

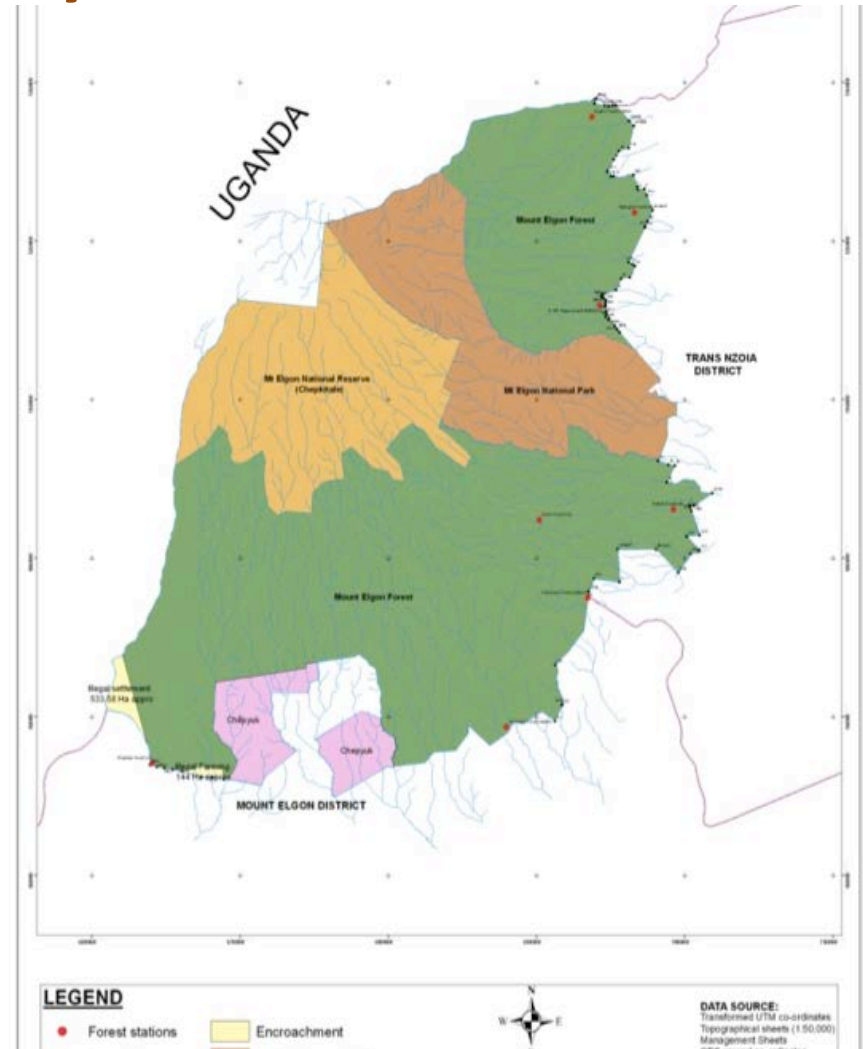


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The Ogiek of Mt Elgon & the importance of land rights to conservation by Peter Kitelo - CIPDP

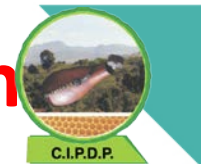
Overview

- 1938: Creation of the “Mt. Elgon Forest reserve”
- 1942: Chepkitale “Native Reserve”
- 1968: Creation of Mt Elgon National Park
- 1971: First phase of Chepyuk resettlement scheme
- 2000: Gazettement of Chepkitale to National Reserve
- 2006-2008: Violence in Chepyuk
- 2008: Legal case
- 2011: Whakatane Assessment





Process of Whakatane at Mt Elgon



1. PREPARATORY ROUNDTABLE brought stakeholders together:
IUCN, World Bank, Ministries, KWS, KFS, FPP, Thai IPO, Ogiek,

- **Fundamental question** from the 1st Roundtable meeting:

“At Chepkitale, how best can (i) the forest and wider ecosystem be preserved, (ii) the wildlife be protected, (iii) the Ogiek live in a way that ensures their cultural, social and livelihood needs are met, and (iv) economic revenue be generated?”

