





*Caspian Plover in breeding plumage at the Tana Delta. The Tana Delta is an important feeding site for migratory birds.*  
-P.Usher

In addition, two working groups have been formed each comprising five (5) persons to lead the strategic environmental assessment and land use planning. The team is supported by a consultant from the United Kingdom, and advisors from the Netherlands Commission of Environmental Impact Assessment, ITC Twente University, University of Nairobi, Wageningen University, Deltares and local communities.

## Planned activities in the Delta

During a visit by the Inter-Ministerial Technical Committee to Tana River Delta on 25th September 2011, the process of undertaking a Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Land Use Plan was agreed. This consultative process will be coordinated by the Inter-Ministerial Technical Committee with technical support from the Delta Alliance. Delta Alliance is an international knowledge-driven network organization with the mission of improving the resilience of the world's deltas. Funding for this process has been provided by the Kenya Government and DFID (the UK aid agency) through Nature Kenya.



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-M. Kachimba



*The Tana Delta, home to approximately 97,000 people, mostly fishermen, herdsman and farmers who depend on the Delta for their livelihoods.*  
-P.Usher

The Tana Delta strategic environmental assessment and land use planning activities are expected to run during the period January-December 2012. A Project Implementation Committee (PIC) will be established in the Delta to link with the Secretariat. The outcome will be a land use plan to guide decision making on sustainable management of the Delta. It is anticipated that all stakeholders will participate through a number of consultations scheduled during the plan formulation process.

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