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# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AD Anaerobic Digestion

ALARP As low as reasonably practicable
AMR Annual Monitoring Report
CDA Coast Development Authority

CIDP County Integrated Development Plan

CSR Corporate Social Responsibility
EIA Environmental Impact Assessment

EM&MP Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan EMCA Environmental Management and Coordination Act

GIS Geographical Information Systems

GoK Government of Kenya

KENHA Kenya National Highway Authority KRDS Kenya Rural Development Strategy

KWS Kenya Wildlife Service

MEMR Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources

NCA National Construction Authority
NEC National Environment Council
NEAP National Environment Action Plan

NEMA National Environment Management Authority
NRMP Natural Resources Management Programme
NWRMS National Water Resources Management Strategy

PPP Policy, Plan or Program

PRSP Poverty reduction strategy paper SEA Strategic Environmental Assessment

SERC Standards and Enforcement Review Committee

SEO Strategic Environmental Objective

UNCBD United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity
UNCCD United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme

UNFCCC United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

WRA Water Resources Authority

# **UNITS**

CO Carbon Monoxide
dB(A) Decibel Amperes
KES Kenya Shillings
Km Kilometres

Km/h Kilometre per hour
Km² Square Kilometre
M³ Cubic metre
Mm Millimetres
Ppm Parts Per Million

# **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**Air quality:** means the concentration prescribed under or pursuant to the Environment Management and Coordination Act 1999 (2015 amendment) of a pollutant in the atmosphere at the point of measurement;

**Analysis:** means the testing or examination of any matter, substance or process for the purpose of determining its composition or qualities or its effect (whether physical, chemical or biological) on any segment of the environment;

**Baseline data:** Data that describes issues and conditions at the inception of the SEA. It serves as the starting point for measuring impacts and performance and is an important reference for evaluation.

**Biological diversity:** means the variability among living organisms from all sources including terrestrial ecosystems, aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, among species, and of ecosystems

**Buffer Zone:** means distinct or established areas that separate potentially competing users and that serves to lessen the danger of potential conflicts.

**Ecosystem:** means a dynamic complex of plant, animal, micro-organism communities and their non-living environment interacting as a functional unit;

**Effluent**: means gaseous waste, water or liquid or other fluid of domestic, agricultural, trade or industrial origin treated or untreated and discharged directly or indirectly into the aquatic environment;

**Environment:** includes the physical factors of the surroundings of human beings including land, water, atmosphere, climate, sound, odour, taste, the biological factors of animals and plants and the social factor of aesthetics and includes both the natural and the built environment;

Environmental Audit: means a systematic evaluation of activities and processes of an on-going project to determine how far these activities and programmes conform with the approved environmental management plan of that specific project and sound.

**Environmental Monitoring:** means the continuous or periodic determination of actual and potential effects of any activity or phenomenon of the environment whether short-term or long-term.

**Grievance:** An issue, concern, problem, or claim (perceived or actual) that an individual or community group wants a company or contractor to address and resolve.

**Grievance Redress Mechanism:** A formalized way to receive, assess, and resolve stakeholder complaints about the impacts of the project, the conduct of project proponents, including its contractors or employees.

**Indicator:** A signal that reveals progress (or lack thereof) towards objectives; it provides a means of measuring what actually happens against what has been planned in terms of quantity, quality, and timeliness.

**Lead Agency:** means any Government Ministry, Institution, Department, Parastatal, State Corporation or Local Authority, in which any law vests functions of control or management of any element of the environment or natural resources

**Integrated Environmental Assessments:** includes Environmental Impact Assessment, Archaeological Assessment, Social Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment and Cultural Impact Assessments.

**Master plan:** a dynamic long-term planning document that provides a conceptual layout to guide future growth and development. Master planning is about making the connection between buildings, social settings, and their surrounding environments.

**Mitigation measures:** include engineering works, technological improvements, management, and ways and means of minimising negative aspects, which may include socioeconomic and cultural losses suffered by communities and individuals, whilst enhancing positive aspects of the project.

**Plan:** A purposeful, forward-looking strategy or design, often with coordinated priorities, options, and measures that elaborate and implement policy.

**Policy:** A broad statement of intent that reflects and focuses the political agenda of government and initiates a decision cycle. A general course of action or proposed overall direction that a government is/ will pursue; a policy guides on-going decision making.

**Program:** A coherent, organized agenda or schedule of commitments, proposals, instruments, and/or activities that elaborate and implement policy.

**Public Engagement/Participation:** Engagement is a planned process with the specific purpose of working with individuals and groups to encourage active involvement in the project. This ranges from sensitizing individuals or groups about a project, obtaining community feedback at key project stages or working collaboratively with stakeholders to address local issues.

**Scoping:** The process of defining the extent and detail of a SEA, including the identification of strategic issues.

**SEA Expert:** An expert registered and licensed as per the SEA Guidelines

**Social Impact Assessment (SIA):** is the process of identifying and managing the social/ human impacts of projects

**Stakeholder:** Those who may be interested in, potentially affected by, or influence the implementation of a PPP. In the context of a SEA applied to development cooperation, stakeholders may include government, donor agencies, local communities, NGOs, and civil society.

**Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA):** A range of analytical and participatory approaches that aim to integrate environmental consideration into policies, plans, and programs and evaluate the interlinkages with economic and social considerations.

**Stakeholder Mapping:** The process of identifying those directly or indirectly affected by a project, those with direct or indirect interests or those with ability to influence the projects' outcomes positively or negatively.

**Sustainable Development:** means development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs by maintaining the carrying capacity of the supporting ecosystem.

Tier: A layer or ranking in a hierarchy, as in policy, plan, or program

**Threshold:** Levels that should not be exceeded; points at which irreversible or serious damage could occur, either to ecosystems and/or to social systems (health, safety, or wellbeing).

**Trade-offs:** Refers to losing one quality or aspect of something in return for getting another quality or aspect. It implies a decision made with the full comprehension of both the up- and down-side of a choice.

**Vulnerable Groups:** Refers to demographic groups who, due to factors usually considered outside their control, do not have the same opportunities as other, more abled groups in society.

# NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

# **Background Information**

Teita Estate is a leading international producer and exporter of sisal products. Teita Estate Limited has identified the need to introduce a comprehensive mixed land use pattern at the Teita Sisal Estate, which is aimed at enhancing the economic productivity of the area through the proposed estate zoning and subdivision into distinct land use zones.

The proposed mixed-use development site is located 3 kilometres from Mwatate Town, along Voi – Mwatate Road. The development is anchored on the tenets of mixed-use developments which is one of the ten principles of smart growth that promotes community design and developments and incorporates it with economy, public health and environment. In this case, the proposed development blends various compatible land uses including commercial, light industrial, residential with pockets of adequate public amenities and support infrastructure. The end game is a well thought out sustainable human settlement where people can live, work and play.

The purpose of this SESA report is to share the findings of the possible impacts on the biophysical and socio-economic environment upon implementation of the proposed Master Plan. It also provides information on the plan proponent, an outline of the proposed plan, mitigation measures for identified negative impacts, an environmental management and a monitoring plan to ensure effective implementation of the mitigation measures, and a description of the SESA process including the assessment's outcomes and recommendations.

# Methodology and Criteria for undertaking the SESA

The SESA was carried out in line with the provisions of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act, (EMCA, Cap 387), the Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations 2003, Draft Environmental Management and Coordination (Strategic Assessment, Integrated Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations 2018, the 2012 National Guidelines for Strategic Environmental Assessment in Kenya, as well as international guidelines on SESA. The main activities in this SESA study included:

- i. Description of the proposed master plan including the objective, purpose, and rationale
- ii. Identification of alternative options and strategies, implementation plan and time scale
- iii. Areas and sectors affected by the proposed master plan
- iv. Field missions for baseline environmental analysis
- v. Collection of baseline data including data on ecological processes and services
- vi. Review and analysis of existing policy and legislative frameworks for environmental protection and existing environmental protection programs and their objectives
- vii. Review of all relevant development plans for the area within the study boundaries
- viii. Identification of alternatives options and justification of preferred alternatives and linkages between on-going projects and proposed plan
- ix. Prediction and evaluation of impacts, including cumulative effects
- x. Preparation of an Environmental and Social Management and Monitoring Plan (ESMMP)
- xi. Identification of gaps and alternatives actions
- xii. Stakeholder consultations and public participation
- xiii. Presentation of findings and stakeholder dialogue
- xiv. Compilation, validation and submission of final SESA report

# Objectives of the SESA

This SESA utilised a set of SESA objectives that cover each of the environmental topics scoped into the assessment covering different section of SESA. The objectives have been further outlined in section 1.1.5.

- ✓ Reduce emissions from the transport sector by reducing the need to travel to school and shopping hence contribute to the wider targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ Adapt the different proposed land uses to the predicted effects of climate change
- ✓ Reduce all forms of air pollution related to the residential, industrial, commercial and transport land uses and improve air quality
- ✓ Improve quality of life and human health and increase sustainable access to essential services, employment and the natural environment
- ✓ Reduce noise and vibration associated with the construction stage, transport network, industrial processing and agriculture
- ✓ Promote, invest in, build and maintain infrastructure to support the development of high-quality places
- ✓ Improve the living standards and environment of the residents of Mwatate County
- ✓ Provide recreational and green spaces for the residents of Mwatate closer to their living environment
- ✓ Promote and improve the sustainable use of the land and natural resources
- ✓ Reduce use of natural resources by providing other alternatives
- ✓ Protect, maintain and improve the quality of water bodies, wetlands and the marine environment from any direct or indirect impacts from the project, and protect against the risk of flooding, surface and underground water pollution and water wastage
- ✓ Promote water recycling and water harvesting
- ✓ Protect, maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services, avoiding damage to or loss of designated and undesignated wildlife or geological sites
- ✓ Safeguard and improve soil quality particularly high value agricultural land and carbon-rich soil
- ✓ Protect cultural heritage resources and their settings.
- ✓ Protect the landscape and deliver environmental benefits through sustainable and highquality design and place-making
- ✓ Propose environmentally alternatives to make the Master Plan Environmentally sustainable and self-conserving.

# Scope of the proposed Master Plan

The intended Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed-Use Master Plan will comprise of several spatial land use patterns, which will include 58.38% residential, .8% industrial, 4.26% commercial, 8.2% on agricultural activities and 1.9% education. Others will consist of public utilities and purposes, recreational purposes, transportation and open space. The zones in each of the development phases include:

- ✓ Residential Zone
- ✓ Agricultural zones
- ✓ Public utility zones
- ✓ Public purpose zones
- ✓ Medical facilities

- ✓ Religious facilities
- ✓ Commercial zones
- ✓ Industrial zones
- ✓ Wetlands
- ✓ Transport

# 1 Introduction

# 1.1 Background

# 1.1.1 Overview of The Plan

The Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) of Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Development Master Plan is being conducted for approval by the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA). It is meant to provide strategic direction to the proposed comprehensive mixed land use pattern from the current land uses. This section outlines the key areas of focus that shall be addressed by the SESA. Subsequently the experts have recommended that upon the completion of the SESA process and issuance of NEMA approval on the Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Master Plan, hereafter referred to as the 'Master Plan', Environmental &/Social Impact Assessments (ESIA) be undertaken for the various individual project phases to address site-specific impacts of specific projects and EIA/ESIA licenses issued by NEMA.

Teita Estate Limited sought the services of a lead expert, of the SEA experts led by Dr. David Masereti Makori, to carry out a SESA of the proposed Master Plan in fulfilment of Regulation 42 of the Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations of 2003, that requires all Policy, Plans or Programmes to be subjected to a SESA. The SESA process shall entail carrying out the study in accordance with the set regulations and guidelines. This submission of the report to NEMA for review seeks for approval of the SESA by NEMA, and follow up to provide any additional information to enable approval of the Master Plan. The purpose of this draft SESA report is to provide an in-depth analysis of key areas of concern that have been subjected to scrutiny and detailed analysis to ascertain the possible impacts as result of the proposed implementation of the Master Plan, and subsequently develop an adequate and sustainable environmental management and monitoring plan (EMMP). It also sought to provide information on the plan proponent, an outline of the proposed plan and anticipated impacts.

Teita Estate Limited, has identified the need to introduce a comprehensive mixed land use pattern at the Teita Sisal Estate, that is aimed at enhancing the economic productivity of the area through the proposed estate zoning and subdivision into distinct land use zones. The development is anchored on the tenets of mixed-use developments which is one of the ten principles of smart growth that promotes community design and developments and incorporates it with economy, public health and the environment. In this case, the proposed development blends various compatible land uses including commercial, light industrial, residential with pockets of adequate public amenities and support infrastructure. The end game is a well thought out sustainable human settlement where people can live, work and play. The proponent is considering introduction of key zones within the estate as listed below: -

- i. Residential zones
- ii. Agricultural zones
- iii. Public utility zones
- iv. Public purpose zones
- v. Medical facilities
- vi. Religious facilities
- vii. Commercial zones
- viii. Industrial zones

### ix. Wetland

The Master Plan is described in detail in Section 2 of this report.

# 1.1.2 Scope of the Master Plan

The proposals as put up by a team of experts such as planners, managers, urban planners, engineers, quantity surveyors, environmentalists, physical planners, hydro geologists, zoologists, botanists, sociologists and other ancillary experts as the need be to come up with the most economically viable, environmentally sound, technologically savvy mixed-use dwellings. The proposed components will be put up in such a manner to maximize the intended benefits.

The intended Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed-Use Master Plan will comprise of several spatial land use patterns, which will include 58.38% residential, 4.08% industrial, 4.26% commercial, 8.2% on agricultural activities and 1.9% education. Others will consist of public utilities and purposes, recreational purposes, transportation and open space. The following provides details of the proposed facilities:

- Controlled mixed-use development that is governed by a development control code and rules.
- Security that integrates both physical and technology to provide advanced security surveillance systems that include non-controlled ingress and egress both into the city and individual buildings.
- > Due to limited water resources, a water resource plan shall include enhanced production and distribution of water within the development.
- ➤ Provide reliable power distribution with minimal brown outs, back-up generators and endeavour to provide power demand from renewable energy sources such as solar and wind
- ➤ Provision on 24 hours medical and emergency facilities to be incorporated in the development plan, this includes medical facilities, ambulance and fire brigades
- ➤ Provision of a zone for the development of commercial facilities within the development
- Allocation of a zone for the development of universities, primary and tertiary education facilities
- Allocation of zones for light industries establishment
- An adequate traffic design that ensures a walkable environment that is not hampered by vehicular traffic
- Anchor the Mixed-use development on sustainability and green initiatives
- > Innovative asset and facility management to maintain the built-up environment
- The zones in each of the development phases include:
  - ✓ Residential zones
  - ✓ Agricultural zones
  - ✓ Public utility zones
  - ✓ Public purpose zones
  - ✓ Medical facilities
  - ✓ Religious facilities
  - ✓ Commercial zones

- ✓ Industrial zones
- ✓ Wetland
- ✓ Transport

# 1.1.3 Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) Definition

Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) refers to a range of analytical and participatory approaches to integrate environmental and social consideration into Policies, Plans and Programs (PPP), and evaluate the inter-linkages with economic and social considerations (NEMA, 2012). SESA is a combination of approaches that use a variety of tools, rather than a single, fixed, prescriptive approach. The SESA process extends its aims and principles upstream in the decision-making process, beyond the plan level, when major alternatives are still possible. SESA is a proactive approach to integrate environmental considerations into the higher levels of decision-making. During a SESA process, the likely significant effects of a Policy, Plan, or Program (PPP) on the environment are identified, described, evaluated, and reported.

# 1.1.4 Basic Principles for SESA

The Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations of 2003 provide for SESA in compliance to the following principles:

- ✓ The sustainable use of natural resources
- ✓ The enhanced protection and conservation of biodiversity
- ✓ Interlinkages between human settlements and cultural issues
- ✓ Integration of socio-economic and environmental factors
- ✓ The protection and conservation of natural physical surroundings of scenic beauty and the protection and conservation of built environment of historic or cultural significance
- ✓ Public and stakeholder engagement

# 1.1.5 SESA Objectives

This SESA will utilise a set of objectives that cover each of the environmental topics scoped into the assessment covering different section of SESA.

- ✓ Reduce emissions from the transport sector by reducing the need to travel to school and shopping hence contribute to the wider targets of reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ Adapt the proposed land uses to the predicted effects of climate change
- ✓ Reduce all forms of air pollution related to residential, industrial, commercial and transport land uses and improve air quality
- ✓ Improve quality of life and human health and increase sustainable access to essential services, employment and the natural environment
- ✓ Reduce noise and vibration associated with the construction stage, transport network, industrial processing and agriculture
- ✓ Promote, invest in, build and maintain infrastructure to support the development of highquality places
- ✓ Improve the living standards and environment of the residents of Mwatate County
- ✓ Provide recreational and green spaces for the residents of Mwatate closer to their living environment
- ✓ Promote and improve the sustainable use of the land and natural resources

- ✓ Reduce use of natural resources by providing other alternatives
- ✓ Protect, maintain and improve the quality of water bodies, wetlands and the marine environment from any direct or indirect impacts from the plan, and protect against the risk of flooding, surface and underground water pollution and water wastage
- ✓ Promote water recycling and water harvesting
- ✓ Protect, maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services, avoiding damage to or loss of designated and undesignated wildlife or geological sites
- ✓ Safeguard and improve soil quality particularly high value agricultural land and carbon-rich soil
- ✓ Protect cultural heritage resources and their settings.
- ✓ Protect the landscape and deliver environmental benefits through sustainable and highquality design and place-making

# 1.1.6 Purpose of Teita Estate Comprehensive Development SESA Report

The purpose of this SESA report is to present strategic recommendations that will guide strategic environmental and socio-economic planning during implementation of the Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Master plan.

# 1.1.7 Terms of Reference for Teita Estate Comprehensive Development SESA Report

The Terms of Reference (ToR) developed for this study are meant to assess the impacts that might result during the construction, operational and decommissioning phase of the proposed plan. Specifically, the terms of reference include:

- i. Provide detailed descriptions of the proposed plan in terms of location, objectives, design, activities, material inputs, outputs, products and waste.
- ii. Provide detailed description of the baseline environmental and social economic conditions of the plan area.
- iii. Review relevant legal, policy and institutional framework applicable in the implementation of the proposed plan.
- iv. Provide detailed description of the potentially affected environment.
- v. Identify, predict and analyse the environment and social economic impacts of the plan, including seeking stakeholder's views and/or concerns.
- vi. Provide analyses of the plan alternatives in terms of site, design, implementation technologies and provide reason for preferred options.
- vii. Provide detailed Draft Environmental and Social Monitoring and Management Plan (ESMMP) proposing measures for mitigating negative environmental impacts, cost for offsetting such measures, timeframe, responsibility and monitoring frequency and indicators to implement the measures.
- viii. Provide action plans for management of occupational/public health and safety concerns.

# 1.1.8 Methodology of Undertaking the SESA

SESA is a means of systematically assessing the likely impact of a public plan, programme or strategy on the environment. The Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations of 2003 transposes the requirements of the SESA and those bodies preparing qualifying plans are required to undertake a SESA of plans that are likely to have significant environmental effects, if implemented. The SESA aims to offer greater protection to the environment by ensuring public

bodies and those organisations preparing plans of a 'public character' (in this case Teita Estate) consider and address the likely significant environmental effects. The SESA also offers a foundation for future stages of the plan assisting an environmentally led design.

This SESA is prepared for the Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Master Plan, hereafter referred to as the 'Master Plan', to explore the potential for positive or negative significant environmental effects. The Screening, Scoping, and Drafts Reports were prepared and approved by NEMA. Following the screening, scoping and draft SESA report stages, the key remaining stages of SESA for the Master Plan are:

- ✓ Final SESA Report (that responds to SESA consultation comments, stakeholder validation workshop comments and any post-consultation updates to the Master Plan reporting).
- ✓ Post Adoption Statement This statement will be produced after the SESA for the Master Plan has been adopted. It will outline how the assessment and consultation responses have been considered within the finalised Master Plan. It will also include the final environmental monitoring programme for the Master Plan implementation.
- ✓ Monitoring any significant environmental effects predicted in the SESA will need to be monitored, according to the monitoring programme set out in the Post Adoption Statement, and remedial action taken in response to the monitoring, where required.

The SESA Directive topics to be considered at all SESA stages are:

✓	biodiversity, fauna and flora;	$\checkmark$
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✓ population and human✓ climatic factors;health;✓ material assets;

air;

✓ soil; ✓ landscape.

Inter-relationships between the environmental topics listed above is also considered. For example, direct effects on soil or the quality of the water and the environment, as a result of increasing the background levels of pollution within a specific area, could have a secondary significant effect on biodiversity. The potential inter-relationships identified as part of the scoping exercise are outlined in this draft report.

The SESA was developed to incorporate the feedback from statutory Consultation Authorities. These statutory Consultation Authorities include, but not limited to:

- i. NEMA
- ii. Taita Taveta County Government Environment and Water
- iii. Kenya Wildlife Services
- iv. African Wildlife Foundation
- v. Taita Taveta Wildlife Conservancy Association
- vi. TAVEVO
- vii. Izera Ranch
- viii. Diaspora University Town (DUT)

The role of the Consultation Authorities within SESA was to bring their individual environmental expertise to the assessment process. This helped to ensure that the future consultation process undertaken by the plan is more robust. This in turn means that the public can gain a better

understanding of the likely effect of a plan on the environment and meaningfully contribute to the plan's preparation process by offering an informed view.

In adherence to the requirements of the Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations of 2003, screening was undertaken to determine whether the Master Plan would be likely to have significant environmental effects which would require SESA. A Screening Report was submitted to NEMA in 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 and a response was received on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2023. SESA was proposed for the Master Plan as the most appropriate and robust framework for identifying potential environmental effects and opportunities at a high-level. The SESA process also ensures that stakeholders are given an early opportunity to comment on and influence the proposals. Following review of the Screening Report, Teita Estate confirmed the intention to progress with SESA for the proposed Master Plan. Following confirmation through screening that a SESA will be undertaken, a scoping report was undertaken and approved by NEMA on 27<sup>th</sup> of April, 2023. The purpose of the scoping stage was to describe the environmental context, by establishing the relevant baseline information, reviewing other relevant alternatives and identifying environmental problems and opportunities.

The draft SESA draft report was submitted to NEMA on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Upon review the NEMA comments were received on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023. The team worked on the comments and the revised draft SESA report was submitted on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Up on satisfying the requirements of SESA and holding a stakeholder validation workshop, comments were received from the public and a final SESA report submitted to the Authority on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024.

