Global ICCA Database
N'gwesi Conservancy, Kenya

CCA Basic data

Site Name (in local language and in English)	Il Ngwesi Conservancy
Country (include State and Province)	Kenya (Laikipia District)
Area encompassed by the CCA (specify unit of measurement).	9,471 ha
GIS Coordinates (if available)	Not 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)	Mukogodo Maasai (6000 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)	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)	Inferior
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; recognized as a community conservancy governed by a legal trust. Established 1996
Conflicts with land tenure, natural resource use?	No
What is the main management objective (e.g. livelihood, cultural, spiritual…)	Livelihood- wildlife conservation and tourism development income
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)	II and V

Additional qualitative information

Main ecosystem type	Semi-arid savannah
Description of biodiversity & resources (ecosystems, species, functions) conserved by the CCA	Large mammals including endangered Grevy's zebra; elephant, lion, wild dog, cheetah, oryx, gerenuk etc. Reintroduced black rhino
Description of local ethnic groups and languages spoken	Maasai- Maa
Broad historical context of the CCA	Created in order to develop community ecotourism project; key role played by private Lewa Wildlife Conservancy which borders to the south in creating Il Ngwesi
Governance structure for the CCA (who takes management decisions, how?)	Group ranch committee, group ranch membership, Il Ngwesi Trust
Length of time the governance model has been in place	1996-; trust created in 2003
Land and resource ownership in the CCA	Group ranch title to land
Type of land use in the CCA	Tourism & wildlife conservation; some livestock
Existence of written or oral management plans and specific rules for the use of natural resources in the CCA	Written management plan governing tourism and conservation activities and excluding other land uses
Map and zoning of the CCA (please attach if available and relevant,)	
Relevant pictures with captions (please attach if available)	
Major threats to biodiversity and/or the CCA governance system	
Local CCA-relevant features, stories, names, rules and practices	Il Ngwesi has become Kenya's leading community ecotourism project, focusing on the Il Ngwesi lodge; won UNDP Equator Initiative prize in 2002.
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References relevant to specific CCA	Northern Rangelands Trust: http://www.nrt-kenya.org/ngewsi.html