



Paving the Way for Effective, Equitable and Resilient Conservancies in Kenya



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Our Work

Build Capacity

Coordinate

Advocate

Sustain



Our Vision: **Connected landscapes** conserve wildlife and **benefit** local communities in Kenya

Our 2030 Mission:
Accelerate the **growth** of **equitably governed** and **effectively managed** conservancies.

STRATEGIC PLAN

2024 - 2030

Paving the way for resilient, locally-led conservation

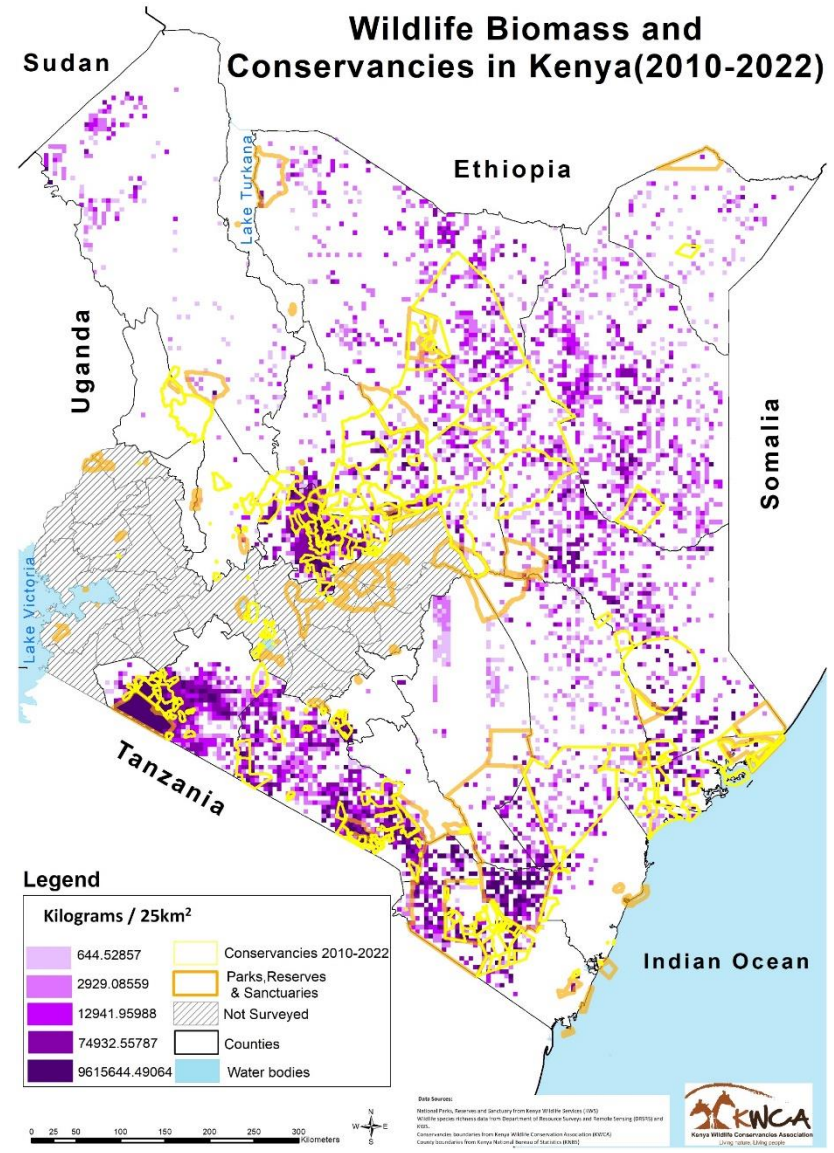
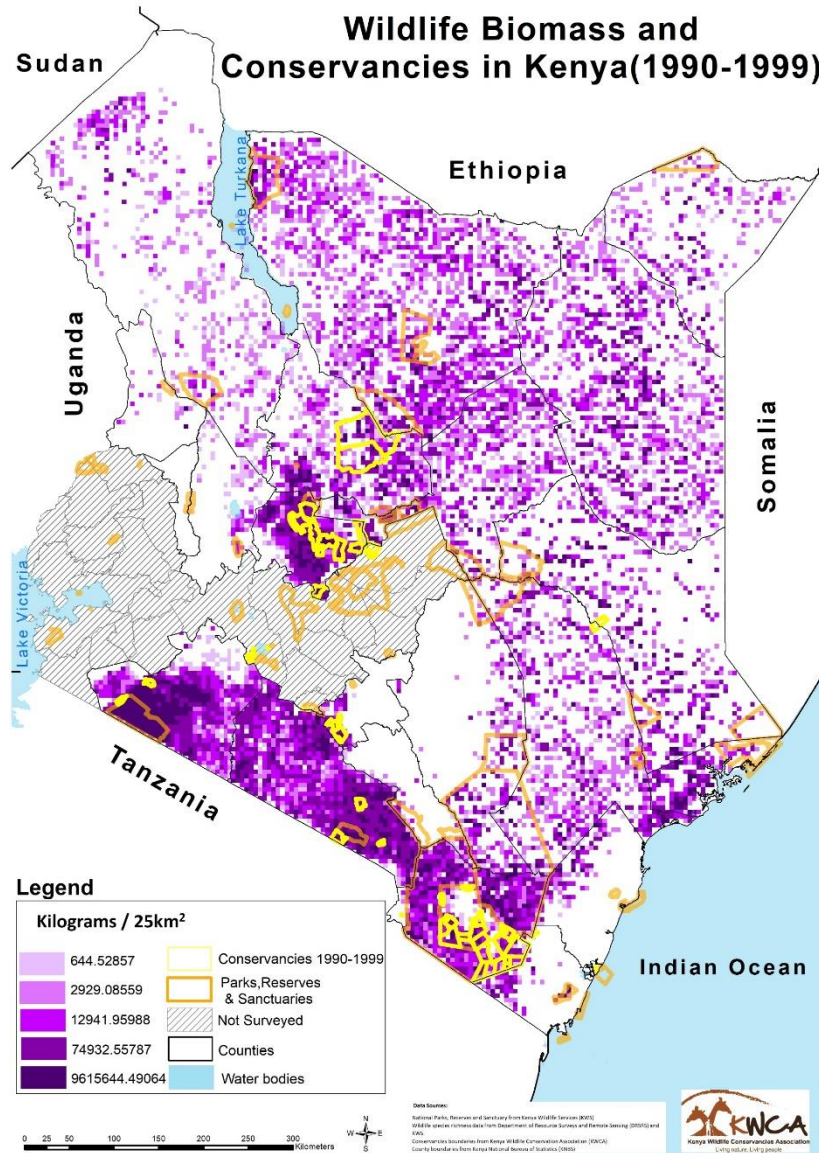
Kenya's State Protected Areas