# 1.1.9 Work Plan and deliverables for executing the SESA

# 1.1.9.1 Key deliverables for the SESA

S/No.	Deliverables	Dates
1	Master Plan Brief, Submission and decision to conduct SESA by	23/02/2022
	NEMA	
2	Screening report approval by NEMA	21/03/2023
2	Data collection and submission of SESA scoping report to NEMA	27/04/2023
4	Submission of SESA Draft report	30/06/2023
5	Media adverts	07/07/2023
5	NEMA Comment received	02/10/2023
6	Submission of second SESA draft report	26/10/2023
7	Validation workshop conducted	06/12/2023
8	Submission of the final SESA report	22/01/2024

# 1.1.10 Budget to Implement the SESA

Teita Estate Limited was instrumental in facilitation of financial, administrative, and technical resources for the SESA process and committed support into the implementation stage. The proponent also provided access to master plan information and obliged to facilitate consultative meetings among key SESA consultants, technical teams and stakeholders.

# 2 Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Master Plan

# 2.1 Overview of the Master Plan

A sustainable development has to incorporate socio-economic and environment-friendly concepts/ principles by hosting a community of integrated mixed-use development including housing, businesses, industrial e.t.c., seeking to enhance environmental and economic performance through collaboration in managing environmental and resource issues, including energy, water and materials. Consequently, the proposed Master Plan has integrated all the facets of a sustainably developed entity by ensuring that the economic, social and environmental factors are its guiding principles in the design, construction and management. This chapter highlights the purpose, rationale, and objectives, of Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Development Master Plan. It also identified and discusses sectors affected and that interlink with the Master Plan.

Teita Estate Master Plan is an upcoming 3,000-acre comprehensive development located within the newly formed Mwatate Municipality, Taita Taveta County. The development is anchored on the tenets of mixed-use developments which is one of the ten principles of smart growth that promotes community design and developments and incorporates it with economy, public health and environment. In this case, the proposed development blends various compatible land uses including commercial, light industrial, residential with pockets of adequate public amenities and support infrastructure. The end game is a well thought out sustainable human settlement where people can live, work and play.

Since Kenya attained her independence in 1963, the government has through various initiatives tried to address shelter issues key among them formulation of Session Paper No.5 of 1966/67 on Housing Policy, National Strategy for shelter 2000 and most recently the Big 4 Agenda, where housing is one of the four pillars. Despite these efforts, the demand for decent housing has always outstripped the supply especially in urban areas. This is majorly attributed to the rapid urbanization, inaccessibility to land and housing finance coupled with the high cost of infrastructure and low level of investment in the sector by public agencies and parastatals. While the government has majorly focused on provision of support infrastructure, the private sector has emerged as the best alternative supplier of housing. It is against this backdrop that the residential zone of the Teita Estate Master Plan aims to increase the housing stock by creating spaces.

To promote sustainability, foster innovation and provide employment, there is need to have sources of income where people live hence the inclusion of industrial and commercial zones into residential areas. According to the Taita Taveta CIDP of 2018-2022, unemployment rate in the County stands at 45%, which is mainly attributable to low skills among the population and the limited capacity of the industrial sector. As a remedy, the Teita Estate Master Plan proposed a vocational training centre to help improve the low skill levels of the residents.

With land ownership in Taita Taveta county comprising of about 62% in the government owned Tsavo East and West, and 24% in private ranches, only 14% of the total land area is left for occupation by the local residents. Despite the small percentage of available land, the ranch owners and the locals have managed to put forth sustainable agriculture into practice and agricultural activities for production of food crops, cash crops and livestock have been steadily on the rise.

The major challenge that faces urbanization in Taita Taveta has been increased emigration of young population to more fast-growing counties such as Mombasa and Malindi in search of Education and better opportunities. This is mainly attributed to the fact that there are no major workforce seeking entities within the county. Therefore, the opening of this 3000-acre development will open up land to attract more investors to offer more job opportunities to residents as well as spur growth in the newly created Mwatate Municipality.

The Master Plan is strategically located off 18kms from Voi junction connecting Nairobi - Mombasa highway. The highway links to A109 that joins Nairobi to the North and Mombasa to the south. Other keys infrastructure in the region includes the SGR Voi Station, the 60-metre A23 Voi-Taveta Road which is a major gateway and shortest route to Tanzania through Taveta town. The old metre gauge railway and its reserve marks the northern boundary of the Teita Estate and there are plans of reviving the old railway line and construct a new SGR line connecting Voi to Tanzania. This venture will greatly benefit the proposed Teita Estate development. Furthermore, the Master Plan is within a major tourist attraction destination, i.e. the Tsavo East and West National Parks. Figures 1 and 2 shows the national and local setting of the Master Plan.

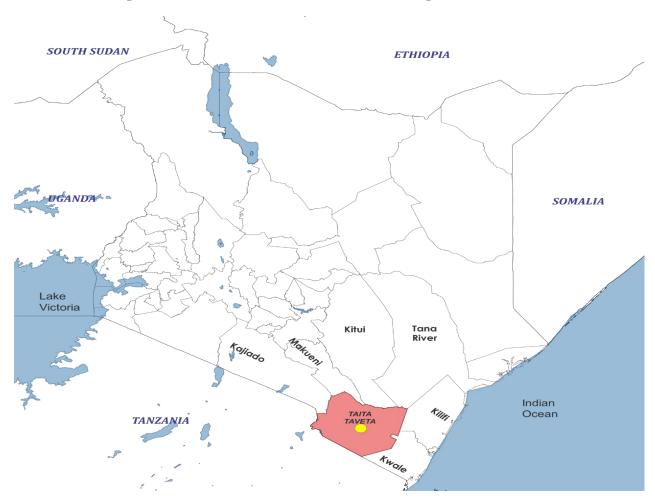


Figure 1: Location of Taita Taveta County in relation to other counties in Kenya

Taita Taveta County has a population of over 340,000 people and borders Kitui, Makueni, Tana River, Kilifi, Kwale and Kajiado counties and Tanzania to the South. The Figure 2 below shows the location of the county in the Kenyan context. The development is located about three (3)

kilometres from Mwatate town and in between Mwatunge to the north and about two (2) from Singila Majengo on the south.

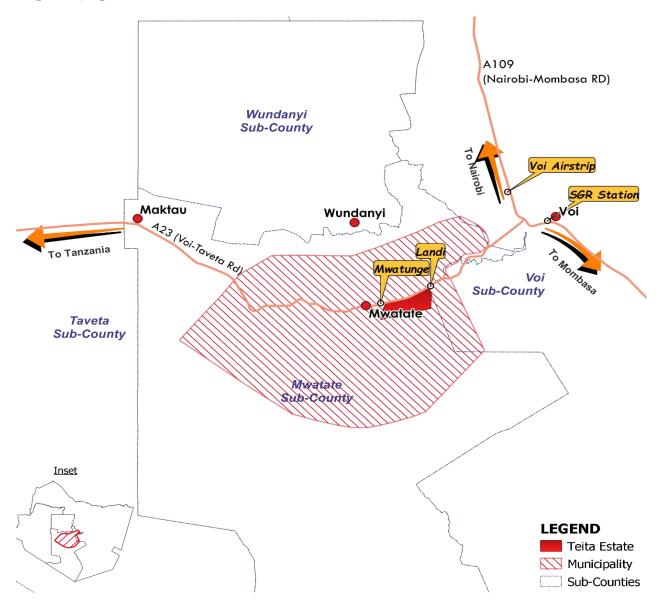


Figure 2: Location of the proposed Teita Estate mixed land use plan in in Mwatate Sub county, Mwatate Municipality

# 2.2 Objectives of the Master Plan

The proposed Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Development Master plan aims to safeguard integration of all the facets of a sustainably developed entity and environmental considerations are adhered to. This will be done by ensuring that the economic, social and environmental factors are its guiding principles in the design, construction and management processes. The specific objectives of the plan are to provide the much-needed facilities and services as highlighted below:

✓ To develop housing units with low, medium and high-density units targeting both middle and high-income earners.

- ✓ Open up land for different land uses to allow the locals and other Kenyans access to land and contribute towards addressing the land question
- ✓ Provide affordable land to the locals who have very limited access to land and resources.
- ✓ Provide land for modern agriculture to enhance agricultural productivity in the region
- ✓ To enhance green spaces and wetland protection by providing land for wetlands and parks within the master plan
- ✓ To spur economic activity in the region by providing a good economic environment and clients
- ✓ Improving housing conditions by providing development designs and encouraging controlled development options governed by development control code and rules.
- ✓ Improving living standards through employment creation through the various commercial and industrial installations proposed.
- ✓ To encourage green living and greening the master plan by making water harvesting mandatory, water recycling by using grey water for irrigation, harnessing green energy such as solar and wind and naturally aspirated house designs.
- ✓ Increase medical provision to the residents of Mwatate and Taita Taveta County by establishing medical facilities within the site
- ✓ To improve education status in the region by providing education facilities of all levels of education including tertiary institutions
- ✓ To designate recreational and sports facilities and services providing various sports and recreational activities with public amenities such as green open spaces

# 2.3 Existing Land Uses and Surrounding Development

The proposed development area is a sisal plantation with concentration of existing developments located mainly across the Voi-Taveta Road opposite the estate, at Singila area, which is mostly for residential purpose and the neighbouring Mwatate town. Additionally, within the plantation exists settlements that are occupied by the sisal workers and major production activities of the sisal farm take place as well. There is also a school and Health centre serving the settlements. Development and features directly adjacent to the land zone include:

- Accessibility to the Standard Gauge Railway
- > The newly improved Voi-Taveta Road
- Residential area that are sparsely located adjacent to the facility
- > Sisal plantations in the neighbouring
- > The Tsavo National Park
- Mwatate town

Although the site is predominantly agriculture in nature, there are also added neighbouring market centres with land uses such as commercial, educational facilities and public purpose facilities. The key towns, near the site include Landi centre, Voi Town, Mwatate town and Singila Majengo.

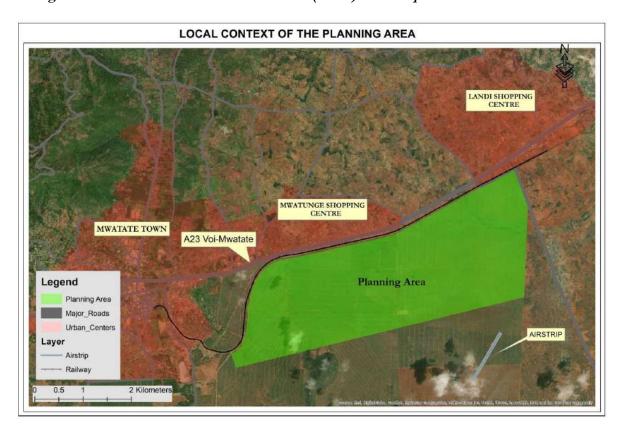


Figure 3: An overview of the Master Plan area showing the land uses surrounding it.

# 2.4 Current Status of the Study Site

The Master Plan is proposed to cover an area approximately 1,214 hectares (3,000 acres). The land is registered as Mwatate/Mwatate/Block 1/14 under Teita Estate Limited (TEL) on leasehold tenure regime. Currently, the parcel is under sisal with staff quarters, water storage tanks and borehole used for agricultural purposes (Figure 3).



Figure 4: Current status of the proposed Teita Estate Mixed Land use Plan area

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- > The Tsavo National Park
- Mwatate town

Although the site is predominantly used for agriculture, there are neighbouring market centres with land uses such as commercial, educational facilities and public purpose facilities. The key towns, near the site include Lindi centre, Voi Town, Mwatate town and Singila Majengo.

The proposed plan will have mixed land uses, among them;

- i. Residential zones with various occupation densities
- ii. Commercial centres
- iii. Industrial centres
- iv. Public utilities such as education and health centres
- v. Green areas and parks within each court

The SESA team will establish the biodiversity in the Master Plan site, the ecosystem services, pressure patterns and trends.

# 2.5 Land Use Description

### 2.5.1 Residential Zones:

Residential land use is main anchor land use within the scheme and occupies 58.38% of the total Master Plan area. The scheme hopes to create a well-planned and orderly neighbourhood that is safe and friendly for the general wellbeing of the residents. To achieve this, Teita Estate Limited will sell serviced plots for housing. The scheme hopes that the plots can be used in the realization of affordable housing within Mwatate area.

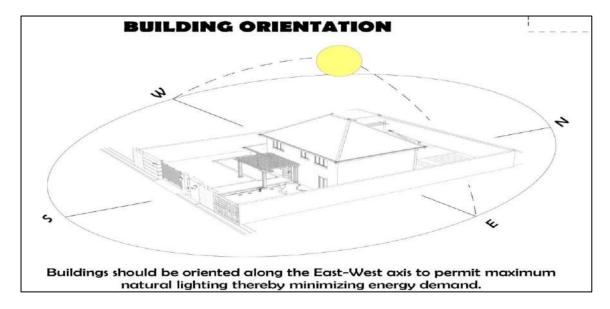


Figure 5: Proposed structural orientation consideration

For orderliness, all the developments will observe the building line and will build a perimeter wall in the site. Landscaping will also be done around the site to enhance aesthetics and promote environmental sustainability. This plan advocates for the incorporation of green buildings in the development for sustainability. Such buildings consume less water, boost energy efficiency, conserve natural resources, produce minimal waste and provide healthier environment for residents as compared to a conventional building. Green building design comprises site planning, design of building envelope, building design with HVAC i.e., heating, ventilation and air conditioning, lighting and water heating.

# i. High Density Residential Zone

This residential area is zoned for plots of up to 1/8th acres. The land as provided for is adequate for a single dwelling house, and yards both in the front and back of the parcel providing enough room for a home garden, since this plan advocates for food security. Figures below shows the graphical representation for the high-density residential zone in the Master Plan area.

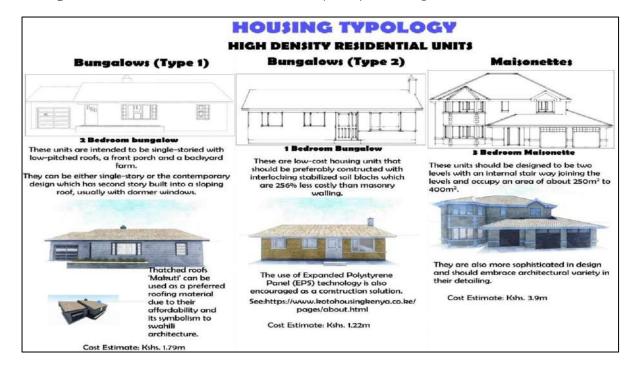


Figure 6: Proposed housing typology

# ii. Medium Density Residential Zone

This residential area is zoned for plots of land of measuring a 1/4th of an acre. Below is a visual representation of the houses in the medium residential zones.

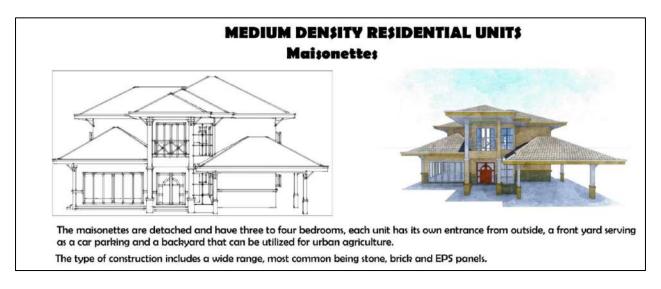


Figure 7: Proposed residential outlay in the medium density residential zone

# iii. Low & Super Low-Density Residential Zone

The low residential area is zoned for plots between 2-5 acres of land while the super low zone is reserved for plots between 5-10 acres of land. Below is a visual representation of the houses proposed in these zones.

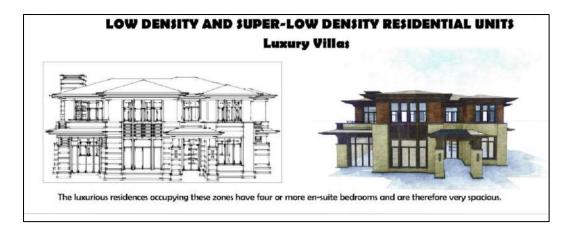


Figure 8: Proposed residential outlay in the low and super low density residential zone

### 2.5.2 Industrial Zone

The industrial zone occupies 49.48 hectares of land which is 4.08% of the total development area. As earlier indicated, these industries will capitalize on the areas strategic location along A23 road that runs to Tanzania and being only 20 kms from Voi SGR station. The two corridors will be use in the transportation of raw materials and finished products all over the country and even to the neighbouring countries. Since the industries are light industries and non-polluting, the Master Plan envisages low levels of pollution, with stimulation of economy and provision of employment opportunities hence growth of the area and county at large. Examples of such industries include petrol stations, food processing industries, water packaging among others.



Figure 9: Proposed outlay in the industrial zone including a petrol station that will be situated in the zone

# 2.5.3 Commercial Zone

There are pockets of commercial activities evenly distributed within the development area. This is to ensure accessibility of services and reduce on the need to travel long distance to access these commercial services. This in turn promotes walking and cycling which are majorly provided for in the design of the transportation sector and also reduces the unnecessary use of vehicles which in the long run reduces air pollution.



# 2.5.4 Educational Facilities

Educational facilities are an integral part of any residential neighbourhood. For this reason, 23.02 hectares of land (1.90%) of the total development area have been set aside. There is an emphasis on even distribution of these facilities for access and to adequately serve the anticipated residents all around the development area. The proposed educational facilities include ECD facilities, primary, secondary and a vocational training centre. ECD facilities will be provided within the residential neighbourhoods. This is meant to reduce walking distance of the young ones.

# 2.5.5 Hospitals

A hospital is a significant service in an area that is largely residential. For this reason, 7.65 Hectares of land have been set aside. The hospital facility will cater to the resident population within the scheme and within the area.



# 2.5.6 Cemetery

A cemetery is an important provision in the society, different cultures notwithstanding, as it is a place where people lay their loved ones. The location, size and cultural traditions have to be considered when providing for it. The plan takes cognisance of the different cultures within the target market and therefore has allocated 6.79 hectares of land with separate areas for Christians and Muslims.



### 2.5.7 Power Sub-station

The developer intends to have a dedicated bulk power supply line from Kenya Power. The main reason being the Master Planed load demand from the high consuming uses like industries and also the Master Planed domestic population of 33,000 in the year 2050. Towards this end, 0.19 Hectares of land has been set aside for power sub-stations. In support of this, the roads have adequate reserves to accommodate powerlines, tunnels and transformers. Teita Estate Limited also intends to have utility points along major roads especially within the industrial precinct. Individual plot owners and developers will also be encouraged to adopt green energy available such as solar.

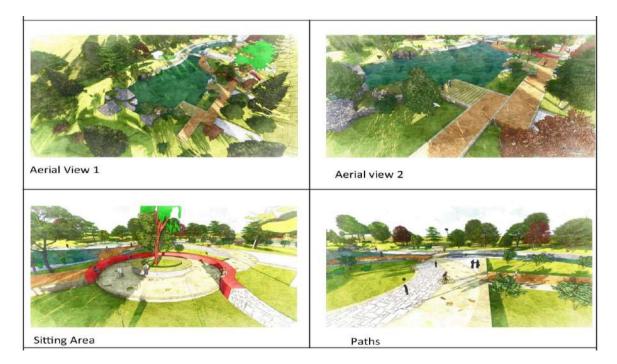
# 2.5.8 Police Station and Police Post

Where population is high, security is paramount. Police play a major role in our society as they help in maintaining public order and safety by enforcing the law. This is the reason why it is important to provide for a police station and the police posts in this development area. These public facilities have been allocated 1.17 Hectares of land.



### 2.5.9 Parks

The parks have been allocated 34.53 Hectares of land accounting to 2.84% of the land use allocation. A park is an area of natural, semi-natural or planted space set aside for human enjoyment and recreation. The kind of parks being proposed are neighbourhood parks, public open spaces and landscaped parks. The purpose of parks is to provide spaces and opportunities for both informal active and passive recreation. They are developed and designed for community residents living close to the parks.



# 2.5.10 Water, Sewer and Waste Management

Mwatate being an arid area faces water scarcity. However, piped water is supplied by Tavevo water and sewerage company. The developer intends to leverage on sustainable water sources such as rain, underground water and water recycling options. Moreover, supplemental water supply to the estate with bulk from the TAVEVO company will be considered. The developer hopes to sink water pans and dams within the proposed plan area to increase water supply. Further, the developer will incorporate water storage tanks and water harvesting techniques for use on the building designs. Currently, the Master Plan site is not served by the trunk sewer. The developer will also construct onsite waste bins to ensure that solid waste is efficiently managed. The 5R's concept of waste management will be leveraged and waste separation and recycling will be highly encouraged. Waste will be collected by licensed private waste collectors and transported to land set aside for waste recycling and management. Waste resources will be mined from this waste to be sold to light industries within the site and other heavy industries outside the site. In addition, organic waste will be managed by composting it and utilizing the resultant biogas for cooking in domestic homes or hotels. The compost manure from this management will be used as organic manure in the land set aside for agricultural purposes. With proper implementation of these strategies, the site will be waste free.

# 2.5.11 Transportation

Transportation is important especially for mobility and accessibility. This development area has set aside 214.19 Hectares of land for the transportation sector which accumulates to 17.64% of the total land in the development area. This shall consist of:-

- i. Bus way design concept
- ii. Street crossing sections
- iii. Safety concepts
- iv. Adequate traffic management concept

# 2.5.12 Urban Agriculture

Agriculture will be incorporated within the residential neighbourhoods. Urban agriculture can be defined as Agricultural production (crops and livestock) in urban and peri-urban areas for food and other uses. One striking feature of urban agriculture, which distinguishes it from rural agriculture, is that it is integrated into the urban economic and ecological system. It is not its urban location which distinguishes urban from rural agriculture, but the fact that it is embedded in and interacting with the urban system. Benefits of urban farming include saving on groceries and helps to increase your physical activity.

# 2.6 Identification of applicable sectors and plans.

The proposed Teita Estate comprehensive mixed land use development is anticipated to interlink with other regional and local policies, plans and programmes. The development is anticipated to enhance the economic productivity of the area and provide a sustainable human settlement where people can live, work and play. This comprehensive development master links with other plans at the national, regional and county as explained in the following sections:

# 2.6.1 Linkage at the National Level

# 2.6.1.1 Vision 2030

Nationally, the proposed Teita Estate Comprehensive Development Master Plan links well with Vision 2030 blueprint. Its chapter four on the Social Pillar involves the building of a just and cohesive society, enjoying equitable social development in a clean and secure environment. This quest is the basis of transformation in some social sectors including education, water, sanitation, housing and sports among others.

In this regard the Teita Estate master plan features learning institutions, health facilities, improved infrastructure and provision of amenities, sports stadia and housing developments thereby contributing towards the achievement of some of key flagship vision 2030 projects.

