

COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO UTILIZE RESOURCES WHILE REDUCING RESOURCE CONFLICT



CAN PHE LEAD TO ENVIRONMENT
CHANGE, RESOURCE CONFLICT
RESOLUTION & BETTER HEALTH



THE CASE OF



II Ngwesi Group



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AN OVERVIEW OF IL NGWESI



- A community owned land (group ranch) and managed by Il Laikipak maasai
- 634 registered members representing total of 7000 population
- Collective use of land for various projects to improve their livelihood





Il Ngwesi

Location: Laikipia district of Rift valley Province,
covers 16,500 acres (8,695Htr) & 80% of the land
used for conservation

Vision and Mission

VISION; INTEGRATING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

MISSION; To improve livelihoods by the generation of income through eco-friendly activities in order to conserve wildlife and its habitat, uphold the Maasai culture and develop local communities.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS UNDER IL NGWESI

INTEGRATION OF:

- Preservation of Maasai culture
- Public Health & HIV/AIDS
- Education
- Improve access to clean and safe water
- Environmental conservation and security
- Tourism & Income Generation Activities
- Infrastructure development



PUBLIC HEALTH & HIV/AIDS PROGRAM

Target a population of 20,000ppl in

- Capacity building of CORPS.
- Control HIV/AIDS
 - VCT, eradicate stigma, Care and support and awareness creation
- integrated mobile clinics
- Reproductive health & family planning
- Awareness and prevention of Malaria
- Awareness on TB



ENVIRONMENT/RESOURCE CONFLICT MANAGEMENT



- Introduction to black rhino & white rhino
- Development of Grazing by-laws
- Setting aside 80% of the land for Conservation
- Il Ngwesi eco-lodge
- Setting up of Wildlife monitoring systems
- Population

SECURITY TEAM;



CONSERVATION & SECURITY



- Escorting guest during nature walk & game drives
- Maintain the community by-laws
- Help to enforce the grazing laws and check against encroaching by non members
- Wildlife Monitoring- Maintains records of different animals species taking note of sick animals, migration patterns, any cases of poaching and take necessary actions
- Link up with other community conservancies to maintain order in the greater northern Kenya
- Help the government law enforcement agencies- Chiefs, police force,

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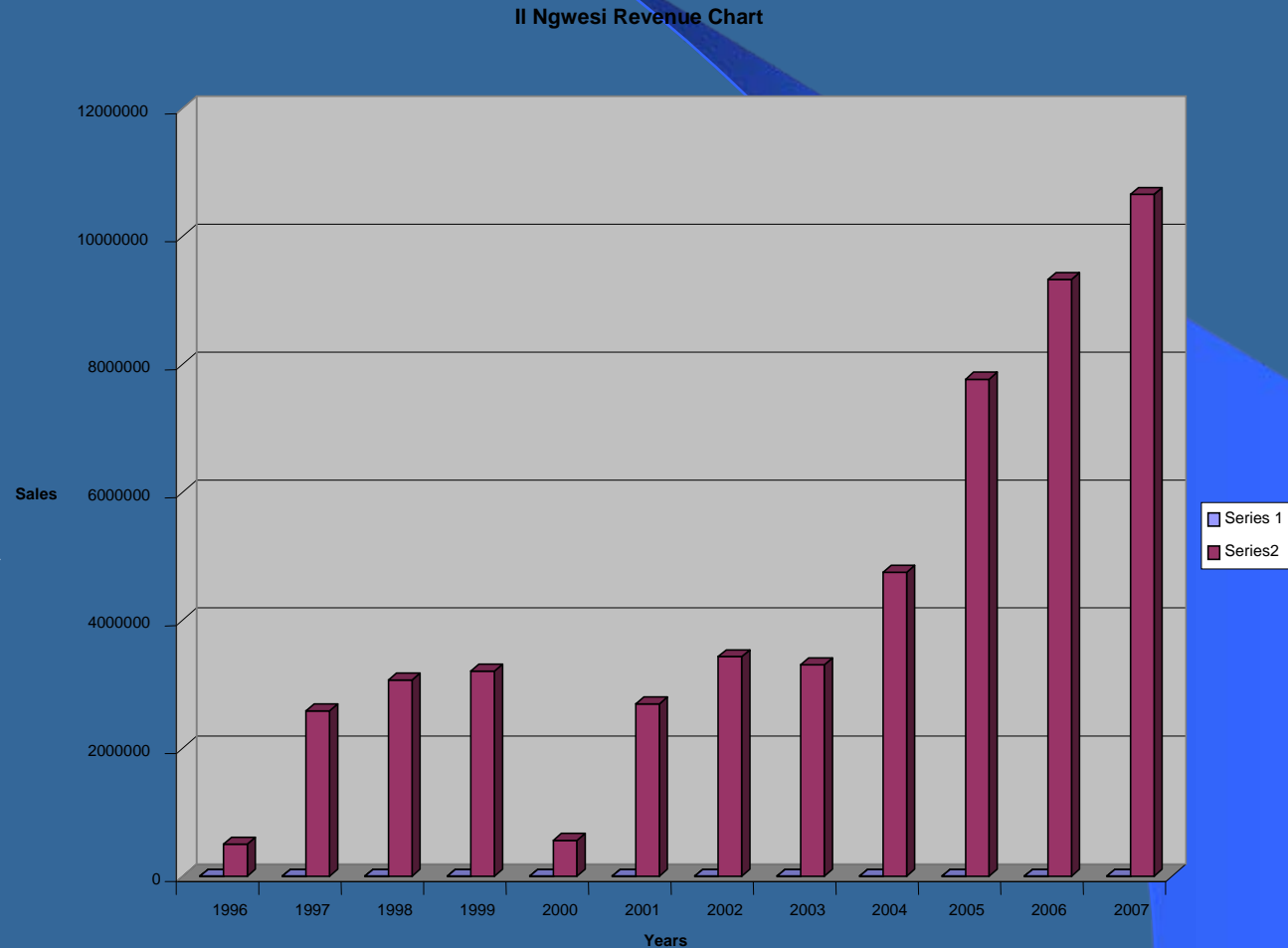
- IL NGWESI BANDAS established in 1996,
- Funded by USAID through COBRA.
- Six cottages with 12 beds
- With 20 employees, 99% coming from the local community
- Run by the community them self
- Big source of income in Il Ngwesi
- Revenue from the project goes the community.



