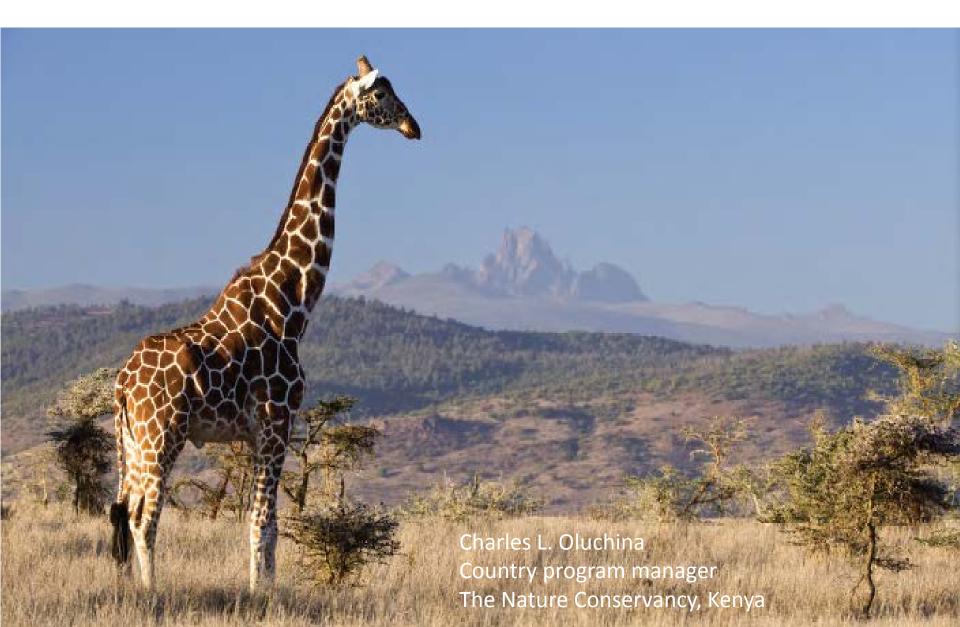


# Accelerating integrated community-led conservation in the northern rangelands of Kenya and the upper Tana River Basin





## Kenya Context



- > 583,000 sq. km (slightly larger than France)
- 40 million people (8 million in 1960)
- 8% of land under protected areas status
- 2.7% forest cover
- Water-scarce country
- Wildlife-based tourism is 12% of GDP
- Fisheries provide for major nutrition
- 85% of rural people depend on wood fuel
- 70% of electricity generated by hydropower
- Public debt stands at 48.5% (May 2012)





## Vision and Goals

### Vision

Build resilient communities better able to adapt to uncertain future of droughts, economic shocks and political change through strengthening governance and social development, diversification of economies, landscape resource management, and building peace and security.

### Goals

- Management of terrestrial, freshwater, coastal estuary, and marine ecosystems
- Policy Reform
- Sustainable financing





## **Opportunities**

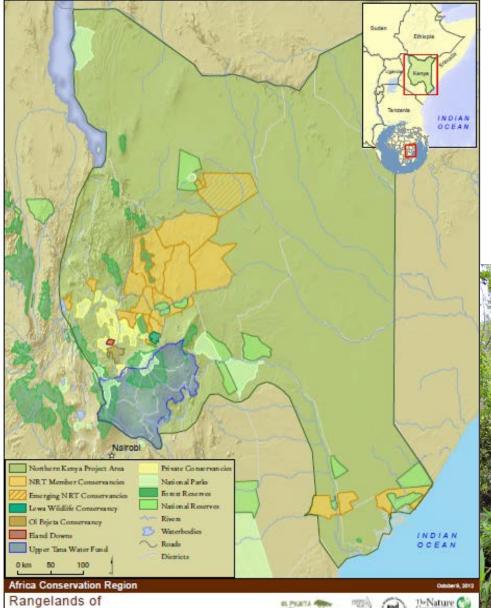
- Home to important biodiversity pool in globally significant ecosystems
- Large intact landscapes
- Political support for community-led conservation
- Opportunity to replicate success across the landscape
- Extensive pool of analytical and research work within Kenya
- Potential for positive economic impact for local communities





