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Seascape (North East Kenya and South East Somalia)**



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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The transboundary steering committee is a fifteen member team whose role is to advise on the performance of project management so as to realize the envisaged objectives and goals of BMP. They monitor progress and advice on cross cutting issues related to activity implementation. Additionally, the committee links project implementation at the cross border pilot site level to the IGAD-EU programme level and vice versa.

ICRAF organizes the transboundary steering committee back to back with the cross border stakeholder dialogue platform meeting. The meeting which was held on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 was chaired by Dr. Serge Darroze on behalf of Dr. Debalkew Berhe (IGAD BMP Project Manager). The committee assessed the project progress based on the presentation made by the ICRAF- IGAD BMP Project Manager (Mr. Josephat Nyongesa). The committee reviewed the recommendations from the cross border meeting and formulated ideas for moving forward within the current project phase and the recommended second phase.

After reviewing project progress presented, the transboundary committee noted significant milestones recorded in project implementation especially in Somalia. The committee emphasized the need to adopt coping mechanism to address threats to biodiversity conservation especially conflict, drought and selection of suitable tree species for suitable ecological sites. Management of grazing lands was also pointed out to minimize human to human conflict between the farmers and the pastoral communities in the project sites.

During the plenary session, the transboundary steering committee discussed; water management issues, response to conflict, human-human and human wildlife conflict and use of trees for sustainable ecosystem management. The meeting reviewed the recommendations generated by the cross border stakeholder dialogue platform and synthesized them into immediate, medium and long-term recommendation. At the end of the meeting, the committee generated a number of proposal to the project implementers.

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The ICRAF, IGAD BMP transboundary steering committee meeting is composed of fifteen people selected from; IGAD, EU, ICRAF, and the member state. Each member state has a representation from the national focal point, the key stakeholder, other stakeholders and community representatives. The committee meets once per year to review and advice on the:

1. progress of the IGAD -BMP project at the cross border pilot sites,
2. activity plans for the ongoing year,
3. engagement and performance of partnerships and stakeholders and
4. cross border aspects of the project.

ICRAF convenes the meetings and provide secretariat support to the steering committee. The IGAD representative chairs the meeting.

### **1.1 Objectives of the meeting**

The meeting had the following objectives;

1. To review the IGAD BMP project progress delivered by the ICRAF-
2. Review the recommendations presented by the cross border dialogue platform
3. Based on the progress presentation and recommendation from the cross border dialogue platform, formulate pertinent issues of cross border nature that affect/contribute to project progress
4. Make recommendations on the way forward to improve on future successful project implementation

## 1.2 Proceedings of the Meeting

### Opening Remarks

#### *Dr. Serge Darroze, IGAD BMP representative*

Dr. Serge welcomed the members and thanked them for attending the meeting. He informed them that Dr. Berhe was unable to attend the meeting, he was therefore representing him. He noted that IGAD BMP is engaging the EU with a proposal for the second phase of the project and the recommendation from the meeting will be useful in enriching the proposal.

Dr. Serge welcomed Mr. Nyongesa to present the ICRAF implemented IGAD BMP project progress.

### 1.2.1 ICRAF IGAD BMP Project Progress

#### *Josephat Nyongesa; ICRAF-IGAD BMP Project Manager*

The table below provides a summary of the project progress per the expected output indicators. The progress covers the period from inception to April, 2017. The progress is categorized into two result areas.

**Table 1:** Result Area 1: Conservation of Cross-Border Biodiversity Land/Seascapes Strengthened and Institutional Capacities for Management Improved.

Expected project outputs	Progress by April, 2017
1.1 Cross-Border Stakeholder Dialogue Platform for Biodiversity Management established for coastal zone by Q4 2015 and regular meetings thereafter	The Cross-Border Stakeholder Dialogue Platform was established in April 18-19, 2016. The April, 2017 cross border dialogue platform is the third cross border meeting.

Expected project outputs	Progress by April, 2017
1.2 Proposal for developing a cross-border network of biodiversity conservation areas prepared & transmitted to the relevant national decision makers by Q4_2016	The ideas has been conceptualized. Among the key outputs of the third cross border meeting is to deliberate on the establishment of the cross border network of protected areas.
1.3 Fourteen researchers exchanged between Somalia and Kenya to build capacity for biodiversity conservation and NRM by Q4_2017	<p>The activity is completed.</p> <p>A Workshop was organized in Oct. 1-2, 2015 to build capacity of stakeholders for biodiversity conservation and natural resource management. Following the workshop was a write shop and field excursion in Nov. 16-27, 2015 which produced a Book on biodiversity based value chains. The book is in press.</p>
1.4 Biodiversity loss and drivers better understood in the demo sites and solutions communicated to decision makers, by Q4_2017.	<p>The activity is completed.</p> <p>The report documenting information on biodiversity loss and drivers in the cross border area was disseminated to relevant stakeholders in Kenya and Somalia. The project team is generating a policy brief from the report.</p>
1.5. 200 people trained and supported in natural resource Value Chains (VC) by Q4_2015	<p>Activity achieved beyond target:</p> <p>In Kenya 99 farmers were trained on honey value chain, two registered farmer groups (Witu Nyongoro Bee Keepers and Ecosystem Conservators in Witu and New Kumekucha Bee Keepers in Maisha) were supported with modern apiculture equipment. Demonstration sites on apiculture established in two sites (Maisha Masha and Kakate).</p>