2. FIELD ASSESSMENT at Chepkitale, Mt Elgon County Council,
IUCN, FPP, KWS, KFS, Thai IPO, County Council, Ogiek
Community ownership can meet all these needs

3. SECOND ROUNDTABLE > DEVELOPING A ROADMAP

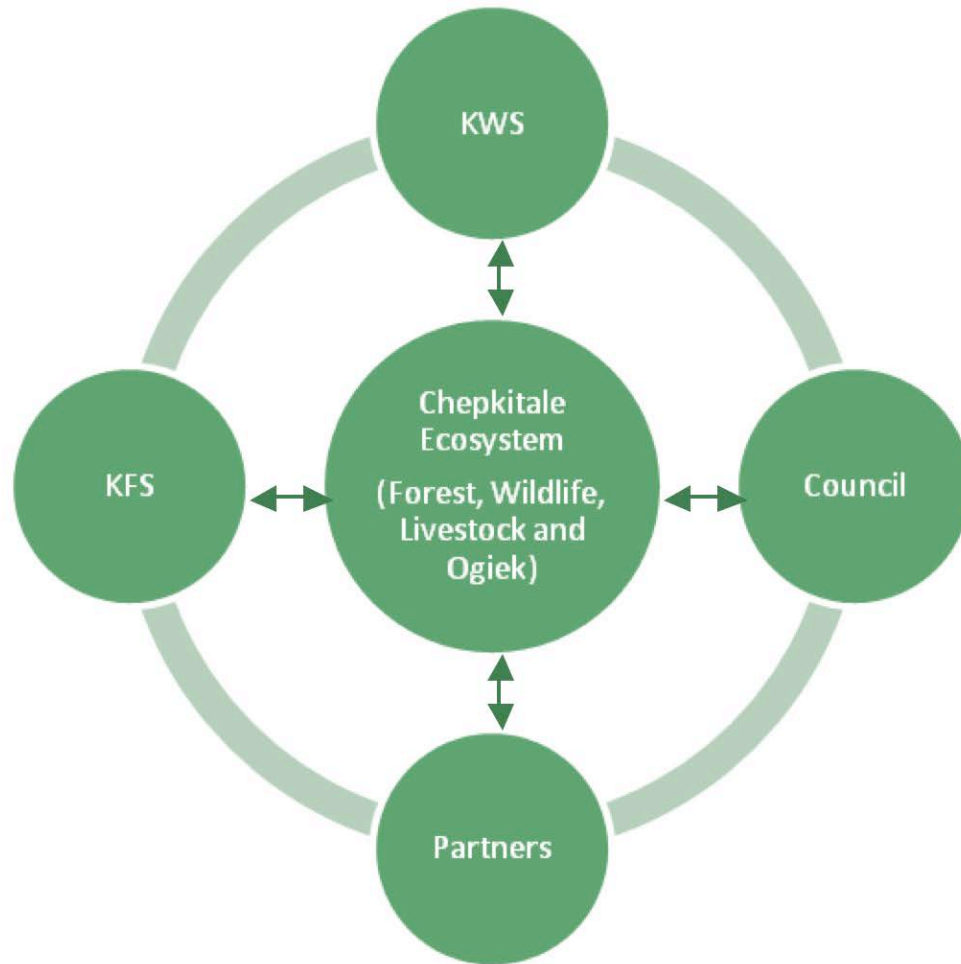


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Assessment of situation at Mt Elgon



Progress and Follow-ups on the outcome

- 2012, Mt. Elgon County Council passed a full council resolution to revert the land back to the community
- 2012, The community notified the court of their willingness to pursue an out of court settlement with the government
- Improved working relationship between the Community and Conservation Agencies
- 2013, The Attorney General asked the ministry of Environment, Water and Natural resources (MEWNR) for its opinion
- 2013, The (MEWNR) send a team to the field to seek an internal report to assist in their decision.
- 2013, community has written their sustainability bylaws

Community sustainability bylaws

- Community is challenging the government to review policies that are encourage destruction e.g. “Shamba system”
- Community has started agitation for the government to take responsibility of being an accomplice in the destruction of Mt. Elgon forests
- Cooperation has led to arrests of charcoal burners by community
- Cooperation has led to arrest of poachers
- 2014, KWS and the community have identified community rangers to be trained by KWS