

**Minutes of management planning meetings held in Ozi Village
September - December 2009**

MINUTES FOR THE PLANNING MEETING HELD 10/09/2009 AT OZI VILLAGE

The consultative meeting was held in Ozi location and all the local conservation groups were represented. Meeting was formed to spearhead the formation of various groups which will facilitate various discussions during the drafting of the management plan. The following groups were formed. The groups represented there notes on 23/09/2009

- a) **Agriculture and Livestock**
List all the potentials
Problems
Possible solutions to each specific if possible

- b) **Natural Resources.... Forest, River, ocean, beaches**
List all the natural resources and their potentials uses/utilization strategies..... link with Nature based IGA
Problems associated with/or affecting their utilization
Possible strategies to maximize their sustainable utilization

- c) **Social development/social amenities**
Relates to the expansion of market centers, schools, future projections of settlement pattern,

Setting of action plans

These would seek to answer the question of who does what? When to do it? How to do it and who to involve in doing what?

NOTES

- There is weak leadership in most (in fact all) local CBOs/self help groups. Leaders lacks enthusiasm/self drive
- No clear understanding/link between conservation and livelihoods improvement. There hope seems or sounds to be very far. Not yet convinced
- Lack of expertise/ no signs of it
- Poor exposure to conservation and livelihoods linkages [successful community case studies]

Thoughts

- Leadership and capacity remains paramount

- Possibility of organizing an exchange visit. This would provide a chance to learn and hear from other community members

Groups represented

- 1) Al-murad
- 2) Ozi forest
- 3) Ozi mazingira
- 4) Livestock
- 5) BMU
- 6) Ozi friends
- 7) Mgombani women group
- 8) Delta youth works

MINUTES FOR THE OZI COMMUNITY CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION MEETING HELD ON 23RD SEPTEMBER AT OZI VILLAGE

Agendas for the meeting

Updates from groups

1. Agricultural and livestock development
2. Natural resource management
3. Social development

The above groups were formed to facilitate the identification of various potentials as available in the location. The following is the outcome from the group presentation and discussion from the community members.

A. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT POTENTIALS

- Availability of the land
- Crop farming; rice, coconut, mango and banana
- Fish farming

Challenges facing agricultural

- Salt water intrusion during the high tides
- Lack of water....upstream diversion by KENGEN
- Destruction by wild animals
- Lack of skills on modern farming methods
- Pest and diseases
- Poor prices of farm produce like mangoes

Possible solutions

- Brooke boundaries and clearing of canals
- Installation of electric fence for controlling wild animals
- Initiate small micro irrigation schemes
- Improved crop varieties
- Credit facilities to farmers
- Farm implements and equipments
- Extension services
- Training and seminars
- Marketing

B. LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT POTENTIALS

- Land availability i.e. for grazing
- Availability of water
- Livestock keeping is a cultural activity

Challenges

- Parasites; internal and external
- Livestock predators; lion, leopard and big snakes
- Lack of improved breeds
- Lack of extension services

Possible solutions

- Crush and dip construction
- Extension services
- Marketing
- Training and seminars

C. NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Resources and their potentials/uses

Land

Farming

Settlements

Leasing; informal

Cemetery

Beaches

Building the tourists camping sites

Subdivision/settlements

Beach combing; collection of materials

Leasing to investors

Recreational activities; sand bathing, beach walks

Lakes

Bird conservation/ habitat for other animals like hippos

Fish farming

Water for domestic uses

Source of local foods; water lilies

Forest

Building poles

Fuel wood

Raw materials for handicrafts

Poles for timber and furniture

Medicinal herbs

Dyeing materials

Bee keeping

Habitat for wildlife; elephants, buffaloes, antelopes, zebras, warthogs, monkeys

Soil erosion control; wind breakers

Log for making beehives

Rivers

Water for domestic uses and watering animals

Irrigation

Transport

Fishing

Boundary making

Act as a security

Habitat; hippos, crocodiles

Recreational purposes; canoeing

Wildlife

Tourism and game meat

Birds

Tourist's attraction..... Need to document the birds in the forest

Birds are used in giving the warnings on weather, pestilence

Decorations; feathers

Quarry

Building blocks

Water catchment

Cooking pots stands

Security

Sand dunes

Freshwater for fishermen

Building sand

Windbreaks

View points

Tide control

Ocean

Fishing

Mining

Transport

Medicinal herbs

Breeding sites for sea turtles and other mammals

Recreation; swimming, beach walks

Challenges for exploiting NR

1. Land is owned customarily
2. Human/livestock wildlife conflicts
3. Influx of people and livestock especially during the dry season