Expected project outputs	Progress by April, 2017
	In Somalia, 100 beneficiaries in Ras Kamboni (50) and Burgabo (50) received training and support on modern bee keeping. Two demonstration sites have been established one in each site.
1.6a Training and support on tree planting and rainwater harvesting 1,000 people by Q3_2017	In Kenya, 700 farmers were trained on agroforestry by KFS, additional 315 trained through farmers exchange program and field days. Four demo sites have been established in Tangeni, Soroko/TCN, Kakate and Maisha Masha. In Somalia: <b>RAAS</b> established four pilot demo sites; 2 for RWH and 2 for soil and water conservation on 2 farms, 15 community farmers and 115 members of farmers cooperatives (Kurtumaley and Dibujuu) trained <b>IRDO</b> trained 270 beneficiaries on Rainwater Harvesting. <b>Savana</b> trained 300 participants on rainwater harvesting and supported in rehabilitation of one shallow well in Ras Kamboni.
1.6b 500 farmers plant and manage 40 surviving trees on their farms by Q3_2017	Kenya: 100 farmers planted 11,650 tree seedlings (assorted species; Casuarinas equisetifolia, Cassia siamea, Eucalyptus camaldulensis, Gmelina arborea, Afzelia quanzensis/ markhamia lutea/ milicia excels, Termilia spinosa/ azadiracta india)
1.7 Degraded sites in protected areas enriched with indigenous tree species by Q3_2017	20HA degraded sites [10 in Kipini forest and 10 in Witu forest] mapped for enrichment through replanting and 3HA identified for natural regeneration [2HA in Kipini and 1HA in Witu forests). Tree seedlings planted: 12,000 in Witu degraded sites, 15000 in Kipini.



Expected project outputs	Progress by April, 2017
1.8 Communication strategy drafted, at least 5 communication packages distributed to relevant stakeholders	Communication strategy developed/under implementation; 2 technical briefs, 1 newsletter, Brochure in English, Swahili and Somali, 2 working papers published

**Table 2:** Result Area 2. Policies for Sustainable Ecosystem Management and Biodiversity Conservation at both the National and Regional Level Improved.

Expected project outputs	Progress by April, 2017
2.1 Biodiversity and socio-economic information collected, compiled and shared with stakeholders by Q4 2015	5 terrestrial and marine biodiversity assessment reports compiled, disseminated in stakeholders workshop and final reports shared with relevant authorities in Somalia and Kenya.
2.2 Two local planning units (Lamu& Badhaadhe) supported with equipment and training by Q2 2015	Kenya: ICRAF facilitated training on GIS -Quantum Geographical Information System (QGIS) in April 25 <sup>th</sup> to May 6 <sup>th</sup> 2016 for 13 participants, 1 resource unit established  Somalia:2 personnel trained on QGIS will provide technical support to their relevant ministries
2.3 Spatial Planning led by Lamu County government supported to be more participatory and supportive of biodiversity and draft Spatial Plan is transmitted to relevant authorities by Q3_2016.	LUP technical committee formed, Working with the County Spatial Plan consultant to mainstream biodiversity information into county spatial plan.

Expected project outputs	Progress by April, 2017
2.4 Two cross border exchange visits organized to strengthen stakeholder skills in biodiversity management by Q4_2015	2 exchange visits were made to Coastal area in Kenya in 2015 and to NRT-Laikipia 2016. The third cross border exchange visit for 2017 to Mpala Research Centre.
2.5a Plan for establishment of a management system for Laga Badana Bush Bushle Reserve prepared and submitted to Somali authorities for approval by Q3_2017	The activity was completed. The plan\ Vision was submitted to Somalia authorities for adoption and implementation. The plan was published as working paper.
2.5b One Management Plan for the Hanshak Nyongoro Conservancy in Kenya prepared and submitted for approval to relevant government agencies by Q3_2016	NRT developed 1 Community Development Management Plan (CDMP) and 1 Community Conservation Monitoring System (COMMS) for the Hanshak Nyongoro conservancy. ICRAF procured and delivered equipment; tents, laptop computers, printer and GPS to support NRT.
2.6 <i>Six (6) training sessions on integrating biodiversity conservation &amp; use at landscape scale into LUP for an average of 20 people / session from local governments, communities, CSOs, NGOs &amp; protected area managers carried out by Q2_2015</i>	Activity completed.  This indicator was implemented as per amendment request to IGAD. Over 351 participants benefited. The public event in Witu (July 22, 2015) was organized on “creating awareness on <i>Improving Livelihoods through Biodiversity Management</i> ”. In March, 17-22, 2016, training was organized at two levels; [1] residential workshop and [2] open public forum. Sessions aimed at raising awareness and provide training on opportunities offered by KWS Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013. The Training Manual was published.

