



Improved Livelihoods and Protected Area Management in the Kamungi Conservancy, bordering onto the Tsavo West National Park, Kenya, using the Social Assessment of Protected Areas Tool as a Framework for Progress

Type of priority area

Indigenous and Community Conserved Area (ICCA)

Key Landscape for Conservation

Key Biodiversity Area

Primary objective

Management Effectiveness

Livelihoods

Governance

Target groups

Local Communities

Youth

Women

Main activity focus

Sustainable Development

Eco-tourism

Human-Wildlife Conflict



Duration
01.01.2023 – 31.12.2023



Type of grant & budget
Medium Grant | 199,332 €



Location
Kenya, Eastern Africa



Protected & Conserved Areas
Kamungi Conservancy



WDPA ID



BIOPAMA RIS Link

Project Lead

Tsavo Trust

Project Partners

Kamungi Conservancy

Description of the project :

The goal of the project is to actively involve the local communities in conservation efforts, through the creation of buffers to the National Parks, giving them control over the conservation which directly affects them, whilst also incorporating livelihood improvements such as job opportunities, a long term and sustainable revenue stream to enhance community ownership and food security through HWC mitigation.





Diagnostic Tools Used

Social Assessment of Protected Areas Tool as a Framework for Progress.



The BIOPAMA Action Component Objectives Addressed

- ✓ Enhance the management and governance of priority areas by addressing existing limitations;
- ✓ Enforce the legal framework required to achieve effective biodiversity conservation in protected areas;
- ✓ Support local communities' initiatives aiming to enhance the livelihoods of local people whilst effectively contributing to protected areas' management.



Priority Need Addressed

- ✓ Reduce HWC and improve food security through the 10% Fence Plan Phase 3
- ✓ Provide Employment Opportunities through the Kamungi Scouts team
- ✓ Review Governance Structures and Improve Communication Channels in Kamungi
- ✓ Establish a tourism facility in Kamungi



The change the project implementation will bring for the protected areas

1. Enhanced food security, improved community perceptions and a secure "buffer" for wildlife including high value species.
2. Provide employment opportunities and reduce illegal wildlife crime through the employment of the Kamungi Community Scouts team.
3. Governance structures reviewed, enhanced and understood by Kamungi community developing gender friendly Board and trust between the Board, TT and Community greatly improved.
4. Creating a revenue generation stream for the Kamungi Conservancy that will promote a self-sufficient community conservancy; a recognised and equal stakeholder; able to fund their own development projects.

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