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**Factors Influencing Resource Use Behavior and Individual Rate of Time Preference among Ewaso Narok Wetland Users, Kenya**

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The master’s research project is part of the GlobE-Project Wetlands in East Africa-reconciling future food production with environmental protection under working package B3.

It seeks to understand the influences of the resource use among the wetland users in Ewaso Narok Wetland in Kenya. The major wetland users are small scale farmers, pastoralists and commercial horticultural farmers whose objectives differ in the utilization of the scarce resources in the wetland.

It is hypothesized that the rate of time preference is one of the factors influencing the resource extraction in the wetland. The study aims at estimating individual rate time preference such that if the rate is high the level of extraction in the immediate use as opposed to future use is high. Thus, the conservation level is minimal.

The attributes of the wetland resource users which determine their individual rate of time preference will help the management of the wetland or policy makers in designing relevant and effective policies for sustainable management of the wetland.



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