

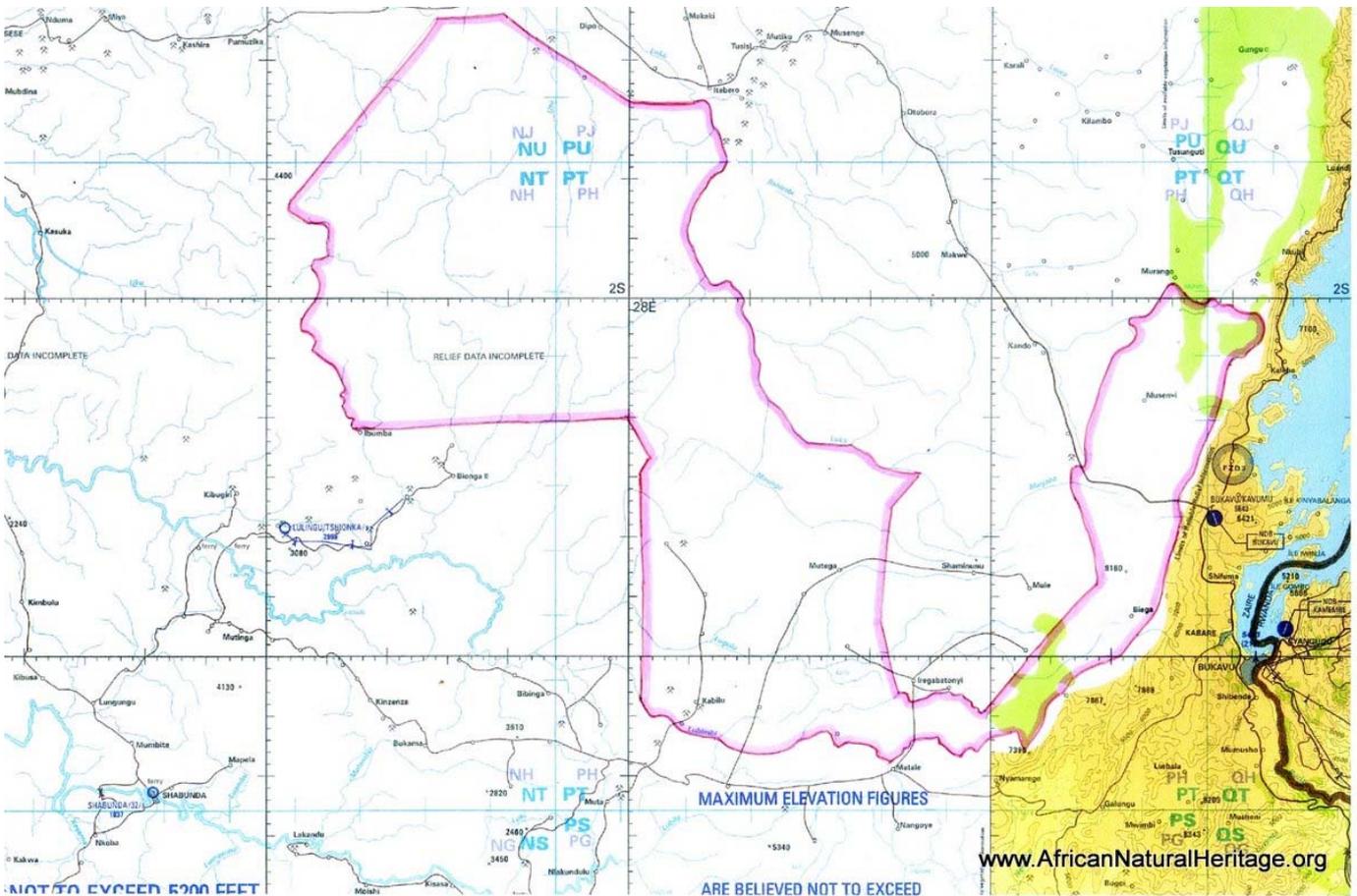
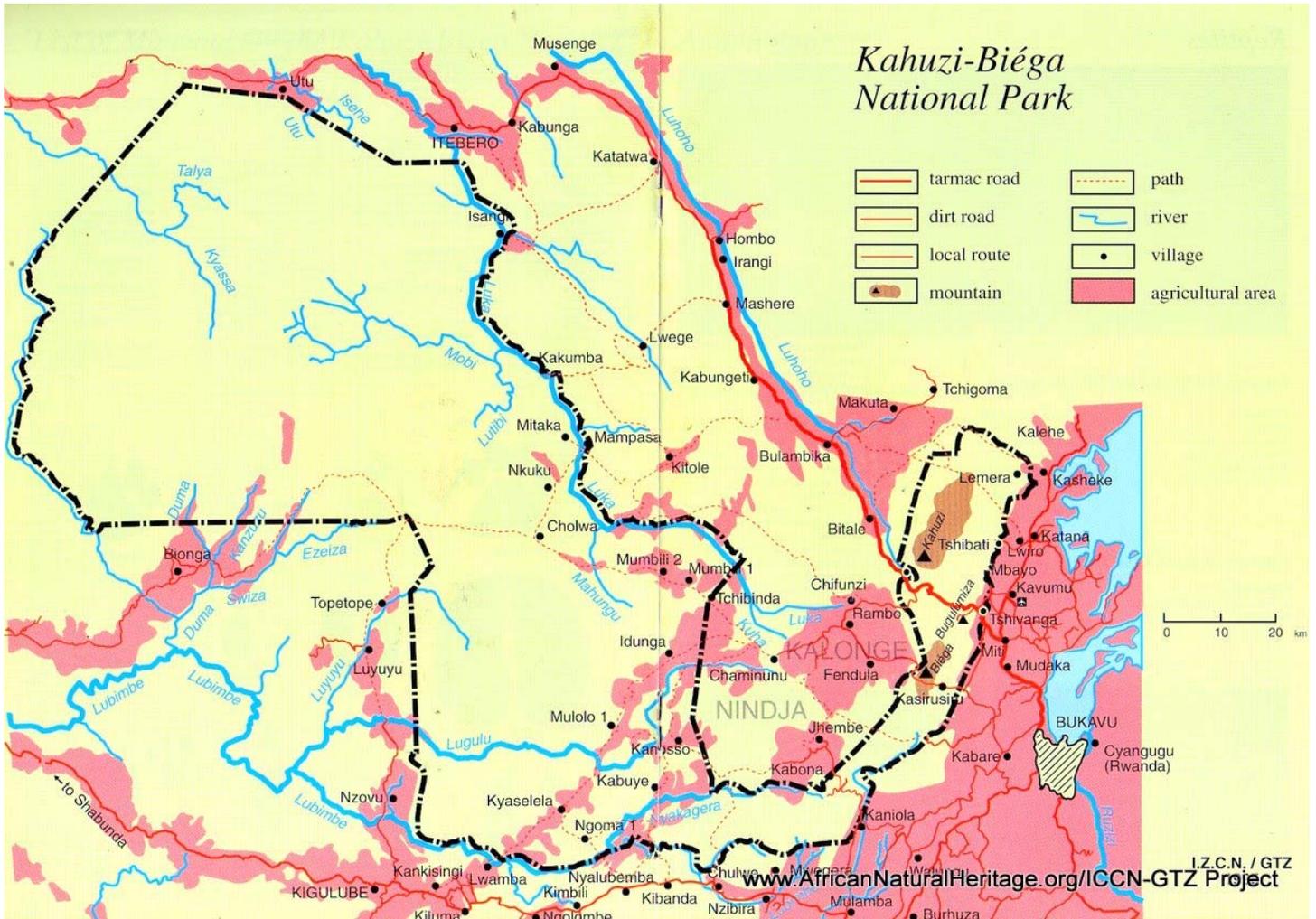
Maps and Satellite Images of Kahuzi-Biega National Park (World Heritage Site)

