Rangeland Restoration Awards 2026

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ABOUT HER

- Community Development Specialist with the KINNAPA Development Programme, Tanzania
- Promotes women's rights, gender equality, equitable land governance, pastoral mobility, and community-led conservation through participatory land use planning
- Represents pastoralist communities in national and international forums, advancing women's leadership in climate resilience and sustainable land management

THE LAND SHE RESTORES

- Community-owned grazing lands managed under Group Ranch governance in Chyulu landscape
- Supports livestock mobility, biodiversity conservation, and climate-resilient pastoral livelihoods

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

Secured Community Grazing Lands

- Supported the protection and restoration of more than **208,000 hectares** of grazing land for pastoralist communities

Strengthened Land Rights

- Advanced legal recognition of grazing lands and supported pastoral associations in securing land tenure rights

Restored Degraded Rangelands

- Led restoration efforts through bush thinning and invasive species removal, improving pasture productivity and livestock mobility

Empowered Women Leaders

- Established women's leadership forums that strengthened participation in land governance and protection of women's rights

Promoted Peaceful Resource Governance

- Helped reduce conflicts between pastoralists and farmers through participatory land use planning and collaborative resource management