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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under the Auspices of the IGAD BMP project, ICRAF holds annual cross border meeting to foster cross border collaboration on biodiversity conservation. This year, ICRAF held the third cross border stakeholder dialogue platform which was well attended by the cross border participants and yielded insightful recommendation to the project steering committee.

In attendance of the meeting was the IGAD representative, representatives from Somalia and Kenyan Government, Partner organization and consultants implementing different activities of the project as well as other stakeholders involved in biodiversity conservation including International Non-Governmental Organization. Community representatives from Kenya and Somalia were also present during the meeting.

As a side event to the cross border meeting, an external reviewer contracted by ICRAF presented the draft midterm review report of the project process since the inception period to date to give an independent opinion on the project progress and proposed recommendation for improvement, as well as opportunities for scaling out of the BMP project activities to enhance biodiversity conservation in the Kenya Somalia cross border region.

The presentation from Somalia on the project progress was an important output to the third annual cross border meeting. This is because it was during the second cross border meeting when the Somalia delegation identified three key activities to be implemented in Somalia within the current project period. The three activities were on Honey value chain development, support to rainwater harvesting activities in Somalia as well as training on natural resource management.

The meetings also generated items to be included to the concept note on establishment of a cross border network of protected areas. The issues discussed will be enriched by the secretariat chaired by ICRAF.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The IGAD BMP project implemented by ICRAF has a vision to promote conservation of biodiversity in Kenya Somalia cross border area. This is achieved through an integrated approach which include dialogue among the cross border stakeholders on cross border biodiversity conservation. In view of this, ICRAF through the finances from IGAD established a cross border dialogue platform to foster cross border collaboration in biodiversity conservation.

Since inception, the project has held three cross border meetings (June 30-July 2, 2015; April 18-19, 2016 and April 18-19, 2017). The cross border meetings have been instrumental in the BMP project implementation. For example during the second cross border meeting, the participants recommended more emphasis on implementing project activities in Somalia. During the third cross border meeting, the Somalia delegation reported significant, milestones in executing project activities.

Additionally, the cross border platform plays a role in cross border protected area management. The dialogue platform during its third meeting highlighted keys issues for protected area financing. The items which will be enriched by ICRAF to a concept note will then be discussed by a round table of donors for possible funding.

1.1 THE THIRD CROSS BORDER MEETING PROCEEDINGS

The third cross border stakeholder dialogue platform (CBSDP) meeting was held in 18th April 2017 in ICRAF headquarters in Nairobi. The section bellows provides the proceedings of the meeting.

1.1.1 Opening Remarks

Maimbo Malesu; Principal Investigator IGAD BMP



Mr. Malesu standing delivering the opening remarks. Photo credit ICRAF

Mr. Malesu welcomed the participants and acknowledged the presence of the IGAD representative, two minister from Somalia, the Lamu county commissioner, the project partners which included KFS, NMK, NEMA, KWS, WWF and Community representatives. He then requested the participants to introduce themselves

(Annex 1) and outline their expectations (Annex 2). Mr. Malesu invited the IGAD representatives to give his opening remarks.

Dr. Serge Darroze; Team Leader, IGAD BMP

Dr. Serge gave remarks on behalf of the IGAD Secretariat and the IGAD BMP project manager, Dr. Berhe. In his remarks, Dr. Serge noted that IGAD BMP has made significant steps towards regional policies on biodiversity. He noted that IGAD is in the process of seeking best approaches to rolling out the regional policies to national level policies of the IGAD member states. He appreciated the significant improvement of ICRAF component of the IGAD BMP especially the intervention that are ongoing in Somalia laying emphasis on the cross border nature of the project. He acknowledged the good representation from Somalia. He wished that the meeting will generate deliberation and recommendations to support the second phase of the project.

Hon. Mohamed Yusuf Omar, Minister for Water, Energy and mineral resources, Jubaland state, Somalia

Hon. Mohamed Yusuf read his official speech as below;

“First, I want to take this opportunity to thank the European Union, IGAD and the implementing agency ICRAF. After that I would like to thank the two leading consultants, other officials who supported the project to realize current achievements. In the process of this project implementation, ICRAF arranged different meeting both Kenya and Somalia especially Mogadishu, Kismayo, Nairobi, Lamu and some other different places in Kenya and in all these areas the dignified persons have gained much new things and skills that could bring positive input towards the successful implementation of the project.

