

Pastoral Livelihoods and Conservation in the Maasai Steppe Landscape, Northern Tanzania

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Overview

Project Location:

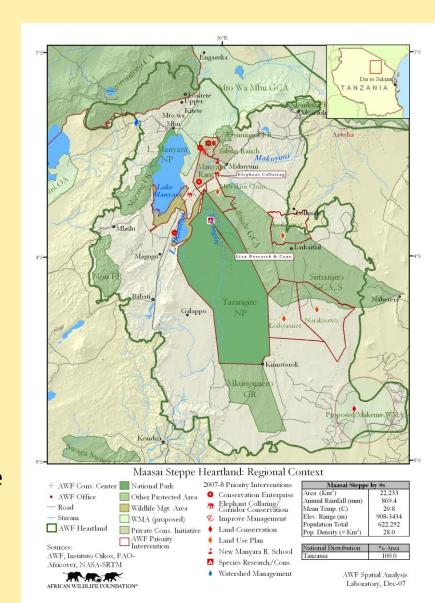
 Manyara Ranch in the Maasai Steppe Landscape, Northern Tanzania.

Partners:

- Local: Tanzania Land Conservation Trust, 7
 Villages (Esilalei, Oltukai, Mswakini Juu,
 Mswakini Chini, Makuyuni, Naitolia, and
 Olasit), RAMAT (local CBO), TZ Govt.
- International: USAID-Tanzania, USAID-GCP, Annenberg Foundation, TNC.

Overall goal(s):

- Maintain important wildlife corridor for Maasai Steppe landscape.
- Establish a successful model demonstrating benefits of improving economic performance of livestock as a feasible and profitable livelihood, land and resource management strategy.





Key Results

- 1. Key land unit secured for conservation;
- 2. Multiple use management regime implemented (wildlife and livestock);
- 3. Livestock operations modernized and market linkages being developed;
- 4. Conservation-compatible livestock practices implemented;
- 5. Diverse benefits stream under development;
- 6. Sustainability mechanisms aggressively built;
- 7. Social development—construction of new primary school.

Lessons Learned

Lessons 1:

Integrated strategy is critical;

Lessons 2:

Build Local capacity;

Lessons 3:

Develop successful model for replication;

Lessons 4:

Sustained long-term effort needed.

Future Plans

- Complete modernization of livestock operations on Ranch;
- Manyara Ranch tourism enterprise open for business;
- Continue to protect and manage Manyara Ranch for wildlife conservation and livestock;
- Ensure sustainability of ranch operations through livestock and tourism revenue;
- Work to leverage surrounding lands for conservation.





Thank you