high biodiversity forest in Misuku hills
4. Communities trained in awareness and control of **bush fires**
5. Communities trained in making **by-laws** to help co-management of the forest reserves
6. The Misuku Bee keepers linked to a market in Blantyre city called **Pharmanova Industries a pharmaceutical company in Malawi.**

