

COMMUNITY BASED WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AREAS

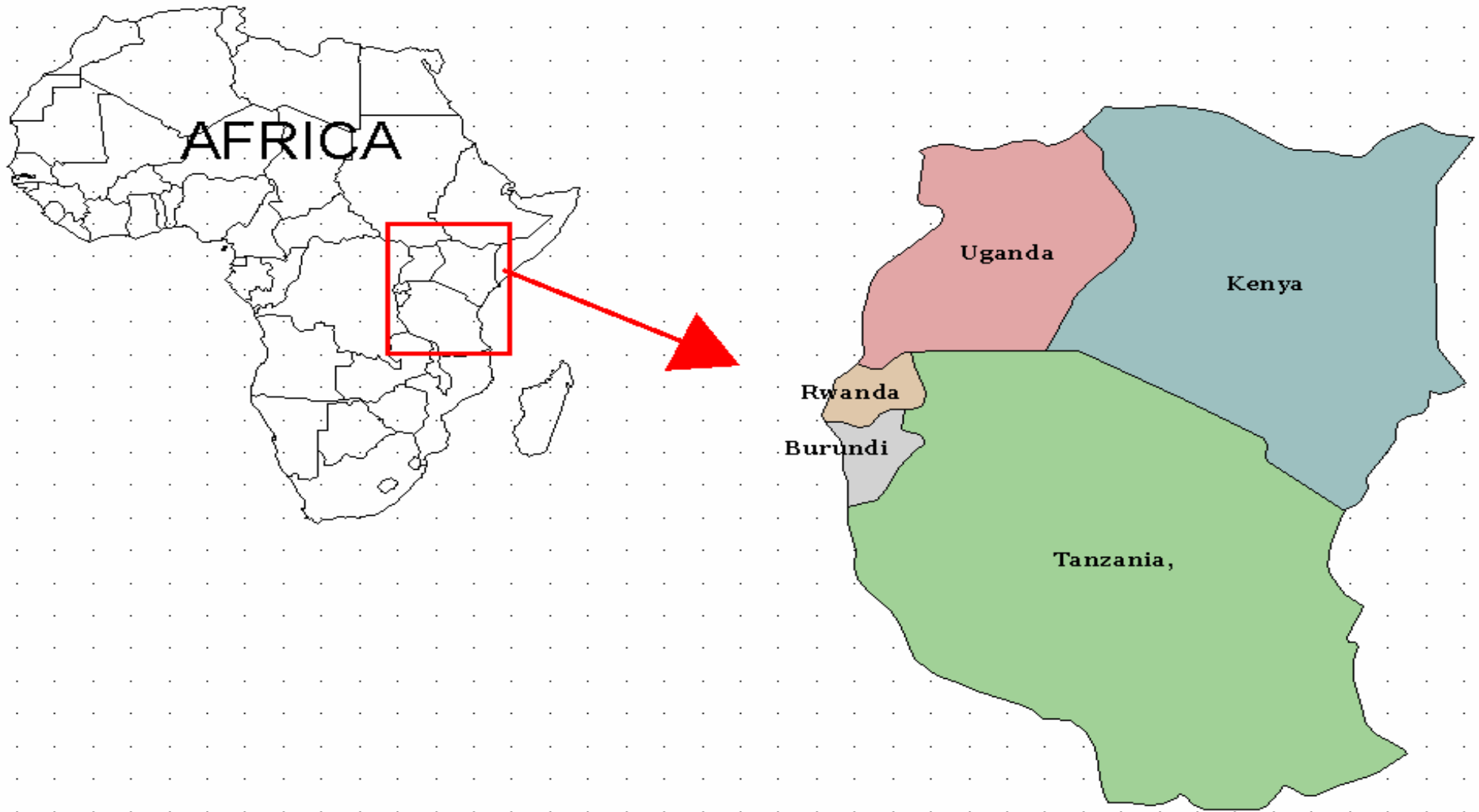
"Creating and Marketing
Your Somewhere"

