



Bushmeat Capacity and Network Building in Eastern Africa: MENTOR-BEAN

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Species



Asian Elephant



Marine Turtles



Rhinoceros &



Tiger



Great Apes



African Elephant

Regional



Africa



Asia / Near East



Latin America/
Caribbean



Mexico



Russia & China

NEW - Critically Endangered Species Fund

Global



Ramsar



Climate Change



Emerging Issues

USFWS Regional Program



Wildlife Without Borders (WWB)– Africa

Strengthening in-country capacity of individuals and institutions to effectively manage conservation areas in Africa

Notice of Funding Availability:

1 March deadline





2008-2009 WWB-Africa MENTOR Fellowship Program

A cooperative agreement among, USFWS, Mweka and ABCG developed a “model” mentored fellowship program funded by WWB-Africa to:

- build the capacity of eight eastern African wildlife professionals and four mentors
- lead efforts to reduce illegal bushmeat exploitation
- develop conservation partnerships at local, national and regional levels in eastern Africa.



MENTOR Fellowship Program



Mentoring for **EN**vironmental Training in Outreach and Resources conservation to Reduce Illegal Bushmeat Exploitation in Eastern Africa
www.mentorfellowshipprogram.org

- 18-month cohort-based, multidisciplinary, academic and field-based professional development training
- post-graduate diploma program with six months at College and twelve months in field under Mentors
- engaged a suite of experts to collaboratively train a team of working professionals
- team worked together to influence and lead efforts to reduce illegal bushmeat exploitation at local, national, and regional levels in eastern Africa.



MENTOR Fellows



Okello Genesis, Uganda



Vincent Opyene,
Uganda



Isaac Seme, Southern
Sudan



Peter Amum,
Southern Sudan



Lowaeli Damalu,
Tanzania



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Tanzania



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Kenya



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Kenya

MENTOR Teams, Partnerships and Support



Teams:

- Fellows, Fellow-Mentors, National and Regional teams, USFWS, Mweka and ABCG

Partnerships and Support:

- Visiting Lecturers- AWF, BCTF, FOS, FSZ, JGI, HTH, LATF, RARE, TRAFFIC, TNC, USAID-BATS sponsored, WCS, and WWF
- USFWS and US Department of Interior
- Mweka faculty and staff
- Society for Conservation Biology
- IFAW, Kinship Fellowship, & San Diego Zoo
- Communities, government agencies, NGOs, and private sector.



MENTOR Professional & Career Development



- Met visiting dignitaries & conservation practitioners
- Gained experience networking
- Participated in international conferences
- Organized and presented bushmeat symposium at Society for Conservation Biology- Africa Conference in Ghana
- Produced publications and communications outreach materials for key decision makers, media and the public



Photos: Iregi Mwenja and Martin Andimile

MENTOR Bushmeat Solutions Identified



- **Alternatives** for both protein and income
- **Enhanced Awareness** by individuals and institutions on the impact of the illegal and unsustainable bushmeat trade
- **Improved policy, legislation and regulation** of legal wildlife use
- **Partnership** building with government authorities, private industries, NGOs, local communities, and other stakeholders to apply simultaneously alternatives – bushmeat awareness – law enforcement

The MENTOR Program Outputs



- An established, trained multidisciplinary team of eight fellows from four countries working together to address illegal bushmeat at local, national, and regional levels
- National and local **bushmeat field assessments** in four countries
- **Five year plan** (2008-2013) established using adaptive management *Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation*
- **Implemented collaborative actions** on alternatives, enforcement and awareness through partnerships in four key protected areas in eastern Africa
- **Capacity and curriculum built** to provide long-term training on the bushmeat trade
- Program taught and implemented through **partnerships**





MENTOR Team Achievements

Bushmeat Awareness:

- BEAN website launched
- communications strategy and materials produced
- over 125 awareness-raising meetings with key stakeholders held
- key media placement including over 10 articles and 10 radio reports and 1 book
- team presentation at special bushmeat symposium at Society for Conservation Biology – Africa professional conference in Ghana, January 2009



MENTOR Team Achievements

Protein Alternatives:

- secured support from wildlife division for **developing protein alternative activities** in two villages associated with Serengeti Ecosystem
- **secured commitment for continued support** of protein alternatives in numerous villages in Serengeti Ecosystem
- leveraged funding from **private industry to support protein alternatives** in areas associated with Tsavo Ecosystem
- **discovery** that current protein alternative efforts in Serengeti region not linked as alternative to bushmeat
- **communications with international development agencies** regarding need for protein alternatives to bushmeat



MENTOR Team Achievements

Income Alternatives:

- funding leveraged from **private industry to develop income alternatives** in areas associated with Tsavo Ecosystem
- **income alternative projects started** by two reformed poacher groups in Uganda
- **communications** with international development agencies regarding need for income alternatives to bushmeat.



