



KASIGAU WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

KENYA

Nestled between Kenya's Tsavo East and Tsavo West National Parks, the **Kasigau Wildlife Sanctuary** protects 200,000 hectares of dryland forest threatened by cattle ranching, poaching, subsistence agriculture, and illegal tree harvesting. It supports over 116,000 locals through job creation, carbon credit payments, and sustainable development; protects thousands of endangered animals, including lions, cheetahs, leopards, and elephants; and prevents the emissions of more than 45 million tonnes of CO₂. It is also the first REDD+ project in the world to issue VCS credits.

IMPACTS

BIODIVERSITY & ECOSYSTEMS

Kasigau protects 200,000 hectares of dryland acacia-comiphora forest and its biodiversity. The area is a vital migration corridor for thousands of animals crossing from Tsavo East to Tsavo West National Parks, including more than 50 species of large mammals, 20 species of bats, and over 300 species of birds.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Without the project, locals would have few options to provide for their families other than slash-and-burn agriculture. Kasigau directly employs 350+ people, including as unarmed wildlife rangers and tailors for its Fairtrade-certified eco-friendly clothing line. One-third of carbon credit revenue is distributed directly to 4,500 local landowners, and the wider community of 116,000 benefits from economic and social development, including organic greenhouses, access to clean water, education, and training in sustainable farming. To date, the project has awarded 3,200 high school and college scholarships; built or renovated 30 classrooms, including supplies and furnishings; introduced pre-kindergarten to the area; and provided 50,000 people with clean water, which has further improved school attendance.

EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

Kasigau will prevent the emissions of 45 million tonnes of CO₂ over its 30-year lifetime, validated and verified under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS). It has also achieved CCB Gold status for exceptional biodiversity and climate benefits.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

The wildlife corridor is a safe haven for 11,000 endangered African elephants (and a permanent home for 2,000 of them), plus other threatened or vulnerable species such as giraffes, Grevy's zebras, wild dogs, cheetahs, lions, and leopards.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



NO
POVERTY



ZERO
HUNGER



GOOD
HEALTH AND
WELL-BEING



QUALITY
EDUCATION



GENDER
EQUALITY



CLEAN
WATER AND
SANITATION



AFFORDABLE
AND CLEAN
ENERGY



DECENT
WORK AND
ECONOMIC
GROWTH



RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND
PRODUCTION



CLIMATE
ACTION



LIFE ON LAND