The project especially target biodiversity and livelihood sustainability like Honey production and water catchment for water harvesting both in Kenya and Somalia and it has initiated livelihoods interventions for the beneficiaries in intervention areas. This is the first implemented project so far done in these cross-bordering areas and I hope more other similar projects will be implemented in future which could bring livelihood sustainability to benefit communities in different parts of Somalia.

Once again with those few remarks, I would like to say thank you all.”

Mr. Joseph Kanyiri; Lamu County commissioner

Mr. Kanyiri thanked ICRAF for the good collaboration, he noted that security has improved in the project site to the extent that United Kingdom (UK) and France have lifted the travel ban to Lamu. The extended drought period has resulted in increased human wildlife conflict, it is therefore important to have closer look at the mega project and its impacts on biodiversity. In addition he called upon the cross border stakeholders to explore the potential in the inland waters.

Hon. Kaviha Khamisi County Minister for trade, tourism and forest

Hon. Kaviha applauded the cross border stakeholders for their efforts to conserve cross border biodiversity. He emphasized the need to sustainably manage the mangroves and forest cover for ecological sustainability. Spatial plan will aid in conservation of biodiversity hotspots some of which are endemic to the cross border site. He appreciated the efforts of ICRAF in supporting communities with relevant technologies such as rainwater harvesting for biodiversity conservation through establishment of tree seedlings for enrichment planting, establishing woodlots for wood fuel production as well as generate income hence source of livelihood.

Kiunga Kareko; WWF, Kenya

Mr. Kareko emphasized the need for cross border collaboration in Sea turtle conservation as well as community participation in biodiversity conservation.

Official opening remarks

Dr. Serge on behalf of Dr. Berhe delivered the official opening remarks. In his remarks, Dr. Serge noted that drought has strong impact on the program hence there is need for coping mechanism. He hoped that the spatial planning will help address land use challenges. He informed the participants that IGAD would be happy to support the second phase of the BMP project and the request already presented to the EU. With this remarks, he declared the meeting open.

1.2 Presentations

1.2.1 IGAD BMP Midterm review

Ms. Monica Nyang:Consulstant

From assessing the activities and approaches adopted by the BMP project, the midterm reviewer noted that the Programme has made milestone towards achieving biodiversity conservation. This include bringing together key stakeholders, collaborators partners and communities in a harmonized response to conservation of biodiversity.

The Project provided sufficient support to the planned processes for community agro-forestry and ecosystems restoration. By working closely with KFS and communities, the activities focused on establishing nurseries tree seedlings acquisition and planting to achieve reforestation and natural regeneration. Similarly, farmers received seedlings for community agroforestry as planned and were mobilized for tree planting. In the farmlands, there was a better survival of seedlings, since households had access to water sources. Due to droughts, the moving cattle herds destroyed a sizeable proportion of the planted trees inside farms and protected areas. Overall, the planned activities under ecosystems restoration and community agroforestry where generally achieved.

There is significant progress in development of management plans for the protected areas. The original plan to target Awer Conservancy which had more cross border relevance was hindered by insecurity and resultant security operations. The management plan for Hanshak–Nyongoro conservancy which was later targeted is awaiting endorsement after a successful participatory development process. The development of the plan was accompanied by a successful capacity building programme. This intervention has benefited Hanshak–Nyongoro conservancy with better wildlife monitoring equipment and wildlife monitoring system, trained and proficient staff in wildlife Wildlife-Conservancy Management Monitoring System (COMMS) and shelter for the rangers which was lacking before. As for Somalia, the plan\vision was completed and submitted to relevant stakeholders for adoption and implementation.

The Programme has made remarkable progress in building capacity of the community in various project areas of focus. All the beneficiaries of biodiversity based value chains including, bee-keeping, horticulture and agro-forestry were trained and are applying the acquired knowledge in actual practice. The communities have also learnt the skill of rain water harvesting and establishment of ground water extraction systems.