8%

National
Parks and
Reserves

In 40years, Kenya's wildlife declined by 68% (Ogutu, et al 2016)



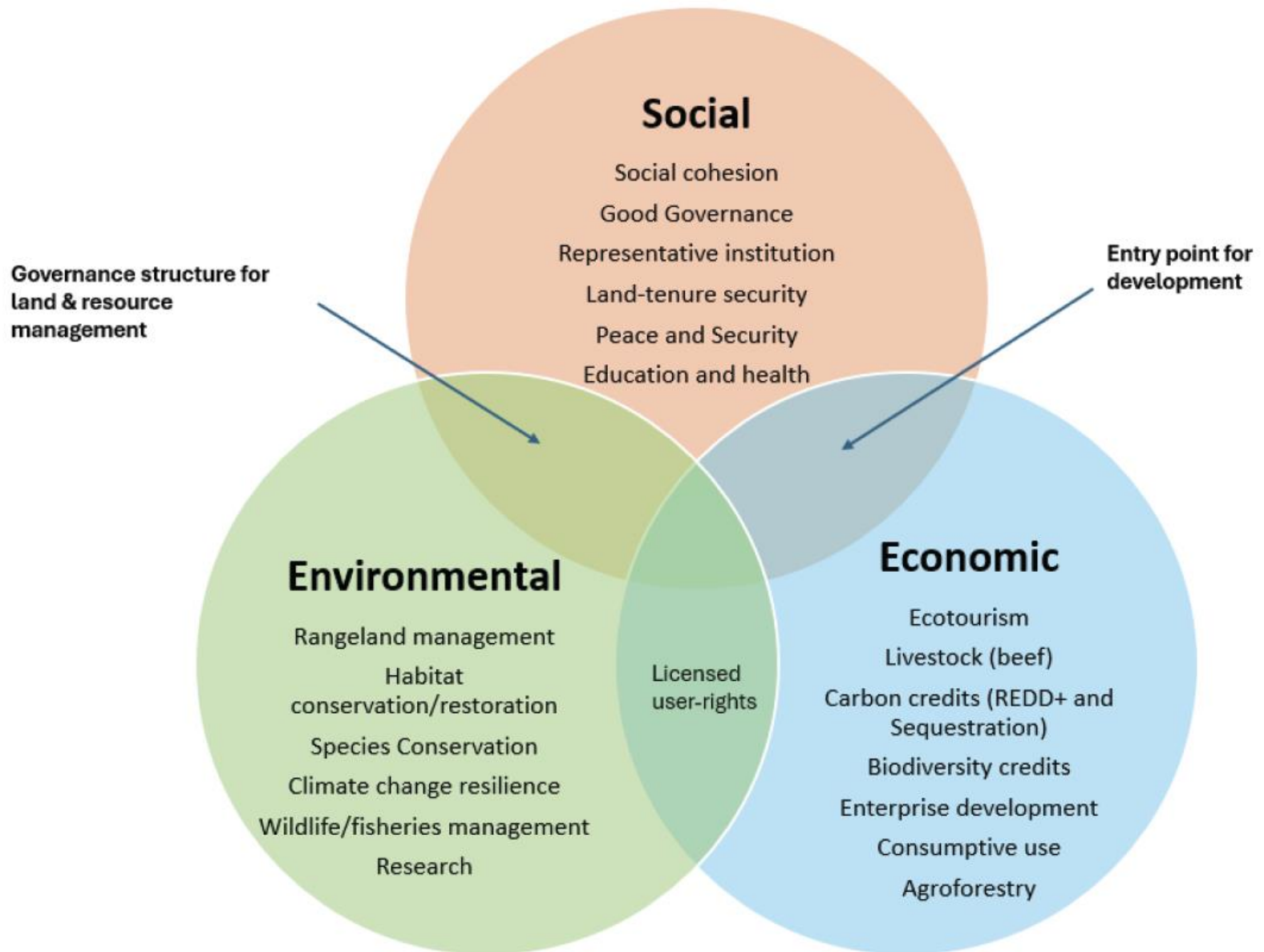
Achieving Connectivity through conservancies

