

# Mangroves and Livelihood: An assessment of livelihood projects in the mangrove ecosystem along the Kenyan Coast



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## Introduction

- ✧ The coastal people have strong economic ties with the coastal ecosystem
- ✧ They derive the main livelihood from the marine environment
- ✧ Mangroves form an important ecosystem along the Kenya's coast
- ✧ The Kenyan coastal population is 3.3M, this has shown a 22.6% increase from 1999 to 2009
- ✧ Increased population poses a challenge to resource sustainability
- ✧ Initiating livelihood projects have been necessary to complement or replace existing activities

## Objectives

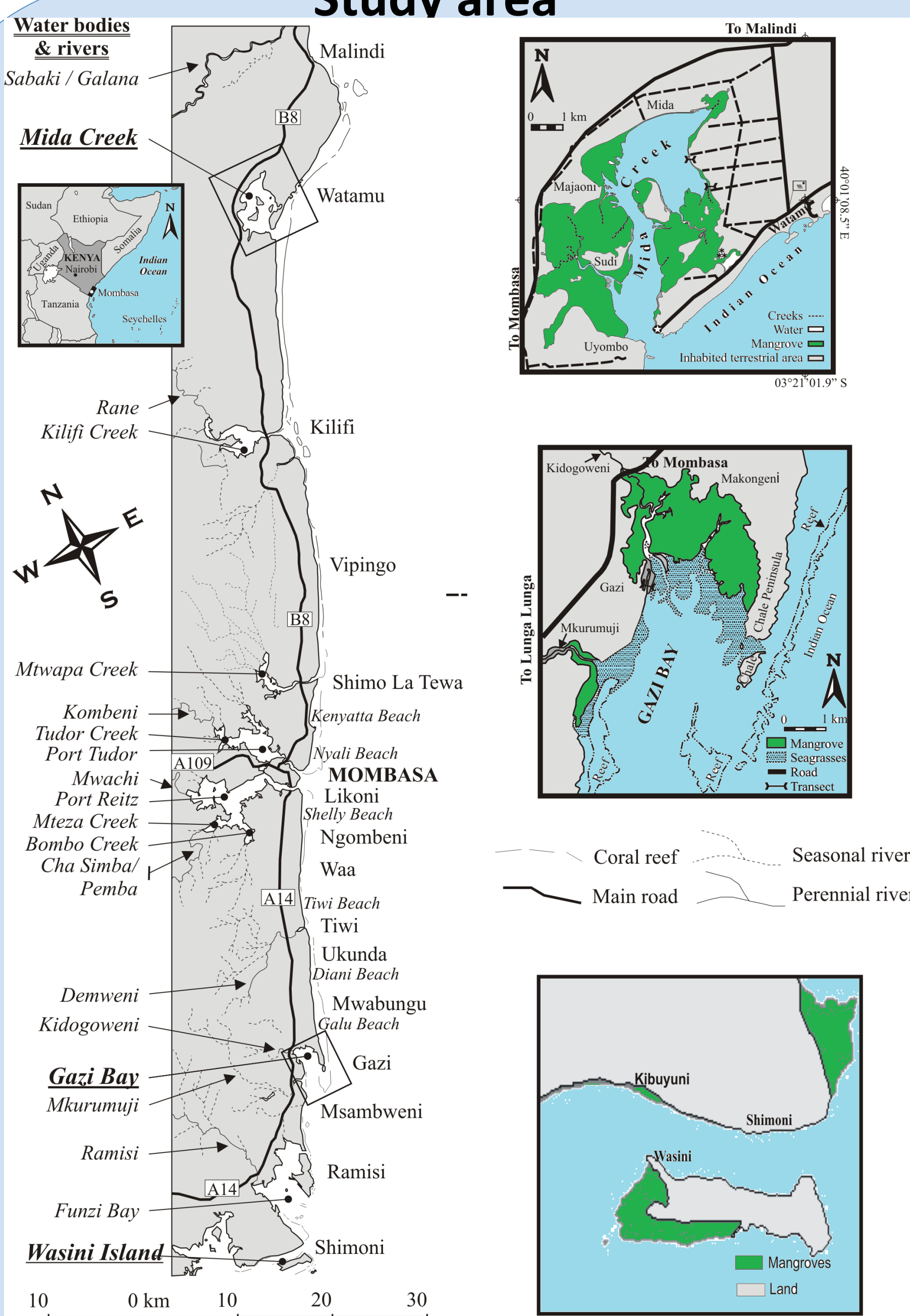
### Overall objective:

Assess the **feasibility** and **sustainability** of livelihood projects in the mangrove ecosystem along the Kenyan Coast

### Specific objectives:

- ✧ To **identify** the livelihood projects
- ✧ To assess the **status/condition** of the livelihood projects
- ✧ To conduct a **SWOT** analysis of identified livelihood projects
- ✧ To identify the causes of **failure** or **success** of the livelihood projects

## Study area



## Methodology

### Data collection

The study was conducted in three sites along the Kenyan Coast: Wasini Island, and Gazi Bay in the South; and Mida Creek in the North

### Focus group discussion

- ✧ Conducted at the project sites with members directly involved in project management
- ✧ To generate qualitative information on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) of the respective project

### Individual interviews

- ✧ A questionnaire was used to interview locals and identified project stakeholders

### DELPHI

- ✧ Stakeholders' online survey using Google docs for consensus building in view of project implementation

## Projects studied



## Preliminary results and ongoing research

- ✧ **Identified livelihood activities:** Gazi Bay and Mida Creek: Ecotourism; Beekeeping and Mariculture and Wasini Island: Ecotourism
- ✧ **SWOT Analysis:** Strength - Healthy mangrove forest; Weakness- Un capacitated members; Opportunity- Presence of resourceful institutions; Threat - Lack of project ownership
- ✧ **Ongoing research:** Analysis of individual questionnaires and Delphi procedure

### Questionnaire response