Ms. Monica Nyang making her presentation on the midterm review report (Photo credit: ICRAF)

Feedback from the cross border stakeholders on the IGAD BMP midterm review

The following comments/ feedback after presentation was provided by the following people;

Dr. Serge Darroze, IGAD representative

1. IGAD financed the project not the EU
2. Include WWF in the partner list
3. Restrict the objective to the ICRAF project not the overall BMP project
4. Consider other factors that led to decrease in bee population other than drought
5. Need for detailed explanation of the results
6. The forex issues is unclear, the exchange rates has been high which translates to more money to ICRAF
7. Marine issues have not been included in the report
8. The issue on lack of database is unclear, ICRAF and IGAD have a number of database for archiving the data

Salim Bunu (NEMA)

NEMA was left out in the stakeholders list and it is a key stakeholder and the IGAD focal point

Kiunga Kareko (WWF)

1. The report has not mentioned whether the seedlings were given to farmers at no cost, also the type of species planted and whether indigenous or exotic

Abdulmalik Abdullahi (IRDO)

2. The report focused on Kenya side and the secondary data for Somalia is incorrect

Joseph Kanyiri (Lamu county commissioner)

3. The report does not clearly elaborate whether the low seedling survival is due to drought or poor management practices
4. Water harvesting technologies need to be scaled out and up

Khamisi Kaviha (CEC trade, Lamu County)

1. As for the enrichment planting what species were used? This should come out clearly in the report. KFS and ICRAF should ensure that appropriate trees for the right place are planted by farmers

1.2.2 Progress of BMP activity implementation in Ras Kamboni-Somalia, *Abdullahi Mustafa; Savana consultancy limited*

Prior to the pilot activities, baseline assessment was carried out in Ras Kamboni by Savana Consultancy through financial and technical support from World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) in the following sectors:

- Awareness and mobilization on the management of natural resources
- Rain water harvesting and water catchments improvement
- Honey Value chain development

Based on the recommendations from the assessment, Savana initiated implementation of identified activities aimed at achieving the following objectives:

1. To mobilize community and create awareness on Natural Resource Management (NRM)
2. To pilot rainwater harvesting and associated water catchment improvement interventions
3. To support the development of value chains which are based on biodiversity related ecosystem services and goods (beginning with honey value chain)

Progress on mobilization and creation of awareness on NRM

A five day community mobilization engaging the local authority together with the 300 local communities of Ras Kamboni was conducted in Jan to Feb 2017 to create awareness on BMP project and NRM. The training emphasized the need for effective management strategies of locally available natural resources. The need for soil, water and vegetation conservation in the area and prevent environmental degradation to ensure sustainable use of natural resources.



Some local communities in Ras Kamboni during the mobilization on natural resource management in Somalia area of the project site.

Progress on rain water activities in Ras-kamboni Somalia

Access to drinking water remains a challenge in the area. Locals were therefore sensitized on the need for rain water harvesting to mitigate the challenges. Through the ICRAF-IGADBMP project support, one (1) important water catchment locally known as *War Seerka* was rehabilitated in the area. Over 50 locals participated in the de-silting of *War Seerka* water catchment with small daily incentives. This was done to expand the capacity of the catchment to hold more water for the dry periods as well as improve water quality. Once the water is available, communities will use the water for establishment of nurseries and horticultural crops to minimize dependence on natural environment and ensure conservation of natural resources.



Some community members desilting the water pan in Ras Kamboni

Progress on Honey value chain activity

The pilot project introduced Modern Bee keeping in Ras Kamboni which is seen as more sustainable and environment friendly and is economically viable and expected to contribute to poverty reduction and livelihood diversification in the BMP project sites in the Kenya Somalia cross border area.

Considerable local community interest has been generated in the area around the project and bee keeping in particular. Two trainings were held for local honey producer's one in Kismayo and Ras Kamboni. Fifty (50) beneficiaries, in groups of 5, received modern beehives and appropriate tools. Ten hives were distributed to beneficiaries in Ras Kamboni. Nine out of 10 hives were

successfully installed within the first two weeks of the pilot. Severe and prolonged drought currently prevailing in the area has impacted this activity mainly on low colonization.



