

In April 2006 the new President of Tanzania, President Kikwete, announced that manufacturers and distributors of plastic bags have just six months to get rid of their stock, after which time it will be illegal to sell or distribute plastic bags throughout the country! You can send letters of thanks to President Kikwete for his environmentally responsible actions. Send your letters to Felix at the JGI-Tanzania Office, so that they may be delivered to the President:

Felix Mbogella
P.O. Box 727
99 Old Bagamoyo Road
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

The President's address should be written at the top of the letter. Here is a basic model for your letter, with the President's address as well as the appropriate opening and closing salutations for addressing the president of a country:

The Chief Secretary
President's Office
Magogoni Road
P.O. Box 9120
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your efforts to help save the environment of Tanzania by placing the ban on thin plastic bags. I am a member of the Roots & Shoots program of the Jane Goodall Institute. I care deeply about animals, the environment and our human community. Your country's move to stop the production of more plastic bags will help ensure that the environment of Tanzania is healthy and beautiful for years to come.

Thank you again, President Kikwete. I appreciate the work that you and your staff do.

Most Respectfully,
(Your name)

To learn more about the Tanzanian government's new policy on plastic bags, read the following article on the Reusablebags.com website:

<http://reusablebags.com/news.php?action=details&id=224>.