# 2.6.1.2 National Water Master Plan 2030

The National Water Master Plan (NWMP) 2030 was launched on 26th March 2014. It is a product of an intensive study of Kenya's water resources and meteorological conditions to facilitate planning for development and management of the same. The proposed Teita Estate comprehensive development master plan fits within the Athi Catchment Areas hence will require to be in line with the development plans and overall NWMP. The Master Plan aims at ensuring protection of water resources within the Master Plan area and management of water including proper rainwater harvesting and creating buffer zones for protection of water bodies. Teita Estate Limited should input all strategies necessary to ensure adequate provision of water to its residents.

# 2.6.1.3 The National Spatial Plan (NSP) Framework

Kenya under vision 2030 has developed a thirty year (2015-2045) spatial plan that aims at distributing the population and activities on the national space for sustainable social-economic development. The plan envisages optimal productivity, sustainability, efficiency and equitability in the use of the scarce land in Kenya and the territorial space. It also provides a framework for urban development planning and management. In line with the national spatial plan Teita Estate Master Plan outlines strategies for sustainable utilization renewable energy and water sources.

# 2.6.2 Linkage at Coast Regional Level

# 2.6.2.1 Integrated Coast Region Master Plan (2010-2030)

The Integrated Coast Region Master Plan (2010-2030) is a development standards and guidelines for the Coast region. The master plan is developed by Coast Development Authority (CDA), a regional development authority established by an Act of Parliament (Cap 449). It has the mandate to plan and coordinate the implementation of integrated development projects and programmes within the whole of Coastal region. It therefore serves as a repository where all developmental initiatives within the region will revolve around. In this regard the objectives of the Integrated Coast Region Master Plan (2010-2030) link well regionally with those of the proposed Teita Estate comprehensive development master plan.

# 2.6.3 Linkage at County Level

# 2.6.3.1 Taita Taveta County Draft County Integrated Development Plan III (2023-2027)

At the County level, the proposed Teita Estate master plan links well with the Taita Taveta CIDP III (2023-2027). Chapter Seven of the CIDP forms the core of the Plan and is prepared along the lines of Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) Sectors. It indicates priorities, strategies, programmes and projects proposed to overcome the development challenges identified in previous chapters. The MTEF sectors are; education, recreation, environmental protection, water and housing among others. All the proposed Teita Estate comprehensive development master plan activities are in consistence with Taita Taveta County development goals.

# 2.6.3.2 Taita Taveta County Spatial Plan

The draft Taita Taveta County Spatial Plan details the spatial utilization of the land and resources in the county and is synchronized with the thematic areas outlined in the National Spatial Plan 2015-2045. It is a ten-year county GIS based database system providing:

- a. A spatial depiction of the social and economic development program of the county as articulated in the integrated county development plan;
- b. Clear statements of how the spatial plan is linked to the regional, national and other county plans;
- c. Contain strategies and policies regarding the manner in which the objectives referred to in paragraph (b)vi which strategies and policies shall: contain a strategic assessment of the environmental impact of the spatial development framework;

Upon completion, the Taita Taveta County Spatial plan will link well with the spatial works conducted for the proposed Taita Estate comprehensive development Master Plan.

# 2.6.3.3 The Diaspora University Town Plan

The Diaspora University Town (DUT) plan is a plan for development of a Town that settles 90,000 residents and creates 30,000 students as the anchor economic activity on 3,000 acres of land. The Teita Estate comprehensive development master plan will link well with the proposed town developments by providing housing to staff and students of the DUT.

# 2.6.3.4 The Izera Ecological Reserve Plan

The Izera ecological reserve plan is on a ranch along the Voi- Mombasa road bordering Maungu town. The plan entails the development of an airport, aviation college and holiday homes. The Teita Estate comprehensive development master plan will link well with the proposed town developments.

# 3 Environmental and Social Analysis of the Master Plan

### 3.1 Introduction

This Chapter discusses the baseline environmental assessment and detailed analysis of the areas which will be affected during execution of the proposed Teita Estate Comprehensive Master Plan. The chapter provides information on the existing environmental conditions including sensitive areas that would be potentially impacted by the master plan. The objective is to document and establish the environmental baseline to assist in assessing and monitoring master plan impacts.

The chapter begins with a brief outline of the methodology employed in the situational analysis. It further examines the baseline environmental, socio-economic and cultural characteristics of the master plan site and its locality. The data acquired will inform adequate projection of the anticipated impacts and subsequently developing of effective measures towards averting, prevention, risk reduction and compensations.

### 3.2 Methodology for baseline analysis

The study considered three sub-counties bordering the plan area. The study area was considered appropriate for an initial high-level review of potential effects on SESA topic, as advised by the preliminary stages of the SESA, following the Preliminary Assessment as part of the SESA process. Three subcounties including Tsavo Nation Park were identified as areas of interest. These include;

- 1. Mwatate
- 2. Wundanyi
- 3. Voi

Online mapping and publicly available resources were used to identify environmental constraints and inform the baseline of the study area. The sources used include:

- 1) National water data
- 2) Kenya water towers
- 3) National land use/landcover maps
- 4) Kenya protected areas
- 5) National mineral data
- 6) Local authority GIS data
- 7) Kenya open data
- 8) National environmental outlook
- 9) KWS repositories
- 10) African Wildlife Fund repositories

Moreover, the steps followed during the environmental baseline situation analysis were as follows:

- i. Environmental screening and scoping of the proposed Master Plan land uses
- ii. Desktop studies
- iii. Physical inspection of the proposed development area and surrounding Master Plan
- iv. Stakeholder engagement and information gathering
- v. Preparation of the SESA draft reports

- vi. Stakeholder validation
- vii. Preparation of the final SESA report

### 3.3 Data sources for Environment Baseline Analysis

The data sources for SESA analysis of Teita Estate Comprehensive Development master plan considered three sub counties bordering the plan area, that include Mwatate, Wundanyi and Voi. Publicly available resources were also used to identify environmental constraints and inform the baseline of the study area. The data sources used include the Kenya protected areas, local authority GIS data, Kenya open data and National environmental outlook. Moreover, the offices outlined here were contacted for information on environmental analysis;

Component	Concerns/desired	Data sources
	aims	
Bio-physical	Land, Water, Wildlife	✓ Ministry of Agriculture Taita Taveta County
environment		✓ Tavevo Water and Sewerage Company
		✓ Water Resources Authority (WRA), Voi
		✓ Kenya Forest Service (KFS), Taita Taveta County
		✓ Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), Voi
		✓ African Wildlife Service (AWF), Voi Office
Social-	Planning and	✓ Ministry of land infrastructure and urban
economic	development	development, Taita Taveta County
		✓ Planning department, Taita Taveta County
Institutional	Inter-County	✓ Related master plans in Taita Taveta County
	institutional	
	collaboration and	
	coordination	

### 3.4 Physiographic Analysis

The physical environment describes the topography, landforms geology, soils, climate and meteorology, air quality, and hydrology.

### 3.4.1 Location and size of Taita Taveta County

Taita Taveta County (Figure 10) is one of the six counties in the Coast region of Kenya. Taita Taveta County is located approximately 200 km northwest of the coastal city of Mombasa and 360 km southeast of Nairobi. It borders Tana River, Kitui and Makueni Counties to the North, Kwale and Kilifi Counties to the East, Kajiado County to the North-west, and the Republic of Tanzania to the South and South-west. The County lies between latitude 2°46' South and 4°10' South and longitude 37°36' East and 30°14' East. The total land area in Taita Taveta County, 10,650 km² and constitutes the Tsavo National Park (Tsavo East and Tsavo West National Parks), which translates to about 62% of the total land area forming the Tsavo ecosystem.

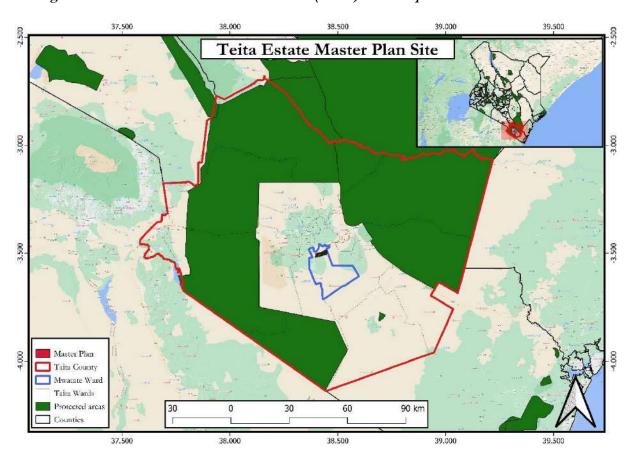


Figure 10: Location of Taita Taveta County in Kenya

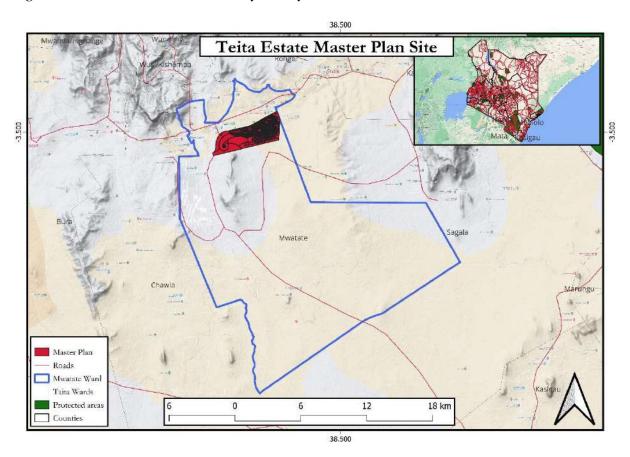


Figure 11: Location of Teita Master Plan in relation to Mwatate Ward

Moreover, Taita Taveta County has four sub counties namely Wundanyi, Mwatate, Voi and Taveta. Teita Sisal Estate is located in Mwatate Subcounty, Mwatate Ward in Taita-Taveta County. It is situated approximately 18 km form Voi Town. Teita Estate borders several conservancies including Mgeno and Teri ranches to the East shown as in the map below (Figure 11).

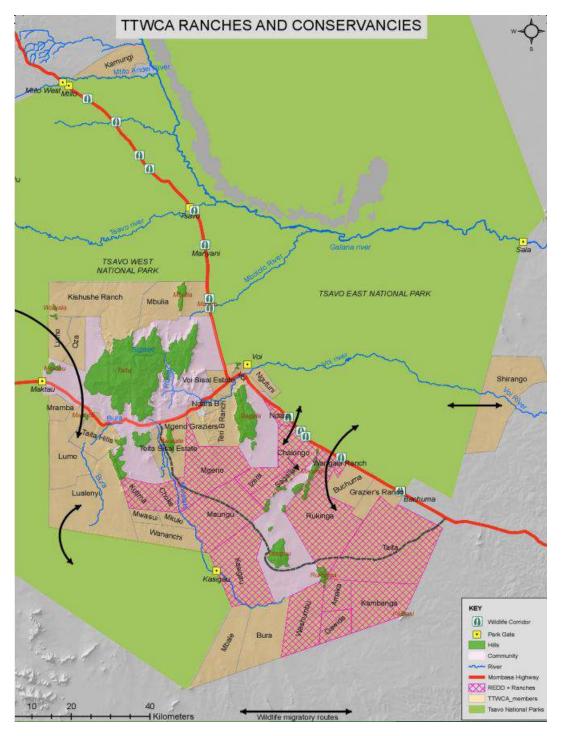


Figure 12: Teita Sisal Estate in relation to Taita Taveta Wildlife Conservancy Ranches and wildlife migratory corridors

Source: Taita Taveta Wildlife Conservancy Association

### 3.4.2 Geology

Geology is the science which deals with the physical structure and substance of the earth, their history, and the processes which act on them. In this regard the geology, hydrogeology and the various geological structures found in the area and immediate neighbourhood were focused on. The geology of the study area falls under Taita County which is in turn divided into Mozambique Belt and Tertiary Volcanic Belt. The Mozambique Belt encompasses Mwatate, Taita Hills, Kasigau and Kuranze areas while Tertiary Volcanic Belt covers Taveta region (Kella, 1992:4). The section of Mozambique belt underlying Mwatate area is characterized by crystalline rocks of peltic, arenaceous and calcareous sediments with intercalated thin bands of basic sills or lava flows, small lenses of ultramafic rocks emplaced along certain lithohorizons, and a Lu charnockite body. With the exception of the latter they are all part of Pre-cambrian age.

To the south of Mwatate a gem-grade of rubies was discovered in 1973 (Pohl, et, al). The rubies are products of desilication of alumina-rich country rocks or pegmatitic fluids caused by ultramafic rocks. These rocks were recognized to occur in lenses forming a belt along strike within the Kurase Series. They were originally dunites and pyroxenites, which were affected by at least the later phase of deformation and metamorphism

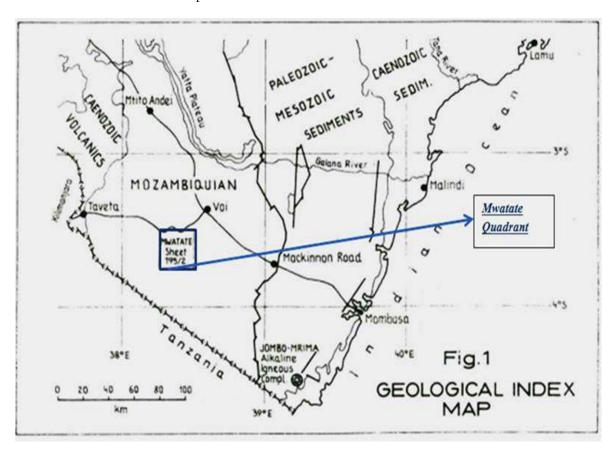


Figure 13 Mozambique belt covering the study area (W. Phol, et.al)

Moreover, the geology of the Teita Estate land proposed for the development is dominated by Archaean gneisses of the Basement System. The Basement rocks throughout the area are covered in the higher parts by sandy alluvium and red-sandy soils, while in the lower parts black cotton soils predominate.



Figure 14: Outcrop of quartzite gneiss

The Basement rock in the area comprises quartzo-felspathic gneisses and the biotite gneisses hidden beneath a layer of recent soils. Most of the ruby and gemstones are found in this County and mostly in the Mozambique belt. Narrowing it down to Mwatate, previous studies indicate occurrences of Vanadium glossularite, marbles and Quartz-feldspars falling under industrial mineralization. The other minerals occurrences in the study area include gemstones that comprise of red garnets and red rose-mapande. The geology map of the study area is as illustrated below.

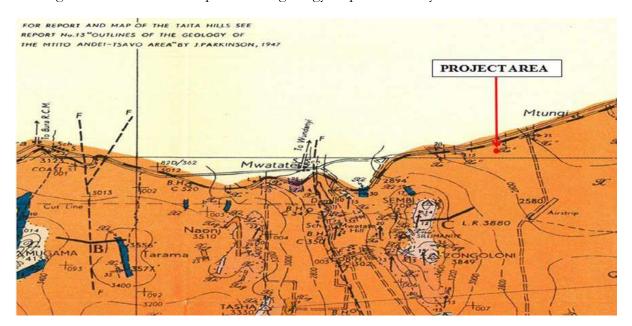


Figure 15: Geology map of the study area

Additionally, basement system rocks are the oldest rocks in the area, and they underlie the Teita Estate farm comprises quartzo-felspathic gneisses and the biotite gneisses hidden beneath a layer of recent soils. The mineral deposits and occurrences in Taita Taveta County include the green vanadium garnets that were encountered in Mindi and Mikeli Hills during the year 1971. Some

years afterwards deposits were discovered in Mgama Ridge, and actual production of the gemstone commenced in 1973. Also, tiny grains of red corundum were discovered around Alia peak, Mgama ridge (E 180 R). The mineral occurs together with red spinel marble horizon within the Lualenyi Member. Several other places also discovered red corundum later. In addition to green grossularite and red corundum, green tourmaline, red garnet (rhodolite), blue zoisite (tanzanite), turquoise, and red spinel have been found in the Mwatate sheet area.

On the other hand, the several industrial minerals to have been prospected in Mwatate include Marbles, limestone, apatite, graphite and sillimanite. The mineral ores at present documented or mapped in the Mwatate sheet area of mineralogical importance only; they include magnetite, pyrite (with base metal sulfides in minor amounts), and rutile. Locally in the Lualenyi Member, elevated geochemical values of Uranium and Thorium are present.

#### 3.4.3 Soil formations

In the area, the dominant soils are cambisols and originate from weathered gneiss and are often gravely to sandy—loamy and shallow and are well drained and moderately fertile. On steep slopes and transitional zones, the dominant soil types are Regosols, which are shallow soils, have high permeability and low water holding capacity. In some areas, the soils are well drained to excessively drained, dark reddish brown to dark brown shallow to extremely deep, friable to firm and compact, sandy clay loam to clay. The soils are also characterized by high aluminium levels, low calcium levels, resulting in low cation exchange capacity and vulnerable to soil erosion. At the valley bottoms, alluvial soils (fluvisols) are apparently, characterized by young soils with fertility being moderate to high. They receive fresh sediments and nutrients during regular floods and occur in all larger river basins of Bura, Lumi, Mbololo, Mwatate and Voi Rivers.

Moreover, the lowlands are characterized by reddish, very deep acid sandy – clay soil (Ferralsols). They are found in most of the Tsavo National Park and the ranches. They are vulnerable to soil erosion, have a low water holding capacity and low soil fertility.

#### 3.4.4 Climate

The study area is generally hot and dry all the year round, except for high catchments areas in the hills. The effect of the south easterly winds influences the climate of the area. The hilly areas have ideal conditions for condensation of moisture, which results in relief rainfall. The county experiences two rainy seasons in a year. The long rains fall between March and May and the short rains between November and December. The mean annual rainfall in the hills ranges from 650 mm to over 1,200 mm in the upper mountain zone.

The lowlands where the study area lies receive between 450 - 750 mm annually and rainfall is more unreliable in amount and distribution. The lower parts are hot with mean temperatures of about  $30^{\circ}$ C, with temperatures getting as low as  $18.2^{\circ}$ C in the hilly areas. The potential annual evaporation rate is about 1,800mm. It is observed that in the area of study, climate change and variability is an emerging threat to sustainable environmental conservation and life.

The climate graph of the plan area is highlighted below in Figure 15;

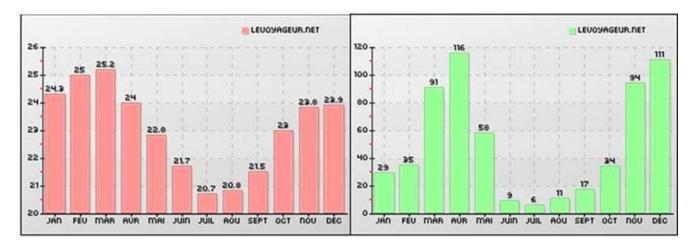


Figure 16: Climate graph of the plan area showing the average temperature variations within the year

### 3.4.5 Hydrogeology

The area of study is characterised by several streams and seasonal rivers within the Taita region, with varying discharge levels. Most of the rivers are either major tributaries of larger rivers or seasonal water courses such as those that drain the Davida (Taita) hills. The largest of these rivers is the Tsavo River; a major tributary of the Athi - Galana- Sabaki river system, Tsavo river basin in Taveta and Wundanyi division. Tsavo River arises from Njukini springs in Taveta Division and it flows into Athi river. Mwatate river basin in Mwatate Division, which constitutes of Bura river as its major tributary and flow southwards through the national park into Kwale County. The main rivers in the County are the Tsavo, Lumi and Voi rivers. Mzima springs are the major water supplier to the TAVEVO Urban Area.

Moreover, in the area of study there are also small springs and streams that include Njukini, Njoro kubwa, Kitobo, Sanite, Maji Wadeni, Humas Springs and Lemonya Springs. Additionally, underground water is also available through boreholes. Moreover, in the Teita Estate proposed development area, the occurrence of groundwater in this area is mainly obtained within the weathered and fractured zones of the Basement rocks. The recharge of groundwater is good since the plan area receives a considerable recharge from Basement Hills surrounding the area. Additionally, the yields of boreholes in this zone are expected to be medium to fairly low due to nature of rocks in this area. Boreholes located in highly fractured zones are medium yielding. The estimated yield from the proposed borehole is about 5,000 to 10,000 litres per hour.

The water bearing formations in this area are not uniformly distributed hence the difference in water struck levels and yields of the surrounding boreholes. The flow of groundwater is limited to highly fractured and weathered zones within the basement rocks which are the main rock formations in this area. The map below shows the orientation of the main ground water channels cutting across the proposed development parcel of land.



Figure 17: Ground water channels cutting across Teita Estate

### 3.4.6 Water Supply

Mzima springs is the major water supplier to the TAVEVO Water and Sewerage Co. Ltd. area of jurisdiction that is approximately 17,084 km<sup>2</sup>. The bulk water supply system for TAVEVO comprises of two sources;

- ✓ Njoro Kubwa Springs: Current capacity of 3,000m³/d and a potential production of 100,000m³/d. Njoro Kubwa Springs emerge from Kilimanjaro Aquifer and are located 3km South East of Taveta Town.
- ✓ Mzima Springs: Current capacity of 35,000m³/d and a potential production of 105,000m³/d. Mzima Springs located South West of the Chyulu Hills in Tsavo national park

Voi Town is served by the bulk water supply system from Mzima Springs via Mzima pipeline (750 mm dia.) through four off takes with the water flowing via gravity. On the other hand, Mwatate Town is served by two local water sources namely Ngiriwinyu River and Mwasinenyi Borehole. Mzima Springs is proposed to serve Mwatate through Mzima II Pipeline which is scheduled to be constructed by Year 2035 (WSMP-Tahal/Bhundia, 2014). Prioritized distribution network investment plans for TAVEVO area has an implementation schedule of 3 phases as follows:

- ✓ Short Term Phase (Immediate Interventions): 2017 2020
- ✓ Medium Term Phase: 2021 2030
- ✓ Long Term Phase: 2031 2040

Moreover, in Taita Taveta County there are also small springs and streams that include Njukini, Njoro kubwa, Kitobo, Sanite, Maji Wadeni, Humas Springs and Lemonya Springs. For the plan

area there is an addition source of underground water that is also available through borehole abstraction.

### 3.5 Biological Analysis

The county has 48 forests that comprises of indigenous and exotic forest cover, with approximately 10,000ha of the county designated as forests. There are also about 21 species of fauna and flora that are not found anywhere else in the world. Indigenous forests cover 41.5% of the area, 12% has exotic forests, 1% contains endemic species and 46% consists of bushland. Small-scale farming of crops, mainly maize and beans is also widely practiced.

