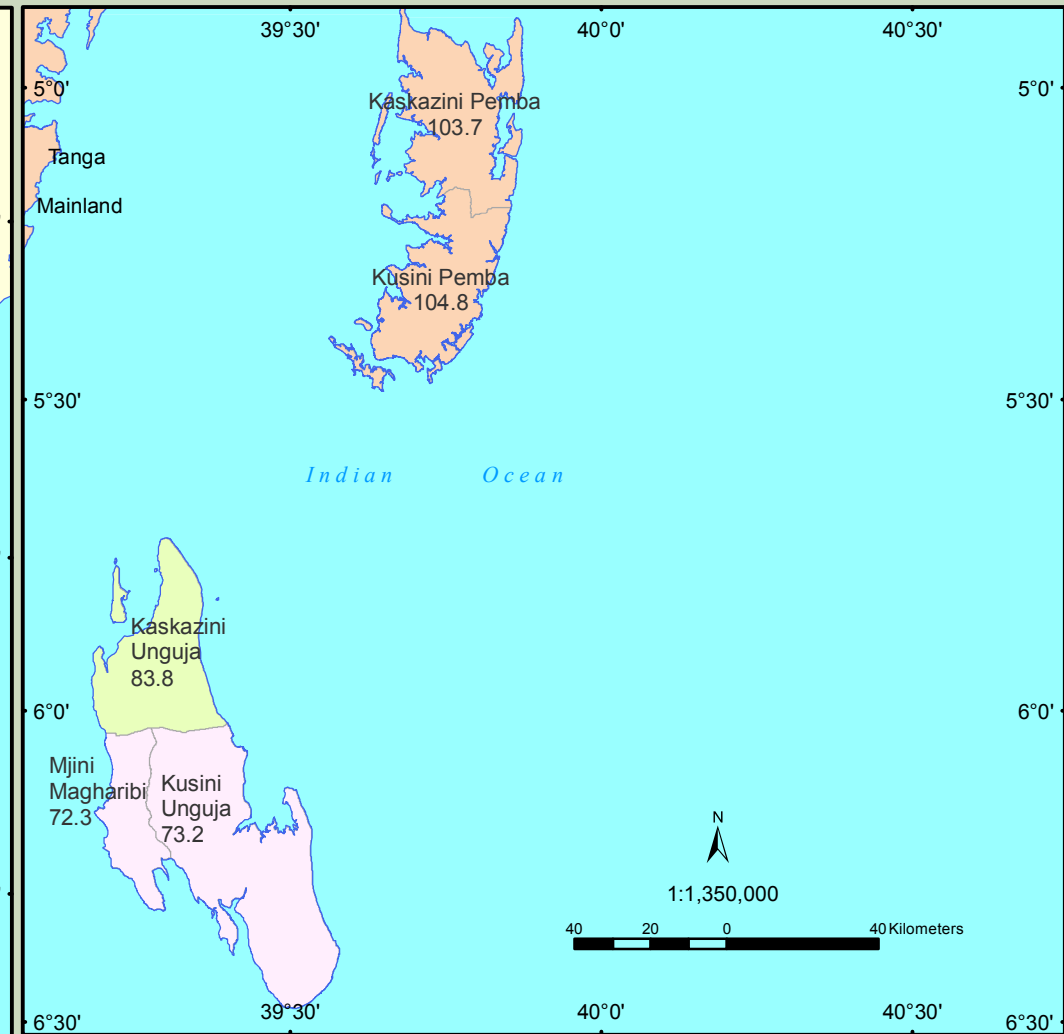
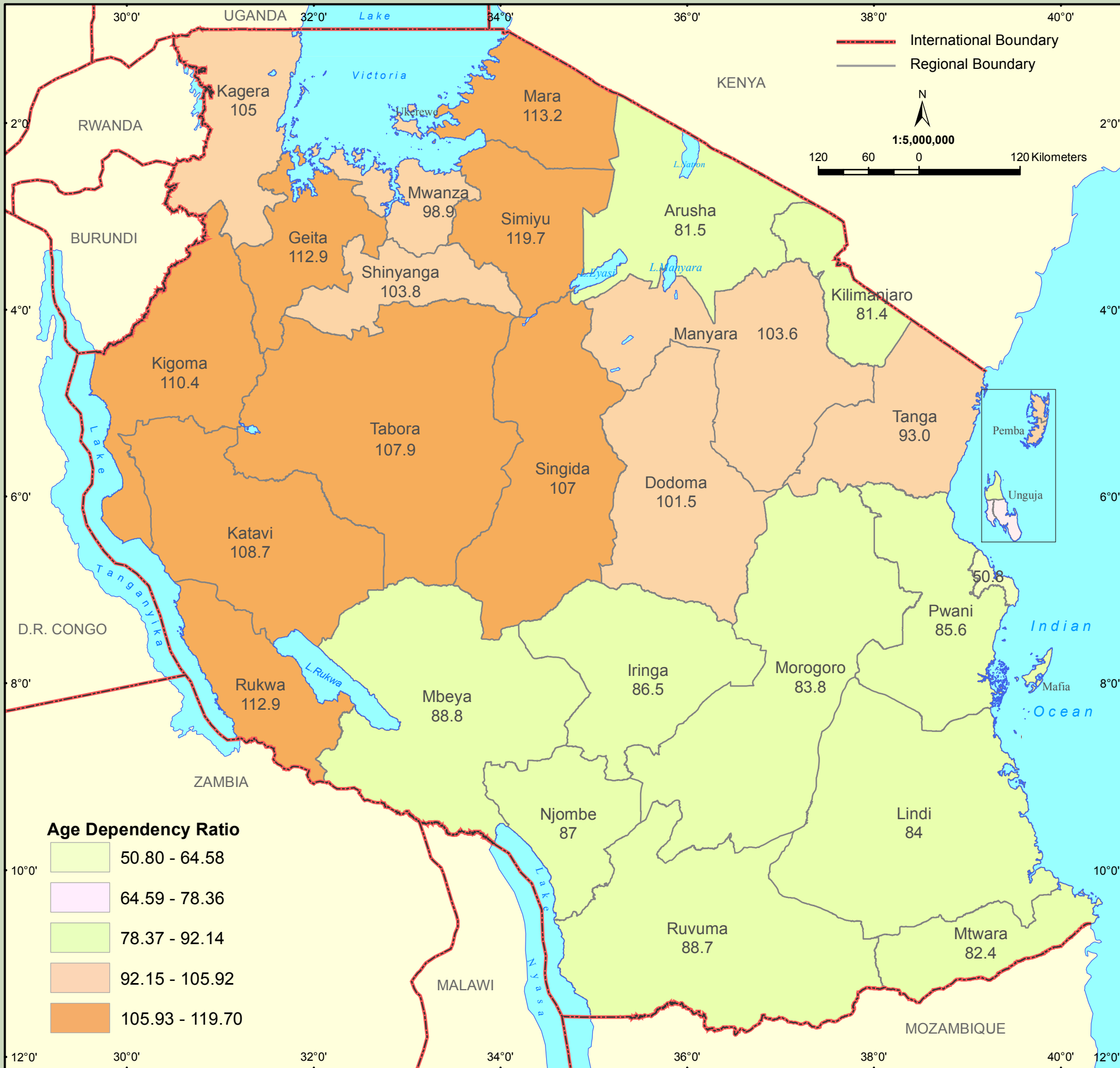


# Age dependency ratio 0-14 years plus 65+



Dependent population is the population which comprises the segment of the population in age groups 0-14 years and those aged 65 years and above. This segment of the population is termed as dependent population to the working population aged between 15 and 64 years. The ratio of the dependent population over the working population is termed as dependency ratio. The dependency ratio for Tanzania is 92 implying that there were 100 people in age 15-64 who are supporting 92 persons in age groups 0-14 and 65 years and above. Looking at regional variations, it is observed that the dependency ratio range between 119.7 observed in Simiyu Region and 50.8 recorded in Dar es Salaam Region. There are several regions that have high dependency ratios above 100. The extreme cases of above 110 are found in Simiyu (119.7), Mara (113.2), Geita (112.9), Rukwa (112.9) and Kigoma (110.4). On the other hand, most regions which lie in the southern part of Tanzania, including Arusha and Kilimanjaro, recorded dependency ratios well below 100.