By
Munira Bashir



Map of Africa/Kenya

www.kws.go.ke



KENYA
WILDLIFE
SERVICE



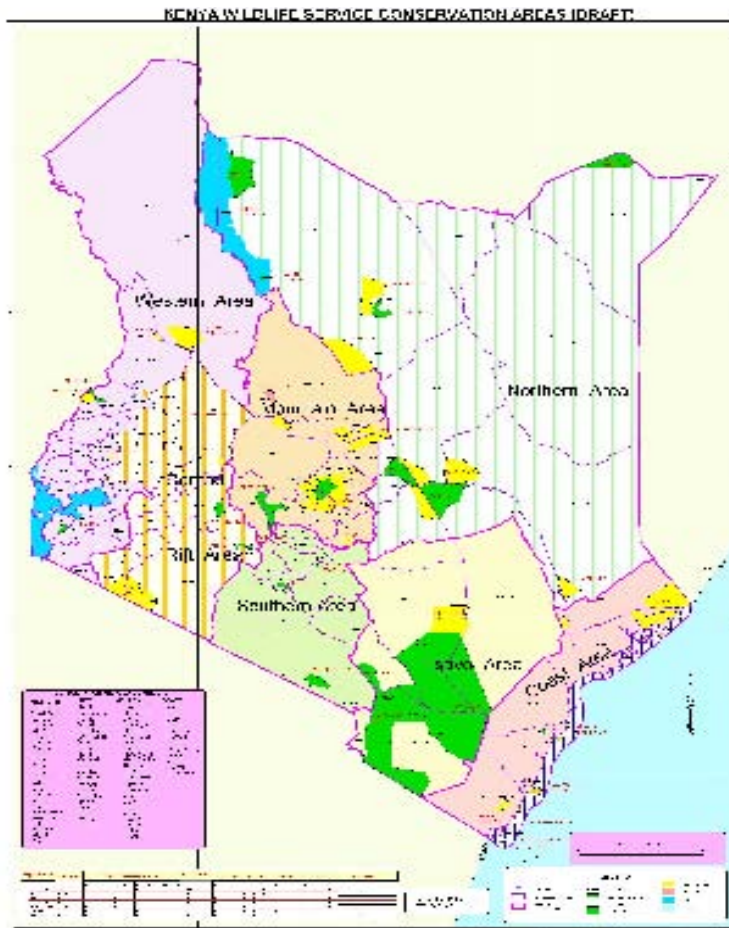
Facts of Kenya

www.kws.go.ke

- Area -580,367 km²
- Capital -Nairobi
- Member EAC -Commonwealth, Comnessa &
- Population -32 million
- Population growth -2.9%
- Life expectancy -57(M) 61 (F)
- Adult literacy -78.1%
- GDP -US\$15Billion
- GDP per head -US\$400
- Currency-K.Shilling -(US\$1=70)



Map of KWS Conservation Area



KENYA WILDLIFE PROTECTED AREAS

- National Parks -26
- National Reserves-33
- KWS Stations outside protected areas -125



Human Wildlife Conflict www.kws.go.ke

➤ This is related to destruction or disruption of human life that is attributed directly to wild animals. Types of conflict include:-

- Crop destruction
- Property damage
- Livestock predation
- Human Injury
- Human death
- Human threat



Human Wildlife Conflict Cont.

www.kws.go.ke

- Lack of land use & land tenure policy putting people and wildlife in conflict
- Population increase- limited space
- Human encroachment into wildlife areas hence increase in land use pressure & incompatible uses such as agriculture, settlement & urbanization



- Loss of human life & injuries caused by wildlife
- Loss of livestock through predation with no compensation



Community Based Initiatives

www.kws.go.ke

- In order for communities to support wildlife conservation there is need for tangible benefits
- At first there is need to fulfill the basic needs
- KWS community programme covers support for creation of community owned wildlife sanctuaries, education, water and health facilities