#### 3.5.1 Flora

The area of study is characterised by three types of flora;

- 1. High Altitude/High Elevation Flora: These includes areas such as the mountainous and hilly areas which receive high amounts of rainfall, are cool and experience higher rainfall than the rest of the areas. The areas include Taita hills, Mbololo forests, Ngangao forests and areas of Mwatate. The areas are characterized by a high level of species and generic endemism with the forest ecosystem having more the 2,000 species of plants of which 25 to 30% are endemic. The Taita Hills forests fauna consists of over 400 species with at least 123 endemic plant species. Ngangao and Mbololo forests have 7 of the endemic species.
- 2. Midlands of Taita Taveta Flora: These include some parts of Taita Hills which are between 1,000 to 1,200 metres above the sea level. These areas are characterized by dry spells and have woodland formations composed mainly of different acacia species such as *Acacia mellifera*, *A. seyal*, *A. nilotica* and *Euphorbia* species such as *Commiphora* sp., *Ficus* sp., *Tamarindus indica* and *Terminalia brownii*.
- 3. Lowland Elevation Flora: This is the area around Voi. The area is dry and is characterized by arid and semi-arid vegetation which is a characteristic of savannah vegetation. Tall grass, wooded Acacia-Commiphora associations and shrubs dominate the area. In areas where the water table is high such as along Voi river, riverine vegetation dominated by *Croton macrocarpus, Croton megalocarpus, C. dichogamous, Acacia xanthophloea, Milicia excelsa, albizia gummifera, -Kigelia africana, Adansonia digitata, Melia volkensii* and Ficus thorningii.

There are some exotic trees that have been planted in the upper areas mainly for agroforestry purposes. They include: *Grevillea robusta, Makhamea lutea, Terminalia brownie, Terminalia spinosa, Mangifera indica, Melia azedarch* and *Azadirachta indica*. There are also some of the endemic plant species include the *African violet - Saintpaulia teitensis*. The threatened plant species include the African sandal wood *Osyris lanceolata* that is medicinal in nature. There is also *Ficus thorningii*: Common in riverine areas such as Voi River. This is mainly threatened by the local community because it's good for roofing.

The area of study also has some invasive plant species that include: *Prosopis juliflora* popularly known as Mathenge plant, *Acacia mearsi*, *Lantana camara* and *Opuntia* spp such as *Opuntia stricta*, *Opuntia vulgari*s and *Acacia indica*. The area of study has three sisal varieties that include *Agave sisalana*, *Agave hildana*, and *Agave* hybrid 11,648 that occupies the majority of the land area.

#### 3.5.2 Forest Cover

The Taita Taveta County total forest cover is about 280 Km², representing 0.51% of the total County area (CIDP-TT, 2014). The county has a total of 78 forest parcels, but 52 parcels are yet to be gazetted, an exercise that is to be undertaken by the county government. The gazetted forests cover an area of 1,489.8 Ha whereas the non-gazetted ones cover an area of approximately 9,000 Ha (TTCIDP, 2014). The indigenous forests in the County possess unique biodiversity, being home to varied flora and fauna. Over 20 endemic species of African violets (e.g. *Saintpaulia teitensis*) occur exclusively in Taita Taveta. Also, the Taita Thrush and the Taita Apalis are birds endemic only to the county. The Taita Falcon and the Taita Fiscal were first discovered at the hills but occur elsewhere too. However, climate change seems to have worsened the problems already faced by forests from encroachment for agriculture, over-extraction of timber and non-timber products e.g. charcoal production.

Forested areas are confined to the Taita hill tops (approximately 2% of the forest cover) where remnants of the original Afromontane forest vegetation are restricted to isolated mountain peaks. There are 48 Kenyan Eastern Arc forests which have survived on hill tops in the County, of which 28 are gazetted and are under government protection and management. They range in size from small 500 square metres with a few remnant trees to modestly vast 2 square kilometres indigenous and exotic forest mountains.

The Taita Hills forest hold a unique biodiversity with 13 taxa of plants (such as *Ceropegia verticillata*, and *Zimmermannai ovata*) and 9 taxa of animals such as birds (Taita thrush, Taita apalis and Tita white eye) endemic to the Taita Hills. In addition, 22 plant species found in the Taita Hills forests are typical of the Eastern arc forests.

### 3.5.3 Wildlife

The Tsavo Ecosystem is the largest protected complex in Kenya and is particularly important for its migratory wildlife species, especially the elephants that are known to migrate from the Tsavo West NP to Mkomazi Game Reserve. The Tsavo ecosystem contains a high number of endangered species, partly by virtue of its large size (44,000 km²). It has the largest population of elephants in the country, and hosts populations of black rhinos, African wild dogs, Hirola (Hunter's hartebeest), and Grevy's zebras, all of which are classified as threatened.

The two species (Hirola and Grevy's zebra) were translocated to the conservation area to give them increased protection. Essential wildlife areas and connections include the Tsavo West NP, the Chyulu NP, the Tsavo East NP, the Galana Ranches, and dispersal areas in Taita-Taveta County, as well as trans-boundary areas as shown in the map below (Figure 17).

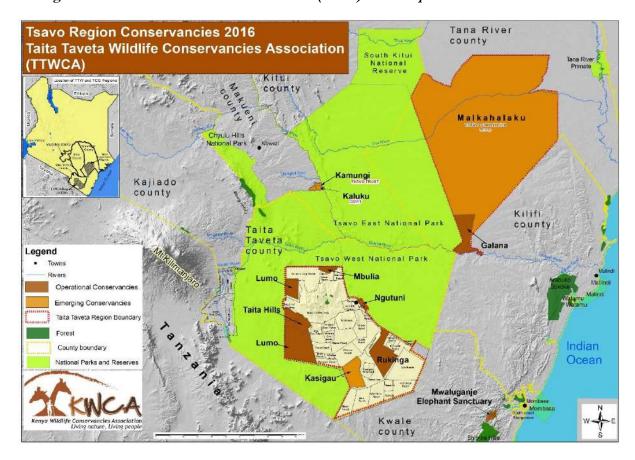


Figure 18: Conservancies and parks in Taita Taveta and its environs

Source: Kenya Wildlife Conservancy Association

### 3.5.3.1 Wildlife migratory routes and corridors

Teita Sisal Estate is located in Mwatate Municipality, Mwatate Town, Mwatate Ward in Taita-Taveta County. It is situated approximately 18 km form Voi Town. Teita Estate borders several conservancies including Mgeno and Teri ranches to the East. Its location is outside of the wildlife migratory corridor as can be seen in Figure 19 below, that is situated to the south of the development about 50 kms from the nearest migratory corridor.

Most of the of the larger mammals and carnivores in the Tsavo ecosystem come under intense human pressure in the dispersal areas on which they depend for their requirements. Some pathway for elephants is now covered with a patchwork of settlements and agricultural activities, crisscrossed by fences, curtailing elephant movements and causing human-elephant conflicts. The human-wildlife conflicts have necessitated the erection of electric fences by KWS in partnership with various organizations and conservancies within the region as indicated in Figure 19 below. However, the Teita Estate Master Planning area is within the Mwatate Municipality area and outside any wildlife migratory corridor. Indeed, the planning area is located about 50 kms outside the established electric fence.

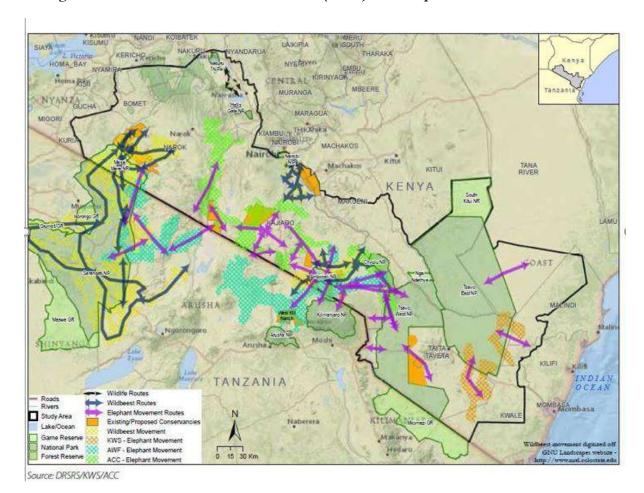


Figure 19 Wildlife migratory routes on the southern parts of Kenya

Source: DRSRS/KWS/ACC

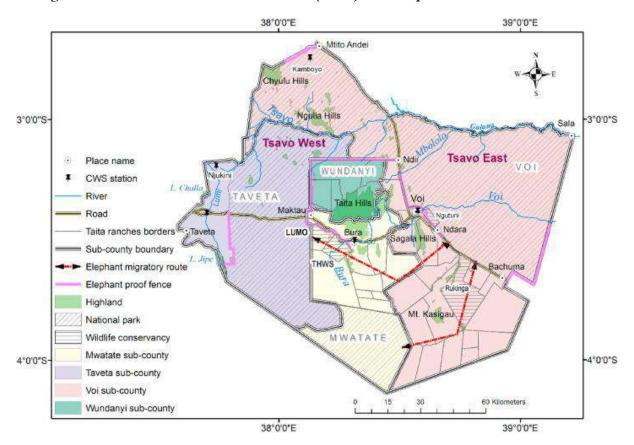


Figure 20: Location of established electric fences in Taita Taveta county and the Tsavo Conservation area

Source: (Munyao et al., 2020)

### 3.5.3.2 Birdlife

The parks, sanctuaries and forests in and around Taita Taveta County are home to a prolific birdlife that features over 500 species. The preliminary biodiversity survey conducted for this SESA report entailed establishing the presence or absence of birds through sighting, sounds and/or habitat that are conducive for bird occurrence. This formed a basis for the actual field assessment. From the assessment, it was projected that the development will have minimal disturbance to birds in the Master Plan area. The plan area is predominantly under sisal farming, a land use that offers feeding grounds for the birds with little or no nesting grounds for the same. However, the levels of noise anticipated to be generated during construction and occupation periods will determine the pattern of the birds. Higher noise levels will lead to less frequent visits by the birds to the site. Additionally, the change in land use such as creating agricultural patches depending on the types of crops, may influence visits from specific bird species, hence leading to positive avian impacts. This may also lead to a spin-off effect increasing bird predator levels, such as snakes and the black crowned craws, to the site. It should also be noted that creating of open green spaces and the water points within the plan site will attract a larger population of birds. This is highly encouraged due to the interdependent nature of birds and their effect to the natural environment, biodiversity and visual and acoustic appeal.

The method used for identification involved observation of birds, the evidence of their existence by feathers, nests and/or chirping noise. The areas were sampled during early morning, late evening, and in mid-morning and late afternoon hours. Approximately 54 species of birds were

identified during the field assessment (detailed in Appendix 3). 11 species were recorded within the proposed Teita Estate master planning area. While these is approximately 20% of the population, the birds recorded may either be residents or feeding in the site while they could be nesting outside of the plan area and estate. This is due to the fact that very few nests were spotted within the site and the kind of vegetation in the site was predominantly sisal, acacia and Commiphora species, which limits the potential to offer nesting ground for the birds.

Moreover, there exists good habitat for breeding, feeding and nesting in the area surrounding the proposed master plan site, especially in the adjacent Mgeno Ranch and the hills on the southern parts of the plan area. The natural vegetation is abundant and there is a substantial amount of birds adoptable to these environments. Close analysis of the bird species recorded indicated that the feeds include nectar, fruit, plants, seeds, carrion, and meat (small animals and other birds). Such an established food web indicates that the surrounding environment is capable of maintaining the population of birds within and around the plan site. However, it was noted that there are bird feeders deliberately established in some resorts within a 30-kilometre buffer of the site, which act as pull factors for bird species. The establishments within the plan area could be encouraged to establish such pull factors which will complement feed sources in the natural environment, reducing the anticipated impacts the plan could have on birds. A list of bird species identified in the study area is in appendix 3.

### 3.6 Social Economic Analysis

### 3.6.1 Population

Taita-Taveta County is at the onset of a transitional population structure where 0-14 year who constitute 39% of the total population are declining, while the youthful population of 15-34-year olds who constitute 33.5% of the total population are increasing. This is due to declining fertility rates among women as shown by the highest percentage household size of 0-3 at 48%. Based on the Medium Growth Rate Variant adopted in the study, the estimated population of Taita Taveta County (2023) is 370,000 and is projected to increase to 453,009 by 2040.

### 3.6.2 Land Ownership

The land in the County is predominantly communally owned in the rural Taita lowlands used as ranges for pasture. However, in the urban centre approximately 35% of land parcels have title deeds (ICDP for Taita Taveta County 2012-2017). Moreover, land adjudication is currently going on to ensure all land owners are issued with title deeds.

### 3.6.3 Land Use

The County accommodates a wide range of land uses including formal and informal, urban and rural settlements and these are complimented by economic, transport and public and social infrastructure. The total land area in Taita Taveta County is 17,059.1 km². Of this, total agricultural land is approximately 10,630 km², with arable land constituting about 2,055 km². The rest is rangeland, suitable for livestock rearing. Approximately 14,307.2 Km² of land is non-arable. The percentage of arable and non-arable land area is 12% and 88% respectively. Additionally, the Tsavo East and West National Parks cover an approximate area of 10,650 Km², which translates to about

62% of the total land area. Water bodies cover approximately 16 Km², leaving about 22% of County land for settlement and agricultural activities.

Land available for household farming activities is reduced drastically due to the presence of a total of 28 ranches which combined, cover an approximate area of 773.5 km<sup>2</sup>. Eight of these belong to the Kenya Government, nine to group ranches and 11 are privately owned. The average size of the ranches is 2,762.5 Ha. Large scale sisal farming for fibre production further reduces land available for settlement and household farming activities. There are three companies that produce sisal for both domestic and export markets. Rain fed agriculture is the dominant activity by most households as a subsistence and/or economic undertaking.

### 3.6.4 Settlement Patterns

Majority of Taita Taveta County residents have a similar socio-economic background and are likely to live in the same areas because their income usually influences their decision as to where to purchase or rent a home. The settlement patterns are also influenced by rainfall patterns, topography, infrastructural development, proximity to urban centres, security and availability of natural resources. The climatic conditions are strongly influenced by altitude and physiographic features. The settlement patterns are nuclear concentrated within urban centres along the main roads (Voi – Mombasa Highway and Voi -Taveta Highway). Wundanyi Sub-County is the most densely populated with 106 people per km². Mwatate is the second largest in terms of density at 55 people per km² while Voi Sub-County has the lowest density, which stands at 15 persons per Km² due to large tracts of land under sisal farming and the presence of Tsavo East National Park.

### **3.6.5** Energy

Taita Taveta County is endowed with potential for vast renewable energy (RE) resources including wind, solar, biomass, hydropower for both on-grid and off-grid systems. Despite the potential of renewable energy, the County's grid connection remains very low. The majority of Taita Taveta County's population depends on wood fuel for cooking. Approximately 90 per cent of households use firewood or charcoal for cooking and heating. Population under the grid in the County is 57.5% which translates to 96,256 households. The buffer population to be served by the grid in the County is 18.7% which translates to 62,218 households and off grid population is 23.8% which translates to 39,898 households (off grid solar market assessment brief for 14 underserved counties of Kenya).

On the other hand, about 2% of residents in Taita-Taveta County use Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), 5% use paraffin, 69% use firewood and 24% use charcoal. Wundanyi and Mwatate Sub Counties have the highest level of firewood use in Taita-Taveta County at 80% each. Voi Sub-County has the highest level of charcoal and paraffin use at 34% and 9% respectively.

The number of consumers connected to the national electricity grid stands at 3,963, while 15% of the total households have access to electricity for lighting. 46% use lanterns, 35% use tin lamps, and 1% use fuel wood. Voi constituency has the highest level of electricity use at 19%. There are 86 trading centres that are connected to the grid, while the rest, i.e. 62 trading centres are not connected. Therefore, with Teita Estate comprehensive development will have access to the grid, adequate sources of fuel for plant and equipment, and access to renewable sources of energy outlined above. Indeed, the Master Planning area intends to capitalize on the renewable energy

potential by instituting regulations on installation of solar panels on rooftops of all buildings and encouraging harnessing of both solar and wind power by business and industrial premises within the site.

#### 3.6.6 Sanitation

Voi, Wundanyi and Mwatate have no sewerage system with the use of on-plot sanitation systems for disposal of effluent being prevalent. The major problem faced is the lack of a proper sludge management system such as a Sludge Handling Facility for the discharge of septage by the exhaust vacuum tankers. Septage from septic tanks is discharged directly to the environment including unrestricted public utility sites such as near the solid waste disposal sites.

Wastewater master plans for Voi and Taveta towns (MIBP/CES/BOSCH, 2017) propose the construction of sludge handling facilities as well as long-term plans such as construction of water-borne sanitation system to serve the towns up to ultimate horizon of year 2040. Moreover, in Wundanyi and Mwatate urban centres, implementation of improved on-plot sanitation systems complemented with sludge handling facilities would ensure sustainable environment and a healthy population.

### 3.7 Social Cultural Analysis

### 3.7.1 Cultural Heritage

Taita Taveta County in Kenya is known for its rich cultural heritage and historical significance. It is home to the Taita people, who have a unique cultural identity and traditions. The region is also known for its archaeological sites, rock art, historical landmarks, and cultural practices.

While Mwatate is a town located in Taita Taveta County, it is not known for significant cultural or historical sites. However, Taita Taveta County as a whole has cultural and historical sites of importance such as rail road that was built during colonial period. Some notable sites within Taita Taveta County that may be of interest affected include:

- a) Wundanyi Hill: Wundanyi Hill is an iconic landmark in Taita Taveta County and holds cultural significance for the local Taita community.
- b) Ngangao Forest: Ngangao Forest is a forest reserve located in Taita Hills and is known for its biodiversity and potential archaeological sites.
- c) Mbololo Forest: Mbololo Forest is another forest reserve in Taita Taveta County that is rich in biodiversity and cultural heritage.
- d) The Taita Hills: The Taita Hills have cultural significance for the Taita community and may contain sites of historical importance.
- e) Chawia Cultural Village: The Chawia Cultural Village is a community-driven initiative that aims to preserve and showcase the cultural heritage of the Chawia people, one of the communities in Taita Taveta County.

However according to the master plan, the land where the development is proposed is currently uninhabited, except for sisal workers and settlers of diverse cultural backgrounds who live in close proximity. This implies that the implementation of the master plan will not result in significant cultural changes in the neighbouring towns and centres, as they are already cosmopolitan in nature.

### 3.7.2 Archaeological and cultural sites

Regarding archaeological and cultural sites, the social cultural analysis conducted as part of the master plan did not identify any resources of archaeological, paleontological, historical, architectural, religious (graveyards), aesthetic, or other cultural significance that would be affected by the development. However, the plan recognizes the need to be prepared for the possibility of chance archaeological or culturally valuable finds during excavation activities in the Teita Estate.

To address this, the plan outlines specific procedures that should be followed in the event of such discoveries. Firstly, if any materials with potential archaeological, historical, paleontological, or cultural value are found, work in the area should be immediately stopped. The relevant authorities should then be notified about the findings. This ensures that proper documentation and assessment can take place.

Moreover, though the social cultural analysis did not find any resources of archaeological, paleontological, historical, architectural, religious (graveyards) aesthetic or other cultural significance resources that could be affected. However, Teita Estate development will be responsible for "chance finds procedures", in case culturally or archaeological valuable materials are uncovered during excavation. Some key procedures will entail:

- i. stop work immediately following the discovery of any materials with possible archaeological, historical, paleontological, or other cultural value, announce findings to relevant authorities for further action
- ii. protect artefacts as well as possible use of plastic covers, and implement measures to stabilize the area, if necessary, to properly protect artefacts.

These procedures aim to ensure that any culturally or archaeologically valuable materials discovered during the development are appropriately handled, documented, and preserved. Moreover, by incorporating these chance finds procedures into the plan, the developers of the Teita Estate plan demonstrate their commitment to cultural heritage preservation and responsible excavation practices. These measures aim to safeguard any potential archaeological or cultural discoveries that may arise during the development, ultimately contributing to the preservation of the region's cultural heritage.

# 4 Legislative and Policy Context

### 4.1 Introduction

It is a legal obligation within the Laws of Kenya that a master plan of such magnitude adheres to certain legal parameters. This section therefore describes the Policy, Legal, and Institutional framework pertaining to the Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Master Plan. The policy, legal and institutional frameworks have been put in place to ensure that such development master plans and projects adhere to environmental conservation. In this regard this SESA will be undertaken in strict adherence to the Republic of Kenya policy, legal and administrative framework for environmental management. Some of the relevant legal and administrative frameworks that shall be of relevance in the SESA process are outlined below.

# 4.2 The Constitution of Kenya 2010

The Constitution of Kenya (2010) Article 42 of the Kenyan Constitution states thus: Every person has the right to a clean and healthy environment which includes:

- a) To have the environment protected for the benefit of present and future generations through legislation and other measures, particularly that are contemplated in article 69.
- b) To have obligation relating to the environment fulfilled under article 70. Section 69 states that: The state shall;
  - i. Encourage public participation in the management, protection and conservation of the environment.
  - ii. Establish systems of environmental impact assessment, environmental audit and monitoring of the environment.
  - iii. Eliminate processes and activities that are likely to endanger the environment

Every person has a duty to cooperate with state organs and other persons to protect and conserve the environment and ensure ecologically sustainable development and those of actual resources. It is anticipated that the proposed Teita Estate comprehensive development will be guided by the spirit of the Kenyan constitution considering environmental protection and conservation.

### 4.3 Key Policies Relevant to the SESA

### 4.3.1 National Environmental Policy

The broad objectives of the national environmental policy include;

- i. Optimal use of natural resources while improving environmental quality;
- ii. To conserve resources such that the resources meet the needs of the present without jeopardizing future generations in enjoying the same;
- iii. Develop awareness that inculcate environmental stewardship among the citizenship of the country;
- iv. Integrate environmental conservation and economic activities in the development process
- v. Ensure that national environmental goals contribute to international obligations on environmental management

To achieve this, it is a policy direction that appropriate reviews and evaluations of developmental plans and operations are checked to ensure compliance with the environmental policy.

### 4.3.2 The National Housing Policy 2004

The sessional paper no. 3 of 2004 on national housing policy outlines the government of Kenya commitment in provision of affordable housing. The main goal of the policy is to facilitate the provision of adequate shelter and a healthy living environment at an affordable cost to all socioeconomic groups in Kenya in order to foster sustainable human settlements. This will minimize the number of citizens living in shelters that are below the habitable living conditions. It will also curtail the mushrooming of slums and informal settlements especially in the major towns.

Chapter two of the housing policy outlines one of the objectives of the policy as to promote inclusive participation of the private sector, public sector, community-based organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations, co-operatives, communities and other development partners in planning, development and management of housing programmes.