### 1.2.2 Plenary session based on presentation on the IGAD BMP project progress

Dr. Serge thanked Josephat for the detailed presentation and welcomed the participants to provide comments based on the presentation.

**Table 3:** Plenary discussion on presentation

Questions\comments	Response
Was the vision for reestablishment of a protected area shared with the relevant authorities in Somalia?	Yes, the vision was shared with the ministry of water, energy and mineral resources and the ministry of environment. Additionally, the report was shared with the focal point; ministry of Forest, Livestock and Range lands.
Was the process of developing the plan participatory?	Yes, the process begun with an elders meeting in Kismayo, followed by a workshop in Mogadishu which involved key ministries both at the federal state and Jubaland state.
The project has recorded significant milestones in Kenya as well as Somalia	The second cross border meeting came up with key recommendations which ensured successful implementation of three activities in Somalia
There is need to scale out project activities to reach more beneficiaries	We hope that the project will be awarded a second phase to allow it scale up and out.
Share all the information about the project with the deputy minister in Somalia.	The project will share all information with the deputy minister.

### 1.2.3 Review of the Recommendation from the Cross Border Stakeholder Dialogue Platform Meeting

After the plenary session, Mr. Malesu presented the recommendation from the cross border meeting to the transboundary steering committee meeting. Mr. Malesu lead the committee

through a discussion to synthesize the recommendations and categorize them into short term, midterm and long term recommendation as summarized in the table below;

**Table 4:** Synthesis of the recommendation from the cross border stakeholder dialogue platform by the transboundary steering committee meeting.

Recommendation	Comments	To be implemented under		
		Short term	midterm	Long term
Strengthen the coordination of the BMP activities in the Kenya Somalia cross border area	The project has initiated the process. The dialogue platform is in place.			
Advocate for sustainable livelihood options and mobilization for relevant funds	The project has implemented a number of intervention to improve livelihoods of the beneficiaries in the project sites. There is need for additional financing to scale out the activities and increase number of beneficiaries to be reached			
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				

Recommendation	Comments	To be implemented under		
explore the possibility to facilitate an NRM officer to support with monitoring and evaluation in Somalia				
advise the partners to adopt suitable species for suitable site especially drought resistant species since the project site to enhance resilience to climate change	The project engaged the communities and relevant partners in selecting suitable species for the project sites.			
prioritize access to clean water in the project sites	In addition to rain water harvesting technologies, there is need to consider other technologies e.g. ground water abstraction including shallow wells.			
employ a landscape approach when developing concept note to attract different donors	IGAD could chair the process and other donors invited as well			
Initiate activities towards conservation of endangered species (Terrestrial and Marine) at cross border areas e.g. turtles, mangroves				
Form a cross border network of protected areas				

### **1.3 Recommendations from the transboundary steering committee**

Based on the review of the project progress and the recommendation from the cross border meeting, the Trans boundary steering committee proposed the following;

1. Water challenges are pertinent issues in the cross border area which need addressing. The current phase has set up a number of demonstration sites which need to be scaled out. Additional avenues to access water for example ground water to supplement rainwater harvesting should be considered due to low and unreliable rainfall in the project sites
2. Conflict management threaten biodiversity conservation, to address this the need for dialogue of various stakeholders in Natural Resource Management (NRM) was proposed to clearly define the role of each stakeholder and enhance collaboration in cross border biodiversity conservation
3. The inclusion of biodiversity conservation in school curriculum was proposed
4. The second phase of the project could focus on the linkage between livelihoods and biodiversity conservation.

## ANNEXES

### ANNEX 1: program transboundary meeting

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
08.30am-09.00am	Arrival and Registration	Eunice Wamwangi
09.00am-09.20am	Opening remarks and Climate setting	Serge Darroze
09.20am -09.30am	Meeting Agenda and objectives	Maimbo Malesu
09.30am-10.00am	Presentation on IGAD BMP project status and Progress	Josephat Nyongesa
<b>09.30-10.00am: Health Break and Group Photo</b>		
10.00am-12.30pm	Plenary Discussion on Project status and Progress	Serge Darroze
<b>12.30-01.30pm</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	<b>All</b>
01.30-02.30pm	Plenary session	Serge Darroze
<b>02.30-03.00pm: Health Break</b>		
03.00-03.45pm	Conclusion and Way forward	Maimbo Malesu
03.45pm-04.00PM	Brief comments by IGAD	Serge Darroze

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