MENTOR Team Achievements

Capacity Building:

Capacity raised among eight Fellows and four Mentors to:

- worked collaboratively in a team to address conservation problems
- conducted bushmeat field assessments, adaptively plan and implement conservation projects
- developed communications strategies and materials, develop professional law enforcement workshops and scientific symposia, identify and build capacity for addressing bushmeat by engaging key stakeholders in partnerships



MENTOR Program Design and Planning: *Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation* 2007-2009

- **August 2007:** USFWS Staff and Partners Learn and Prepare Draft Model and Results Chain
- **July-August 2008:** Adaptive Management Training USFWS MENTOR Fellows in Tanzania for Implementation Projects
- **June 2009:** Revision of Conceptual Model and Results Chain for BEAN Program Development
- **November – December 2009:** Expert revision of model for BEAN -18 month strategic planning.

MENTOR Result:

Bushmeat-free Eastern Africa Network (BEAN)



Scope

Key protected areas threatened by bushmeat hunting and trade in Eastern Africa

Vision

A bushmeat-free Eastern Africa through increased protection, alternatives, awareness and sustainable utilization of wild fauna to conserve the region's rich biodiversity for the benefit of present and future generations

BEAN Strategies



Strategies to Address Bushmeat if Funding and Capacity Available:

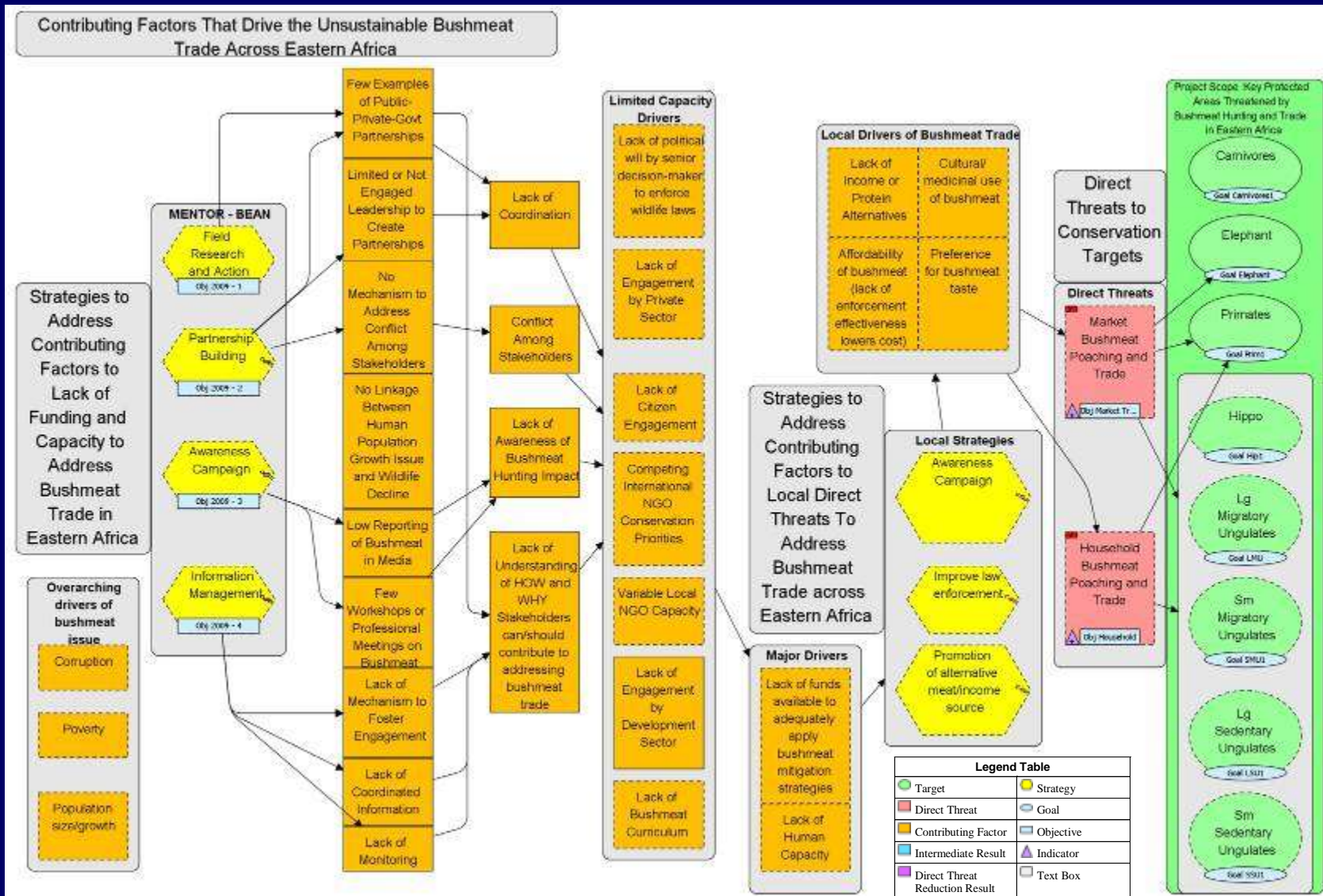
- Awareness Campaign on Law Enforcement, Health, Culture
- Improve Law Enforcement
- Promote Alternative Protein/Income Strategies

