

# USAID Global Conservation Programme Symposium

## Field Lessons 3: Enterprise Development, Livelihood Activities and Governance Issues for Conservation Projects

### Experiences in Community Based Conservation - Kiunga Marine National Reserve

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## Objectives:

- Reduce threats to Biodiversity
- Actively involve community in conservation of MPA
- Support sustainable alternative livelihoods

## Turtles, Dugongs and fishery



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# Achievements

**Promote Use of Sustainable Fishing Techniques in eight villages**



**Established functional six comanagement entities to enhance resource ownership and induce KMNR collaborative management**

**Pilot turtle conservation based ecotourism enterprises to in all villages in KMNR for sustainability**







## Lessons Learnt

- Successful conservation and management of MPAs requires close community collaboration
- It is important to harmonize community livelihood needs and conservation interests

## Future Plans

- Support fishing communities exploit/optimize alternative livelihood opportunities for sustainable economic development
- Payment for ecosystem services but to who.....

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