[De]constructing a partnership: Evaluating a win-win conservation and development story, the case of the Mara conservancies, Kenya

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Agenda

- Context
- Research Process
- Findings
- Conclusion

Our Goal

The Maasai Mara “Africa’s Jewel”

Koiyaki GR: Study area
The conservancy model

http://livingwithlions.org/mara/conservancies/mara-naboisho/

Model

Process

Outcome

Research Approach

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Footwork

**Findings**

**A diverse discourse**

“Footwork (mediating methods) are pivotal in the context of social equity. They promote social and economic sustainability, aiming to integrate the views of those involved in conservation efforts.”

Nonmember

“They [conservancies members] are putting the issue of money aside. They are putting the funds aside, and they are putting the issue of the future to conserve the land for generations. This is great progress.”

Conservancy ranger, OMC

“Kicheche’s income went up by 8% early and 24% recently. This is due to the development of the tourism sector, which has been growing steadily.”

Tourism Partner

“Pilgrimage because we are all different, the conservancies and the park.”

Elder

“Overgrazing because we are all in-between the conservancies and the park.”

Elder

“If people live the basic, then cattle will decrease in the future.”

Nonmember

**Perspectives of Mara residents unresolved**
A Partnership?

Whose costs and benefits?

A power lens

Relationships: balance, learning, and trust

explicit and implicit power
Progress in conservation and development partnerships

Remaining challenges in conservation partnerships

A conservancy promise

There is growing agreement among a diversity of stakeholders who argue Naboisho is leading a successful strategy to bridge livestock and wildlife needs.

In the Mara    In Kenya

Pastoralism: where to now?
acknowledgements