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Abbreviations

ADB Africa Development Bank

ADD Agriculture Development Division

APRU Agriculture Policy Research Unit of Bunda College CBNRM Community Based Natural Resource Management

CLUS Customary Lands Utilization Study

COST Cos(thetaz) cosine of the zenith angle atmospheric correction model

CSR Center for Social Research

DNPW Department of National Parks and Wildlife

EDC Eros Data Center

EIS Environmental Information System
ELUS Estate Lands Utilization Study
EPA Extension Planning Area

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization FRIM Forestry Research Institute of Malawi

GCP Ground Control Point

GIS Geographic Information System

GOM Government of Malawi

ha hectare

itm Improved Traditional Management
KFTCA Kasungu Flue-Cured Tobacco Authority
LPRC Land Policy Reform Commission

LREP Land Resources Evaluation Project

MAI Mean Annual Increment

MK Malawi Kwacha

MSAVI Modified Soil-Adjusted Vegetation Index

MSS Multispectral Scanner MYP Malawi Young Pioneers.

NDVI Normalized Difference Vegetation Index

NSO National Statistics Office

NSSA National Survey Sample of Agriculture ODA Overseas Development Administration

PAN Mean Annual Rainfall

PLUS Public Lands Utilization Study

SADCC Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference

SAVI Soil-Adjusted Vegetation Index

SLEMSA Soil Loss Estimation Model for Southern Africa SPSS Statistical Package for the Social Sciences

TA Traditional Authority tm Traditional Management TM Thematic Mapper

UNDP United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA United Nations Family Planning Association
USAID U.S. Agency for International Development

UTM Universal Transverse Mercator

WFP World Food Programme

Map of Malawi's Protected Areas

Malawi's Protected Areas

Protected Area	Area	Date	Date	Protected Area	Area	Date	Date
Name	(ha)	Protected	Gazetted	Name	(ha)	Protected	Gazetted
National Parks				Forest Reserves			
Kasungu	228,147	1922	1930	Mangochi Palm	501	1977	1980
Lake Malawi	7,365	1980	1980	Masambanjati	93	1952	1974
Lengwe	100,198	1928	1928	Masenjere	276	1930	1930
Liwonde	54,633	1969	1972	Matandwe	31,053	1931	1931
Nyika	320,078	1952	1966	Matipa	1,055	1948	1948
•	710,421			Mchinji	20,885	1924	1924
Wildlife Reserves	,			Michese	8,764	1929	1929
				Michiru	3,004	1960	1970
Majete	77,754	1951	1955	Mirare	59	1943	1949
Mwabvi	35,193	1951	1951	Msitolengwe	98	1968	1974
Nkhotakota	178,568	1938	1938	Mtangatanga	8,099	1935	1935
Vwaza Marsh	98,214	1956	1956	Mua-Livulezi	12,673	1924	1924
v waza iviaisii	389,730	1750	1750	Mua-Tsanya	933	1924	1924
Forest Reserves	307,730			Mudi	39	1922	1922
Torest Reserves				Mughesse	771	1948	1948
Amalika	370	1959	1974	Mulanje Mountain	47,550	1948	1948
Bangwe	4,205	1939	1948	Musisi	7,037	1948	1948
Bunda	4,203	1930	1948	Mvai	4,140	1948	1948
	3,447	1948	1948	Nalikule	4,140 57	1924	1924
Bunganya	5,447 525		1973				
Chigumula		1925		Namizimu	88,966	1924	1924
Chimaliro	15,205	1926	1926	Ndirande	1,433	1922	1922
Chiradzulu	774	1924	1924	Ngara	2,272	1958	1958
Chirobwe	1,314	1960	1005	Mkuwazi	1,608	1927	1927
Chisasira	2,484	1935	1935	Nkopola	86	40.50	40.50
Chongoni	12,353	1924	1924	North Senga	1,207	1958	1958
Dedza Mountain	2,917	1926	1926	Ntchisi	8,758	1924	1924
Dedza-Salima	30,965	1972	1974	Perekezi	14,482	1933	1935
Dowa Hills	3,142	1964	1974	Phirilongwe	16,385	1924	1924
Dzalanyama	98,827	1911	1922	Ruvuo	4,781	1935	1935
Dzenza	779	1940	1948	Sambani	149	1938	1948
Dzonze	4,494	1924	1924	Soche	388	1922	1922
Kalulu Hills	2,892	1958	1958	South Senga	532	1958	1958
Kalwe	159	1951	1956	South Viphya	156,102	1958	1958
Kaning'ina	14,007	1935	1935	Thambani	4,680	1927	1927
Kanjedza	159	1922	1922	Thuchila	1,843	1925	1925
Kongwe	1,948	1926	1926	Thuma	15,767	1926	1926
Kuwilwi	134	1934	1935	Thyolo Mountain	1,347	1924	1924
Litchenya	316	1948	1948	Thyolomwani	965	1930	1930
Liwonde	27,407	1924	1924	Tsamba	2,806	1927	1927
Lunyangwa	374	1935	1935	Uzumara	754	1948	1948
Mafinga Hills	4,734	1976	1976	Vinthukutu	1,957	1948	1948
Malabvi	300	1927	1927	Wilindi	937	1948	1948
Mangochi	40,853	1924	1924	Zomba-Malosa	19,018	1913	1913
C	•				769,822		
				Grand Total Area:	1,869,974		
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Map of Malawi's Agricultural Schemes

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