Community-based Wildlife Conservancies

www.kws.go.ke

- Many rural communities in wildlife areas face the dilemma of **either** finding creative way for wildlife to pay its way **or** convert the land to some other form of production
- Establishment of community owned conservation ventures is one intervention to mitigating human wildlife conflict



Community-based Wildlife Conservancies Cont.

www.kws.go.ke

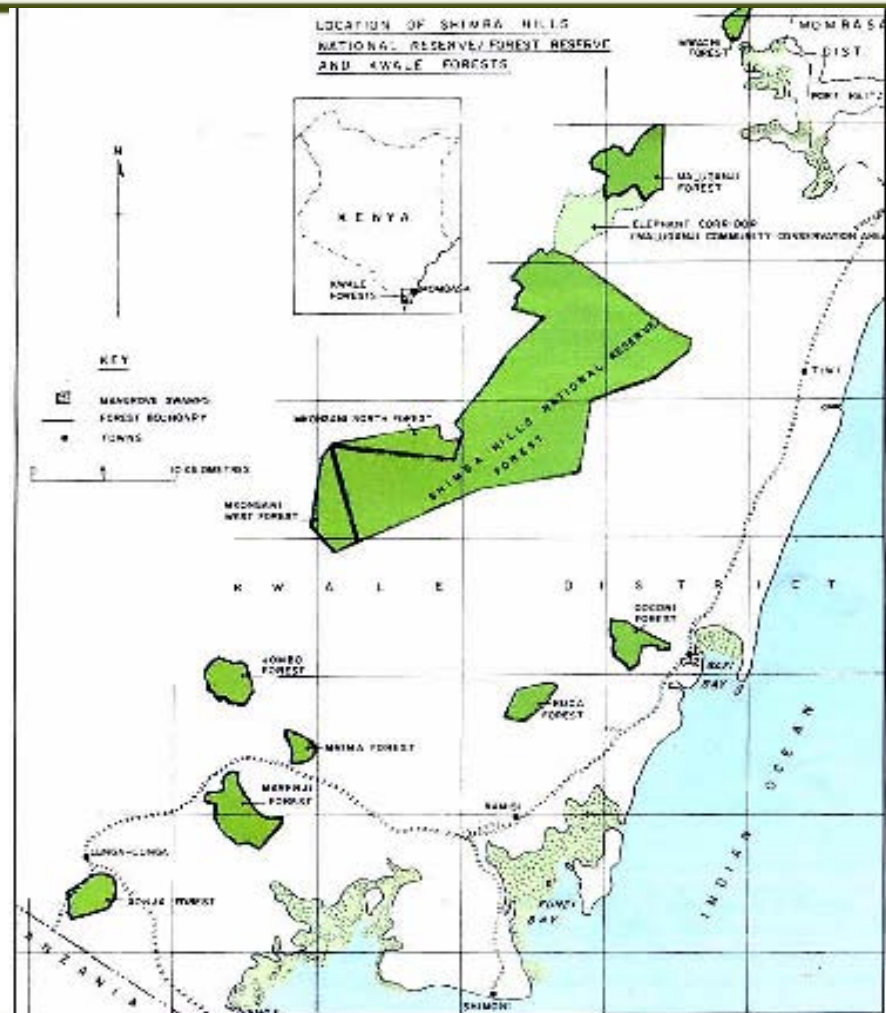
Communities setting aside land for wildlife conservation

