THE NORTHERN RANGELANDS TRUST
What we do

Develop resilient community conservancies that transform lives, secure peace and conserve natural resources
- 4.2 million hectares
- 500,000 people
- Diverse natural resources
- 10 counties
- 39 conservancies
- 18 ethnic groups
- Climate challenges
- Conflict
2018 IMPACT

Ksh. 86 million (US$ 860,000) in tourism revenue for conservancies - up 31% from 2017 - the best year yet for conservancy tourism

15% annual hirola population growth in Ishaqbini

1,012 permanent staff

71,000 people benefitting from conservancy livelihoods projects

885 acres cleared of destructive acacia

2,335 head of cattle bought from 1,175 sellers through livestockworks

15 black rhinos in the Sera rhino sanctuary

14 elephants getting a second chance at life in Reteti elephant sanctuary

3 elephants poached in the NRT Centre landscape - the lowest number since records began

10,000 mangrove seedlings planted by coastal conservancies

1,840 members of the Northern Rangelands savannah and credit cooperative
Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022

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To stabilise and improve the productivity of grasslands for livestock, and the health and diversity of the wildlife and natural resources which underpin the economy of northern Kenya
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GOVERNANCE

PEACE & SECURITY

LIVELIHOODS & BUSINESS

CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES

RESILIENCE FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND WILDLIFE
KENYA’S CONSTITUTION
Chapter 5, Article 61 (1) ensures:
- Sustainable exploitation, utilisation, management and conservation of the environment and natural resources
- Equitable sharing of the accruing benefits
- Protecting and enhancing intellectual property and indigenous knowledge, biodiversity and the genetic resources of communities
- Public participation in the management, protection and conservation of the environment
- Protecting genetic resources and biological diversity.
- Recognising challenges of climate change, population growth, property rights, markets, knowledge, technology and infrastructure.

COMMUNITY LAND ACT
- Recognition, protection and registration of community land rights
- Management and administration of community land
- Role of county governments in relation to unregistered community land

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES
- Poverty alleviation and social protection
- Women’s empowerment
- Green economy: green jobs, technologies, rangelands rehabilitation, conservation, ecotourism
- Curbing illegal wildlife trade
- Family planning and reproductive health
- National Cohesion and Integration

ENDING DROUGHT EMERGENCY
- Adaptation to climate change and more frequent droughts
- Building resilience of people and ecosystems
- Investments in sustainable development, including peace & security, livelihood adaptations, managed water, productive rangelands

VISION 2030
Promotes a vision of holistic and sustainable management of land and natural resources across Arid and Semi-arid Lands, with specific focus on:
- Peace and security: recognising the role of traditional institutions in dispute resolution
- Human development & employment: increasing institutional capacity and funding for arid lands, enhancing the direct benefits to communities from natural resources
- Community land laws and regulation: respecting the authority of customary systems of natural resource management, water access, dry season grazing
- Natural resource management: integrating traditional systems of natural resource management, intensifying environmental conservation efforts for water and rangelands
- Drought resilience: strengthening environmental planning and management

KENYA WILDLIFE SERVICE
- Community conservancies have a significant role in new wildlife strategy.
- Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association (KWCA) is a strong national lobbying agency, and all NRT conservancies are members

COUNTY GOVERNMENT
- Newly elected 2017-2022
- Fresh mandates and growing support for conservancies
- Priority sectors in County Integrated Development Plans include livestock, rangelands, water, tourism, wildlife and drought
- Conservancies can be major local institutions for delivery of county services and investments
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Opportunities to use the community conservancy governance model as a platform to deliver a multi sector approach