+9.7 Million Ha being Secured

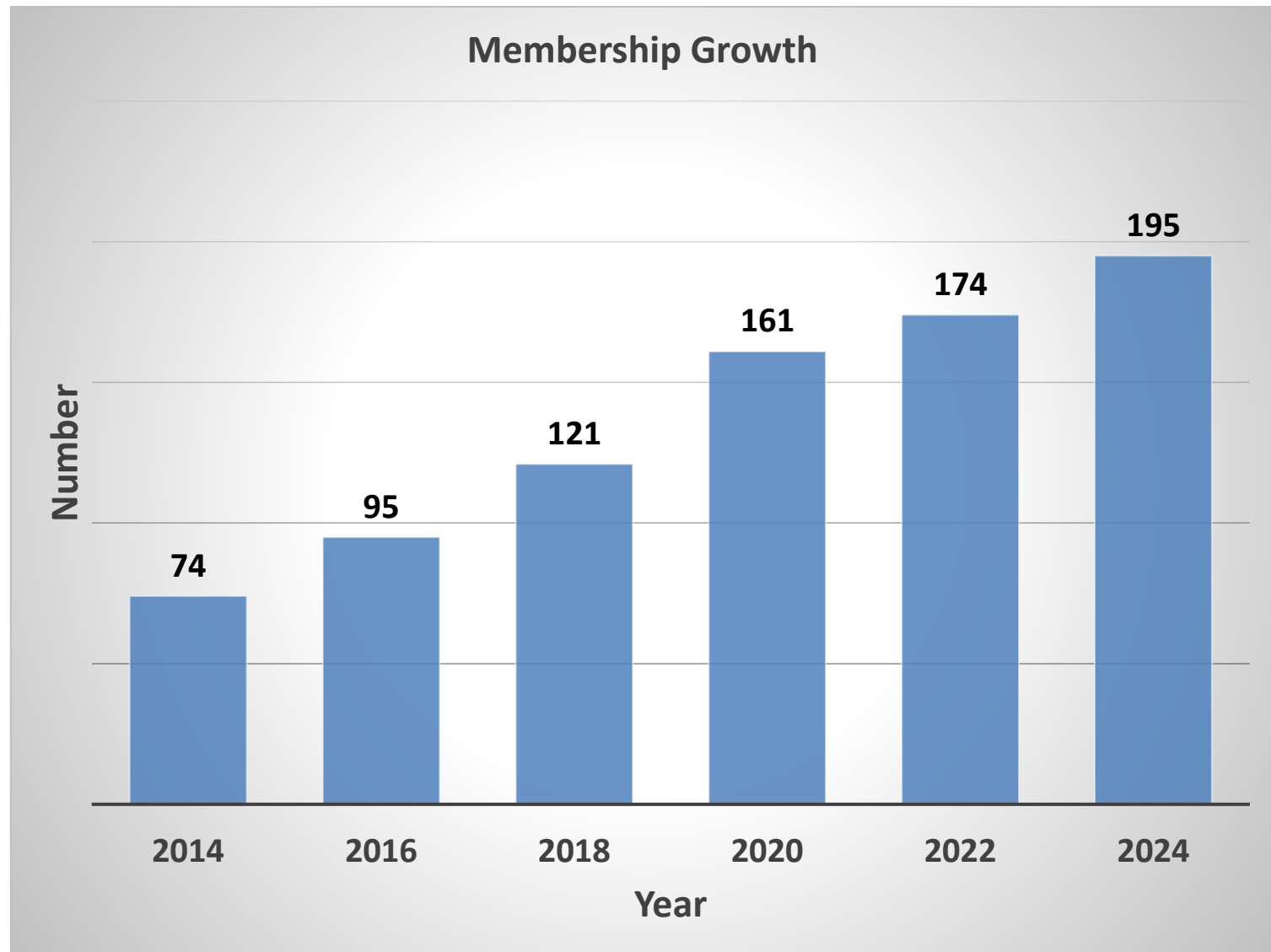
93% area under IP & LCs



