



The Ecosystem Alliance Program in Kenya

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The Ecosystem Alliance



A global not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the conservation and restoration of wetlands worldwide

Works through a network of offices, partners and experts to achieve its goals



Netherlands Committee of IUCN works as a broker between social organizations, the government, business and science and focuses on all kinds of subjects pertaining to the struggle against the loss in biodiversity

Works with partners to come to a constructive Dutch contribution to solving global issues nature and environment



Independent NGO that works towards a sustainable future

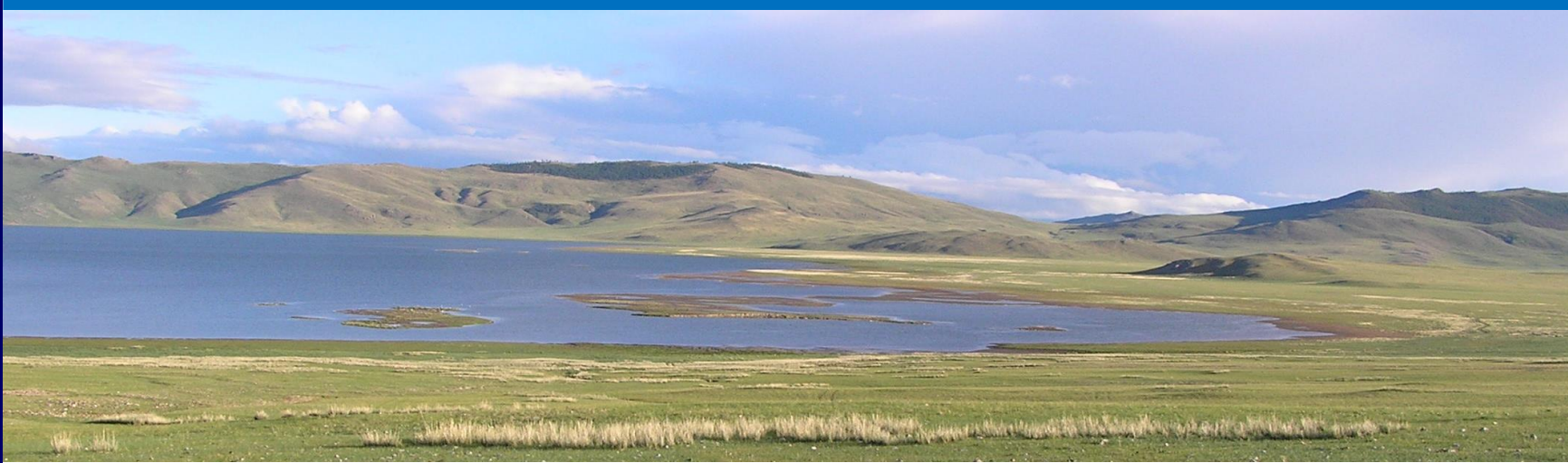
Strengthens CSOs in developing countries, that come up with sustainable solutions for environmental and poverty-related issues

Focusses on human rights, poverty and environment for social justice and ecological sustainability

Ecosystem Alliance - Overall Goal



“To improve the livelihoods of the poor and create a more inclusive economy, through participatory, responsible and transparent management of wetland ecosystems”



Ecosystem Alliance - 3 Themes

1. Livelihoods and Ecosystems

To enhance the sustainability of poverty reduction and development by demonstrating the opportunities that healthy ecosystems provide and using this to influence enabling policy environments at local, national, regional and international levels



2. Greening the Economy

To mainstream people-ecosystem linkages in economies and development policies in the South, and in North-South and South-South investment and trade relations



3. Ecosystems, People & Climate Change

To strengthen climate change policies and practices that support local livelihoods and maintain ecosystems/ biodiversity for effective climate change adaptation and mitigation



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3 Intervention Strategies

- 1. Direct poverty reduction**
- 2. Civil society strengthening**
- 3. Policy influencing**

Ecosystem Alliance - Global



Asia

India, Indonesia and Philippines



South America

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil and Paraguay



Africa

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, DR Congo, Ghana, **Kenya**, Mali, Senegal and Uganda