- Mwalungaje Elephant Sanctuary and
- LUMO Wildlife Conservancy



Mwaluganje Elephant Sanctuary

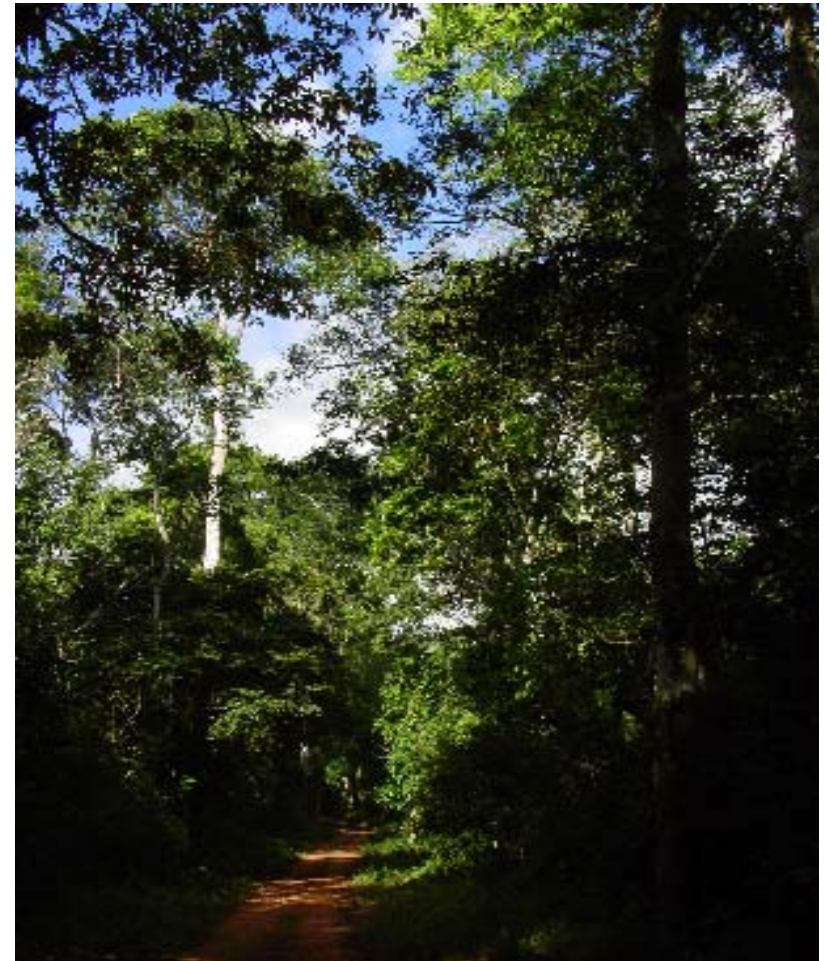
- Part of the Shimba Hills National Reserve (250KM² & is ring fenced)
- Unique indigenous coastal forest
- Listed among the world's top 25 biodiversity hotspots as "Center of Plant Diversity"
- Has a population of 400 elephants



Mwaluganje Elephant Sanctuary

www.kws.go.ke

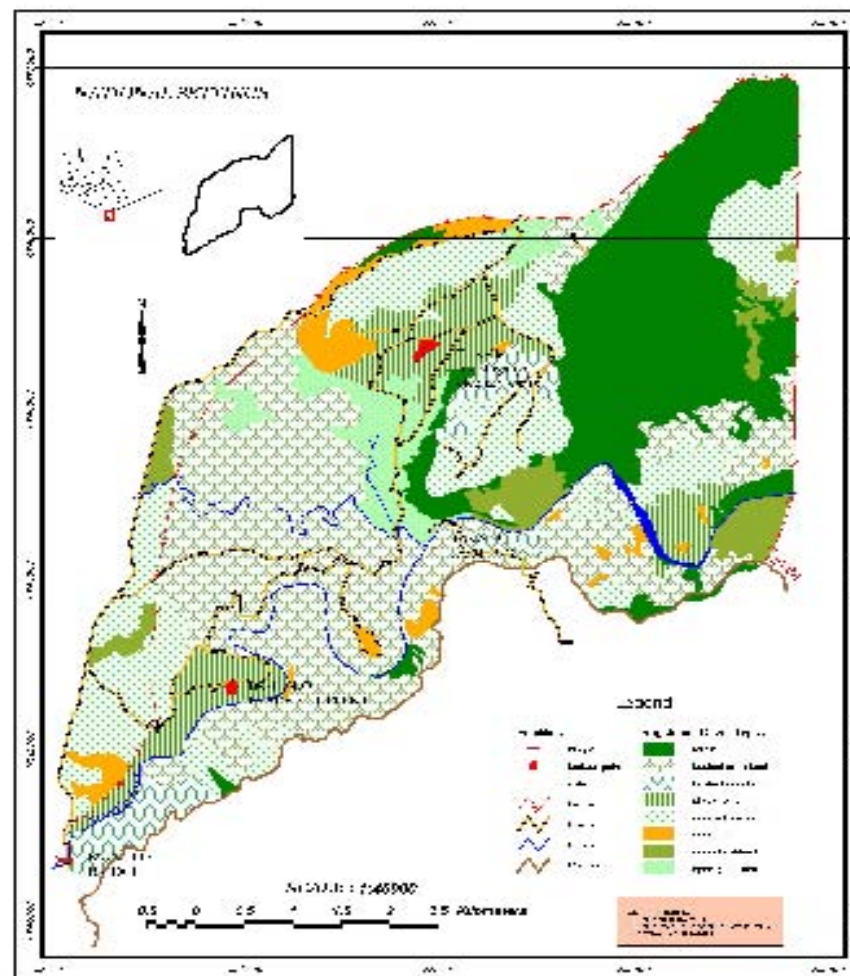
- First community-owned and managed ecotourism ventures in Kenya and East Africa
- Launched in the early 1994 to reduce human wildlife conflict and create a corridor for movement of elephants between the Mwaluganje forest reserve on the north and Shimba Hills National Reserve to the South