Strategies to Address Lack of Capacity and Funds (i.e. BEAN)

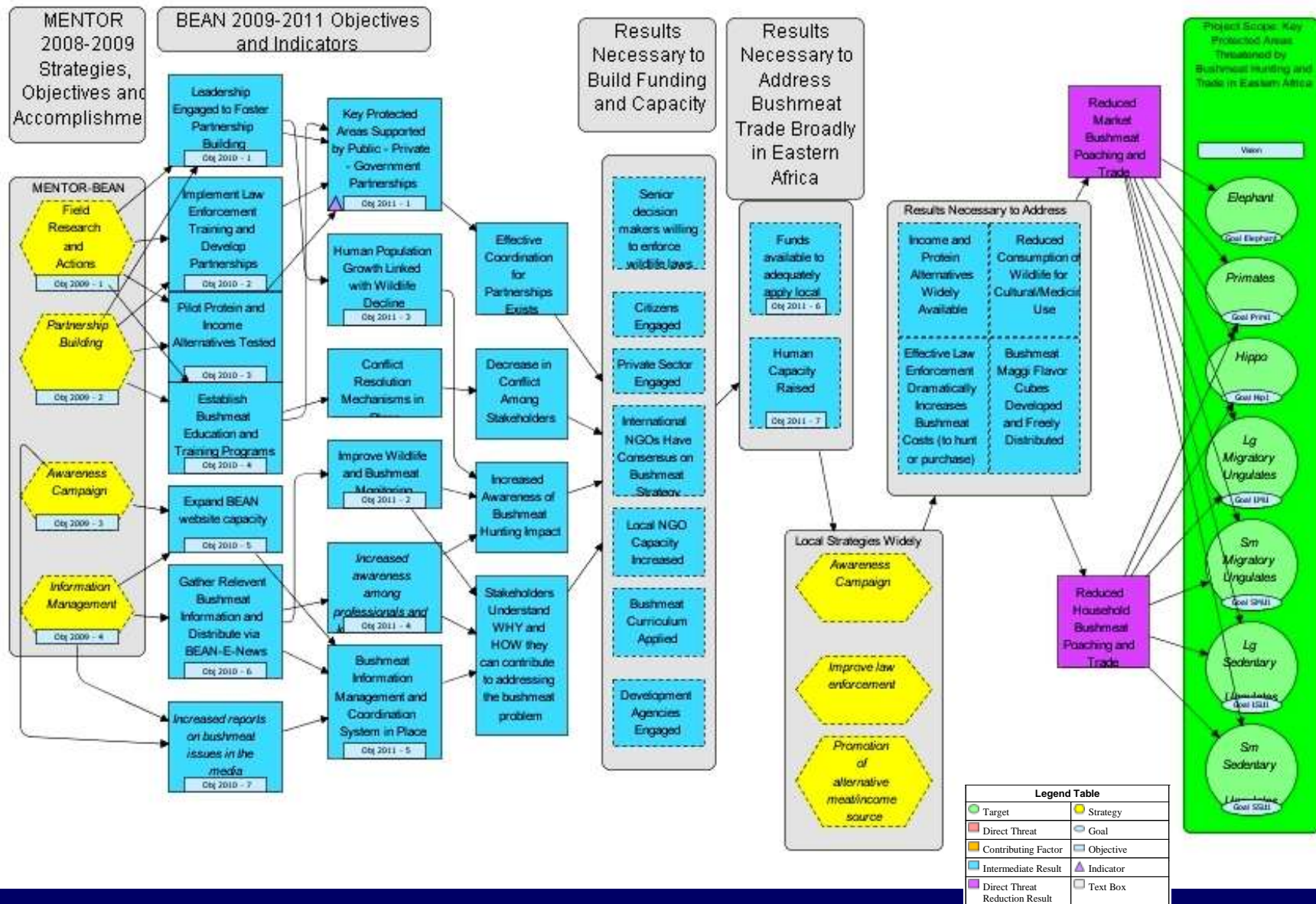
- Field Research and Action
- Awareness Campaign
- Partnership Building
- Information Management



