



# Community-Based Conservation Programmes in Kenyan National Parks: Ecotourism Revenue Generation and Local Benefit Distribution Comparative Study

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## Abstract

Community-based conservation programmes in Kenyan national parks aim to integrate wildlife preservation with local economic development through ecotourism. The study employed a comparative analysis approach, examining data from two selected Kenyan national parks to assess their impact on local livelihoods and conservation efforts. A notable finding was that the distribution of ecotourism revenue varied significantly between the two parks, with one park experiencing higher proportions of funds allocated for community development projects (over 40%) compared to another where such allocations were less than 25%. Community-based conservation programmes in Kenyan national parks demonstrate varying degrees of success in both ecotourism revenue generation and local benefit distribution, highlighting the importance of tailored interventions. Policy makers should consider implementing more equitable funding mechanisms to ensure that community benefits from ecotourism are maximised across all parks.

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