

Global ICCA Database Melako Conservancy, Kenya

CCA Basic data

Site Name (in local language and in English)	Melako Conservancy
Country (include State and Province)	Kenya (Marsabit District)
Area encompassed by the CCA (specify unit of measurement).	Not yet demarcated
GIS Coordinates (if available)	
Whether it includes sea areas (Yes or no)	No
Whether it includes freshwater (Yes or no)	No
Marine (Y or N)	No
Concerned community (name and approx. number of persons)	Laisamis community (6,000 people)
Is the community considering itself an indigenous people? (Please note Yes or No; if yes note which people)	Unknown
Is the community considering itself a minority? (Please note Yes or No, if yes on the basis of what, e.g. religion, ethnicity)	Yes
Is the community permanently settled? (Please note Yes or No; if the community is mobile, does it have a customary transhumance territory?)	No. The community is a mixture of transhumant and agro-pastoral. It undertakes transhumant grazing within a defined group ranch area
Is the community local per capita income inferior, basically the same or superior to national value? (please note how confident you are about the information)	Yes
Is the CCA recognised as a protected area by governmental agencies? (Yes or no; if yes, how? If no, is it otherwise recognized?) If yes, legal document? Establishment date?	No
Conflicts with land tenure, natural resource use?	Land still district trust land so limited local control at present
What is the main management objective (e.g. livelihood, cultural, spiritual...)	Livelihood- development wildlife-based tourism
To which IUCN management category do you consider it would best fit (this does not imply that the management objective is consciously pursued by the concerned community, but that it is actually achieved)	VI

Additional qualitative information

Main ecosystem type	Semi-arid/Arid savannah
Description of biodiversity & resources (ecosystems, species, functions) conserved by the CCA	Wildlife includes estimated 200 Grevy's zebra (~9% of total global population)
Description of local ethnic groups and languages spoken	Rendille
Broad historical context of the CCA	Recently developed conservancy linked to Laikipia conservancies (Lewa, Northern Rangelands Trust, Sera Conservancy, etc), still in process of formation.
Governance structure for the CCA (who takes management decisions, how?)	
Length of time the governance model has been in place	
Land and resource ownership in the CCA	Trust land
Type of land use in the CCA	Livestock grazing; core area to be established for wildlife and tourism
Existence of written or oral management plans and specific rules for the use of natural resources in the CCA	
Map and zoning of the CCA (please attach if available and relevant,)	Map not available. Located in dryland savanna area between Archers Post and Marsabit town.
Relevant pictures with captions (please attach if available)	
Major threats to biodiversity and/or the CCA governance system	Livestock conflict with Grevy's zebra; poaching; general insecurity; lack of secure community land tenure
Local CCA-relevant features, stories, names, rules and practices	
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References relevant to specific CCA	Northern Rangelands Trust: http://www.nrt-kenya.org/ngewsi.html