Mwaluganje Cont.

www.kws.go.ke

- 300 members have set aside 3500 acres of land towards wildlife conservation (56,596 acres)
- Membership is strictly based on absolute ownership of land.
- The sanctuary protects the local farmers from the dangers of crop raiding
- Sanctuary managed by the communities & earning more from it than from farming



KENYA
WILDLIFE
SERVICE



Mwaluganje Cont.

www.kws.go.ke

- Earnings have helped the community build schools, water facilities

Other wildlife attractions include

- Warthog
- Impala
- Bushbuck
- sable
- water buffalo
- Leopard



Mwaluganje Cont.

www.kws.go.ke

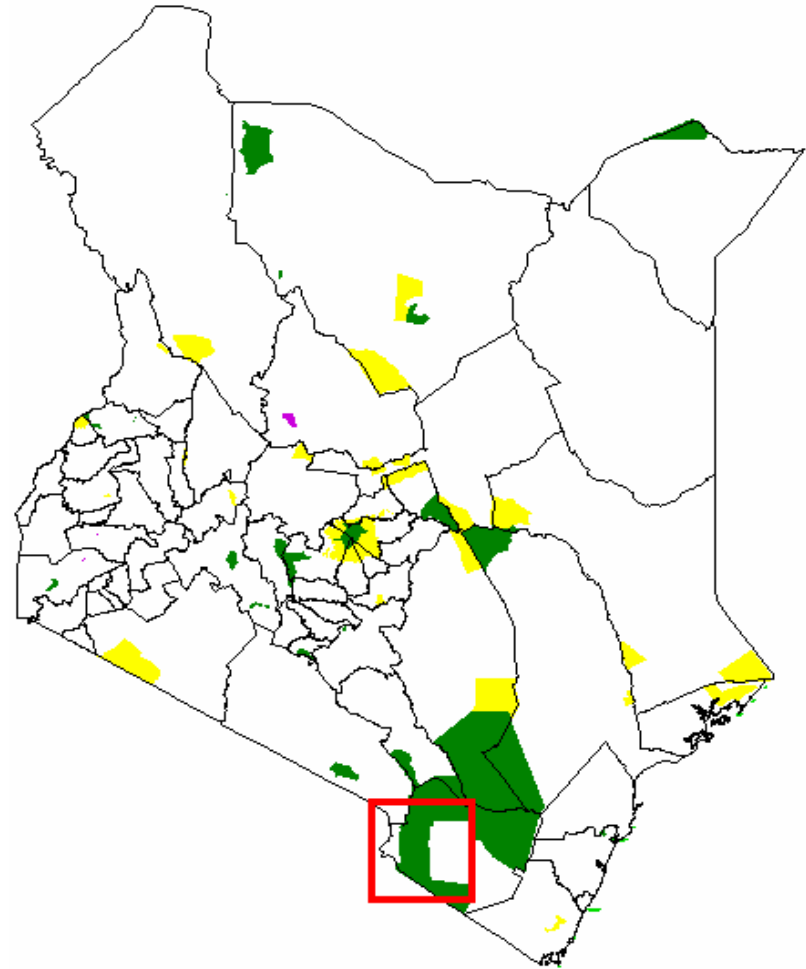
- Shimba Lodge-
Capacity 64 beds
- Travelers Camp- 40
beds (situated within
Mwaluganje
Community Elephant
Sanctuary)
- Sable bandas 8 beds
- 2 Campsites