Global

Lobby & Advocacy at Int'l fora (Rio+20, UNFCCC, CBD) and EU / Dutch Government Commodity Round Tables (Palm Oil, Soy, Biomaterials)

Ecosystem Alliance Kenya - 4 Partners



- Works with water resources governance structures to ensure integration of environmental sustainability principles
- Strong focus on capacity building, including training modules on ecosystems based climate change adaptation



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- Strengthens environmental governance and livelihoods through civil society participation
- Brings experience in advocacy, land use, land rights to influence policy
- Field experience in small scale organic agriculture and fisheries



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The East Africa Natural History Society

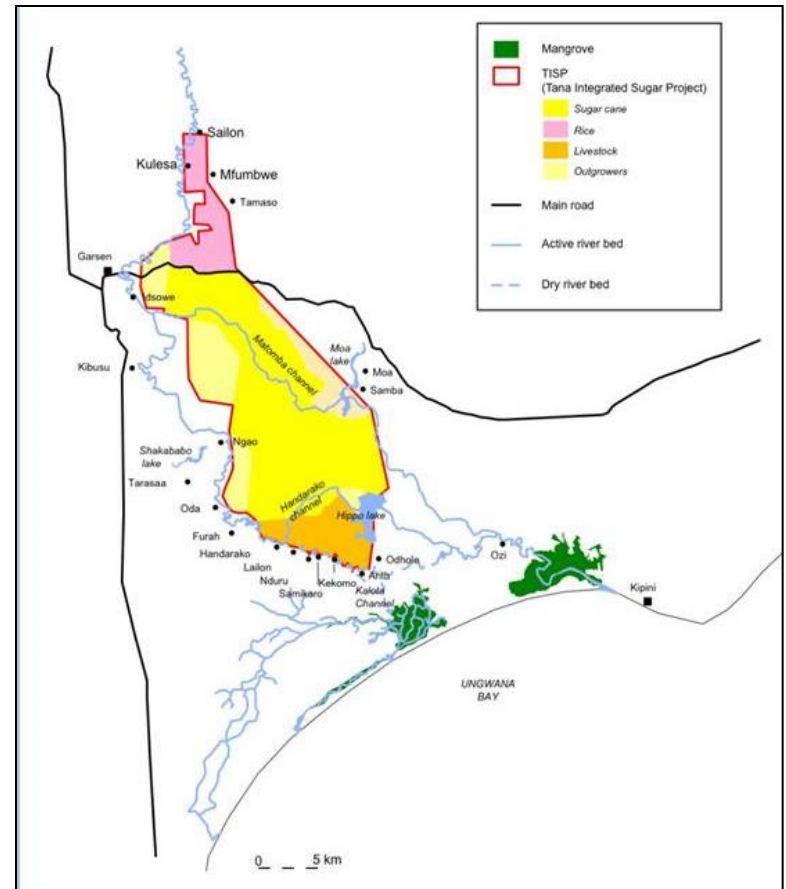
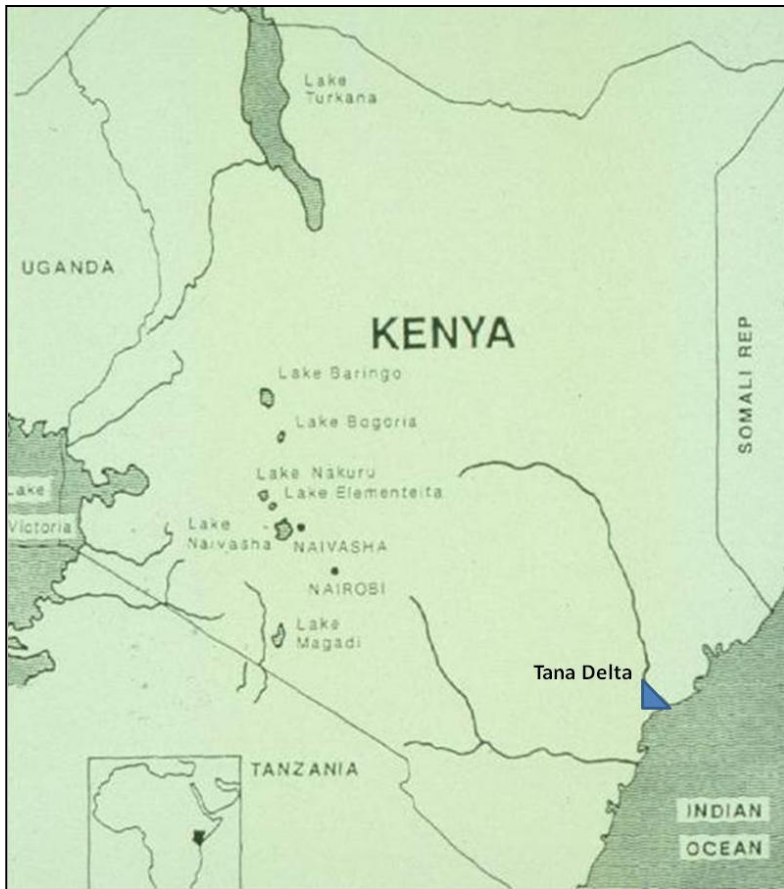
- Supports communities in alternative livelihoods projects, e.g. beekeeping and the management of local conservation areas, with a focus on key bird species
- Spearheads advocacy efforts and raises awareness on increasing threats to the Delta ecosystem