4. Over grazing
5. Salinity
6. Environmental degradation
7. Illegal fishing methods
8. Forest encroachment: extension of farmlands; shifting cultivation
9. Timber poaching/ irregular permits
10. Lack of knowledge on forest policy; role of community in NRM
11. Lack of community involvement in management; benefit sharing mechanisms

Possible solutions

- a) Demarcation/ Issue individual land title deeds
- b) Blocking of brooks to control salty water intrusion
- c) Controlling and regulating man made problems like grazing
- d) Initiate joint partnerships between community and government agencies
- e) Create awareness on current forest policy and participatory forest management
- f) Initiate Nature Based IGAs; bee keeping, eco-tourism projects
- g) Re-afforestation programmes
- h) Establish joint management structures involving KWS,KFS, local communities and other stakeholders
- i) Formation of CCA
- j) Game scouts and bird watching teams

D. Social development

- Schools
- Market centers
- Hospitals
- Settlement; individual
- Road and communication network

List of Attendance

	NAME	CBO/SELF HELP GROUP
1	Omar Ngama Salim	Ozi Forest
2	Abae Chalalu	Al-murad
3	Ali Shehe Dulo	Ozi friends
4	Abdalla Haro	Al-murad
5	Juma Abdalla Kokan	Dina
6	Said Ali Hiyesa	Dina
7	Mwanahamisi Adinami	Ozi Mazingira
8	Abdalla Hassan	Moto Self help
9	Said Nyara	Delta Woodwork and Culture
10	Ali Seleman Abio	Ozi friends
11	Rukia Adinan	Ozi mazingira
12	Rukia Adamu	Ozi Mazingira
13	Somoe Mohamed Baboya	Mgombani
14	Esha Hussein	Community member
15	Hagari Omar Barrisa	Jirena
16	Jillo Kombo Jauri	Ozi BMU
17	Ismail Wachu	Al-murad
18	Buya O Buya	Community member
19	Mamake Fanzia	Community member
20	Kombo Ngama Salim	SOWETO
21	Bakari O wario	SOWETO
22	Harusi Wayu	Mgombani
23	Fatime Omara	Ozi Forest
24	Bahola Mashaka	Ozi friends
25	Hagubani Bwareri	Mulikani
26	Fumo Bwana Ali	Community member
27	Namkuu Makorari	Mgombani
28	Mwanajuma Said Wayu	Jirena
29	Mohamed Diriwo	Motto
30	Nuru Ali	Community member
31	Salim Ali Hiribae	Ozi BMU
32	Komo Dulo	Ozi forest
33	Omar Langodi	Community member
34	Shehe Abdalla Kokani	Motto
35	Fatuma Wario	Motto
36	Abdalla J Kokan	Ozi Livestock
37	Abio Morowa	
38	Ali Komora	Ass. Chief
39	Diwayu Maulidi	NK
40	David Mugambi	NK

OBSERVATIONS

1. From the above analysis is easier to identify how community use the natural resources like forests, rivers, wetlands among others
2. The location is endowed with a number of NR but most of these are unexploited

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN OZI VILLAGE ON 8TH DECEMBER, 2009
COMMENCING 11.30AM**