The proposed Teita Estate master plan provides adequate land for low medium and high-end residential premises. This provision links very well with the goals and objectives of the national housing policy of 2004. Further, in the national housing policy, the government of Kenya commits to facilitate investments in the housing sector. Based on the provisions of the national housing policy 2004, the proposed Teita Estate master plan builds on the government agenda on housing.

### 4.3.3 The National Industrialization Policy Framework for Kenya 2012-2030

The main objective of the national industrialization policy is to enable the industrial sector to attain and sustain annual sector growth rate of 15% and make Kenya the most competitive and preferred location for industrial investment in Africa leading to high employment levels and wealth creation. Specific objective number 6 of the policy focuses on developing at least 2 Special Economic Zones and 5 SME Industrial Parks.

This specific objective anchors well with the proposed Mixed-Use master plan objective on industrial development. Under the master plan, substantial land has been set aside for special economic zones.

### 4.3.4 The Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Policy, 2013

The ICZM policy is rooted in the understanding that the coastal and marine environment is a limited spatial area and a distinctive system in which a range of environmental and socioeconomic interest interconnect in a manner which requires a dedicated and integrated management approach. The policy brings together all those involved in the development, management and use of the coastal zone within a framework that facilitates the coordination and integration of activities and decision-making processes. The objectives of the policy are to: -

- a) Promote integrated planning and coordination of coastal developments across the various sectors;
- b) Promote sustainable economic development to secure livelihoods of coastal communities;
- c) Conserve the coastal and marine resources and environment for sustainable development;
- d) Manage environmental risks associated with changes in shoreline and climate;

- e) Develop capacity in research and education and enhance stakeholder awareness and participation in sustainable resource management;
- f) Establish effective institutional and legal frameworks for implementation of the ICZM policy.

### 4.3.5 The Regional Development Authorities Policy, 2007

This policy calls for equitable socio-economic development through the sustainable use of natural resources by formulating integrated regional development plans in consultation with all those involved, closing gaps in regional resource mapping and attracting resource-based investment that benefit communities. The policy is the framework for streamlining and strengthening the Coast Development Authority (CDA), Tana, and Athi Rivers Development Authority (TARDA) in coastal zone development and management.

The proposed plan links with the goals of the policy in the framework for streamlining and strengthening the Coast Development Authority (CDA), EAC development agenda, Tana, and Athi Rivers Development Authority (TARDA) in coastal zone development and management.

### 4.3.6 National Climate Change Response Strategy (NCCRS), 2010

The purpose of this strategy is to put in place robust measures needed to address most of the challenges posed by climate variability and change through thorough impact assessments and monitoring of various plans. According to Climate Change Projections, in this country we are likely to experience hotter drier sunny seasons, warmer wetter rainy seasons, rise in sea levels and an increase in extreme weather events.

These climatic changes will impact on our daily lives and the buildings that we work and live in must be adapted to cope with such changes. With time, both existing buildings and the construction of new buildings will have to adapt to cope with the conditions climate change may produce. A range of new ways to design, construct, upgrade and occupy buildings so that they are more energy efficient as well as resilient to threats such as flooding and drought is proposed. In the construction sector, priority inclusion areas should include energy efficient innovations and technologies, and utilization of low-carbon appliances and tools; the utilization of eco-friendly energy resources such as wind, solar, biogas etc; as well as possible utilization of biofuels.

### 4.3.7 Sessional Paper, No. 1 of 2017 on National Land Use Policy

This policy has been developed, incorporating all activities that are likely to have an impact on the use of land and its resources. The overall goal of the national land use policy is to provide legal, administrative, institutional and technological framework for optimal utilization and productivity of land related resources in a sustainable and desirable manner at national, county and community levels. The Policy is premised on the philosophy of economic productivity, social responsibility, environmental sustainability and cultural conservation. Key principles informing it include efficiency, access to land use information, equity, elimination of discrimination and public benefit sharing.

### 4.3.8 Public Health Policy of 2014-2030

The Kenya Health Policy, 2014–2030 gives directions to ensure significant improvement in overall status of health in Kenya in line with the Constitution of Kenya 2010, the country's long-term development agenda, Vision 2030 and global commitments. It demonstrates the health sector's

commitment, under the government's stewardship, to ensuring that the country attains the highest possible standards of health, in a manner responsive to the needs of the population.

This policy is designed to be comprehensive and focuses on the two key obligations of health: realisation of fundamental human rights including the right to health as enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and; contribution to economic development as envisioned in Vision 2030. The public health policy calls upon the individual plan owners within Mixed Use Development Plan to ensure that buildings are adequately provided with utilities so that they are fit for human habitation. All developments must have amenities/utilities that are essential for safeguarding public health for all people using the facilities.

# 4.3.9 Kenya Environmental Sanitation and Hygiene Policy 2016 – 2030

The Kenya Environmental Sanitation and Hygiene Policy (KESHP) 2016-2030 provides broad guidelines to both state and non-state actors at all levels to work towards universal access to improved sanitation leading to improved quality of life for the people. Primarily, KESHP aims to increase the proportion of the population with access to improved sanitation to 100% by 2030 and ensure a clean and healthy environment for all in Kenya.

KESHP proposes a range of complementary activities including the provision of sanitation services and maintenance of sanitary facilities for proper collection, treatment and environmentally sound disposal of liquid and solid wastes, water treatment and safety, promotion of hygiene practices, public education, sanitation marketing, regulation and legislation supported by clearly mandated institutions, sustainable financing and research and development.

### 4.4 Legal Framework

The following pieces of legislations are applicable to the proposed Teita Estate master plan.

### 4.4.1 Environmental Management and Co-ordination Act (EMCA) Cap 387

This Act aims at coordinating environmental protection activities in the country. In its preamble, the Act states that every person in Kenya has a right to a clean and healthy environment. The Act defines the legal and administrative co-ordination of the diverse sectorial initiatives in the field of environment. The Act harmonizes the sector specific legislations touching on the environment in a manner designed to ensure greater protection of the environment. This Act is guided Policy wise by the National Environmental Council, while the day-to-day enforcement falls under the Director General of the National Environment Management Authority. The Environmental Management and Coordination Act (EMCA) CAP 387 provides for the legal framework for the management of the Kenyan environment. Under the act, section 57A, all Policies, Plans and Programmes for implementation shall be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Under the act, all proposed plans that are likely to have significant impact on the environment according to the Second Schedule will undergo an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). According to section 58 of the Act, second schedule, and the environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations, 2003, all new enterprises and projects must undergo EIA. The independent developments under the proposed master plan will therefore be subjected to EIA.

Under EMCA CAP 387, there are a number of regulations geared towards sustainable development. The applicable regulation to the proposed Teita master plan are discussed below:

# 4.4.1.1 Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Environmental Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations, 2003

Under these regulations, it is stated that no licensing authority under any law in force in Kenya shall issue a trading, commercial or development permit or license for any micro project activity likely to have cumulative significant negative environmental impact before it ensures that a strategic environmental plan encompassing mitigation measures and approved by the Authority is in place.

Section 42 and 43 address Strategic Environment Assessments; section 42(1) requires lead agencies in consultation with NEMA to subject all policy, plans and programmes for implementation to a Strategic Environment Assessments while regulation 42 (3) commits the government and all lead agencies to incorporate principles of SEA in the development of sector or national policy.

### 4.4.1.2 The Environmental Management and Coordination (Amendment) Act 2015

The Act aims at coordinating environmental protection activities in the country. In its preamble, the Act states that every person in Kenya has a right to a clean and healthy environment. The Act defines the legal and administrative co-ordination of the diverse sectorial initiatives in the field of environment. The Act harmonizes the sector specific legislations touching on the environment in a manner designed to ensure greater protection of the environment. This Act is guided Policy wise by the National Environmental Council, while the day-to-day enforcement falls under the Director General of the National Environment Management Authority.

Under the act, all proposed projects that are likely to have significant impact on the environment according to the Second Schedule will undergo an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). According to section 58 of the Act, second schedule, and the environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations, 2003, all new enterprises and projects must undergo EIA. The independent developments under the proposed master plan will therefore be subjected to EIA. Notably, under EMCA CAP 387, there are a number of regulations geared towards sustainable development.

# 4.4.1.3 Environmental Management and Coordination (Water Quality Regulations) 2006

Water Quality Regulations apply to water used for domestic, industrial, agricultural, and recreational purposes; water used for fisheries and wildlife purposes, and water used for any other purposes. Different standards apply to different modes of usage. These regulations provide for the protection of lakes, rivers, streams, springs, wells and other water sources. The objective of the regulations is to protect human health and the environment. The effective enforcement of the water quality regulations will lead to a marked reduction of water-borne diseases and hence a reduction in the health budget.

The regulations also provide guidelines and standards for the discharge of poisons, toxins, noxious, radioactive waste or other pollutants into the aquatic environment in line with the Third Schedule of the regulations. The regulations have standards for discharge of effluent into the sewer and aquatic environment. While it is the responsibility of the sewerage service providers to regulate

discharges into sewer lines based on the given specifications, NEMA regulates discharge of all effluent into the aquatic environment. Everyone is required to refrain from any actions, which directly or indirectly cause water pollution and therefore an offence to contravene the provisions of these regulations.

# 4.4.1.4 Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Waste Management Regulations) 2006

The Minister for Environment and Natural Resources gazetted these regulations in 2006. These Regulations may be cited as the Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Waste Management) Regulations, 2006. Waste Management Regulations are meant to streamline the handling, transportation and disposal of various types of waste. The aim of the Waste Management Regulations is to protect human health and the environment.

The Act provides for how waste should be handled from transportation to disposal. It also includes provisions that waste should be transported by licensed transporters to licensed disposal facilities. The regulations place emphasis on waste minimization, cleaner production and segregation of waste at source.

# 4.4.1.5 Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Air Quality) Regulations, 2014

The objective of this Act is to provide for prevention, control and abatement of air pollution to ensure clean and healthy ambient air. It provides for the establishment of emission standards for various sources, including mobile sources (e.g. motor vehicles) and stationary sources (e.g. industries) as outlined in the Environmental Management and Coordination Act, CAP 387.

The regulation also covers any other air pollution source as may be determined by the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Water and Natural Resources in consultation with the Authority. Emission limits for various areas and facilities have been set. It also provides the procedure for designating controlled areas, and the objectives of air quality management plans for these areas.

# 4.4.1.6 Environmental Management and Coordination (Noise and Excessive Vibration Pollution Control) Regulations, 2009)

The regulations determine that no person or activity shall make or cause to be made any loud, unreasonable, unnecessary or unusual noise that annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of others and the environment.

The regulations also relate noise to its vibration effects and seek to ensure no harmful vibrations are caused by controlling the level of noise. Any person(s) intending to undertake activities in which noise is suspected to be injurious or endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of others and the environment, must make an application to NEMA and acquire a license subject to payment of requisite fees and meeting the license conditions. Failure to comply with these regulations attracts penalties as prescribed under these regulations.

# 4.4.1.7 The Environmental Management and Co-Ordination (Conservation of Biological Diversity and Resources, Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing) Regulations, 2006

The purpose of the regulations is to monitor the status and the components of biological diversity in Kenya and take necessary measures to prevent and control their depletion so as to ensure that

conservation of biological diversity resources is achieved. Part II, Section 4 of the regulations states that (1) a person shall not engage in any activity that may;

- a) have an adverse impact on any ecosystem;
- b) lead to the introduction of any exotic species;
- c) lead to unsustainable use of natural resources,

### 4.4.2 Water Act, 2016

The Water Act, 2016 provides the legal framework for the management, conservation, use and control of water resources and for the acquisition and regulation of right to use water in Kenya. It also provides for the regulation and management of water supply and sewerage services. In general, the Act gives provisions regarding ownership of water, institutional framework, national water resources, management strategy, and requirement for permits, state schemes and community projects. Part IV of the Act addresses the issues of water supply and sewerage.

Part II, section 18, of the Water Act 2016 provides for national monitoring and information system on water resources. Following on this, sub-section 3 allows the Water Resources Authority (WRA) to demand from any person or institution, specified information, documents, samples or materials on water resources. Under these rules, specific records may require to be kept by a facility operator and the information thereof furnished to the Authority.

Developments envisioned by mixed use Development Master Plan will require to keep water use consumption for monitoring purpose and as part of legal compliance to the regulations. Water sources such as boreholes and wells will be expected to undertake EIA and seek WRA approval as the authority is liable for management, conservation, use and control of water resources.

### 4.4.3 Forest Conservation and Management Act, No. 34 of 2016

The Act gives effect to Article 69 of the Kenyan 2010 Constitution about forest resources; to provide for the development and sustainable management. The Act applies to all forests on public, community and private lands. The principles of the Act lay emphasis on (a) good governance in accordance with Article 10 of the Constitution; and (b) public participation and community involvement in the management of forests; among others.

The Act, establishes the Kenya Forest Service to conserve, protect and manage all public forests in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Teita Estate development master plan affects patches of privately-owned farm. It is appropriate to ensure initiation of participatory forest management in the green spaces envisioned by the master plan so that the local community can have a significant input with Kenya Forest Service (KFS) office playing a coordination role. Further, the master plan land uses will need to ensure that disruption of the environment in forested areas is minimised and appropriate mitigation strategies are established and implemented.

### 4.4.4 The Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Authority Act of 2013

The Act provides for the establishment of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Authority, the administration of matters of agriculture and the preservation, utilization and development of agricultural land and related matters. The Act requires each county government to keep a register of land development orders and land preservation orders, which they may issue under this Act. In

this regard the Teita Estate development master plan should ensure sustainable development principles are adopted throughout the entire development cycle.

### 4.4.5 The National Land Commission Act, No. 5 of 2012

Section 5 of the Act outlines the Functions of the Commission, pursuant to Article 67(2) of the Constitution 5(1) provides to monitor and have oversight responsibilities over land use planning throughout the country. The general function of the commission is the management and administration of public, private and community land. Under the Act, the Commission has the mandate to:

- Alienate public land on behalf of and with the consent of the national and county governments
- Monitor the registration of all rights and interests in land
- Ensure that public land and land under the management of designated state agencies are sustainably managed for their intended purpose and for future generations
- ➤ Develop and maintain an effective land information management system at national and county levels.
- ➤ Manage and administer all unregistered trust land and unregistered community land on behalf of the county government
- ➤ Develop and encourage alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in land dispute handling and management.

### 4.4.6 Survey Act, Cap 299 Revised Edition [2012]

The Survey Act makes provision in relation to surveys, geographical names and the licensing of land surveyors, and for connected purposes. The Department of Surveys, under the Director, provides and maintains plans for property boundaries in support of the Land Registration throughout the country. In this Teita Estate Mixed Land Use Master Plan preparation, the existing survey data will apply.

### 4.4.6 Land Registration Act (No. 3 of 2012)

This Act gives the process of land registration for the different land categories. It gives the process for establishment of land registration units and for the establishment of land registries. In this regard the Teita Estate Mixed Land Use Master Plan the survey and land titling process will comply with the provisions of this Act. This includes undertaking the sub-division scheme by a duly registered physical planner with a valid license from the Physical Planners' Registration Board.

It is then followed by an application for sub-division is done at the relevant Sub county planning office. The sub-division scheme is then circulated to the relevant county departments and Government agencies for evaluation purposes. Upon completion of evaluation process the County planning Committee issues the approval which is communicated through the County Director of physical planning through the form PPA2. This would ease the process for the interested investors

### 4.4.7 Physical and Land Use Planning Act, 2019

The Act makes provision for the planning, use, regulation and development of land and for connected purposes. Article 5 under principles and norms of physical and land use planning notes that every person engaged in physical and land use planning development activities shall be in a

manner that integrates economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Schedule of the Act Article 1 gives considerations for Easements and Wayleaves. Article 4 notes major developments should be subjected to environmental and social impact assessment. The proponent and contractors of the proposed master plan should ensure compliance with the provisions of the act and land use planning.

### 4.4.8 County Governments Act, No. 17 of 2012

The Act vests responsibility upon the County Governments in planning of development projects within their areas of jurisdiction be it projects of importance to the local County government or those of national importance. Section 102 of the Act provides the principles of planning and development facilitation which include integration of national values in county planning, protect the right to self-fulfilment within the county communities and with responsibility to future generations, protection of rights of minorities and marginalized groups and communities, promotion of equity resource allocation, among others.

Section 114 and 115 indicate and gives guidelines in planning of projects of national significance and instils the aspect of public participation in every aspect of the planning process through clear strategic environmental assessments; clear environmental impact assessment reports; expected development outcomes; and development options and their cost implications.

### 4.4.9 Urban Areas and Cities Act, No. 13 of 2011

The Act came into function with regard to Article 184 of the Constitution providing regulations on the classification, governance and management of urban areas and cities and further providing the criteria of establishing urban areas. Part III of the Act gives the regulations and functions of every city or municipality with regard to integrated development plans, which shall include but not limited to environmental plans and disaster preparedness, within the area of jurisdiction in achieving objects of devolved governments under section 174 of the constitution, while maintaining the socio-economic rights of the people.

Moreover, in the first schedule, the Act enlists the services that any municipality, City or Town shall provide to its residents, which include but not limited to traffic control and parking, water and sanitation, refuse collection, solid waste management, pollution abatement services among others.

### 4.4.10 The Energy Act, 2019

The energy Act aims to consolidate the laws relating to energy, to provide for National and County Government functions in relation to energy, to provide for the establishment, powers and functions of the energy sector entities; promotion of renewable energy; exploration, recovery and commercial utilization of geothermal energy; regulation of midstream and downstream petroleum and coal activities; regulation, production, supply and use of electricity and other energy forms; and for connected purposes. Article 178 of the act gives provisions for installation of energy infrastructure along roads, and railways, government property, including forests, National parks, reserves, and heritage sites, for the purpose of the production, conveyance and supply of energy.

The implementer of Development Master Plan should ensure close linkage with the County Government of Taita Taveta as they have power to ensure efficient use of energy and its conservation. All developments envisioned by the master plan are expected to protect health and safety of users of energy by providing an enabling environment of operation that protects the health and safety of users of the service for which the license or permit is required and other members of the public affected by the undertaking.

### 4.4.11 Occupational Safety and Health Act, No. 15 of 2007

The Act covers provisions for health, safety and welfare. This Act applies to all workplaces where any person is at work, whether temporarily or permanently. The purpose of this Act is to secure the safety, health and welfare of persons at work, and protect persons other than persons at work against risks to safety and health arising out of, or in connection with, the activities of persons at work.

Some of the areas addressed here are machinery safety, chemical safety and health, safety and welfare. Special provisions are also provided in the ILO conventions on safety and health in construction recommendation, 1988 R175.

### 4.4.12 Data Protection Act of 2019

This is an Act of Parliament to give effect to Article 31(c) and (d) of the Constitution; to establish the Office of the Data Protection. The Act governs the collection, processing and storage of personal data by government and private actors. It establishes an ecosystem of rights and obligations that operationalizes the right to privacy enshrined in the Kenyan Constitution.

The Act aims at ensuring that there are adequate legal safeguards to protect personal data, and promote the right to privacy which is a fundamental human right. This provision of the Act has been applied in this SESA process during data collection, public participation and consultations. It will also apply in public disclosure on the SESA report and the accompanying master plan maps.

### 4.5 Institutional Framework

The SEA process extends the aims and principles of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) upstream in the decision-making process. Section 57A of EMCA (Cap 387) and Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations, 2003 recognizes SEA as a measure of environmental impact assessment at strategic level such as policy, plans and programmes. EMCA (CAP 387). Section 57a requires all Policies, Plans and Programmes for implementation to be subjected to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

The Regulations section 42 and 43 address SEA; section 42(1) requires Lead Agencies in consultation with NEMA to subject all policy, plans and programmes for implementation to a SEA. Regulation 42(3) commits the government and all Lead agencies to incorporate principles of SEA in the development of sector or national policy.

Some of the key institutions which are relevant to the proposed Teita Estate mixed use development include;

- 1. National Environment Management Authority (NEMA),
- 2. Kenya Forestry Service (KFS),

- 3. Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS),
- 4. Water Resources Authority (WRA)

Moreover, the environmental bodies that shall be relevant to the proposed project include;

- 1. The National Environment Council
- 2. The National Environment Management Authority
- 3. The Standards and Enforcement Review Committees
- 4. The County and Sub- County Environment Committees

### 4.6 Multilateral Agreements/Treaties

There are number Multi-Lateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) that are relevant to the proposed project that are discussed in the following section

### 4.6.1 Vienna Convention on the Protection of the Ozone Layer

Intergovernmental negotiations for an international agreement to phase out ozone depleting substances concluded in March 1985 with the adoption of the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. This Convention encourages intergovernmental cooperation on research, systematic observation of the ozone layer, monitoring of CFC production, and the exchange of information. The convention's declaration demands a voluntary attempt at monitoring development processes, their resultant emissions and the impacts on the ozone layer for purposes of knowledge and information sharing in order to combat the same.

The Master Plan proposes industrial development, and therefore the SEA report has determined and put in place measures to minimize the emissions that affect the ozone layer through technological monitoring of gaseous emissions and their toxicity levels for purposes of minimizing the same.

### 4.6.2 United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD)

The convention promotes the protection of ecosystems and natural habitats, respects the traditional lifestyles of indigenous communities, and promotes the sustainable use of resources. The project activities especially during construction will impact negatively to the flora and fauna of the respective construction areas. In this regard, both the proponent and the contractor must ensure that the activities of the proposed project do not affect the immediate ecosystems negatively and that the livelihoods of the local people are not negatively affected but rather enhanced.

#### 4.6.3 African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

This convention reaffirms the importance of natural resources both renewable and non-renewable resources, particularly the soil, water, flora and fauna. The main objective is to facilitate sustainable use of nature and natural resources

### 4.6.4 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora is an international agreement between governments. Its aim is to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten the survival of the species. CITES provides

a framework to be respected by each party, which has to adopt its own domestic legislation to ensure that CITES is implemented at the national level.

### 4.6.5 United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

The purpose of the UNCCD is to address the problem of the degradation of land by desertification and the impact of drought particularly in arid and dry semi-humid areas. NEMA is the focal point for the Convention.

### 4.6.6 Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change provides the basis for concerted international action to mitigate climate change and to adapt to its impacts. Its provisions are farsighted, innovative and firmly embedded in the concept of sustainable development. According to Article 2, the Convention's ultimate objective is "to achieve, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention, stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic [originating in human activity] interference with the climate system.