MENTOR – BEAN Conceptual Model



MENTOR – BEAN Results Chain





A partnership of organizations and individuals working collaboratively to reduce unsustainable bushmeat exploitation emerging from MENTOR

Initial start up as a cooperative agreement between USFWS and WCS
4 BEAN Nations – Kenya, Southern Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda

Goal: to reduce bushmeat offtake in and around key protected areas in eastern Africa through a network of organizations and individuals working collaboratively to mobilize resources, share information, set priorities, and apply solutions



Bushmeat-free Eastern Africa Network (BEAN) Workshop



Participants
8 December 2009
Kampala, Uganda





PRESS RELEASE OF THE BUSHMEAT-FREE EASTERN AFRICAN NETWORK: December 2009



www.bushmeatnetwork.org

PRESS RELEASE OF THE BUSHMEAT-FREE EASTERN AFRICAN NETWORK

Experts agree bushmeat a major challenge in East Africa

On 7th & 8th December 2009, 34 experts representing 22 different conservation organizations, development organizations and government agencies from Kenya, Tanzania, Southern Sudan, and Uganda assembled in Kampala, Uganda to discuss bushmeat (the illegal and unsustainable hunting of wildlife for meat and income). The participants shared information on challenges, ongoing solutions and future needs to address the bushmeat problem in Eastern Africa.

MENTOR-BEAN Outreach



- **August 2007:** ABCG Meeting on Bushmeat in Eastern Africa, DC
- **September 2007:** USFWS Meeting on Adaptive Management Planning, DC
- **February 2008:** MENTOR Opening Ceremony, Tanzania
- **April 2008:** ABCG Meeting on Capacity Building on Bushmeat, DC
- **June 2008:** Sullivan Summit, Tanzania
- **August 2008:** USFWS Meeting, DC
- **September 2008:** BATS Dar Vision Workshop, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- **January 2009:** Society for Conservation Biology-Africa Meeting, Ghana
- **May 2009:** National Bushmeat Symposium, Kenya
- **June 2009:** ABCG Bushmeat Solutions Celebration, DC
- **July 2009:** MENTOR Closing Ceremony, Tanzania
- **October 2009:** Convention on Biological Diversity, Bushmeat Meeting, Argentina
- **November 2009:** Bushmeat Briefing, DC
- **December 2009:** Bushmeat Experts and Stakeholders BEAN Workshop, Uganda

BEAN Website:

www.bushmeatnetwork.org



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...a regional approach to address the bushmeat problem in eastern Africa

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Envisioning a future marked by partnerships that enable diverse, sustainable wildlife populations, viable protein and income alternatives, freedom from wildlife diseases and conflict, and supporting eastern Africa's cultural, economic and ecological heritage for generations to come.

Gallery



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The market for bushmeat – a term applied to any wild game in Africa hunted illegally for food – is taking a heavy toll on wildlife. The pressure on wildlife species such as the hippopotamus, wildebeest and zebra from poaching could jeopardize the long-term health and viability of wildlife populations. However, the threat is not just to wildlife but also a lucrative tourist industry that is also one of the region's biggest employers.



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WWB-Africa Supported Bushmeat Projects in association with BEAN



- Bushmeat education in Tsavo West, Kenya – East African Wildlife Society
- Bushmeat education, collaboration, and information sharing in Masai Mara, Kenya – National Museums of Kenya
- Chicken vaccinations in Katavi, Tanzania – Nature and Development Care
- Cultural Leader Capacity Building in Murchison Falls, Uganda – Uganda Wildlife Authority
- Eastern Africa Law Enforcement Capacity Building Project – Uganda Wildlife Authority

Cultural Leader Capacity Building in Murchison Falls, Uganda – Uganda Wildlife Authority



- Formed 15 Cultural Chief Bushmeat Forums in 15 chiefdoms
- Hosted a workshop to form the Jonam County Cultural Chief Association
- Chiefs have started sensitization of their subjects
- Chiefs agreed to harmonize their activities with those of the reformed poachers group.
- Hunting implements will be handed over to Chiefs and then the Chiefs will hand over to the UWA .
- The Chiefs will also sign MoU with the UWA to make them eligible to the revenue sharing programs of UWA.





International Grant Programs



http://www.fws.gov/international/DIC/regional%20programs/africa/africa_howtoapply.html