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The Safaris and Carbon-Credit Projects Threatening the Serengeti's Maasai

Tanzania's government is evicting tens of thousands of traditional herders from
breathtaking natural habitats

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ARUSHA, Tanzania—The Maasai once herded their cattle across the plains of what is now southern Kenya and northern Tanzania. The British colonial government split off a 2 million-acre tract for them to roam undisturbed when it created Tanzania's Serengeti National Park in the 1950s, laying the foundation for the country's modern-day tourism industry.

Now, Tanzania's government says the Maasai are a problem.

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