### 4.6.7 Earth Summit on Sustainable Development Agenda 21

Agenda 21 entails a comprehensive plan of action to be undertaken globally, nationally and locally by organizations affiliated to the United Nations, governments, and other groups in every area in which human's impact on the environment. Kenya continues to implement Agenda 21 plan of action by incorporating its principles in national policies, plans, programmes and strategies. The provisions have also been incorporated in the Teita Estate master plan to promote sustainable development, which comprises of the three (3) underlying tenets of economic, social and ecology, which are well articulated in the SESA.

### 4.6.8 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals aims at transforming the world with 9 of these goals having some bearing on Teita Estate master plan. They include Goal number 1 - aiming at reducing poverty, Goal 4 - clean water and sanitation; Goal 7 - affordable clean energy; Goal 8 - decent work and economic growth; Goal 9 - industrial growth, innovation and infrastructure; Goal 11 - sustainable cities and communities; Goal 12 - responsible consumption and production; Goal 13 - climate action; and Goal 15 - life on land. In this regard, the master plan has aligned to the SDGs as relevant to its implementation.

# 5 Public Participation/Stakeholder Engagement

### 5.1 Introduction

Engaging with stakeholders from the beginning of the SESA process is important as each organisation or individuals bring their environmental expertise to the assessment process, and ensures that the consultation process undertaken by a proponent is more robust. This in turn means that the public can gain a better understanding of the likely effect of a plan on the environment and meaningfully contribute to the plan's preparation process by offering an informed view. Consultation with the wider public is also undertaken at different stages in the SESA and is crucial for ensuring transparency in the SESA decision-making process.

Public participation in SESA is meant to reduce conflict through early identification of contentious issues and provide an opportunity for the public to influence project design in a positive manner. Public participation is a policy requirement by the Government of Kenya and a mandatory procedure as stipulated by EMCA 1999 (2015 amendment) section 58. It is an important process through which stakeholders including interested parties, organizations, beneficiaries and members of public living in project areas (both public and private), are given an opportunity to contribute to the overall project design by making recommendations and raising concerns about the project before its implementation. In addition, the process creates a sense of responsibility, commitment and local ownership for smooth implementation.

The general objectives of the consultation and public participation are:

- i. Disseminate and inform the stakeholders about the Master Plan with special reference to its key components and location.
- ii. Create awareness among the public on the need for the SESA for the proposed Master Plan.
- iii. Gather comments, suggestions and concerns of the interested and affected parties.
- iv. Incorporate the information collected in the SESA study.

Moreover, public participation/engagement enabled;

- a) Improved transparency and increased public confidence in SESA Study
- b) Identify the social, bio-physical, economic and environmental concerns as perceived by the public.
- c) Identify the positive and negative impacts that the Master Plan should consider.
- d) Identify and record contentious issues that could later bring conflict.
- e) Obtain local input into the design of the Master Plan, alternatives and mitigation measures of negative impacts of any nature.

### 5.2 Stakeholders Identification and Engagement Plan

Stakeholders consulted during the SESA study were identified in accordance with the areas/sectors that are affected directly or indirectly by the proposed Master Plan. The criteria used to identify various stakeholders was based on the legal mandates of various institutions, assessment of the different interests of the stakeholders, stakeholder power rights and responsibilities and their role in the proposed Teita Master Plan. The identified stakeholders and the engagement plan is outlined below;

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Stakeholder category	Potential role in the SESA activity	Engagement strategy	Follow-up strategy plan
National government	Provide their views on the effect of the	Invitation to public consultation	Invitation to SESA validation
lead agencies	<ul> <li>proposed Teita Estate master plan</li> <li>Interlinkages of the Plan with other existing Plans</li> <li>Identify any improvement needed for the plan</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>meetings</li> <li>Special consultations at the organizational levels</li> <li>Review of any relevant existing documents</li> </ul>	meeting • Participate in monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of SESA recommendations
Private sector organisations	<ul> <li>Provide ideas to improve the master plan</li> <li>Provide challenges and the current trends applicable to mixed use developments master plan</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Invitation to public consultation meetings</li> <li>Special consultations at the organisational levels</li> <li>Invitation to SESA validation meeting</li> <li>Participate in Monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of SESA recommendations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Invitation to SESA validation meeting</li> <li>Participate in Monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of SESA recommendations</li> </ul>
Professional associations/Academia organisations	Lead in research and consultancy	<ul> <li>Invitation to public consultation meetings</li> <li>Special consultations at the organisational levels</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Invitation to SESA validation meeting</li> <li>Participate in Monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of SESA recommendations</li> </ul>
Political leadership	<ul> <li>Play a major role in awareness raising on the master plan</li> <li>Can influence on various policies, programs and plan related to master plan</li> </ul>	Invitation to public consultation meetings	Invitation to SESA validation meeting
Civil Society Organisations	<ul> <li>Help in incorporation of gender and vulnerable people issues in the master plan.</li> <li>Enhance awareness of the master plan on the ground</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Invitation to public consultation meetings</li> <li>Special consultations at the organisational levels</li> </ul>	Invitation to SESA validation meeting     Participate in Monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of SESA

### 5.3 Approach on Stakeholders Consultation

Key government lead agencies officials, County government officials, civil society organisations, private sector institutions and political leaders, interested and affected individuals and institutions within and neighbouring the proposed Teita Estate mixed use development were consulted in the SESA study. The exercise was conducted by experienced experts via interviews and discussions under the guidance of interview schedules developed to capture the general and specific concerns, comments and issues comprehensively. The purpose for such interviews was to identify the positive and negative impacts that were studied in detail during the SESA draft stage and subsequently promoted proposals on the best practices to be adopted and mitigate the negative impacts respectively.

### 5.4 Methodology for Public Consultations

Views and concerns from the residents, local leaders, surrounding institutions and development partners in the Teita Estate mixed use development who in one way or another would be affected or have interest in the proposed Master Plan were sought through interviews, key stakeholder consultations and public meetings as stipulated in the Environmental Management and Coordination Act, (Cap 387).

The stakeholders were consulted during screening, scoping, up to the SESA draft study. During the consultation process, the stakeholders were taken through the Master Plan including the objectives and possible impacts associated with implementation activities. The following steps were followed in carrying out the SESA public consultation process:

- 1. identification and compiling a database of interested and affected individuals and institutions
- 2. interview schedules were designed for different target groups and local community members in the proposed master plan.
- 3. public meetings in the locality and around the proposed mixed-use development area
- 4. Key Stakeholder Meetings at various levels and with different target groups in the County

The public consultation and participation were conducted through:

- i. Household socio-economic survey.
- ii. Key stakeholder consultation interviews.
- iii. Public participation meetings
- iv. 1<sup>st</sup> key stakeholders meeting.
- v. 2<sup>nd</sup> key stakeholder's consultation meeting

### 5.5 Public Consultations

In relation to the master plan, public consultations were done in the form of consultation vide gazette notices on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 (Appendix 2) and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 respectively.

CPP Method	Date	Venue	
Focus Group Discussion	9th December, 2022	Mwatate	
Focus Group Discussion	9th December, 2022	Singila	
Key Informant Interview	9th December, 2022	Mwatate	
Focus Group Discussion	10th December, 2022	Lindi	
Focus Group Discussion	10th December, 2022	Mwatate	
Focus Group Discussion	10th December, 2022	Voi	
Structured questionnaires	8th, 9th, 10th, December, 2022	Randomly	
Public Baraza	31st March 2023	Chief's office ground- Mwatate	
Key Informant Interviews: -  ✓ KWS  ✓ NEMA  ✓ Diaspora University  ✓ Izera Ranch Management  ✓ CECM- Environment & Water  ✓ County Physical Planning  ✓ TAVEVO  ✓ Taita Taveta Conservancies Association  ✓ KWS Research Institute	Different dates	<ul> <li>✓ Tsavo East HQ</li> <li>✓ Mwatate</li> <li>✓ Voi office</li> <li>✓ Izera ranch office</li> <li>✓ County Offices - Voi</li> <li>✓ Mwatate</li> <li>✓ TAVEVO offices - Voi</li> <li>✓ TTCA Voi office</li> <li>✓ Tsavo East</li> </ul>	

## 5.5.1 First public baraza

The first public baraza was held on 31st of March 2023 in Mwatate Town at the Chiefs ground (details attached in Appendix 5).

Meeting	Targeted stakeholders	Date and time	No. of
Venue			participants
Chiefs	✓ Local community	31 <sup>st</sup> March	194
Ground,	✓ Local administration officers	2023, 10:00 am	
Mwatate	✓ NGOs representatives		
Town	✓ KWS representatives		
	✓ County representatives		
	✓ Political leaders		
	✓ County government representatives		
	✓ Nyumba kumi		

Comments arising from the first consultative meeting are as summarised in the table below;

	Positive impacts		Discussion
1	Development	of	Participants were optimistic the development would improve the
	infrastructure	and	areas infrastructure
	social amenities		

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2	Employment	During the discussion the locals were positive that the proposed
	benefits for the	development would create job opportunities to locals as well as
	locals	across the country during and after implementation. However,
		they emphasized the need of prioritizing on the locals when
		offering job opportunities
3	Improved business	The locals expressed hope that the proposed development was
	environment	likely to positively impact on the local economy through
		enhancement of business opportunities such as building materials
		industry, food industry and other symbiotic industry that will form
		linkages to the light industries that have been proposed in the
		development masterplan
4	Improved water	The locals noted that intentions of the master plan to drill
	supply	boreholes, restore wetland, rehabilitate Mwatate dam as well as
		explore the opportunities around Njoro Kubwa spring would
		boost the water needs of the area. The local leadership implored
		the developers to consider options of additionally factoring in the
		locals outside the plan's scope in regards to water supply for
		maximized benefit.
5	Improved sanitation	Waste water and solid waste management was highlighted as an
	facilities	issue of concern within the Mwatate municipality. The locals
		present expressed key concerns over the associated health risks
		that are attributed to poor sanitation. With adequate plans for
		waste water treatment and solid waste management, the locals
		viewed the master plan for the proposed development as a game
		changer that will form the basis for emulation across the municipality.
6	Improved security	The plans to have a police station and a police post within the
		development area was applauded as this was noted to be essential
		towards enhancing security. Additionally, the county leadership
		through the already existing structures were requested to work
		closely with the developers to ensure adequate cooperation
		towards security enhancement in all the development phases of the
		proposed plan.
7	Increased housing	The plan having been comprised of proposed residential areas
	facilities	ranging from super low to high density residential areas, will greatly
		help towards resolving the housing issues that was noted to be an
		issue in the neighbouring Mwatate town. Based on the proposed
		controlled development policy, the locals were hopeful that the
		housing facilities will be of improved standards.
8	Economic growth	Upon implementation and actualization of the proposed master
		plan, the locals were positive that the area would witness significant
		economic transformation through the various investment
		platforms as designed in the master plan. Income sourced from the

		job opportunities within the estate would also greatly enhance	
		cashflow in the local economy.	
Neg	Negative impacts		
1	Habitat loss	There were fears that clearing of the sisal plantation would to some extent interfere with the habitat for the fauna that live within the plantation and thus affect the biodiversity and organism distribution in the area. They however noted that the likely	
2	Water pollution	organisms to be affected would be rodents and insects.  Based on the terrain, the locals expressed concerns over possibilities of water pollution and contamination should the construction works fail to adhere to Environmental Management plan that shall be developed for the specific development works	
3	Human – Wildlife conflict	Taita Taveta county being a largely conservation area with 64% comprised of the Tsavo East and West parks, human-wildlife conflicts are a common occurrence as had been expressed during the public consultation.	

### 5.5.2 Recommendations from first public baraza

The following suggestions were made during the first consultative meeting;

- Locals should be provided with more affordable land acquisition deals during the selling period
- > Job opportunities should be offered to locals as first priority to stir development in the area as well as build the spirit of plan ownership
- > During the subdivision, the proponent should consider issuing individual titles to the distinct land properties
- Adherence to all the regulatory provisions during the plan implementation stages
- > Consultation with the locals during the various implementation phases
- Implementation of the proposed development as per the master plan without significant alterations i.e., areas set for light industries should not be substituted with heavy industries for fears of pollution cases
- ➤ Proper plans to adequately handle resultant waste water and solid waste that shall emanate from the operationalization of the development infrastructure
- Explore avenues to ensure the plan area maximizes on eco-friendly investment opportunities
- Locals to be given opportunity to name the estate to create a sense of ownership
- As a corporate social responsibility, the execution of the plan should incorporate strategies of enhancing water supply to the neighbouring locality

### 5.5.3 Other public consultations

In addition, other public engagements were held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December, 2022 across all the subcounties around the plan area and with NEMA officials on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 (details attached in Appendix 5).

Meeting	Targeted stakeholders	Date and time	No. of
Venue			participants
Mwatunge	✓ Local community ✓ Local administration officers	10 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022, 10:00am	34
	✓ KWS representatives	,	
	<ul><li>✓ NGOs representatives</li><li>✓ County representatives</li><li>✓ Political leaders</li></ul>		
Mwatate	✓ Local community	10 <sup>th</sup> December,	29
	✓ Local administration officers	2022, 12:00hrs	
	✓ KWS representatives		
	✓ NGOs representatives		
	✓ County representatives		
	✓ Political leaders		
Singila	✓ Local community	10 <sup>th</sup> December,	38
	✓ Local administration officers	2022, 3:00pm	
	✓ KWS representatives		
	✓ NGOs representatives		
	✓ County representatives		
	✓ Political leaders		

Comments arising from these consultative meetings are as summarised in the table below;

S/No.	Positive	Discussion		
	impacts			
1	Improve	Participants were optimistic the development would improve the		
	infrastructure	areas infrastructure		
	/social			
	amenities			
2	Employment	The respondents were positive that the Teita Estate Comprehensive		
	benefits for	Mixed Land Use Master Plan would create numerous employment		
	the locals	opportunities for both skilled and unskilled labour alike, during the		
		construction and operational phases. Even though most of the Teita		
		Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Master Plan would need		
		skilled labour force during operation, people expressed hope that they		
		would be able to access employment once the Teita Estate		
		Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Master Plan commences most		
		casual workers. The respondents were also optimistic that they would		
		take up relevant training to take up jobs during operation stage.		
3	Improved	The respondents and participants were optimistic that business		
	business	opportunities would arise during construction of the Mixed-use		
	environment	Development		
4	Improved	The participants were optimistic that the proposed water supply and		
	water supply	management strategies incorporated in the master plan such as water		
		pans and boreholes for water extraction would improve the		
		availability of water in the area.		

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5	Improved	The locals during the public participation commented that most		
	sanitation	households lack sanitary facilities and they were hopeful that with the		
	facilities	development, there will be improved sanitation facilities due to the		
		proposed integrated waste management plan.		
6	Improved	The respondents were optimistic that the proposed master plan		
	security	development activities will lead to improved security situation in the		
		neighbourhood due to the number of people that will reside in the		
		areas		
7	Increased	The respondents were positive that the proposed residential zones		
	housing	would boost availability of affordable and improved housing		
	facilities	conditions in the area		
8	Economic	With the proposed master plan, investors will be attracted to invest		
	growth	their money in the proposed development through enterprises,		
		business among others. The use of locally available materials and		
		labour for the proposed master plan development activities will		
		contribute towards growth of the local and national economies by		
		contributing to the gross domestic product.		
9	Transfer of	The members of the public suggested that with the Teita Estate		
	skills	Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Master Plan being a source of		
		employment. Many different skilled workers would be employed from		
		within and without the area. This would lead to a transfer of skills and		
		gaining of experience during the implementation phase.		
10	Improve	The development will attract various people from different counties		
	Networking	and countries and this will promote cultural integration of knowledge		
	and Culture	and exchange of a wide range of ideas.		
	Exchange			
		Negative impacts		
1	Increased	Some participants were concerned that due to magnitude of the		
	pressure on	proposed master plan, its execution will increase pressure on existing		
	infrastructure	infrastructure such as roads, water supply system, waste handling		
		facilities, electricity etc. This would be due to increased volumes on		
		human and vehicle traffic along the access road.		
2	Habitat loss	Members of the public expressed concerns that during the		
		construction phase of the plan, there would be clearance of		
		vegetation, which would lead to the negative impacts. The clearance		
		of vegetation would affect the scenic beauty and ecological		
		functioning of these sensitive areas. Also, the clearance of vegetation		
		would have impacts on the soil particularly increased soil loss which		
		subsequently might impact on the water quality and ecosystem		
		productivity.		
3	Alteration of	The proposed master plan for mixed land use upon implementation		
	land	will significantly alter the scenic landscape and terrain of the plan area,		
		unless managed properly this can lead to adverse environmental		
		implications		

4	Water	The residents feared that execution of the master plan would lead to		
	pollution	increased population in the area, the natural water ways would be		
		polluted through sewage effluent and water from industries. This		
		would also affect the quality of water that is being utilized by locals in		
		the area		
5	Air pollution	The locals expressed concern over the possibility of generation of		
		large amount of dust and fumes within the execution stage of the		
		master plan. They noted that surrounding areas might encounter air		
		pollution from excavation works and transportation of construction		
		materials and industries.		
6	Noise	The residents expressed fear over noise and vibrations likely to occur		
	pollution	during the execution of the master plan. They highlighted		
		construction equipment and other moving machines in the		
		construction sites		
7	Human –	Interference with the natural ecosystem due to the planned change of		
	Wildlife	use would result into human-wildlife conflict as well as fear of the		
	conflict	propagation of the poaching culture		
8	Increased	Population influx in the area as well as commercial/production		
	waste	activities will result into significant waste generation in the area. This		
	generation	thus will require adequate plans for waste management in order to		
		avert possibilities of waste management nuisance.		

### 5.5.4 Recommendations from the second public consultations

The recommendations provided in second public consultations are listed below;

- i. The local community should be granted the priority on purchase of land
- ii. Solid waste management should be addressed well before implementation of the plan
- iii. Waste water management should be elaborate
- iv. The plan should enhance partnerships establishment between the local community and the inhabitants
- v. Appropriate measures should be instituted to curb against rising insecurity
- vi. Through collaboration with KWS, the developers should consider electric fencing of the section neighbouring Mgeno ranch to inhibit human-wildlife conflicts
- vii. Adherence to the provisions of the EMCA 1999, 2015 amendment regarding environmental protection and conservation.
- viii. Re-forestation through landscaping and beautification to restore lost vegetation cover
- ix. Prioritizing on the locals on job opportunities
- x. Establishment of grievance redress channel for improved community relation
- xi. Provision of alternative water sourcing points for the wildlife to reduce human-wildlife conflicts
- xii. Liaise with the KeNHA to work on structural adjustments that will help in traffic management at the plan area access points.

#### 5.5.5 Questionnaires

Structured questionnaires were administered to key identified stakeholders in the plan area to seek their views in relation to the proposed Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Master Plan. The list of some of the individuals who responded to the questionnaires are tabulated in annex 4

#### 5.6 Public Review and SESA Disclosure Process

Upon submission of the draft SESA report to NEMA; within fourteen (14) days of receiving the SESA study report NEMA, undertook administrative review of the Draft Report to ensure that the Draft SESA was adequate to enter the stakeholder-review process.

After the draft report passed the administrative review, NEMA distributed the draft SESA report to stakeholders for comments. NEMA then sent out the draft SESA report to relevant stakeholders. Stakeholders generally have 30 working days (from the date of dispatch) to submit comments on a plan level SESA. However, NEMA may extend this review period in some instances.

On public review, NEMA prepared a summary of the SESA report (advert) and invited the public to make oral or written submissions on the report. NEMA, at the expense of the proponent:

- i. Published an advert in the Kenya Gazette on 14th July 2023 (attached in appendix 4)
- ii. Made adverts in newspapers that has nationwide circulation
  - a. Nation media Tuesday July 18th, 2023
  - b. The standard Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> 2023.
- iii. Radio advert July 17th to 19th 2023

#### 5.7 Validation Workshop

On 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 a validation workshop was held at Panlis Hotel in Chakaleri Shopping Centre, in Mwatate Area for purposes of validating the Teita Estate Mixed Land Use Master Plan SESA report (see Appendix 1 for the sample invitation letter and Appendix 5 for the validation workshop minutes, attendance list and photos). In attendance were representatives from Teita Estate Ltd, The National Government, Taita Taveta County Government, NEMA, and Ministry of Irrigation and Natural Resources and SEA experts, among others.

The proceedings of the workshop observed the following;

- 1. More awareness raising on the Teita Estate Mixed Land Use Master Plan and the anticipated plan s hence allaying fears on anticipated land allocation and land uses.
- 2. The participants also requested to have access to the developed master plan maps for decision making regarding investments in the Teita Estate Mixed Land Use development.
- 3. The proponent needs follow the due process on land sub-division and titling to the potential new owners in consultation with the relevant government agencies.
- 4. Considering the various land uses solid waste and waste water management plans needs be developed for Smart growth of the mixed land use development.

## 5.8 Disclosure of the Mixed Land Use Master Plan and Maps

In adherence to the Data Protection Act of 2019 some key rail-guards that were put in place to ensure conformity with the Act as follows;

- ✓ During the stakeholders' sensitization phase, key provisions of this Act were explained. Particularly pertinent is Section 26 which deals with data that is of a personal nature. For example, during t data collection, the respondents were informed that personal data was being collected and the use to which the personal data would be put.
- ✓ Moreover, during the public participation sessions, the team made a declaration stating that the information to be collected would be held professionally and would only be used to assist in the development of the SESA report. Indeed, the information collected during the course of the SESA report preparation were only used in the preparation of this report and all details shared herein.
- ✓ Additionally, upon completion and approval of the final SESA report, public disclosure of the Teita Estate Mixed Land Use Master Plan and the accompanying maps will be made available to the public and other stakeholders for purposes of knowledge on the plan. In addition, the proponent is contemplating organising for another public baraza to enable the public understand the details of the design and implementation of the Master Plan before purchase and development of the site. This will be held at a date that will be determined by the proponent and the stakeholders between the months of March and May 2024.
- ✓ The SESA report will be availed at the Teita Estate Offices and NEMA offices in Mwatate for any further reference. Moreover, copies of the mixed land use development plan can always be availed to the interested parties on demand

# 6 Impacts Identification and Analysis

#### 6.1 Introduction

The environmental baseline information and the Master Plans land uses discussed earlier, forms the basis for impact identification and evaluation for this SESA report. Field surveys, key stakeholder consultation and public participation forums conducted on the proposed Teita Estate Mixed Land Use Master Plan identified both positive and negative environmental and social impacts. Additionally, literature review of published reports, scientific papers and other related reports informs this report on expected impacts. The impacts that are expected to arise from the Master Plan execution could either be termed as positive, negative, direct, indirect, short-term, long-term, temporary, and/or permanent depending on their area of cover and their stay in the environment.

In this respect this chapter gives a highlight of impacts analysis. The prediction and evaluation of impacts, including cumulative effects are documented including trade-offs. Moreover, positive and negative impacts likely to originate from the proposed Master Plan execution are described based on the physical, biological, social environment and economic aspects as described in the following section.