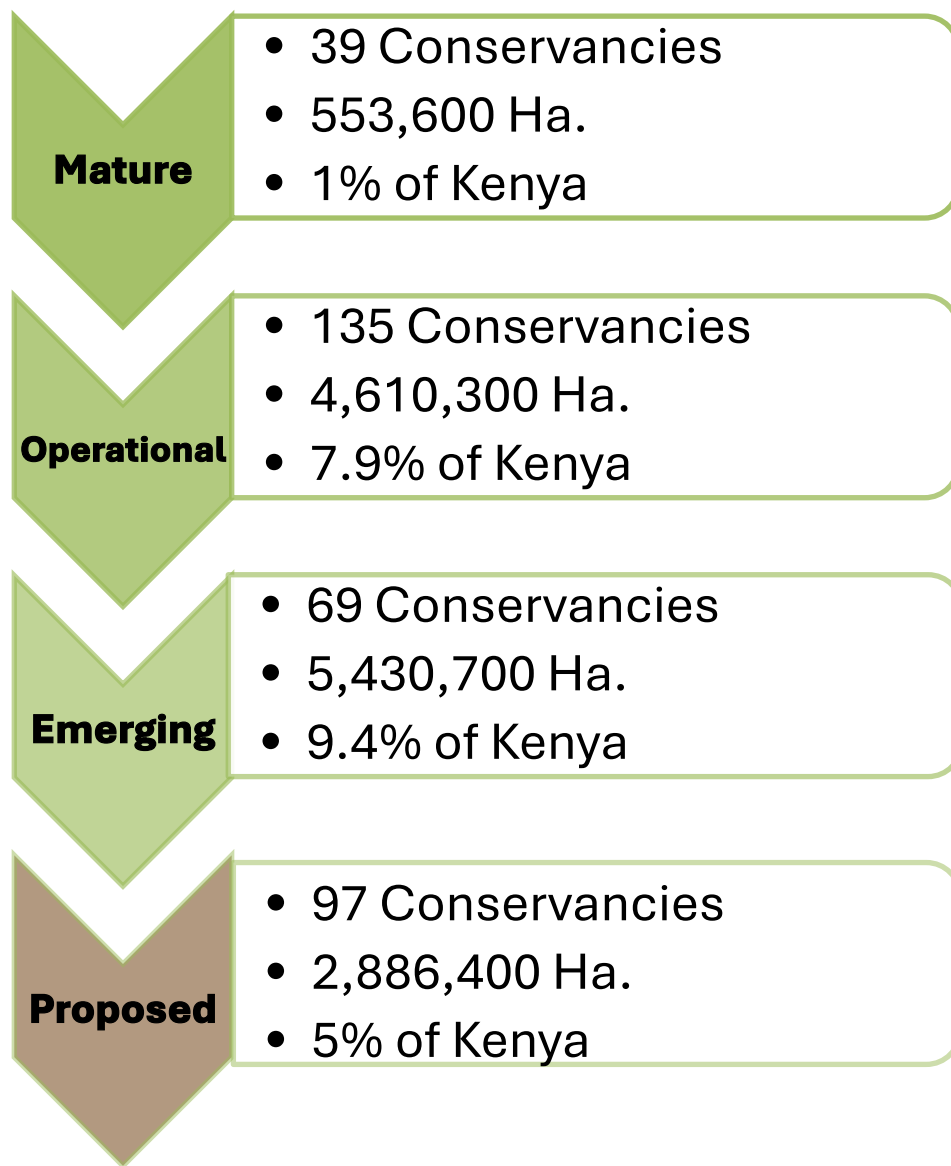
Conservancy Goals:- *More than just wildlife conservation!*



