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In Tanzania, in Africa, there are a large number of national parks and conservation areas. These stunning places are famous for their beautiful landscapes and many wild animals.

One famous conservation area contains an unusual and remarkable crater. It is called a 'caldera' and is all that is left of a collapsed volcano that is no longer active.

The crater of the volcano is over 1000 metres high and its rim is often engulfed by clouds. The steep descent into the crater takes you to an enormous lake, which is surrounded by grasslands. The crater forms a perfect self-sufficient home for over 25,000 animals.

The animals are not trapped in the crater and many move in and out freely. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ **protected** \_\_\_\_\_ nature of this area, and the \_\_\_\_\_ **availability** \_\_\_\_\_ of food and water, most of the animal \_\_\_\_\_ **population** \_\_\_\_\_ choose to \_\_\_\_\_ **remain** \_\_\_\_\_ there all year round.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Various** \_\_\_\_\_ animals graze on the grass in the crater. Hippos laze around in pools during the \_\_\_\_\_ **scorching** \_\_\_\_\_ hot days. There are \_\_\_\_\_ **several** \_\_\_\_\_ prides of lion and some of the last surviving black rhino in Tanzania.

Groups of Maasai have \_\_\_\_\_ **traditionally** \_\_\_\_\_ allowed their cattle to graze here and they can often be seen in their \_\_\_\_\_ **distinctive** \_\_\_\_\_ bright clothes and \_\_\_\_\_ **carrying** \_\_\_\_\_ spears, looking after their herds of cattle. It is said when a lion and a Maasai meet face to face, it is the lion that backs off first.

This whole breathtaking area has a \_\_\_\_\_ **unique** \_\_\_\_\_, almost \_\_\_\_\_ **magical** \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere.