## 6.2 Impact Analysis

The magnitude and the extent of each impact is described in terms of being significant, minor or negligible, temporary or permanent, long-term or short-term, specific (localised) or widespread, reversible or irreversible. In general terms the temporary impacts having no obvious long-term consequences are regarded as being minor. On the other hand, the impacts with long-term repercussions are classified as significant. Significant positive impacts are usually associated with improved access, which is the prime objective of the development.

Additionally, the negative and positive impacts likely to originate from the development have been linked to the biological, physical, social environment and the economic aspects on various land uses proposed by the Master Plan as discussed in the following section.

## 6.3 Quantification of the magnitude of impacts

The SESA report further assessed the magnitude and significance of impacts based on the following factors:

- ➤ Location or extent
- > The area/volume covered
- > Timing: Whether immediate or delayed
- Duration: Short term, long term, intermittent or continuous
- > Reversibility or irreversibility
- Likelihood: Probability of the impact taking place
- Significance: Whether it is local, regional or global

Moreover, in making the observations expert knowledge was relied upon in determination of the relied impacts which are rated based on the applicable mitigation measures. The scale applied in the analysis and the quantification of the impacts is as shown in the table below. The impact analysis and quantification will further be accompanied by a narrative that provides the rationale to the scoring.

Description	Scale description		
No impact	This implies that to the best knowledge of the experts, the activity will		
	not have any known impact on the environment. Such an impact will		
	not in any way affect the normal functioning of either the human or the		
	natural systems hence does not warrant any mitigation.		
Minimal	These are activities with little impact on the environment. They call for		
impact	preventive measures, which are usually inexpensive and manageable.		
	These activities have minimum impacts on either natural or human		
	environment or both		
Moderate	A moderate impact will have localized effect on the environment. If the		
impact	effect is negative and cumulative, action in form of mitigation measures		
	needs to be put in place to ensure that it doesn't become permanent or		
	irreversible.		
High Impact	An impact is high if it affects a relatively large area spatially, has severity		
	on biological resources or the effect is felt temporarily for a relatively		
	long period (1) year. In case the effect is negative, such an impact needs		
	to mitigation measures put in place to prevent further direct, indirect or		
	cumulative adverse effects.		
Very High	An activity rates highly in all aspects used in the scale i.e., temporal,		
Impacts	spatial and severity. If negative, it is expected to affect a large population		
	of fauna and flora, and a large area of the geophysical environment,		
	usually having trans-boundary consequences. Urgent and specialized		
	mitigation measures are needed or suspension of plan until enough		
	effective mitigation measures are put in place		
Un known	There are activities for which impacts are not yet known or has not been		
	confirmed		
	Minimal impact  Moderate impact  High Impact  Very High Impacts		

Scoring criteria for the master plan implementation options

In this SESA report impact analysis and quantification of anticipated physical, biological, social and economic impacts are discussed in the following section.

## 6.4 Discussion of Assessed Impact Factors on Environment

#### 6.4.1 Physical Characteristics

The development of the master plan is anticipated to affect soil during the implementation stage. Clearing of some of the sisal plantation to pave way for construction activities may expose the soil at site to agents of erosion such as wind and water. Moreover, areas where excavations will be

carried out will also be prone to erosion processes. The impact of Teita Estate development on soil during implementation stage is within low effects.

Negative effects of the plan on ground water and water quality may occur from oil leaks and spills from construction equipment which may leach through the ground surface to contaminate groundwater. During operation stage, impact may mostly occur from industries with inadequate liquid waste management system, which may result to wastewater contaminating water sources in the area. However, the expected impact on ground water and water quality is within low effects.

Some negative effects of the development master plan on physical processes include floods that may result from surface paving and an increase in buildings in the area. This may lead to limited percolation rates during the rainy seasons. However, the expected impact magnitudes on the development plan on floods are within low effects.

## 6.4.2 Biological Conditions

The proposed development master plan activities that will alter land cover such as land clearing, excavations and construction of buildings will most likely result to loss of sisal within the plan area to pave way for construction. The expected impact magnitudes of the development plan on sisal are within medium-high effects. The excavations and construction of buildings will most likely result to loss of shrubs and grass within the plan area to pave way for construction. The expected impact magnitudes of the development plan on sisal, is within low effects.

There are no forest plantations within the proposed area of the master plan development. Forest plantations in the neighbourhood will not be affected, where impacts may occur due to spill over effects will be very minimal.

The proposed plan area is extensively a sisal plantation with few habitats for birds, and rare to come across birds or birds' nests. No Important Bird Area is at or near the proposed plan area. The proposed plan area is also not a migratory corridor for any birds' species. The numerosity of birds is relatively small, of which there are no significant effects on them. On the other hand, the construction of water facilities and growing of crops may have positive impacts by attracting certain birds' species. The magnitude of expected impacts of the development plan on birds is negligible.

The development area being a sisal plantation, the greatest impact during excavation and construction will be on rats and snakes due to their established niches within the sisal plantation. The rats find food from the sisal plantation while the few snakes within the area prey on them. Clearing of most of the sisal plantations for the master plan development to take place will lead to loss of habitat to the rats. This will result to a spin-off negative effect to the snakes which will experience food shortage due to depletion of rats. The magnitude of expected impacts of the development on rats and snakes is within medium-high effects.

Insects such as ants and grasshoppers found within the sisal plantations may decrease in number especially through the proposed plan activities during implementation stage. This includes activities which may result to modification of their habitat and alteration of ground cover including land clearing.

The expected impact magnitudes on insects are within low effects. Surface excavations will affect the micro-fauna and intensify the negative effects on them, while soil erosion from the development impacts will further lead to their reduction. The expected impact magnitudes on micro-fauna are within medium-low effect.

#### 6.4.3 Social Cultural Factors

The development plan area is under sisal plantation which will be cleared during excavation and construction. In this regard, agriculture being the main activity in the proposed development plan area will be highly impacted negatively. Therefore, the magnitude of the expected impacts of the development plan on agriculture is within high effect.

The general lifestyle of the local community will be affected either positively or negatively. This will mainly be during construction and operation phases activities that will provide vast employment opportunities to the local community. This will include unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled labour opportunities. The negative magnitude of expected impacts of the development plan on cultural patterns is within low effects. Positive effects magnitude is expected to rise with the implementation of the plan.

The risk of accidents or hazards on employees and local community members is small for there are no settlements in the development area. The zoning of the industrial area in the plan is located far from the residential zone. A few accidents may occur during excavation and the construction period of various developments. Mitigations for the community and employee's occupational health and safety have been provided in this report's environmental and social management and monitoring plan. The expected impact magnitude on occupational health and safety is within low effects.

The proposed development excavation and construction phase will affect food chains. This is due to alteration of habitats, land clearing and changing ground cover that will result to certain species being exposed and others moving away leaving their predators in challenging conditions to get food. However, the expected impact magnitude is within low effects for the development plan area has few animal and plant species.

## 6.5 Positive Impacts on the Physical Environment

#### 6.5.1 Optimal Use of Land

The land proposed for the development is under sisal production and noting that land is held with high regard in Kenya, optimised land use is encouraged. In this regard, when the proposed development is complete and executed as per the master plan, a lot of economic returns will accrue from mixed development activities compared to the current gains from sisal farming. Moreover, the development plan activities that are expected to economically benefit the locals, county and national government through revenues earned from their operations. In the long-term the proposed development will be more profitable economically.

#### 6.5.2 Landscaping and Aesthetics

The implementation of the proposed mixed-use development plan, will involve landscaping activities in different zones that is currently under sisal growing. The execution of the planned

development, green zones will in the long-term improve the master plan area's visual landscape beauty and make it aesthetically attractive thereby resulting to positive impact.

## 6.6 Negative Impacts on the Physical Development

#### 6.6.1 Changes Land, Soils and Geology

The execution of the proposed development plan will affect the soil and geology of the land through depletion of the local soil resource from excavation and carting away of spoil material, and soil sealing leading to increased surface runoff and soil erosion soil.

On the other hand, spillage of hazardous construction chemicals including oils, fuel, grease, paints, solvents, curing and acids among others may lead to soil contamination. Moreover, the importation of soil for landscaping and fill activities may lead to introduction of invasive species or noxious weeds and pathogens such as bacteria, fungi and nematodes.

Increased soil erosion, storm water generation and sedimentation is likely to be expected, usually an indirect impact of sisal bushes clearance and from increase in the built up areas. The removal of sisal plantation and other bushes and indigenous tree species will leave bare land subject to soil erosion. Subsequently the bare land will be prone to wind and water erosion.

Soil erosion is a serious problem both at its source and downstream of the development site. Lost soil is deposited elsewhere, and the location of the deposition could alter downstream hydrology and increase flooding. This could alter downstream hydrology and increase flooding. Soil erosion could also interfere with water quality directly through increasing turbidity levels, siltation and indirectly from contaminants carried with eroded soil particles.

#### **Mitigation Strategies**

The above impacts can be mitigated and will be adequately addressed as per Strategic Environmental and social Management Plans (SESMPs) developed. The impact on soils and geology is expected to be moderate hence allocated a rating value of 2.

#### 6.6.2 Increased Water Demand

The proposed Teita Estate mixed land use developments will result in increased water demand on resources from the land uses including, industrial, educational, sports facilities, commercial infrastructure, transportation, agriculture and recreation areas. All these land uses are expected to exert pressure on existing water sources. The water for these land uses will be sourced from boreholes and surface dams, flood water and rain water harvesting. Without conservative use of these water resources, there is likely to be adverse impacts such as depletion of groundwater resources from over-abstraction, and increased water scarcity in the surrounding areas. Excessive exploitation of water as a natural resource has a negative impact on the environment. The anticipated increase in water demand necessitated a hydrological study of the area discussed in section 3.4 above.

Additionally, the effluent from the proposed developments has potential to cause ground/surface water pollution, and health hazards to human and aquatic life. Management of construction

wastewater, spill control mechanisms, and treatment of effluent will be required to ensure protection of water resources.

The developed ESMP require to be implemented for water use efficiency alongside implementation of water conservation and management policy. Due to the expected water uptake, impact on water resources is expected to be high and hence allocated a rating value of 3.

## **Mitigation Strategies**

Measures to ensure adequate water supply for the envisioned development by the proposed Master Plan include instituting water conservation measures in the construction and operation phase of environmental management plans. Moreover, to curb effluents from the master plan development, sustainable water resource protection and conservation options require to be instituted through the following mitigation strategies;

- ✓ Conduct a hydrological study
- ✓ Account for the actual water demand for the development relative to proposed land uses
- ✓ Encourage rainwater and storm water harvesting
- ✓ Adopt water systems that are efficient and not prone to wastage
- ✓ Adopt systems to recycle wastewater
- ✓ Monitoring water consumption to inform future planning
- ✓ Conducting surface and ground water quality from periodic tests and analysis for various land use zones

#### 6.6.3 Increased Energy Demand

The proposed development will result in a higher demand on energy resources both during execution of the planned developments and operation phases. The forms of energy to be utilized include grid energy and fossil fuels to run construction equipment and vehicles during construction phases. Moreover, energy from the main grid will be required for lighting and powering of equipment in residential, commercial, and industrial establishments in the operation phase. Noting that fossil fuel is non-renewable, its excessive use results to emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) emissions and related impacts on environmental sustainability. On the other hand, electricity generation in Kenya is mainly from hydro and geothermal sources and therefore high energy consumption can impact negatively on their sustainability.

It will therefore be imperative for this master plan development to carry out energy audits for evaluation and improvement of energy consumption and saving practices adopted by all the master plan sectors involved. Moreover, it would be prudent to institute energy conservation measures in proposed developments while also tapping into renewable energy opportunities like solar and wind energy. Further, legal compliance on energy management will be critical for success in energy efficiency. Practical energy management and conservation options also require to be implemented as highlighted in the Energy ESMP. In this respect the impact on energy demand is expected to be moderate hence allocated the rating value of 2.

#### **Mitigation Strategies**

To reduce energy consumption the following strategic measures need be employed;

- ✓ Adopt renewable energy opportunities including solar and wind energy
- ✓ Ensure machines, equipment and transport systems are energy efficient
- ✓ Undertake energy audits to inform efficient energy management systems
- ✓ Implement energy management/conservation options as highlighted in the energy ESMP
- ✓ Put in place systems to monitor energy consumption and aid in future planning.
- ✓ Adhere to requirements of energy laws and regulations

#### 6.6.4 Increase Solid Waste and Effluents Generation

All the proposed developments in this master plan and land uses are expected to generate a substantial amount of solid and liquid waste. During excavation, waste will result from soils, rocks and vegetation. In the construction phase waste generation will result from reject materials (damaged bricks, concrete and plastics), packaging materials (paper, polythene, plastic, and metal), and wastewater and used oil.

Moreover, during the operation phase the households, commercial and industrial developments are likely to generate significant amounts of organic and inorganic wastes including effluents, whose proper handling is critical to avoid surface and ground water pollution. Additionally, inadequate management of solid and sewerage waste from the developments will lead to pollution and creation of human health hazards endangering the residents and the public.

Proper effluent management plans including treatment and setting aside land for waste water treatment and recycling of waste water will be required to mitigate the potential adverse impacts of the generated effluent. An integrated solid waste management strategy that includes reduction at source, reuse, recycling, incineration of non-recyclable waste and composting of waste and use of resultant biogas for generation of electricity, to compliment sources from incineration will also be required for management of solid waste from the developments.

## Mitigation Strategies

To mitigate the adverse impacts of solid and effluents waste, the following strategies need be employed;

- ✓ Adopt a circular economy approach to waste management in the development area
- ✓ Segregation of waste in the different zones (domestic, commercial, and industrial) for efficient management.
- ✓ Consider the use of recycled or refurbished construction materials.
- ✓ Implement waste management options as highlighted in the waste ESMP
- ✓ Adhere to requirements of waste management laws and regulations 2006
- ✓ Contracting a licensed waste management company for collection, transportation and disposal of waste in designated areas within the plan site
- ✓ Composting of organic waste to generate biogas and manure for use in land set aside for agriculture.
- ✓ Pre-treatment of industrial effluents before discharge as per wastewater regulations
- ✓ Proper effluent management plans including recycling of wastewater and use of waste water to generate biogas and sludge for manure.
- ✓ Adhere to requirements of wastewater laws and regulations 2003

#### 6.6.5 Air Quality Degradation

The local ambient air quality will be impacted both during the execution and operation phases of the envisioned development by the proposed Master Plan. This will mostly be from dust emitted during excavation and aggregate transportation to construction sites, and from construction vehicles and machinery emitting oxides of carbon, nitrogen, and sulphur into the atmosphere during the construction phase.

Moreover, the land proposed for development is under sisal plantation which is a CO<sub>2</sub> sink. Subsequently the land conversion from sisal estate to mixed use developments will remove this  $CO_2$  natural sink.

Upon completion, the development will introduce activities that are likely sources of air pollution including emissions from housing development, industrial, commercial infrastructure, transportation, and agriculture activities. These sources of air pollution are as enumerated in the table below;

Sector	Sources of air pollution
Transport	Vehicles, fuel use, engine emissions
Energy	Fossil fuels, biomass, domestic solid fuel heating
Manufacturing/Industrial	Chemicals, extractives and cement
Services	Retail, hospitality and tourism, hospitals and health-care services
Waste	<ul> <li>Improper management of domestic waste, e-waste, plastics, food waste, organic waste)</li> <li>Industrial waste (construction and demolition waste),</li> <li>Hazardous waste - sewerage effluents</li> </ul>
Agricultural	Farming and agro-industry

Impact on ambient air quality was also echoed by various consulted stakeholders; however, with adequate measures described in the environmental and social management plan chapter; this impact can be mitigated. The Master Plan should aim at ensuring maintenance and enhancement of green zones to sequester carbon from emissions. Further, adherence to air quality regulations 2014 provides for the prevention, control and abatement of air pollution to ensure clean and healthy ambient air. Based on this, impact on ambient air quality was therefore found to be moderate and allocated a value of 2.

#### Mitigation strategies

The development will implement measures to reduce air pollution as follows;

- ✓ Use of renewable sources energy including solar and wind energy
- ✓ Creation of green zones to act as carbon sinks
- ✓ Adhere to air quality laws and regulations including Air Quality Regulations 2014.

#### 6.6.6 Increased noise impacts

The developments works will most likely result in noise generation as a result of the machines in use e.g. excavation equipment, mixers and construction vehicles delivering materials to active construction sites. The noise is expected to last for the entire Master Plan execution period. Off-

site noise will also be experienced near and along the access roads to the construction materials sources. Moreover, increase in ambient noise levels is expected with the completion and occupation of the developments and from the mundane activities of this master plan development.

However, noise impacts can be mitigated through a noise abatement scheme. This includes proper planning of the various land uses to locate the noisier activities (industrial and commercial uses) near main roads or peripheral areas. On the other hand, the less noisy activities (residential, and recreational) uses located inwards in the more serene areas, can aid in mitigating the noise impacts. Additionally, the establishment of buffer zones between different land uses will attenuate noise, further reducing the potential impacts. Adherence to noise ordinances such as the Noise and Excessive Vibration Pollution Control regulations, 2009 and employment of noise attenuation mechanisms for point sources will mitigate the impact. Based on this, impact on noise and vibrations was therefore found to be moderate and allocated value of 2.

#### **Mitigation Strategies**

To mitigate noise pollution the following measures can be employed;

- ✓ Establishment of buffer zones between different land uses will attenuate noise, further reducing the potential impacts.
- ✓ Employment of noise attenuation mechanisms for point sources
- ✓ Adherence to noise ordinances such as the Environmental Management and Coordination (Noise and Excessive Vibration Pollution Control) Regulations, 2009

#### 6.7 Positive Impacts on the Biological Environment

Landscaping of various land use zones will introduce exotic and indigenous tree species that are adaptive to the area. The landscaped areas will increase tree cover at the sites proposed for green spaces and improve environmental conditions by minimising air pollution and offsetting GHGs through CO<sub>2</sub> absorption. The green spaces also provide for storm water attenuation, thereby acting as a measure for flood mitigation including preservation of biodiversity and nature conservation.

#### 6.8 Negative Impacts on Biological Factors

## 6.8.1 Vegetation Cover Loss and Habitat Fragmentation

The development plan will entail clearing of the sisal plantation, cutting down of trees and other vegetation that may lead to the loss of economically significant flora. This is further expected to lead to degradation of environmentally significant areas and thus cause adverse effects on the environment such as reduction of biodiversity and exposure of soil to surface run-off. Moreover, the destruction of flora will be accelerated by the envisioned land use changes consisting of developments in housing, industrial, commercial, transportation and agriculture. This will result into habitat loss, alteration and fragmentation of land.

The clearing of vegetation is known to have adverse effects on the environment such as reduction of biodiversity, reduction of aesthetic beauty, exposure of soil to surface run-off, increment in dust pollution.

The proposed Master Plan development activities will also result in alteration and disruption to terrestrial habitats. This may adversely affect some wildlife habitats due to clearing of sisal plants and creation of barriers to some wildlife movement that stray into the sisal plantation. It may also result from creation of barriers to wildlife movement due to the visual and auditory disturbance caused by the presence of machinery, construction workers, associated equipment and development operations.

Additionally, some of the areas stakeholders raised concern on the environmental degradation due to change of land use from agricultural land to a built environment. Conversion of land in the proposed Master Plan from sisal plantations to a mixed-use development will likely degrade the environment through loss of biodiversity in the area. The destruction of wildlife habitat can result in the direct loss of some species and the ability of the ecosystem to support other biological resources upon which the wildlife relies for survival.

#### **Mitigation Strategies**

Some of the identified key mitigation measures that can be employed to manage the impact associated with the destruction of flora include;

The following measures can mitigate the loss of vegetation cover and habitat fragmentation;

- ✓ Carry out landscaping of different zones and maintaining the proposed green spaces as outlined in the Master Plan.
- ✓ The green spaces should be enriched with native vegetation and where possible, avoidance of clearance of the existing indigenous vegetation should be done.

Based on the precautionary measures to be put in place, this impact is expected to be moderate and hence allocating a rating value of 2.

#### 6.8.2 Habitat Alteration

The implementation of the mixed-use development will result in habitat alteration and loss of a section of sisal agricultural land.

#### **Mitigation Strategies**

The following mitigation strategies can be employed to cushion habitat alteration:

- ✓ Maintain the proposed green spaces as outlined in the Master Plan
- ✓ Formulation and implementation of a Biodiversity Management Plan
- ✓ Adherence to Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Conservation of Biological Diversity and Resources, and Access to Genetic Resources and Benefits Sharing) Regulations, 2006

#### 6.8.3 Loss of Biodiversity and Species

The sisal plantation in the proposed master plan area host wildlife such as snakes and a wide range of rodents. With the proposed master plan development there would be visual and auditory disturbance due to the presence of machinery, construction workers, and associated equipment. The clearing of vegetation to pave way for the proposed development will likely result to habitat loss and fragmentation. This may cause some wildlife to move out due to lack of food, shelter and mates when their habitats depart from natural conditions.

The destruction of natural habitats can also impact on the local flora and fauna reducing biodiversity. This in turn affects the existing food chains and food webs. Such alterations may result to ecological imbalances to the detriment of all the biota inhabitation. On the other hand, the introduction of exotic species of plant or animal may oust indigenous species or introduce disease agents which may affect plants, animals or humans. In this regard the wildlife habitat may be impacted negatively both from direct and indirect activities associated with the development. Human-wildlife conflicts will thus be exacerbated while the movement of livestock and humans may also be impeded.

Alteration, fragmentation, or destruction of wildlife habitat can result in the direct loss or displacement of species and the ability of the ecosystem to support other biological resources such as the plant communities upon which the wildlife relies on for survival. In the event that there are rare or endangered animal species they may be rendered locally extinct.

## Mitigation Strategies

The following mitigation strategies can be employed to cushion the local biodiversity from negative impacts of the proposed development:

- ✓ Consider introducing exotic and indigenous species in green spaces to compensate for the loss
- ✓ Consider developing watering pans for wild animals in areas adjacent to the plan area to allow for migration in the neighbouring ranches bordering the migration and dispersal corridor
- ✓ It is paramount that the reserves within a 10-kilometre buffer next to Mwatate Town remain intact as more that 80% of the bird species identified reside in these areas.
- ✓ In addition, an establishment of similar reserves and water areas is highly encouraged.
- ✓ Specifically, the plan should establish the probability of maintaining small fruit trees and bushes for provision of feeding grounds for the birds as an alternative to the proposed crops.

Since the Master Plan of the proposed development has set aside areas under water bodies to be maintained, this impact will be moderate and therefore allocated a rating value of 2.