ATTENDANCE

No.	Name	Title
1.	Francis Kagema	Conservation Programme Officer, NK, Malindi Office
2.	M. K. Diwayu	Community Extension Officer Tana Delta
3.	Omar A. Hama	Area Chief, Ozi Location
4.	Ali Komora	Asst Chief, Ozi Sub-Location
5.	Salim A. Hiribae	Mpeketoni Sub-Location
6.	Athman A. Moroa	Chairperson, Ozi SSG
7.	Omar Ngama	Secretary, Ozi SSG
8.	Omar Berhe	Chairperson, Ozi Friends of Conservation
9.	Hussein Hassan	Treasurer, Ozi SSG
10.	Saidi A. Hiyesa	Secretary, Dina CBO
11.	Saidi Nyara	Chairperson, Delta Woodworks and Culture
12.	Abdall Haro	Chairperson, Al Muradi
13.	Ismail Wachu	Secretary, Al Muradi
14.	Salim Haicha	Chairperson, Sinbad CBO
15.	Jayo Bashora	Member, Umoja na Utamaduni
16.	Abdalla A. Mashaka	Al Muradi
17.	Ali Shehe Dulo	Secretary, OFOC
18.	Hussein B. Tokal	Secretary, PIC Kidhanga Minor Scheme
19.	Bwanaidi Wachu	Community member
20.	Juma Abdalla Kokani	Chairperson, Dina CBO
21.	Komo Dulo	Ozi Mazingira
22.	Fatuma Bakari	Ozi Mgombani
23.	Mamake Fauzia	Member, Mafanikio CBO
24.	Bakari Omar	Sesa Representative
25.	Bakari Abio	Soweto Youth Group
26.	Saidi Bisharo	Community Scout
27.	Mohamed Wale	Chairperson, Mulikani
28.	Twahir K. Ware	Community Representative
29.	Kombo Mwana	Treasurer, Sinbad CBO
30.	Abae Chalalu	Al Muradi
31.	Mwanahamisi Galana	Committee Member, Ozi BMU
32.	Hamara Kombo	Community member
33.	Omar Haro	Community member
34.	Saidi Ali Hiyesa	Community member
35.	Ali Barisa	Community member

AGENDA

1. GPS Training
2. Processing of the Management Plan

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mr Kagema introduced the use of the GPS to seven community members namely:

1. Lakole Salim Wale
2. Jilo Hassan
3. Abdalla Haro

4. Abdalla Mashaka
5. Abio Bakari
6. Omar Ngama Salim
7. Athman A. Moroa

The training was partly affected by the weather that was somehow cloudy and also only one GPS worked efficiently. However, as a basic training, everything went as planned.

Areas of training included:

- How to switch the GPS on.
- The best time {satellite position} to take markings.
- Best level {location either +or- 10m}.
- Marking the points.
- How to get the alphabetical letters
- Where to mark the points and write the names of points.
- How to write names.
- How to move up and down using the cursor.
- How to erase and make space.
- When to "ENTER".
- How to put off the GPS.

NB

GPS works more perfectly in open places and cloudless environment.

The meeting started with a word of prayer by Ustadh Saidi Ali Hiyesa. After the prayers, the SSG Chairman invited Mr Diwayu to introduce the agenda of the meeting. Mr Diwayu introduced Mr Kagema as the Coast representative of Nature Kenya to the members. He further informed them that Mr Kagema would be working with him from Malindi until another officer is posted to Tana Delta. He asked the members of all CBOs that form Ozi SSG to have a representative to be taking minutes of meetings whenever we hold one for their record purposes.

Mr Kagema informed the members that they had already contributed quite alot towards the making of the management plan. However, there exists just some gaps which need to be rectified whether that day or another. The members agreed to do the rectification that material day.

1. USE OF FOREST PRODUCTS

- Forest Management Committee [FMC] which is responsible of community forests management shall be changed to Community Forest Association which will also include management of gazetted forests. CFA shall prepare interim regulations for gazetted forests.

- Handicrafts materials shall be harvested during the dry season and harvesting shall be monitored by the Forest Management Committee.
- Outsiders should not harvest in the forests but buy ready made products from Ozi community.
- Reforestation and afforestation programmes shall be encouraged in the area.

2. WETLANDS

- Habitats for animals
- Fisheries
- Rice farming in wetlands- salt encroachment by sea water [Indian Ocean] This requires technical input.
- Agricultural areas to be mapped with rough sketches

3. HUMAN SETTLEMENT

- Human settlement shall still be in villages
- Each household shall have two farms, one along the river for rice farming and the other away for the growing of other crops
- Land shall be communal.
- A title deed shall be obtained for the entire location as a block title deed??
- A constitution for the use of the block title deed shall be made prior to acquisition.

4. MAPPING

- The members were asked to draw a map showing:
- River
- Sea
- ForestWetlands
- Farming areas for both rice and other crops
- Settlement [villages]
- Rangeland {livestock}
- Sanctuary
- Huge/Large development area if there will be any.

It was agreed that the map would be ready by the next meeting.

5. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Mr Diwayu informed the members that the following documents are required by Nature Kenya:

- Constitution of each constituent CBO to the Ozi SSG.
- Copies of registration certificates.
- Names of members of all CBOs of the SSG.

CLOSING REMARKS BY AREA CHIEF, OMAR HAMA

The area Chief highlighted the members that the area cannot prosper without Ozi community being on the forefront. He requested for cooperation of all stakeholders. He blamed some groups saying that they were registered but white elephants without objectives. He said that by 2030, everybody should be able to feed him/herself well. Through this project of Nature Kenya, everything is possible.

The next meeting was proposed to take place on 14th December, 2009. Meeting ended at 2.30pm.

On 10th December, 2009, the GPS trained team was revisited and issued with a GPS for practice purposes. During the next meeting, the GPS marking shall be scheduled to take place.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY

Types of projects the community would like to be implemented in Ozi location

	PROJECT	% SUPPORTING THE PROJECT
1	Establishment of the CCA	79.6
2	Ecotourism development	68.6
3	Dispensary	25.6
4	Bee keeping	22.8
5	Fishing	21.5
6	Irrigation	21.5
7	Building of schools	16.1
8	Dairy cattle rearing	15.8
9	Electricity	12.1
10	Tractor	7.2
11	Pipe water	4.5
12	Mangrove rehabilitation	4.0

Problems affecting agriculture in Ozi location

	PROBLEM	%
1	Damage by wild animals	89.9
2	Insufficient financial resources	75.6
3	Unstable crop yields	74.5
4	Pest and diseases	69.2
5	Unreliable rainfall	68.8
6	Salinity	68.8
7	Lack of transport	62.0
8	Unreliable markets	45.7
9	Environmental degradation	35.6
10	Poor soil quality	11.1

How the community uses the forest resources

Use	%	
1	Fuel wood	97.7
2	Building materials	95.9
3	Medicinal plants	89.4
4	Handicraft materials	71.2
5	Farming activities/plots	54.8
6	Tourism/recreational	42.9*****
7	Charcoal	29.7
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More findings in the socioeconomic report which is underway

CURRENT STATUS

1. All the CBOs/self help groups have agreed to form one groups :OZI COMMUNITY CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION
2. The group has already formed a constitution and have agreed on it and its awaiting for registration
3. We have formed two groups:
 - **Natural resource management:** this group is coordinating meetings to draft rules to guide extraction and utilization of forest resources from the forest
 - **Investment on IGA:**
4. The results from these two groups will form the agenda for the next meeting. Results will act as **COMMUNITY ACTION PLANS**
5. Socioeconomic report: Report writing going on.
6. GPS taking of key areas is complete
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DDC MEETING HELD ON 19TH OCTOBER, 2009 AT WORLD VISION

Tana delta is under siege. Investors are tirelessly working hard to secure a piece of land in the district. Besides Bedford biofuels, MAT international, Galole Horticulture and Tarda/Mumias two more companies have added themselves to list. These companies are:

1. RUAMBIT SAW MILL LTD

They are planning to implement a project under the name “ Hurara Integrated Development project”. The investor is seeking 5000ha for salt mining and processing and 1000 ha for livelihoods project to assist the local communities. DDC advised the investor to first clear with county council on whether the land is available or not.

2. MOB AFRICA

This company is seeking 500 ha. 400 ha for sisal farming and 100ha for Aloe farming. DDC advised them to clear with county council on the issue of the land.

Both projects are not within the IBA. However their implementation will increase competition for land. There is a possibility of creating more cases of landlessness in the district, thus exerting more pressure of the natural resources within the delta.

DDC members raised the question on why are so many investors come to seek land in Tana delta. Members unanimously agreed that all investors should do detailed EIA which should be presented to all the stakeholders.

3. **TARDA:** Have already planted 541 ha of maize. TARDA have been contracted by GOK under Economic Stimulus Project to grow maize to boost food security for the country.
4. **Irregular allocation of permits:** Timber poaching activities have increased in the district. Poachers are targeting trees along the riverine even the mango trees.
5. **Advocacy materials distributed to DDC members:** Nature policy brief on biofuels and materials on Jatropha.
6. **Total land size of Tana Delta is 16013.4 Sq. Km**

KEY CHALLENGES

- Due to the current rains most areas are not accessible
- Few incidences of insecurity