

# Diaspora for Nature: Engaging the Ethiopian diaspora in conservation



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# Talk outline

African Diaspora and conservation white paper

Diaspora for Nature

Diaspora for Nature and Wildlife for Sustainable  
Development

Next steps

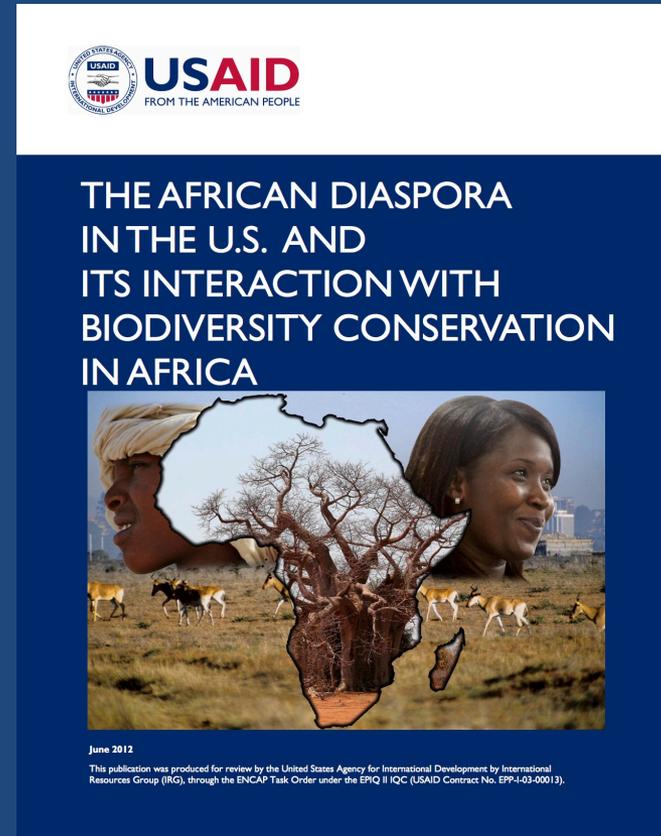
# White Paper: Study methods

Review of literature

Telephone calls

Short online survey

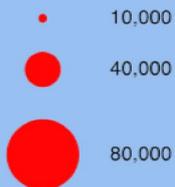
Focus group



# Contemporary African Diaspora



## African population



Source: U.S. Census, 2000



# Diaspora's views of conservation

Foreign concept

Well funded

Disconnected with Diaspora priorities

Dated image of conservation



# Developments in conservation in Africa



# Collaboration between the Diaspora & conservation organizations

Minimal

Isolated but productive

Bonobo Conservation Initiative

Wild4Life



# Recommendations

## Outreach

- Provide visibility for African conservationists
- Highlight Livelihood linkages

## Provide linkages

A portal of African Diaspora groups/initiatives, conservation initiatives in Africa

## Partner with Academic institutions

## Support Diaspora conservation initiatives

# Diaspora for Nature

## Beginnings

Dawit Zeleke, TNC

Engaging the Ethiopian Diaspora in conservation

Wildlife for Sustainable Development



# Wildlife for Sustainable Development

Dr Yirmed Demeke

Awash National Park

Babile Elephants



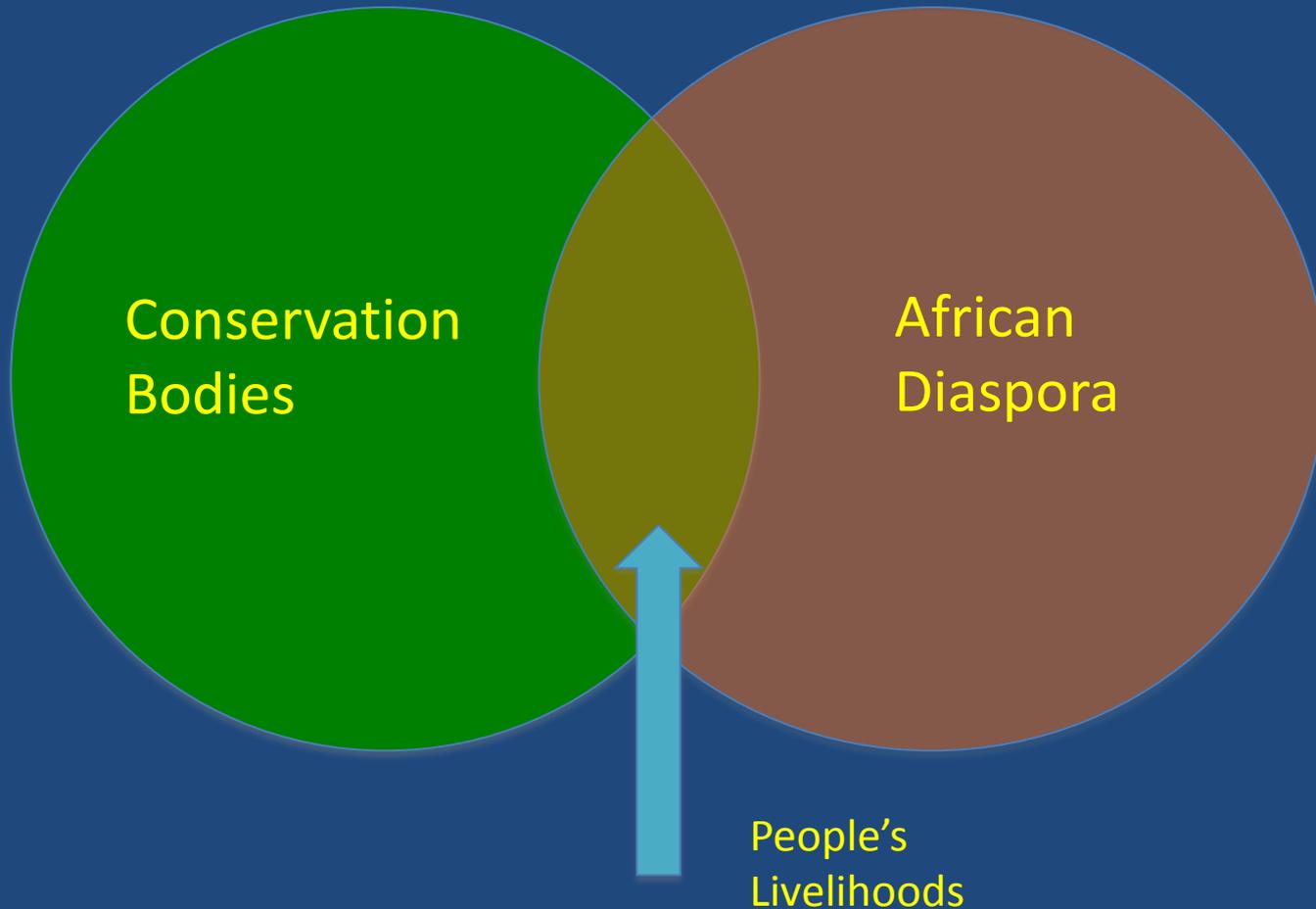
# Working with diaspora groups

Dir Biyabir

Partnership for African Environmental Sustainability



# Opportunity: Overlapping Interests



# Opportunities

Embassies, Conservation Organizations, Diaspora  
concentrated in DC/East Coast

Role of Diaspora given prominence in administration

The way ahead...

