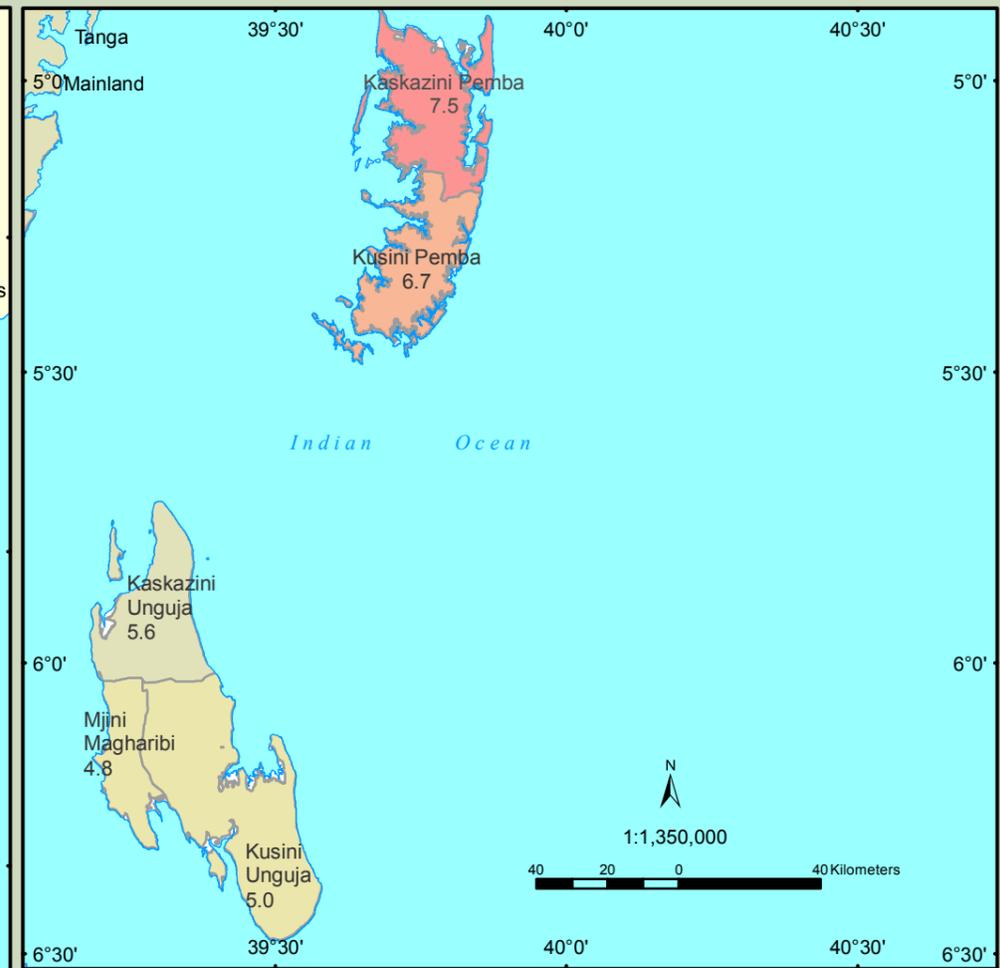
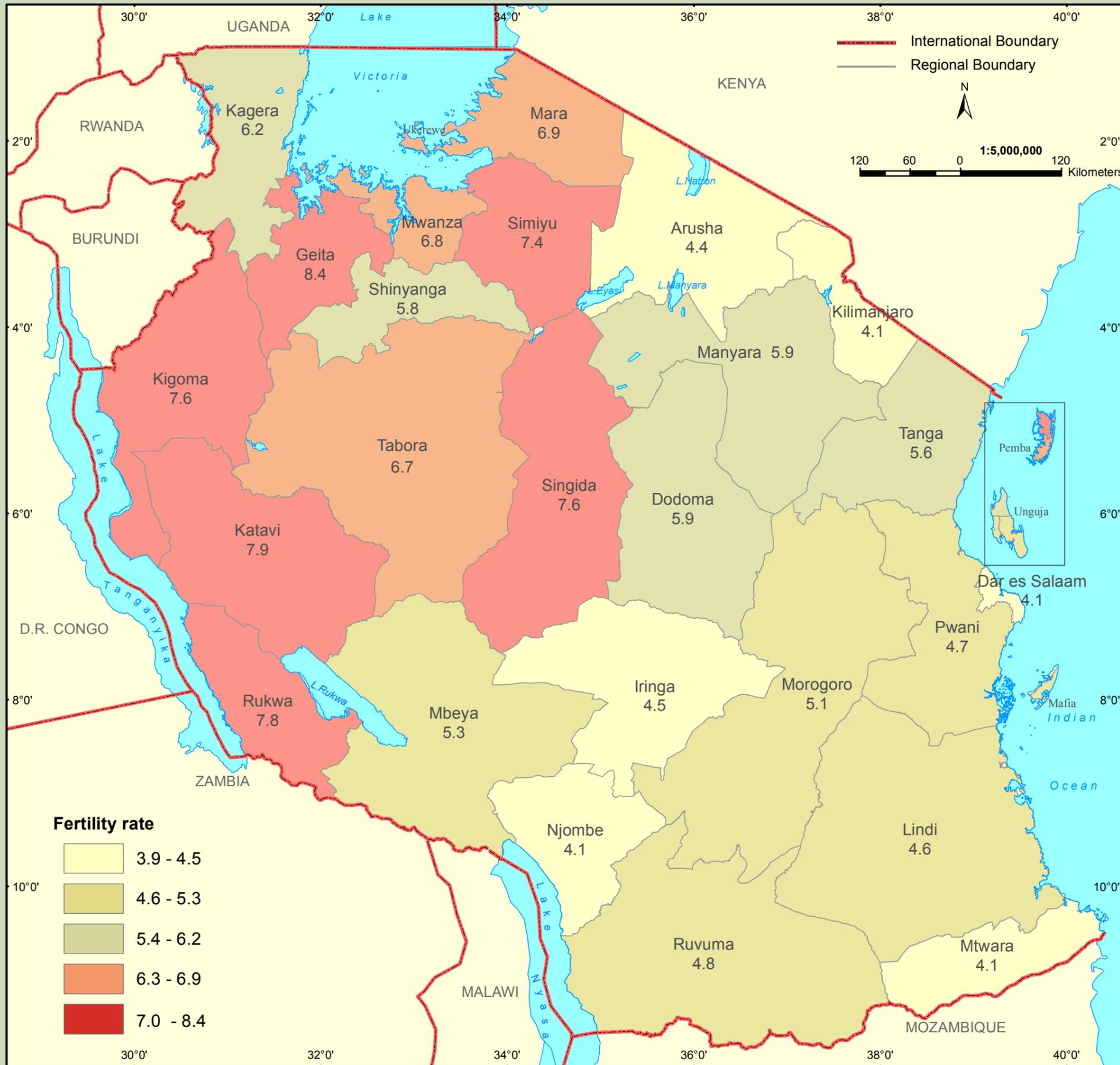


Total fertility rate by region



By definition, total fertility rate (TFR) is the average number of children that would be born to a woman over her lifetime if she were to experience the exact current age-specific fertility (ASFRs) through her lifetime, and she were to survive from birth through the end of her reproductive life. Results from the 2012 PHC reveal that the total fertility rate (TFR) for Tanzania was 5.5, indicating that, on average, a woman is expected to give birth to 5.5 live births during her entire reproductive life, that is between age 15 and 49. Regional estimates of TFR range between 8.4 which was observed in Geita region and 4.1 which was recorded in Kilimanjaro, Dar es Salaam, Mtwara and Njombe. Regions which recorded the highest TFRs include Geita (8.4) followed by Katavi (7.9), Rukwa (7.8), Kigoma and Singida (7.6 each) and Kaskazini Pemba (7.5). Regions which recorded TFR below 5.0 were Kilimanjaro, Dar es Salaam, Mtwara and Njombe (4.1 each), Arusha ((4.4), Iringa (4.5), Lindi (4.6), Pwani (4.7) and Mjini Magharibi (4.8).