Beneficiaries assessing the lang-stroth hives delivered by the ICRAF-IGAD BMP project



Beneficiaries inspecting Honey harvesting gear and catcher boxes delivered by the ICRAF-IGAD BMP project

Based on the activity progress so far, savanna consultancy made the following recommendations

- There is need for all stakeholders to find solution to the water scarcity in the accessible parts of Lag Badana Bush Bush in the shortest time possible. This could include drilling of strategically located boreholes and concrete rainwater harvesting structures including initiating new water dams and distribution of tanks for maximizing water harvests.
- Scale up of the HVC development activities to reach more community members
- The local authority and the Central government with internal or external assistance, need to prioritize infrastructure development and service delivery in the area terms (e.g. Education and health) and improve security outside the coastal belt

1.2.3 Progress of BMP activity implementation in Bur Gabo-Somalia,

Abdulmalik Abdullahi- Imaan Relief and Development Organization (IRDO)

1.2.3.1. Progress recorded

IRDO undertook a baseline assessment survey of honey value chain development, rain water harvesting and communities awareness on natural resource management and shared detailed report with ICRAF. The groups reached include local authority, elders, youth and women who were interviewed during the assessment. IRDO conducted training on honey value chain for 50 identified participants–. The 50 participants received bee hives and established apiary in Matabani village.

Of the 300 beneficiary's targeted for training on Rain Water Harvesting and Natural Resource Management, 250 people have been reached during the phase of training.



Beneficiaries of training on natural resource management in Burgabo

1.2.3.2. Opportunities in Burgabo

- Burgabo has so many resources however, fishing was found to be the main source of livelihood and income generation. The communities' practice traditional fishing using locally available fishing equipment's such as fish hooks, nets and local boats which are all locally made.
- A recommendation was made that, besides bee keeping the fishing industry is also an important ecosystem based enterprise that can be explored to improve the livelihood of the Burgabo communities.

1.2.3.3. Challenges

- Endangered species e.g. sea turtle are hunted by the community
- Limited awareness on importance of NRM hence not aware of the importance of natural resource management and biodiversity conservation
- Limited access to clean drinking water

- Insecurity: bee hive installation could not be done more than 3 kilometers away from Burgabo town

1.2.3.4. Recommendation

- There is little knowledge in regards to Biodiversity in the community. This calls for continued awareness and sensitization of the community.
- Bur Gabo experience water scarcity challenges. On average, 20Litres of water cost **100/=KESH (\$1 USD)**. The few available shallow water sources are salty and not suitable for drinking and cooking. There is need to construct more Berkads and water pans to mitigate water scarcity situation in Bur Gabo.

1.3 Group work

After presentation, from the midterm consultant, and the two partner organization in Somalia, the moderator requested the participants to split into two group to deliberate on key issues to be included in the concept note to establish cross border network of protected areas. Each group discussion was based on a different theme with objectives, methods to achieve the objectives, proposed activities of the network and recommendation to the transboundary steering committee as below;

1.3.1 Group 1: To Be A World Class Biodiversity Management Platform

Objectives of the network

- To Share experiences and Research information on Biodiversity Management (BDM)
- Tap and indigenous knowledge systems on BDM
- To promote best practices in BDM

Methods to achieve the above objectives

- Undertake Cross Boarder meetings , Seminars and workshops
- Create liaison with other existing networks
- To undertake Project demonstration sites
- Develop joint work plans, project proposals and model conservancies

Proposed activities for the cross border network of protected areas

- Sensitization meetings for communities at cross boarder
- Field studies on Eco systems
- Develop meeting schedules
- Undertake cross boarder field visits and exchange programmes
- Promote alternative livelihoods of local communities in conservation areas
- Promote use of Energy saving technologies
- Capacity building for Government ministries in relation BMP.

Recommendation to transboundary committee

1. Initiate activities towards conservation of endangered species (Terrestrial and Marine) at cross border areas e.g. turtles, mangroves
2. Facilitate mobilization of relevant funds



Group one participants during the discussion

1.3.2 Group 2: A well-managed Trans boundary network of protected areas that ensures a vibrant biodiversity that supports sustainable livelihood

Objectives

- Improved cross-border security
- Effective protected area management
- Sustainable financing and livelihood
- Institutional/trans-boundary collaboration and learning exchange

Methods to achieve the objectives

- Establish focal point to contact environmental agencies from Somalia and connect them to that of Kenya, fisheries to fisheries, etc.

- Neighboring administrative units should liaise to exchange information and strategies
- Develop and implement Transboundary management plan (wildlife, marine, operations, etc.)
- Research and data on pertinent issues of concerns on biodiversity and sustainable livelihood interaction across borders for example conflict management, pest and diseases and conservation.