ILNGWESI REVENUE CHART 1999-2007

SOURCES

- Il ngwesi lodge
- Cultural boma
- Camp site
- Camel walk safari
- Conservation fee
- Friends & development partners



YEARLY REVENUE DISTRIBUTION

- Education - ksh 1.2 million every year on needy children bursaries & teachers salaries
- HIV awareness & Provide mobile VCTs (1,019 tested & over 3000 counseled in 2007) (2008 in progress)
- Conservation and security Ksh 2million yearly
- Support of IGAS for the community
 - 2007 Ksh 200,000
- Infrasacture
 - 2007- Water-Ksh 300 000
 - 2007- Roads-Ksh 450 000



HOW IT WORKS, WHY IT WORKS & HOW THEY ARE INTERGRATED

- Community owned idea and community led programme
- Developed management systems.
- Participatory decision making process.
- Developed capacity in committees
- Maasai cultural values
- Equity revenue distribution
- Support from partners and friends



SUCCESS STORIES

- Development of the Ecolodge
- Introduction of black rhino after 30yrs of diminishing
 - Introduction of white rhino in the region
- Award winning
 - Winner of the 2002 UNDP equator initiative (community reducing poverty through biodiversity conservation)
 - Winner of first choice responsible tourism awards 2006
 - 2007 Global Vision Award
- Stopping Cattle rustling/Provide security of people
- Creation of employment (48ppl) (99% from the community)
- A good example for other communities (17 other communities had started similar project)
- 2006 Il Ngwesi leaders declaration on HIV AIDS
- Introduction of holistic management of the conservation area.



CHALLENGES

- Human wildlife conflict
- Tourism marketing
- Population growth
- Conflict between the old & young generation
- Poor representation in higher government level in decision making
- Capacity of committees members
- Inadequate resources
- Inadequate infrastructure
- Threats from international Terrorism on tourism
- May 2007 court rule on the case over Il Ngwesi (105million)
- Political instability in the country



CONCLUSION



KEY LESSON TO ILNGWESI SUCCESS

- All participatory in decision making
- Equal benefit sharing among the stake holders
- Good governance and partnership
- Good flow of communication
- Democracy embraced during leaders election
- Community ownership

BE PART OF ILNGWESI BY; TELLING OTHERS ABOUT US!

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