LUMO Community Wildlife Sanctuary

www.kws.go.ke

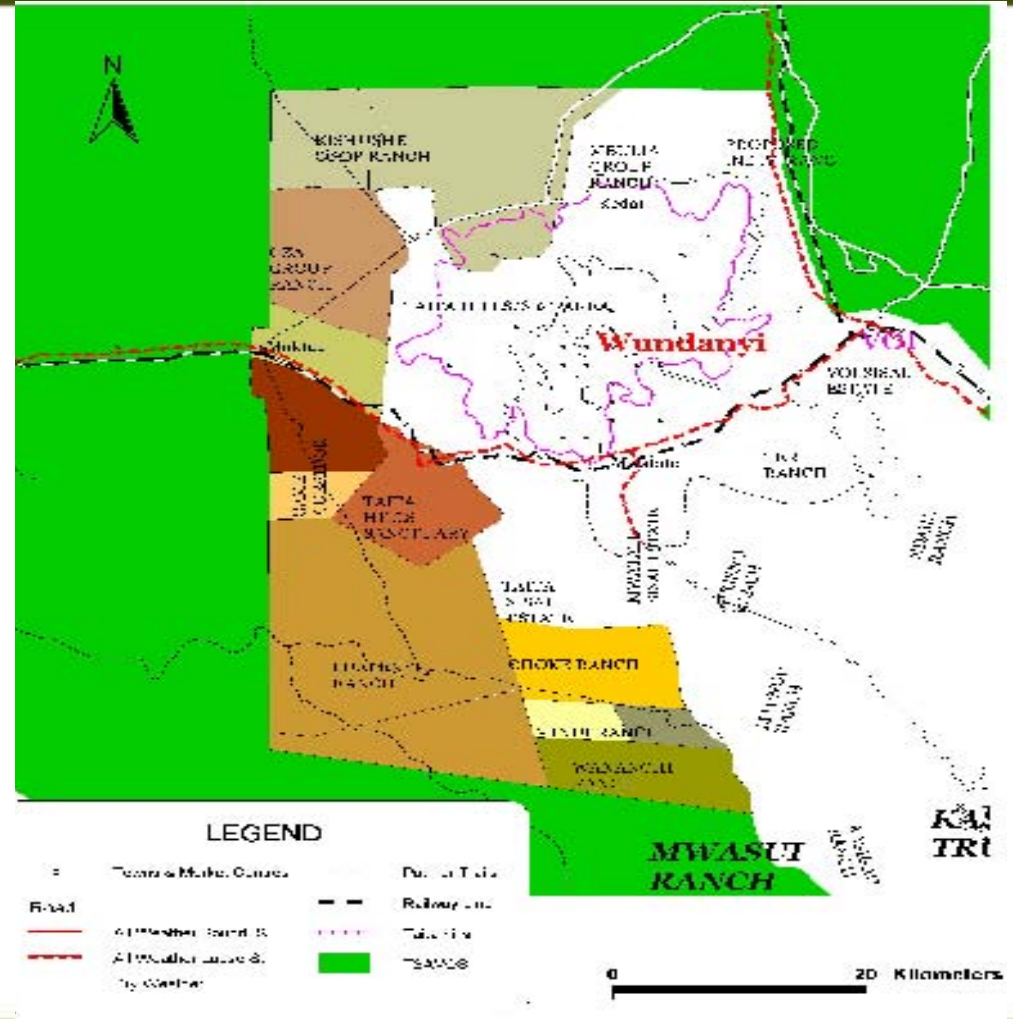
- Formed in 1996 through initiative of Kenya Wildlife Service
- An initiative of 3 local community groups
- Local partnership framework between community and private local investor
- Aim -to improve living standards of the members of the group ranches
- Eco-lodge, roads and gates
- Local sanctuary manager and community game scouts trained by KWS