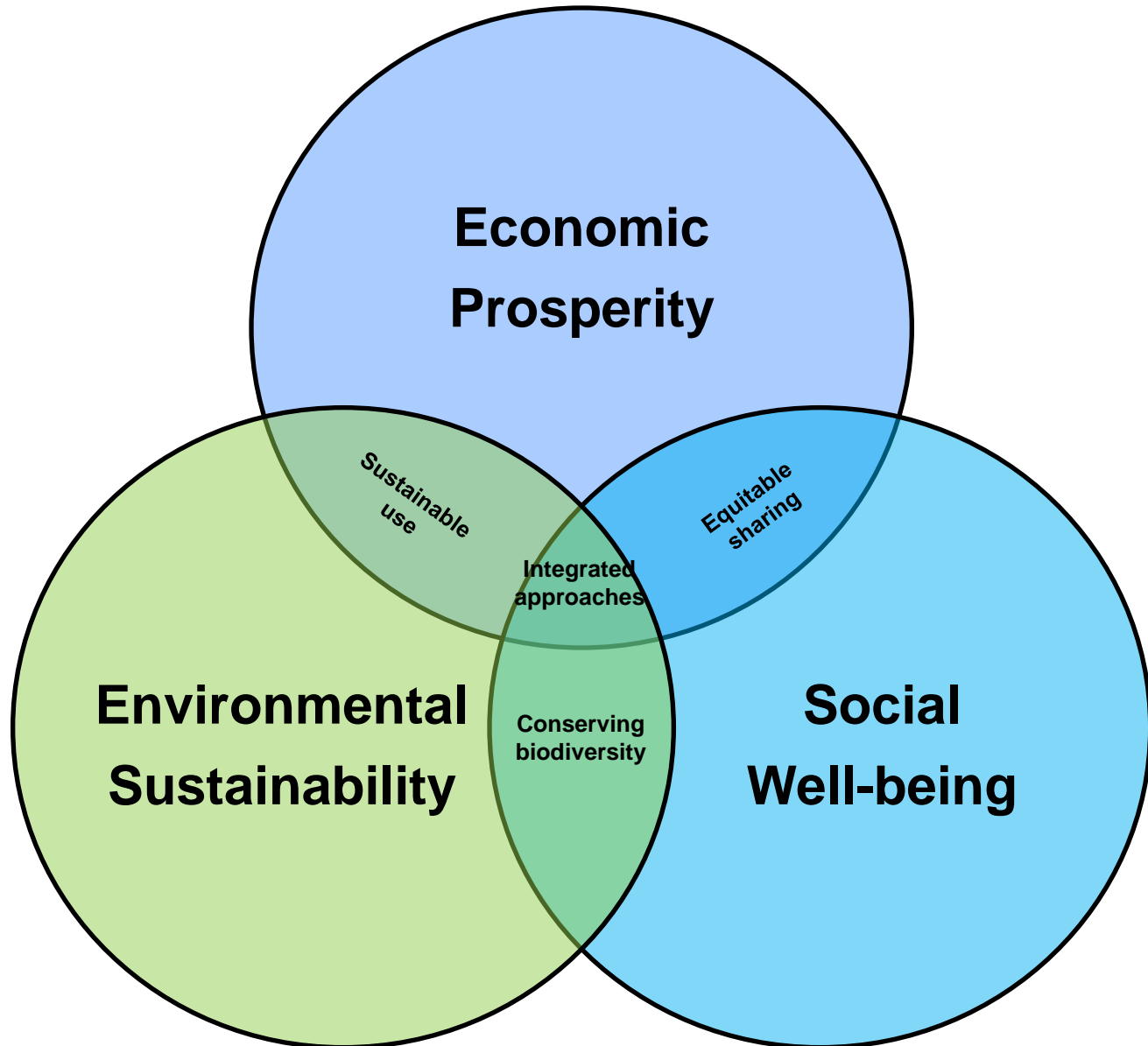
- Apply techniques of sustainable harvesting of locally available resources (aloe, baobab, sesame, water hyacinth), and guarantees access to market to provide a supplementary source of income
- Successful initiative: harvesting of quick growing shrubs for sustainable charcoal, meeting the demand for charcoal and taking the pressure off other wood resources