Kenya: Exponential Growth in Conservancies

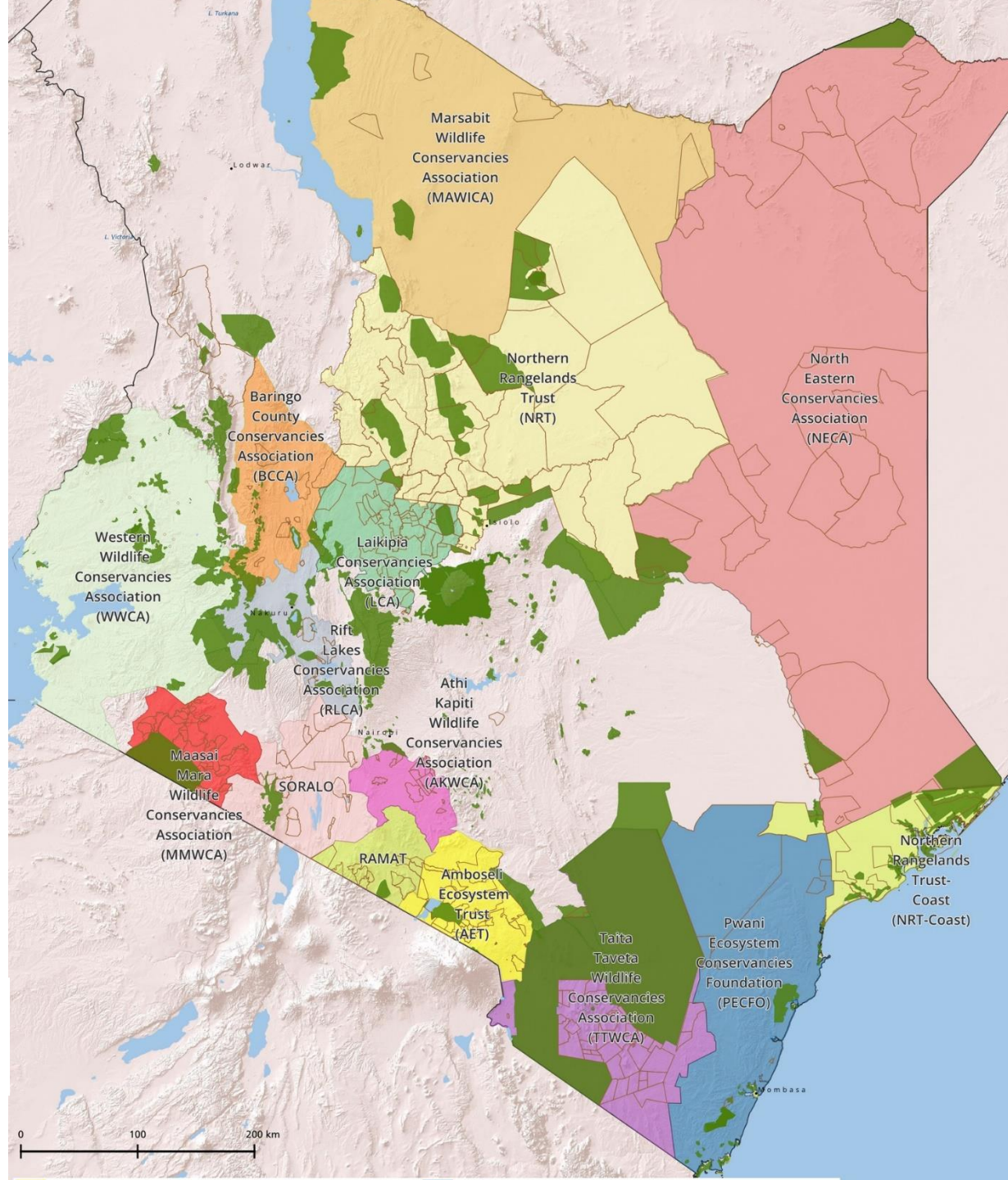


Challenge: The Journey to Maturity



2030 Target:
11.6 Million Ha
20% of Kenya

We partner with 12 Landscape Conservancy Associations





Empowering Women, Engaging Men

Strategies for Gender-Responsive Conservation in Conservancies

Joyce Peshu- Gender officer

The Context

**UNEQUAL LAND
OWNERSHIP**

**LIMITED ACCESS TO
RESOURCES AND
INFORMATION**

**LOW REPRESENTATION
IN LEADERSHIP AND
GOVERNANCE**

**SOCIAL AND CULTURAL
BARRIERS**



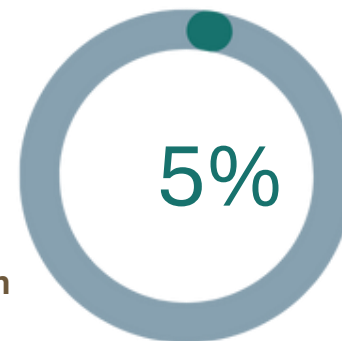
The Status:



2%
2 out of 94
community
conservancies have
female chairperson

Managerial

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Less than 5% of
conservancy
managers are women



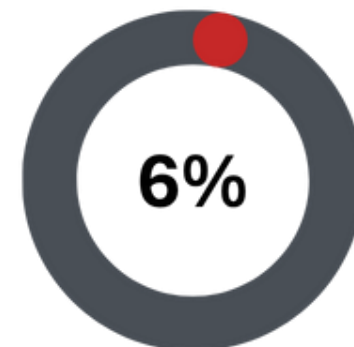
Membership

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Less than 10% of
conservancy
membership
comprises of women



