

Global ICCA Database Namunyak Conservancy, Kenya

CCA Basic data

Site Name (in local language and in English)	Namunyak Conservancy
Country (include State and Province)	Kenya (Samburu District)
Area encompassed by the CCA (specify unit of measurement).	74,101 ha (2,000 ha core conservancy area)
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)	Samburu (8000 people in group ranch membership)
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)	No
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?	No
Conflicts with land tenure, natural resource use?	No
What is the main management objective (e.g. livelihood, cultural, spiritual...)	Livelihood- community ecotourism income development
To which IUCN management category do you consider it would best fit?	II (core area); VI (group ranch)

Additional qualitative information

Main ecosystem type	Semi-arid rangeland
Description of biodiversity & resources (ecosystems, species, functions) conserved by the CCA	Large mammals; part of larger ecosystems including Samburu/ Buffalo Springs Reserves
Description of local ethnic groups and languages spoken	Samburu- Maa speaking
Broad historical context of the CCA	Trust created late 1990's for development of community-based ecotourism; linked to Laikipia Wildlife Forum and private ranches in area
Governance structure for the CCA (who takes management decisions, how?)	Trust board of directors
Length of time the governance model has been in place	Since 1995
Land and resource ownership in the CCA	Wildlife conservation and non-consumptive tourism
Type of land use in the CCA	Core are for wildlife and tourism only; buffer zone including other activities
Existence of written or oral management plans and specific rules for the use of natural resources in the CCA	No; by-laws in process
Map and zoning of the CCA (please attach if available and relevant,)	No map available. Located between Isiolo and Wamba towns to the south west of the Matthews Range mountains
Relevant pictures with captions (please attach if available)	
Major threats to biodiversity and/or the CCA governance system	Commercial poaching of wildlife; general insecurity has been a long-standing problem in the area
Local CCA-relevant features, stories, names, rules and practices	Namunyak is also one of central Kenya's leading community-based ecotourism initiatives catalyzing the continuing establishment of these community conservancies in Samburu/Laikipia over the past decade
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References relevant to specific CCA	Northern Rangelands Trust: http://www.nrt-kenya.org/ngewsi.html