**Sustainable wetlands and
water resources
management in a
changing climate:
Empowering People and
Nature in the Tana Delta,
Kenya**

Ecosystem Alliance - Site



Ecosystem Approach



Role and added value of the Alliance

The Alliance:

- focuses clear attention on the role of wetland ecosystems in providing services, supporting livelihoods and mitigating against climate impacts
- achieves this primarily by demonstrating the significant natural values of the Lower Tana, and showing that hurried decisions to convert wetlands to other uses do not make long-term sense, neither do they fit with local desires
- lends its own expertise in bringing stakeholders together to address ongoing critical situations of environmental conflict in a country increasingly stricken by water scarcity
- also brings its experience and connections in the (biofuel, tourism, agricultural, etc) value chains

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- focuses on degradation of key ecosystems, unsustainable resource use and livelihoods strategies
- supports formation and implementation of Resource Use and Management Plans
- addresses weak relations between communities and markets and counters the option of large scale farms
- strengthens the capacity of civil society organizations to respond through evidence based advocacy to pressure on the delta resources by local and foreign investors

Nature Kenya

- support CBOs to review government strategic vision and multi-sectoral land-use plan
- support and strengthen a rights based approach in development decision-making process
- training on income diversification and support on access to markets
- seek government and private sector engagement in developing communal infrastructure for scaling up the processing and marketing of existing agricultural products
- sharing and adoption of lessons into national policies

WLR

- Increase the diversification of sources of income from sustainable natural resources management

Increase the income of local communities from a healthier ecosystem

Improve sustainability of the production of nature based enterprises being produced at a small to medium scale

Enhance value addition and national and international market access for sustainably produced goods from a local scale

Improve productivity levels of sustainably produced commodities

Increase the resilience of local communities to climate change by encouraging widespread community based climate change adaptation



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- support regional level management planning, especially in Integrated Water Resources Management
- identify and promote socio-economic benefits /services provided by well managed ecosystems
- assess upstream/downstream resource use ecosystem degradation
- build capacity of CSO and communities in mitigating climate change
- support the Ramsar site launching, create awareness, capacity building activities
- build relationships with key players responsible for management of the area (TARDA, WARMA)
- support policy and communications efforts of EA partners and directly through the Kenya Wetlands Forum, to reach a wider audience and to achieve policy change for improved sustainability
- support ratification of the National Wetlands Policy

Ecosystem Alliance & KWF

Support KWF:

- to facilitate the process of ratification, enactment and implementation of the National Wetlands policy
- in carrying out national dialogue and consultations among stakeholders to generate support for sustainable management measures in the Tana Delta
- in activities to publicize unsustainable development proposals in an effective manner proposing viable alternatives