Rangers

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Female rangers only
make up 6% of ranger
workforce in
conservancies



25% of women own agricultural land in Kenya

Resilience Inclusive Sustainable Environments(RISE I &II)



Gender-based violence and environment linkages

Summary for policy makers

Itzá Castañeda Carney, Laura Sabater, Cate Owren and A. Emmett Boyer
Jamie Wen, editor



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Implementing Partner

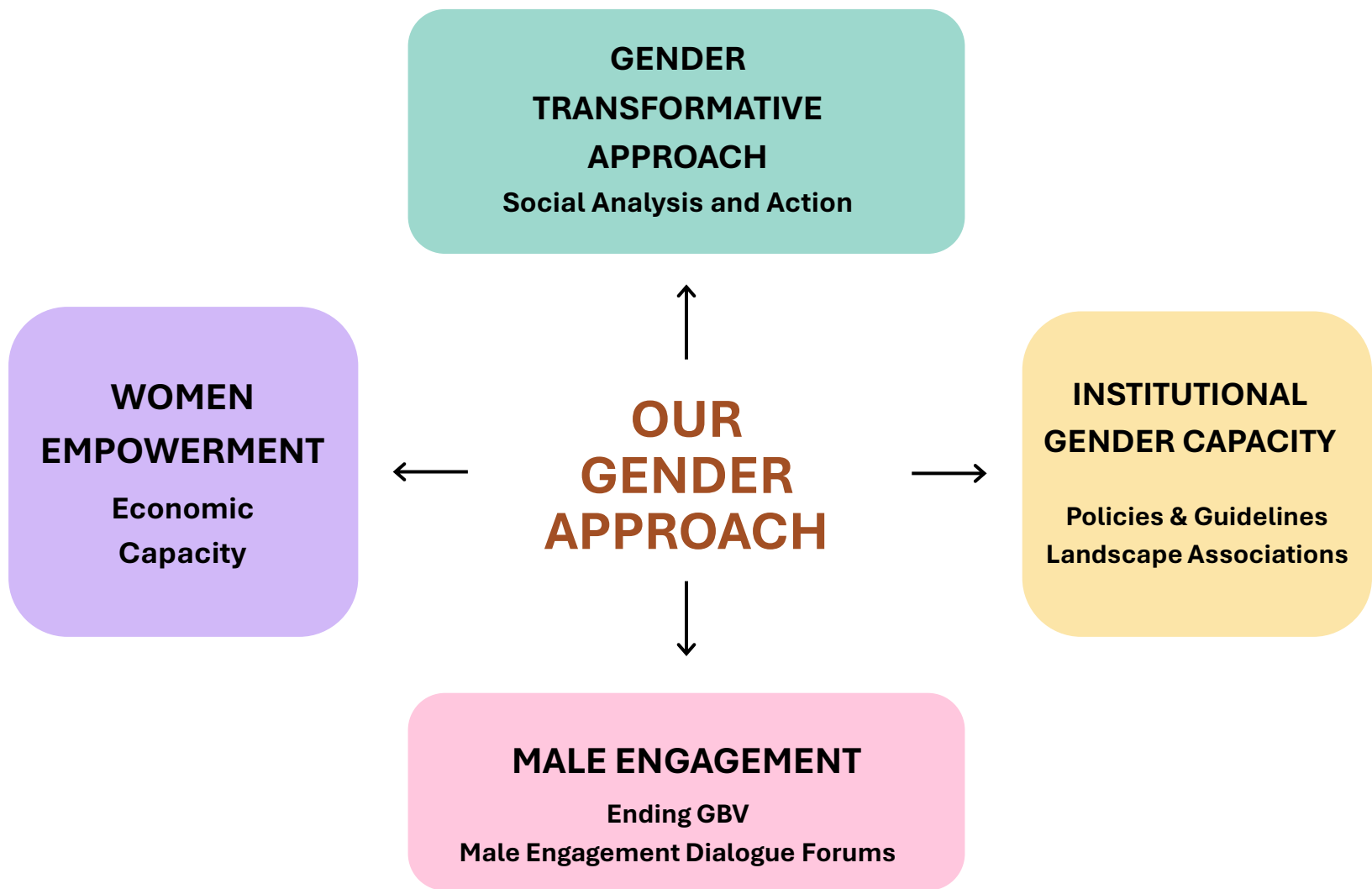


Gender Partners



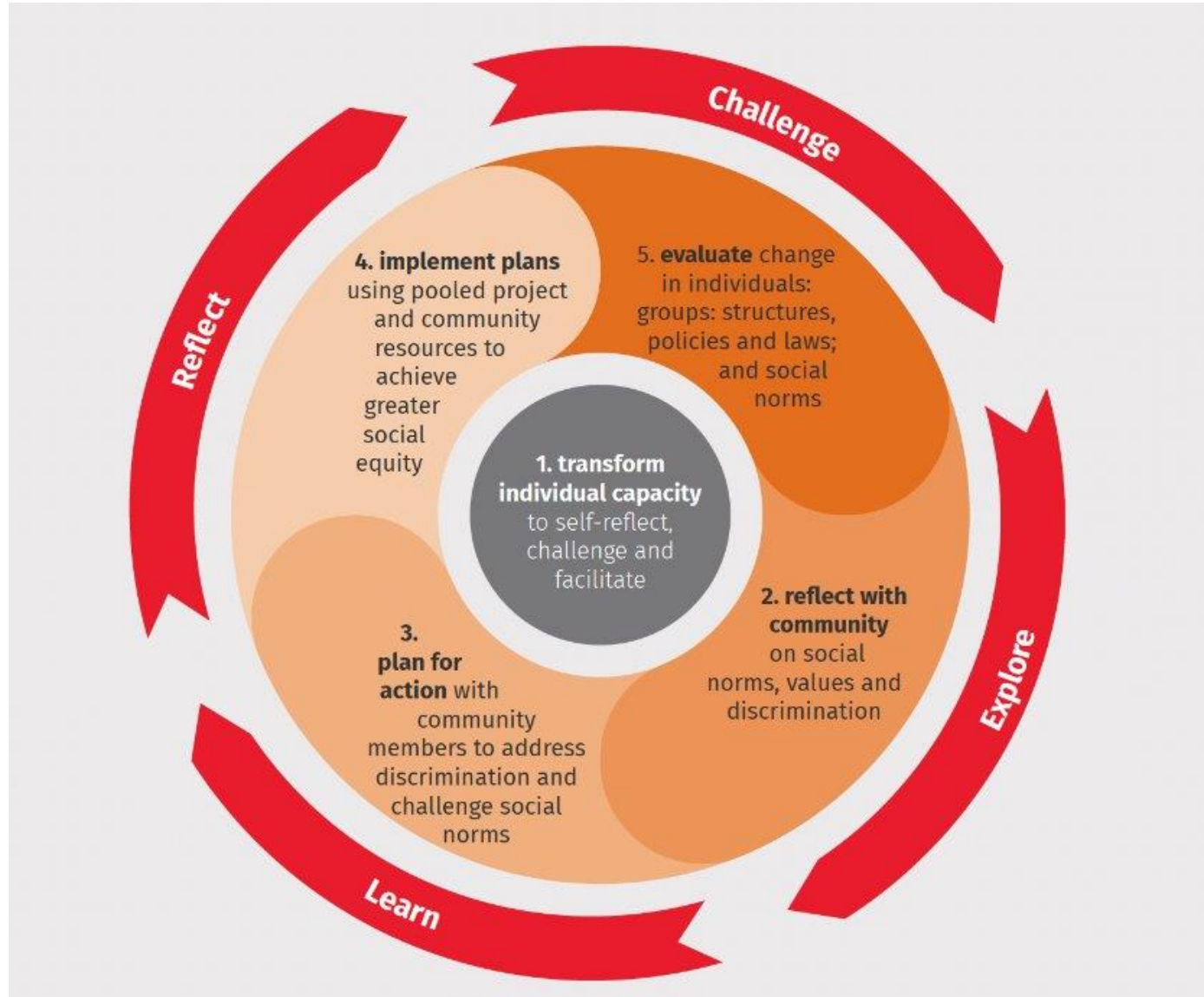
Changing You, Transforming All!





Gender Transformative Approach: Social Analysis & Action

SAA Methodology



Women Empowerment

- Village Savings & Loans Associations
- Women Forums
- Governance Trainings
- Asset financing

