

STRENGTHENING ECOSYSTEM RESILIENCE THROUGH INTEGRATED RANGELAND MANAGEMENT AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

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Kajiado Southern County, Amboseli Ecosystem, **Kenya**

Estimated budget : USD 2,5M

Sectors : Vegetable farming, biomass energy & livestock



Context

The southern Kajiado landscape covers 5,306 km² in Kajiado South Sub-County and includes Amboseli National Park and part of Chyulu Hills National Park, a globally significant biodiversity hotspot. The landscape supports pastoralism, horticulture, charcoal production, and ecotourism, but faces severe pressures: over 53% of the land is degraded, cropland has expanded by +12.3%/year since 2006, and invasive species, deforestation, and water pollution threaten ecosystems and livelihoods. Human-wildlife conflicts are escalating, and institutional coordination for biodiversity conservation remains weak.



Objectives

- To sustainably restore and conserve biodiversity in degraded rangelands for enhanced ecosystem health and improved livelihoods in the southern Kajiado landscape.
- To integrate sustainable pastoral production practices to enhance livestock productivity, biodiversity conservation for improved community livelihoods.
- To rehabilitate and restore degraded rangelands through integrated land use approaches and nature-based enterprises to enhance ecological, social and economic benefits.
- To promote adoption of sustainable agricultural production practices to enhance agricultural productivity, biodiversity conservation and ecosystem health.
- To strengthen policy and institutional frameworks for effective coordination of restoration and biodiversity conservation in the southern Kenya landscape.



Institutions : Kajiado County Government, Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), Wildlife Research & Training Institute (WRTI), Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), NEMA

Local actors: Group Ranches, pastoral communities, farmer field schools, Water Resource Users Associations (WRUAs), women & youth groups

Partners : AFD, WWF, UICN, EF, BIOFIN/UNDP, GEF, GCF, GBFF, Amboseli Ecosystem Trust, Big Life Foundation, JUSTDIGGIT, Matonyok Organization

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