LUMO Wildlife Sanctuary

www.kws.go.ke

- Covers an area of 46,000 hectares in the Tsavo Eco-system, in southern Kenya.
- Is a significant dispersal area & a key migration corridor for the elephants.
- Three group ranches came together to form the sanctuary
- Tsavo East N. Park 11,747 KM² & Tsavo West 9,065KM²



LUMO Wildlife Sanctuary Cont.

www.kws.go.ke

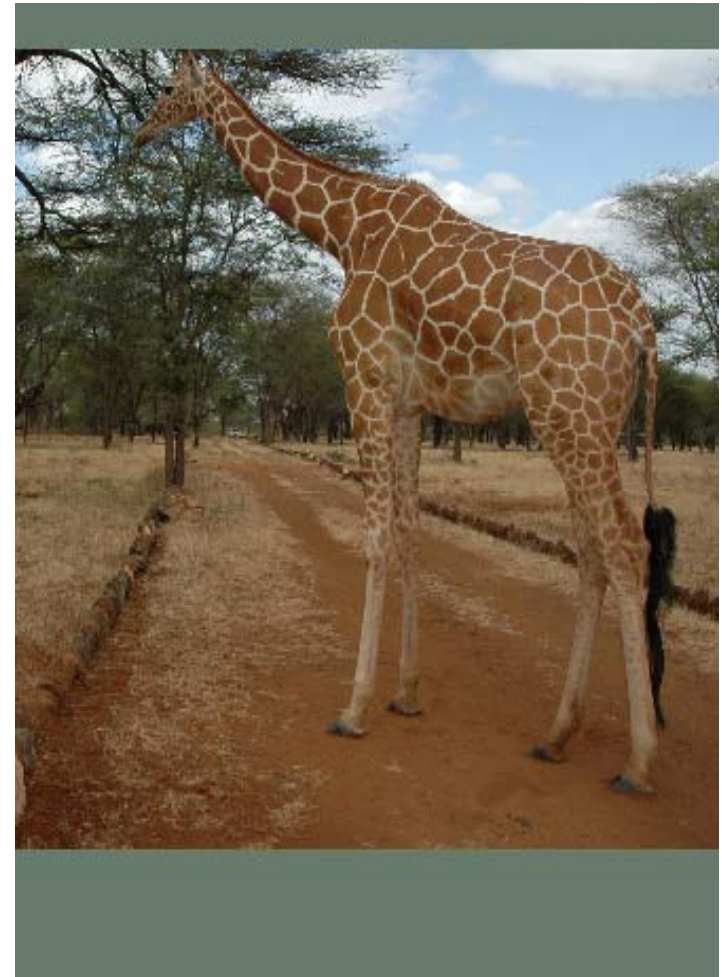
- A 20 bed tented camp leased out to a private investor
- Create socio-economic benefits to the local communities



LUMO Wildlife Sanctuary Cont.

www.kws.go.ke

- Key attractions in the area include elephant, buffalo, giraffe, aardvark, lion and antelope such as the eland, oryx, dikdik and kongoni.



Conclusion

www.kws.go.ke

Challenges include-

- Diminishing biodiversity-
low recovery rate of
endangered species eg.
Rhino, carnivores
- Poaching-bush meat
- Incompatible land uses
- Limited resources
- A surging human population
- Involve local communities
(poverty-priority basic
needs)



www.kws.go.ke

**THANK
YOU**