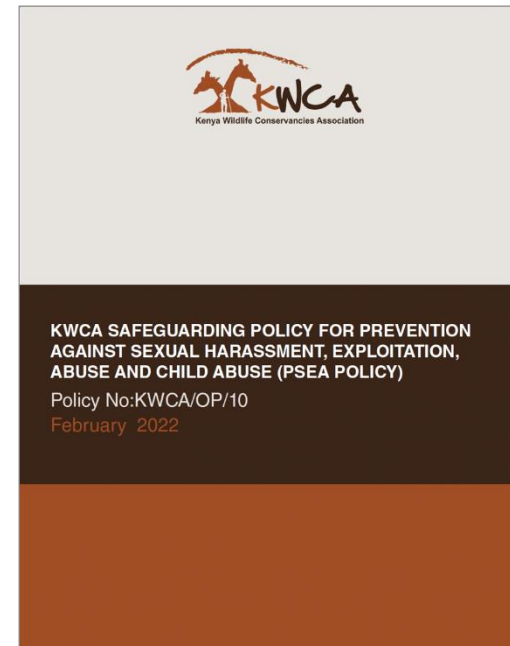
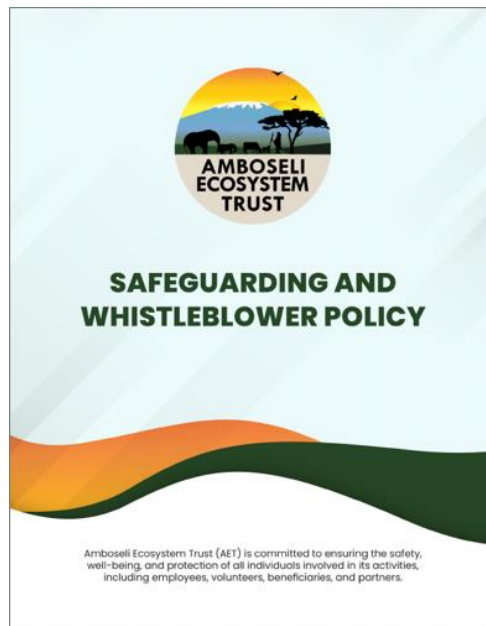
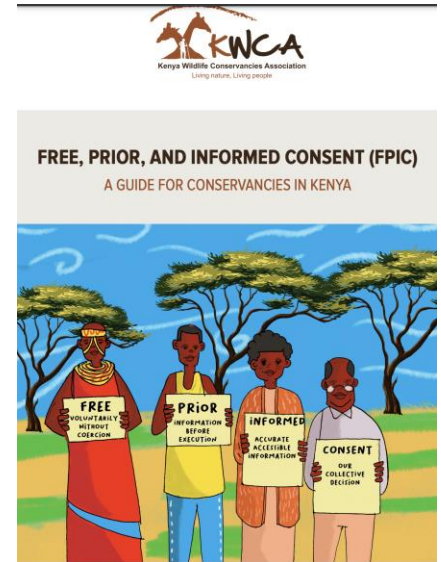
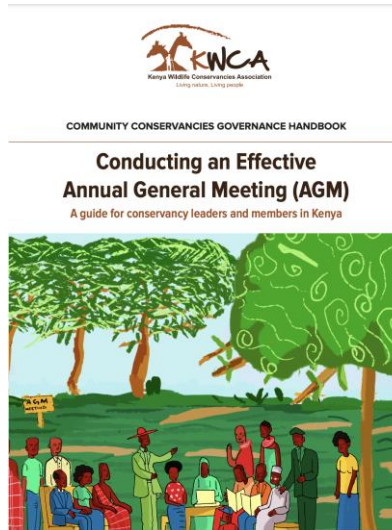
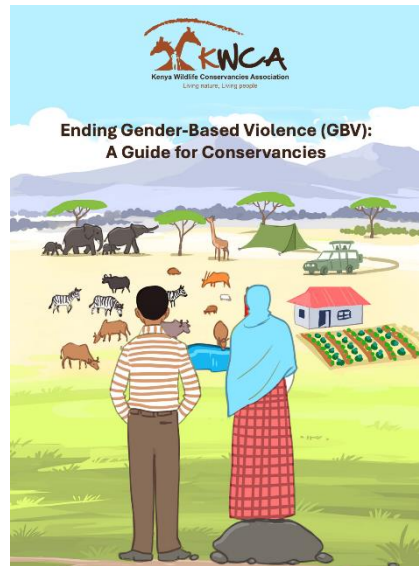
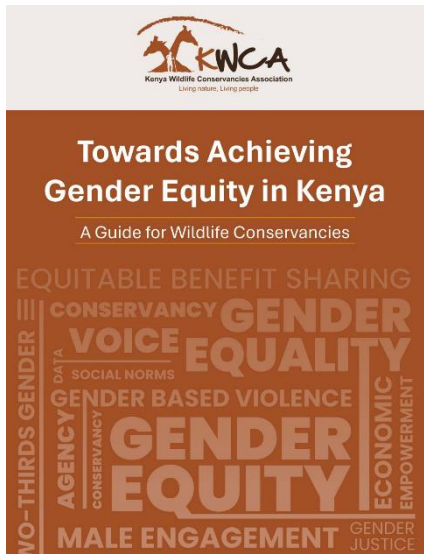




Male Engagement

- Ending Gender Based Violence
- Male Engagement Dialogue Forums

Institutional Capacity: Gender Manuals, Policies and Guidelines



Progress thus far

Systemic Changes

- Policy and Governance reforms:
Constitutional amendment & by-laws
- Inclusive Leadership

Collective advocacy

Mindset change



The Lessons

1

Enabling Policies Are Not Enough

2

Women's Forums Are Critical Spaces

3

Male Engagement Drives Community Buy-in

4

Self-Reflection Enables Behavioural Change

5

Addressing GBV Boosts Women's Participation

6

Integrated Approaches Work Best



Thank you!