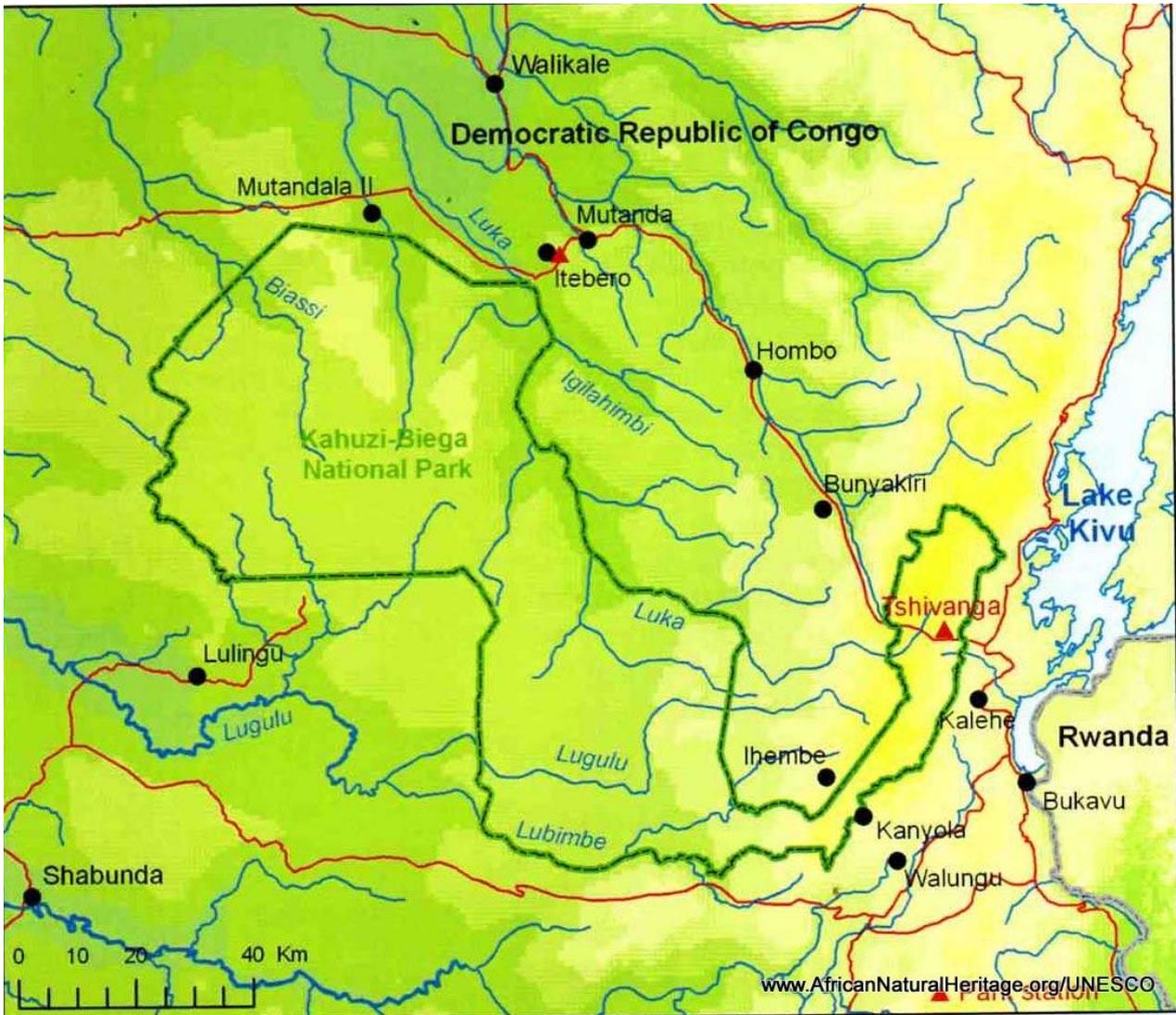


Map showing the location of Kahuzi-Biega National Park in the Kivu Region of eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (from: www.AfricanNaturalHeritage.org)



Road map of the region around Kahuzi-Biega National Park (Michelin Sheet 746)





Map of Kahuzi-Biega National Park, showing the 'old' mountain section on the rim of the Rift Valley around Tshivanga, connecting via a narrow habitat corridor to the more extensive 'new' section in the Congo Basin lowlands (from the UNESCO booklet (2010) 'World Heritage in the Congo Basin').



Satellite view of Kahuzi-Biega National Park with Lake Kivu and Rwanda's Nyungwe Forest to the east (bottom right)



Google Earth satellite view of the ridge of mountains and associated forest that forms the 'old' highland section of Kahuzi-Biega National Park (World Heritage Site). Lake Kivu occupies the right side of the photo. Note the distinct boundary line, with little forest remaining in the cultivated lands outside the park (especially on the eastern (lake) side).



Satellite view of the central section of Africa's western (Albertine) Rift Valley showing the Lake Kivu basin including (clockwise from left) the southern end of Virunga National park (extreme left), Lake Kivu (centre), Nyungwe and Kibira Forests (top centre), the northern end of Lake Tanganyika (top right), Itombwe forest (mid-right) and the highland ridge and forested western slopes of Kahuzi Biega National Park (centre foreground).



Satellite view of the upland portion of Kahuzi-Biega National Park from the west, with Lake Kivu behind. The prominent peaks of Mounts Kahuzi and Biega can be seen (centre) as well as the narrow forested corridor linking the upland portion to the lowland part of the park (right).



Google Earth satellite image of the central portion of the upland section of Kahuzi-Biega, showing the route of the main road from the eastern boundary of the park (near park headquarters at Tshivanga, centre right) as well as the drainage into the main swamp. Mount Kahuzi is located just north (centre top, just out of view) of the swamp, while Mount Biega lies to the south (bottom, also just out of view).



Satellite image of the main upland swamp, showing the course of the main road through the park, and the forested slopes of surrounding hills.



Satellite image of the eastern boundary of the upland section showing the main road through the park and the administrative headquarters at Tshivanga. Land around the upland section of the park is becoming increasingly settled and cultivated, creating a 'hard' boundary between protected forest and the cleared land surrounding it.



Google Earth satellite image of the central section of the western (Albertine) Rift Valley, viewed from the south-west, showing the southern shores of Lake Edward (top left), part of Virunga National Park, Lake Kivu (centre) and the Nyungwe-Kibira Forest on the far side of the valley (middle right). The montane section of Kahuzi-Biega National Park, the corridor and some of the lowland forest section are shown in the foreground (centre).



View of a portion of the Rift Valley looking south, with Lake Kivu in the foreground and part of Lake Tanganyika in the distance (top). The lowland forests of the Congo Basin occupy the western half of the image (right), while the Rift Valley is flanked by the Nyungwe-Kibira forest complex of Rwanda-Burundi (east, centre left of image), Itombwe Forest (top, north-west of Lake Tanganyika), and Kahuzi-Biega National Park (foreground, centre and right).