Activities to be implemented by the network

- Community awareness
- Capacity building on identified initiatives
- Identify and map wildlife migratory routes
- Facilitate implementation of water projects
- Establish tree nurseries
- Tracking and monitoring of livestock to address over grazing/browsing

Recommendation to transboundary steering committee

- Form coalition of conservation/operation entities across borders
- Yearly/continuous monitoring and evaluation activity to inform programming
- Support water development project as a priority
- Have a more significant ICRAF presence on the ground
- Explore diverse funding opportunities to support long term biodiversity management project



Group two participants during the discussion

After the group discussions, the moderator guided the participants through a session to generate recommendation for the transboundary meeting based on the presentation as well as the group discussions.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE TRANSBOUNDARY STEERING COMMITTEE

The cross border meeting generated the following general recommendations to the transboundary committee, to;

1. strengthen the coordination of the BMP activities in the Kenya Somalia cross border area
2. advocate for sustainable livelihood options and mobilization for relevant funds
3. promote use of local knowledge to enhance sustainability of project interventions e.g. selective harvesting of mangrove and use of indigenous knowledge to manage tree seedlings
4. explore the possibility to facilitate an NRM officer to support monitoring and evaluation of BMP project in Somalia
5. advise the partners to adopt suitable species for specific site especially drought resistant species to enhance resilience to climate change in project sites
6. prioritize access to clean water in the project sites
7. employ a landscape approach when developing concept note to attract different donors
8. Initiate activities towards conservation of endangered species (Terrestrial and Marine) at cross border areas e.g. turtles, mangroves
9. form a cross border network of protected areas

ANNEXES

Annex 1: List of participant who attended cross border meeting

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Annex 2: List of expectations

1. To learn more about the biodiversity especially on matters that have direct effect on livelihoods e.g. agroforestry, bee keeping and fish farming
2. To improve security in the area so that people can comfortably work on their farmlands
3. Understand information dissemination on various research areas under BMP, how can we access the publications generated from BMP project
4. At the end of the event, come up with clear way forward and strategies for the project
5. Come up with coordination mechanism for effective cross border cooperation
6. To interact with various stakeholders and share experiences
7. Get to know from others what are their expectations when dealing with biodiversity, challenges and collaborators
8. Understand what Mpala does with regards to biodiversity
9. Learn good practices to improve biodiversity
10. Brainstorm on strategies to fund raise to allow the project continuation
11. The platform will deliberate on improving community livelihood
12. Exposure to different strategies to conserve biodiversity
13. Get an update on the progress of the project, milestone and challenges
14. Learn more on practical solution to biodiversity management
15. How can biodiversity and livelihood be balanced?
16. Understand the role of development project affecting protected area e.g. LAPPSET and Lamu coal plant

Annex 3: Program cross border meeting

Time	Activity	Responsible
0830 – 0900	Arrival and registration of participants	Eunice Wamwangi
0900 - 0915	Introductions: - Objectives, Agenda, expectations,	M. Malesu
0915 – 0945	Opening remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICRAF Representative – Regional Coordinator (5mins) - Kenyan Government – NMK representative (5mins) - Somali Government – Federal & South Jubba State Government (5 mins) - County Commissioner Lamu – (5 mins) - IGAD representative - Official opening speech (10mins) 	M. Malesu
0945 - 1100	Brief Update report on the IGAD BMP	Monica Nyang
1100 - 1130	Group Photo and Tea/Coffee break	Tabitha Obara
1130 - 1200	Progress on activities in Ras Kiamboni, Savanna	Savanna consultant
1200 - 1230	Progress on activities in Burgabo, IRDO	IRDO consultant
1230 - 1300	Plenary session based on the presentations	Maimbo Malesu
1300-1400	Lunch break	All
1400 - 1415	Presentation of the draft concept note on establishment of network of cross border protected areas	Malesu
1415 - 1530	Break out into various groups to discuss the concept note and select items for inclusion in the vision	All
1530 - 1600	Presentation by the group leaders	Group leaders
1600 - 1630	Coffee break	All
1630 - 1700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on preparation of the vision on cross border protected area Biodiversity system • Recommendations to the Trans boundary committee • Fund Raising for Phase II – Round Table of donors 	M. Malesu
1700 - 1730	Closing session	IGAD