Northern Kenya

## Geographic Scope of project area



- Mosaic of private, government and communally managed lands covering 10 million+ acres; over 150,000 people, mainly pastoralists
- Tana River is southern boundary; 970 km long; one of Africa's most productive river systems
- 200,000 flood-dependent farmers, pastoralists, and fishermen live along the river
- Seven dams on the Tana provide a majority of Kenya's electricity & one third of the irrigation potential

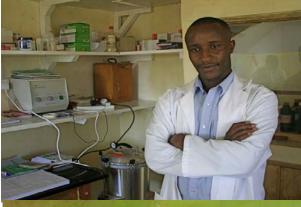




## Strategies



- Improve policy and legal environment supportive of conservation
- Support livelihoods improvement/ diversification actions
- Improve local governance capacity
  Improve land and water resources
  management
- Create a sustainable financing mechanism to support conservation
- Facilitate restoration of targeted endangered species



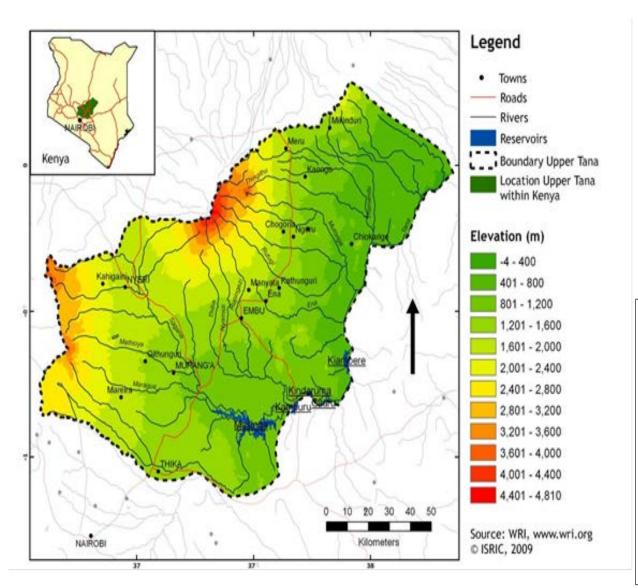






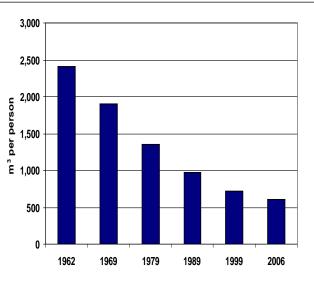


### **Upper Tana- Nairobi Water Fund**



## Protect the 1.7m Ha Upper Tana Watershed

- Provides Water to almost17m People
- Supplies 90% of water for 3.6m people in Nairobi city
- > 70% of Kenya's Electricity



Per capita water availability (WRMA)





### Community-led Whole of Ecosystem Conservation

### **Threats:**

**Population** 

Land conversion

Overstocking

Limited livelihoods choices

**Poaching** 

Climate change



### **Strategies:**

Good governance

Livelihoods diversification

Policy environment

Integrated land use management

Species management

Sustainable financing

Climate adaptation

### **Tools:**

Conservancies

PES, Trust funds & Endowments

**Carbon Financing** 

Development by Design

Holistic management

Value-chains development

Monitoring

**Easements** 

Climate vulnerability assessments

### **Outcomes:**

Habitat restoration

Economic empowerment

Secure land & resource tenure

Watershed productivity

Improved wildlife cover

Whole-system resilience



## Baseline

## Inception









### Demonstrable Outcomes in Eight Years

- Policy The Kenya National Association of Conservancies is registered; a new Wildlife policy and Community land law
- Livelihoods \$2M in capital and 20,000 head of cattle sold; 5,000 community members trained and \$3M annual income from conservation businesses
- ➤ **Governance** Grow from 19 to 30 conservancies; 30 conservancies, board members and managers trained
- Land resources mgt 20 conservation action plans; 100,000 hectares under holistic grazing & soil carbon; 50,000 acres of tropical forest improved
- ➤ Sustainable financing Govt of Kenya supports up to 30% of conservancy scouts; over \$30 m raised to set up an endowment; private sector driven water fund is capitalized at \$7m
- ➤ Endangered spp White and black rhino habitat is secured; Hirola population increases by 15%; A reduction in illegal killing of elephant to a PIKE below 40%



**NRT Community Livestock Monitoring** 



































