

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

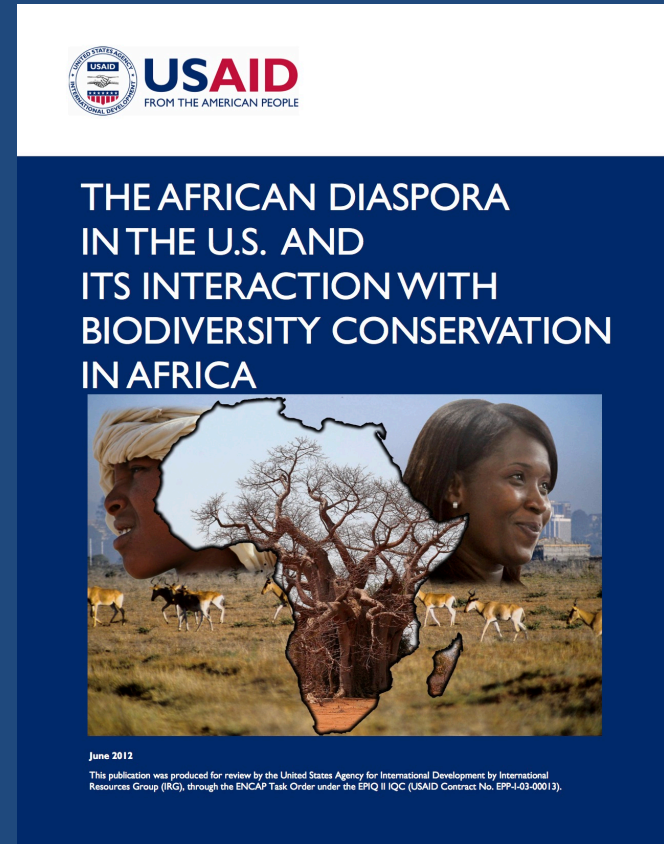
White Paper: Study methods

Review of literature

Telephone calls

Short online survey

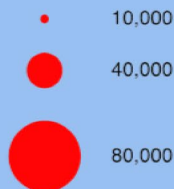
Focus group



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



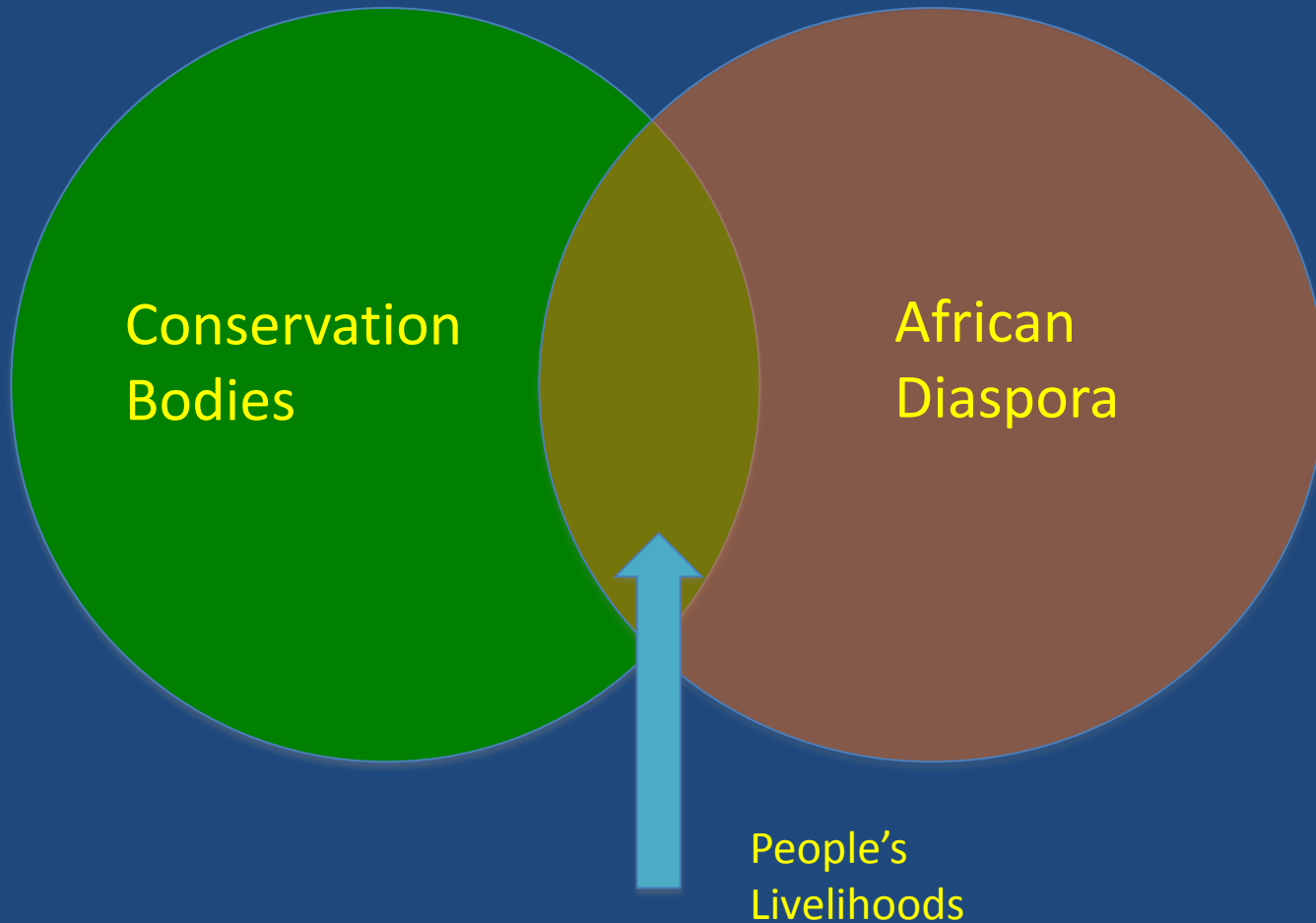
Working with diaspora groups

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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...

