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## Introduction

After discovering several historical places of interest by the writers of this report the discoveries were presented to prof Mgema who possibly could say more about the date and the importance of the findings.

On request of professor Mgema from the National historic documentation project and also at the interest of MamboViewPoint to find places of interest near Mambo, a small investigation has been conducted to several historical places in the vicinity of Mambo. Places has been found with help of the local people of Mambo and have been visited as far as the time allowed us to do so. Because we are not historians, the value of our opinion is not scientific and further investigation by historians is necessary.

## Footsteps

About 1 hour walk down from MamboViewPoint there is a rock found with several footprints from human and animal nature. It looks like it is a stone of volcanic origin where people with animals walked trough before the stones were hardened. There are footprints with toes and obvious from people with shoes. There is one big rock with several footprints as well as some other small rocks with a few footprints. It looks like when soil is taken away more footprints can be discovered.



Rock with footsteps



A small impression of some footprints

## Rock painting

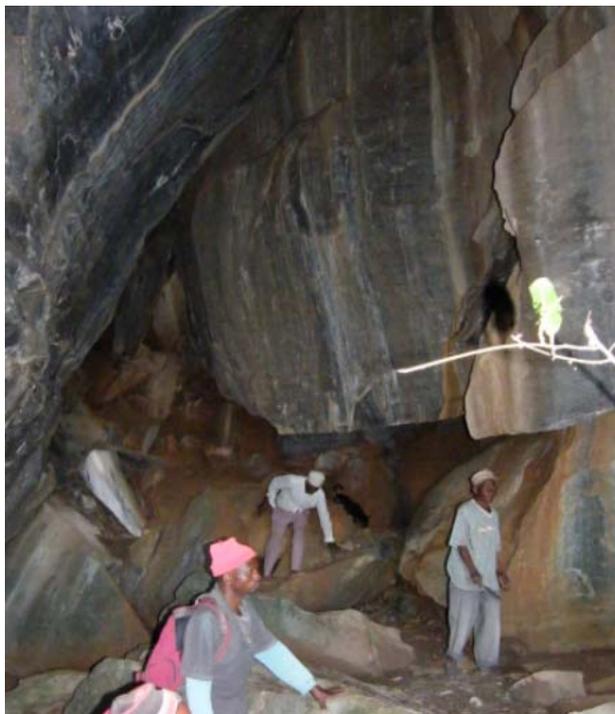
There has been told that there is a rock painting of a sheep right below MamboViewPoint. Since the place is not accessible the place can only be observed from a large distance. Enlarging the picture shows indeed a head of a sheep with some vague outlines from a painting which could have been man-made. Further investigation has be be done. Probably it will possible to come closer to the spot.



Some closer look learns that on this spot could be a man-made paining of a sheep

## Caves

On half an hour walk from MamboViewPoint a series of smaller and bigger caves can be found. It looks like if a big rock collapsed and different huge stones fell on top of each other and created some caves. There are clearly traces of occupation. Pots, mudd-walles, traces of brewing beer and bones are found without digging. It gives the impression that much more can be found. The story is told that the Usambara people hide themselves in the caves during attacks from Massai people. Women and children should have been hidden in the caves and the men stood on the outlook and threw stones to those who were climbing from below. In a small cave bones from plausible human nature are found in a grave. On another spot it is said that a king or leader has been buried.



There are smaller and bigger caves



Bones of human nature in a tomb



pottery lying around in a cave

## Other points of interest

Next to MamboViewPoint are the so called "singing rocks" situated. From November till April every sunny day between 2 and 3 o'clock a sound can be heard like someone is shaking out blankets. The sound repeats 2 till 3 times and is not heard on other times. We think there is a relation with the sun which is warming up the rocks. Until now we have not been able to locate the exact source and cause of the sound.

In the Mambo village office there are some wall papers with historical facts of Mambo, written in Swahili. Unfortunately the pictures we took are disappeared and have to be taken again.

The origin of the name Mambo is assigned to a rock which fell due to heavy rainfall. Because this was so unique what had happened, they had never seen before, people called their village since that event: Mambo. The rock should lay in one of the valleys around Mambo. Unfortunately there has been no time to go there yet.

There are several traces of the German and Arabic occupation before world war I. Except for a German originated house people found coins of German and Arabic origin.

