



## STORY MAP

# Volcanoes National Park's Life-Giving Forest

## Conserving a Shared Resource for Rwandans and Gorillas

Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park, part of the oldest national park complex in Africa, is the site of one of conservation's greatest success stories—the resurgence of the once critically endangered mountain gorilla. It is a story with chapters still to be written. The rebounding of the gorilla population has led to conflict between gorillas and farmers and between gorillas themselves, whose growing population has outgrown the park. A gorilla with its back to the camera overlooks hilly cropland. A gorilla with its back to the camera overlooks hilly cropland.

For more than forty years, Rwanda has pursued an innovative national vision that blends conservation, tourism, green development, and land-use planning. It is a vision that links the welfare of mountain gorillas to the welfare of the Rwandan people, and today, the success of Rwanda's gorilla conservation efforts is causing it to reach a critical juncture. This is that story.



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