#### 6.9 Positive Impacts on Socio-Economic Aspects

The master plan development will bring along some positive socio-economic impacts. Some of these anticipated positive impacts will include provision numerous employment opportunities for skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labour during the implementation of various phases of the mixed use development zones. This will be a significant positive impact since unemployment rates are

currently quite high in the county. Additionally, the stakeholder's proposals on local casual labour sourcing will lead to multidimensional development in the area and improve incomes.

On the other hand, the business opportunities are anticipated during the execution of different land uses. Opportunities will range from supply of raw materials to small scale business people such as food vendors and kiosk owners. It is also anticipated that the value of land will increase with urbanisation around the master plan area while standard of living of the populace will increase due to high demand for goods and services.

The development has also allocated a zone for setting up a school and a hospital facility thereby leading to expansion of educational, health and social facilities and improved provision of these basic services. Improved healthcare services are anticipated in the area due to development of health care facilities.

It is anticipated that there will also be improved security situation in the neighbourhood due population and the possible synergistic effects that populated neighbourhoods bring along with them. Further, improved and increased housing development will attract various classes of residents thereby bringing along networking and cultural integration of knowledge and exchange of a wide range of ideas.

The envisioned development will enhance economic growth resulting to increased revenue from the use of locally available materials and labour for the proposed Master Plan development activities. Moreover, the set aside zone for light industries, when operational will offer benefits including job opportunities and revenue generation to the county and national government through taxes, rates and fees.

#### 6.10 Negative impacts on Socio-Economic Aspects

Nonetheless, envisioned development will result to negative pressures such as on infrastructure associated with magnitude of land use changes. There is a potential of increasing pressure on existing infrastructure such as roads, water supply system, waste handling facilities, electricity etc. This would be due to increased volumes on human and vehicle traffic along the access road.

Further, there will be interference with already existing infrastructure such as the pipeline, water pipes, power lines, roads and thus causing inconveniences. However, socio – economic impacts are expected to be mitigated and hence rated to be moderate and thus allocated a rating value of 2.

#### 6.10.1 Health and Safety Risk

The implementation of the mixed-use developments will result to known workplace safety risks. Safety hazards are likely to increase resulting in a possible increase in accidents involving workers and/or the public. Development works will expose workers to occupational health and safety risks and injuries resulting from accidental falls or use of hand tools and construction equipment

During operation phase of some of the developments, potential health and safety hazards may arise in the event of a lack of adequate facilities, protection measures, worker protection measures, and non-adherence to OSHA, 2007 regulations. Adequate health and safety plans will therefore require to be implemented to mitigate all foreseeable health and safety risks in the development.

Due to population influx, there is concern for increased spread of communicable and infectious diseases. However, health and safety impacts are expected to be mitigated and hence rated to be minimal with a value of 1.

#### **Mitigation Strategies**

To mitigate the community and workers from health and safety risks the following strategies need be implemented

- ✓ Establish an emergency plan to assist in managing occupational hazards and risks for the development.
- ✓ Risk management plans should also be established with other facility control and safety systems.
- ✓ Provide for the safety, health and welfare of workers and all persons at workplaces
- ✓ All places intended to be used as a workplace must be registered by DOSHS before they are occupied.
- ✓ Establish monitoring measures, hazard identification and risk assessments and Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS) for all activities intended to be done at the development.

## 6.11 Cumulative Impacts

The IFC defines cumulative as those impacts that result from the successive, incremental, and/or combined effects of an action, plan, or activity when added to other existing, planned, and/or reasonably anticipated future ones. It is anticipated that cumulative impacts on resources such as water, and energy within Mwatate area and environs might arise due to the needs for the simultaneous development of other interlinking plans. Based on this the SEA undertook a Cumulative Impacts Analysis (CIA) as described in succeeding sections.

## 6.12 Cumulative Impact Analysis

Cumulative Impact Analysis is a systematic procedure for identifying and evaluating the significance of effects from multiple activities. CIA was carried out during the Strategic Environmental Assessment as it considers a wider temporal and spatial scope at an early level of the planning process. With reference to development plans, cumulative impacts can occur from the combined impacts of policies and proposals on specific areas or sensitive receptors. The Teita Estate mixed land use master plan is anticipated to generate several cumulative impacts from the different operations zones considered in its development. During the CIA, the following elements that define the cause-effect relationship of the impacts according to Cooper (2004) were used;

- ✓ Identification of the impact sources i.e. multiple activities that could lead to potential impacts or environmental changes
- ✓ Consideration of the pathways of impacts between sources and receptors and the linkages between these impacts
- ✓ Analysis of the characteristics of these impacts i.e. whether they are additive, synergistic or antagonistic.

The CIA process took place in several steps, some of which were done concurrently with the initial steps of the SEA process. The CIA for the proposed Master Plan was undertaken in the process summarized below:

- i. Scoping in consultation with the relevant key stakeholders and agencies
- ii. Establishing of the baseline characteristics of the proposed Master Plan
- iii. Assessing the impacts of the Master Plan
- iv. Proposing mitigation measures for the potential significant impacts
- v. Development of a monitoring plan documented in Chapter 9 of this SEA
- vi. Incorporating finding

## 6.13 Cumulative Positive Impacts

#### 6.13.1 Improved infrastructure

The mixed land use developments will lead to the construction of such infrastructure as water supply network, sewerage network, waste water treatment facilities, road network and communication network. This will further improve the infrastructure of the region and make it more attractive to investors

## 6.13.2 Increase in land and property value

Upon execution of this master plan, the value of land is anticipated to appreciate hence leading to the overall increase in property value around the Teita Estate. The local land and property owners will subsequently benefit from selling their property at higher profit margins as compared to when there was no mixed land use development.

#### 6.13.3 Increased employment opportunities

The mixed land use developments of residential, commercial and industrial zones will provide an employment opportunity for the local community and beyond. Moreover, small-scale enterprises will also be established due to the demand by the foreseen increased population, hence opportunity for more jobs.

## 6.14 Cumulative Negative Impacts

### 6.14.1 Influx of new inhabitants

The development of the residential, commercial and industrial zones will lead to movement of people from around the County and beyond due to the new job opportunities within the area. This will eventually result in an increase in the population of the area around Teita Estate.

#### 6.14.2 Increased water demand

There will be an increase in demand for water use by the Teita Estate mixed land use development and environs. This will lead to increased pressure on water resource provision to the already scarce resource in the area.

#### 6.14.3 Increased demand for waste water services

The mixed land use developments residential, commercial and industrial facilities will require more waste water services which are not currently available in the environment.

#### 6.14.4 Increased traffic

There will be increased traffic in the mixed land use development area due to the high number of residents and workers accessing the Teita Estate development. The improved road network will also attract more motorists who may not be residents of the mixed land use development.

#### 6.14.5 Increased noise pollution

The master plan development of residential, commercial, industrial zones and increased traffic may lead to increased noise generation. The noise maybe of nuisance to the residents and neighbouring communities.

## 6.14.6 Increased air pollution

The increased traffic within the mixed land use development and the environs will lead to increased release of toxic gases and particulates from the vehicles, industrial zones and other activities within the neighbourhood.

#### 6.14.7 Increased waste generation

The residential, commercial and industrial zones will lead to generation of more solid waste. The solid waste if not handled properly could lead to unpleasant smells, invasion of the area by some species such as birds and spread of diseases by some rodents

## 6.14.8 Loss of biodiversity

The constant clearing of vegetation to create space for the developments will lead to loss of some of the indigenous species within the area resulting to loss of biodiversity

#### 6.14.9 Soil erosion

The clearing of vegetation for the development of the various zones will expose the soil to erosion by wind or water during the rainy seasons. The industrial zones may contaminate the soil by spillage of hazardous substances or wastewater. The residential zones will generate high volumes of wastewater and if not properly disposed of may spill into soil hence contaminating it.

## 6.14.10 Depletion of the water resources

The residential, commercial and industries will need a high and regular supply of water. The water will be abstracted from boreholes to be drilled within the development. Continuous abstraction may lead to depletion of groundwater resources. The fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides that will be used in the agricultural zones may leach into the surface water and groundwater resources hence contaminating them and rendering them unfit for domestic use.

#### 6.15 Mitigation measures for cumulative impacts

Mitigation of cumulative impacts is best approached through a multi-stakeholder's approach. Some of the actions that may be needed to effectively manage cumulative impacts include;

- ✓ Plan design changes to avoid cumulative impacts (location, timing, technology).
- ✓ Adaptive management approaches to plan mitigation
- ✓ Collaborative engagement in other regional cumulative impact management strategies.
- ✓ Participation in regional monitoring programs to assess the realized cumulative impacts and efficacy of management efforts.
- ✓ Effect monitoring needed to assess the realized cumulative impacts is clearly defined and implemented.
- ✓ Ensure multiparty regional mitigation and/or management that may be needed to effectively manage cumulative impacts is also identified
- ✓ Support from other stakeholders (County Governments, developers and communities) is sought to implement mitigation measures.

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Impact	Mitigation	
Influx of new inhabitants	<ul> <li>✓ Increased accessibility of Teita Estate by enhanced traffic for prompt transport.</li> <li>✓ Develop well planned - low income residential zones</li> </ul>	
Increased water demand	<ul> <li>✓ Come up with measures of optimizing the existing water resources such as rain harvesting and water recycling technologies</li> <li>✓ Sensitizing the occupiers in all the zones on water conservation initiatives. Perform scheduled maintenance on the water supply infrastructure to reduce any leakages</li> </ul>	
Increased demand for waste water services	Develop an onsite wastewater treatment plant since it is non-existent.	
Increased traffic	Work with the relevant road authorities to develop efficient road designs	
Increased noise pollution	<ul> <li>✓ The industrial and commercial zones to schedule most of the operations during the day</li> <li>✓ Only operations that meet the required permissible noise levels should be allowed to operate at night</li> <li>✓ Install 'no hooting' signs in zones where noise will be of most nuisances like the education and residential zones.</li> <li>✓ Sensitization of motorists within these zones against unnecessary noise making</li> </ul>	
Increased air pollution	<ul> <li>✓ Instigate measures of air pollution control before releasing any harmful substances into the air</li> <li>✓ Sensitize on the use of non-sulphur fuels for different purposes in all the zones.</li> <li>✓ Sensitize neighbouring community against open burning of waste</li> </ul>	
Increased solid waste generation	<ul> <li>✓ Develop a waste management plan for the development which will guide the occupiers of the different zones in managing their waste</li> <li>✓ Leverage on waste management techniques that will ensure the plan area has a zero-waste policy.</li> <li>✓ Sensitize the occupiers and visitors on the recommended ways of waste disposal</li> </ul>	
Loss of biodiversity	<ul> <li>✓ Avoid clearing indigenous vegetation</li> <li>✓ Ensure replacement of any cleared vegetation is done after development</li> </ul>	
Soil erosion	<ul> <li>✓ Put measures in place to control the spillage of hazardous substances and wastewater into the soil.</li> <li>✓ Ensure that the wastewater system in all the zones is adequate and made from good quality materials to prevent spillage into the soil.</li> </ul>	
Depletion of water resources	<ul> <li>✓ In collaboration with the Taita Taveta County government, implement water resource conservation measures such as water storage in dams and rainwater harvesting</li> <li>✓ Lobby county government to implement laws to prohibit illegal abstraction of surface and ground water</li> </ul>	
	✓ Encourage organic farming to reduce the leaching of the chemicals from the agricultural zone	

# 7 Alternative Options of the Master Plan

#### 7.1 Introduction

This chapter discusses the alternative analysis of various Master Plan options. The analysis includes employing alternatives to achieve the same plan, use of alternative approaches, and the no intervention. The chapter further discusses the implication of key Master Plans to the proposed Teita Estate mixed use development. Additionally, the justification of the preferred alternative is discussed in the succeeding section and its linkages with the on-going development plans.

The Teita Estate master plan opted different land uses including residential, commercial, industrial, green spaces, and public amenities. However, much as the development conforms to land zoning provisions, there is need to widen the scope of potential alternative developments that may suffice needs other than the designated use. In this regard the SESA team identified four possible alternatives to which the land can be used as discussed in the following subsections.

## 7.2 Option 1 – The Agricultural Use Option

The development area is currently under sisal plantation with agriculture being the predominant activity in the neighbourhood of the development area. This option would provide revenues to Teita Estate from sale of sisal products. Moreover, the sisal plantations would promote carbon sequestration. However, if the agricultural land use option is compared to the comprehensive mixed land use development option, it may not be the most optimal way to use prime land in the neighbourhood of an urban area.

#### 7.3 Wildlife Conservancy

Wildlife conservancy promotes environmental sustainability by providing stability to different natural processes of nature and maintenance of essential ecological processes. Moreover, a wildlife conservancy provides environmental sustainability benefits by acting as a carbon sink through absorption of GHGs. It also has socio-economic benefits for it provides natural beauty sites for tourism thereby generating much needed foreign exchange. However, this section of the larger Teita Estate is located near human settlements that would cause human wildlife conflict.

In this regard, the wildlife Conservancy option is therefore not compatible to the proposed Teita Estate section of land. Moreover, as much as this land use option is important, the economic gain is low as compared to the current option of utilizing it as comprehensive mixed-use development.

#### 7.4 Linear Development Master Plan

During scoping process, the linear development master plan was reviewed. Its analysis found that the design was too linear in nature and considered land economy over important tenets such provision of green areas in every court, curvilinear road networks to reduce incidents of accidents, application of green planning concepts, natural water ponds and provision of schools, especially ECD within each court. Therefore, it was decided that the linear land use plan (as shown in the

figure below) be dropped and hence the team embarked on development of a mixed-use master plan. (A high resolution map has been printed separately and attached in large format).

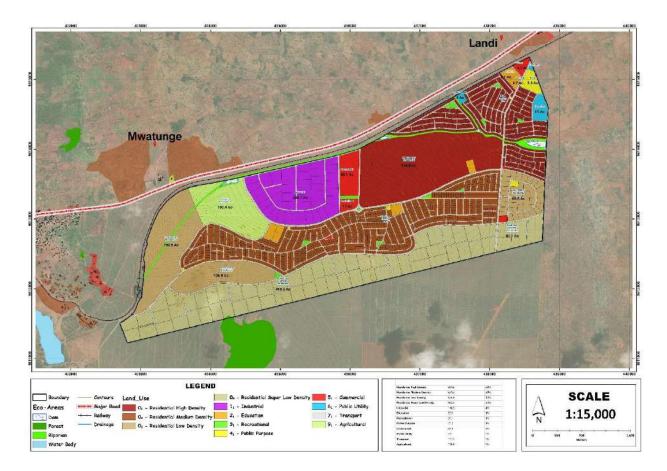


Figure 21: Linear land use master plan

#### 7.5 The Proposed Comprehensive Mixed-Use Development

This option focuses on developing 3,000 acres of sisal land for mixed use purposes, including residential, commercial, industrial, educational, agriculture and green spaces. The option reckons that Kenya's urban areas have the perennial challenge of housing shortage, more so for the low and middle-income population due to the high urban population influx and growth rate. Taita Taveta County is no exception to the scarcity of the high-middle-low income housing. This mixed-use development option seeks to address this challenge of deficit in the housing sector.

Moreover, the commercial development shall promote the economic development by providing more space for doing business. The light industry development will promote the various professional, businesses, service provision elements and also production for export hence earning the country foreign exchange. Additionally, the proposed master plan will employ environmental conservation through select native and exotic plant species and agricultural areas serving as green spaces. Moreover, the development plan will employ energy and water conservation measures as well as circular economy approach to solid waste and waste water management. In this regard this option is economically and environmentally sustainable. (A high resolution map has been printed separately and attached in large format).

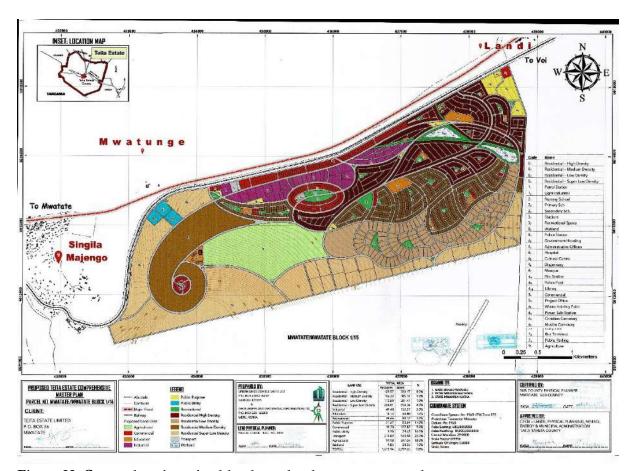


Figure 22: Comprehensive mixed-land use development master plan

## 7.6 Justification of Preferred Alternative – Mixed Use Development Option

Considering the analysis of the three alternative options, this master plan opted for the mixed-use development for it will result to optimal use of the land. Moreover, the mixed-use development will result in providing socio-economic and environmental benefits from the proposed plan area. To this end, the proposed Teita Estate master plan will integrate socio-economic and environmental guiding principles in the design, implementation and operation phases.

# 8 Climate Change Assessment and Mitigation Plans

#### 8.1 Introduction

This chapter discusses the causes of climate change followed by a vulnerability assessment of the proposed Teita Estate mixed use development master plan. The chapter also assesses the likely impacts from the envisioned development by the Teita Estate mixed use development master plan which will contribute to climate change. Further it analyses the key adaptation and mitigation actions that need to be employed during the master plan execution.

## 8.2 The Causes of Climate Change

The main sources of GHGs contributing to global warming include but not limited to increase in energy use, land-use changes and emissions from industrial activities which further impact on climate change. Land-use changes induced by urban growth may lead to deforestation and reductions in the uptake of CO<sub>2</sub> by vegetation. Cement, as a construction material of commercial and residential buildings, also has a large carbon footprint due to an energy-intensive manufacturing process and high energy cost for transporting this dense material.

Moreover, urban related activities and infrastructures act both as emitters and direct causes of climate change. They create two main categories of impacts on the carbon cycle and the climate system through;

I. Changes related to the emission of aerosols, GHGs and solid wastes

GHGs are the main source of changes in the climate system. GHGs together with aerosols generate changes in the earth's radiation that induce climate change. Solid waste on the other hand affect the growth, function and health of vegetation and of ecosystems in general.

#### II. Land-use related changes

Urbanization is a process that changes the use of land and by creating impervious surfaces and fragmentation of ecosystems has disproportional impacts upon the carbon cycle. The built environment of urban areas is also a forcing function on the weather—climate system of urban sites because it is a source of heat.

## 8.3 Vulnerability of proposed development master plan to Climate Change

Noting that Climate change presents unique challenges for urban areas, understanding the vulnerability of the envisioned development by the proposed Master Plan to climate change is important. This has been addressed by assessing the likely impacts of climate change to this proposed master plan land uses

#### 8.4 Proposed master plan sector – potential sources to GHGs

An assessment of the contribution of cities to climate change is a vital first step in identifying potential solutions. The large and growing proportion of the earth's population living in towns

and cities, and the concentration of economic and industrial activities in these areas, means that they need to be at the forefront of mitigation.

The establishment of emission baselines is necessary if effective mitigation benefits are to be identified and applied. Critical sectors identified to have the potential of contributing to the GHGs have been described below.

## 8.4.1 Transport

Globally, transportation is responsible for about 23% of total energy related GHG emissions and 13% of global GHG emissions. Urban areas rely heavily on transportation networks of various kinds for both internal and external movements of goods and people. The road transport is the largest contributor to GHGs emission. The implementation of the proposed Master Plan will see increase in the number of vehicles on the roads. This as a result will have a negative impact on the environment as it will increase consumption of petroleum products while releasing CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O to the atmosphere.

#### 8.4.2 Commercial and residential buildings

GHG emissions from commercial and residential buildings are associated with emissions from electricity use, space heating and cooling. Commercial and residential buildings are responsible for direct emissions (onsite combustion of fuels), indirect emissions (from public electricity use for street lighting and other activities, and district heat consumption), and emissions associated with embodied energy (e.g. in the materials used for their construction). Emissions are affected by the need for heating and cooling, and by the behaviour of building occupants.

#### 8.4.3 Industries

Many industrial activities are energy intensive in their operation. These include the manufacturing industries, chemicals and fertilizer industries, cement, pulp and paper. Teita Estate mixed use development is envisaged to establish an industrial park that includes light. The light industries involve light processing of goods such as detergents, toiletries; plastics and pharmaceuticals, including large and heavy equipment or complex, numerous processes. Some of the industries can generate nitrous oxide, carbon dioxide and fluorinated gases which form the principle GHGs.

#### 8.4.4 Waste

Despite being only a small contributor to global emissions, rates of waste generation have been increasing during recent years, particularly in developing countries that have been experiencing increasing affluence. Poor management of waste in landfills and dumpsites contributes to production of methane gas which is one of the major GHGs. However, the Master Plan envisions the establishment of material aggregation and segregation centres and possibly an incineration centre, which could be a source of pollution if not managed well.

#### 8.4.5 Agriculture, land-use change and forestry

Urban areas have a potential to shape emissions from agriculture, land-use change and forestry in two major ways. First, the process of urbanization can involve direct changes in land use, as formerly agricultural land becomes incorporated within built-up areas. Agriculture is one of the leading sectors in the removal of GHGs from the atmosphere. Second, the forested areas can be cleared to pave way for the development hence leading to a reduction in the forest cover. This can reduce the capacity of the forests and vegetation to carry out carbon dioxide sequestration.

#### 8.4.6 Energy supply for electricity generation

Energy is perhaps the broadest possible category for assessing GHG emissions. The combustion of fossil fuels is the major source amongst them, and is used throughout the world for electricity generation, heating, cooling, cooking, transportation, and industrial production. Energy is obtained from fossil fuels, biomass, nuclear power, hydroelectric generation and other renewable sources. Urban areas rely heavily on energy systems, the energy structure (types of energy forms used) and the quality of the energy (its energetic and environmental characteristics).

## 8.5 Adaptation and Mitigation actions for the master plan

The climate change adaptation actions are those that help in reducing the vulnerability of a development plan to the effects of climate change, while the mitigation actions are those that should be undertaken to avoid the increase of a pollutant emission. The following adaptation and mitigation measures should be considered during the execution of the Teita Estate mixed use development master plan

No.	Sector	Adaptation action	Mainstreaming of climate change into development planning and management for sustainability     Have in place measures to enhance conservation of energy.      Use of green building technologies	
1	Housing developments	<ul> <li>Develop an integrated, improved early warning and response systems for climate change risks such as flooding</li> <li>Development and implementation of educational and public awareness programmes on climate change and its effects</li> <li>Ensuring that all new developments are climate-proof over their lifespan</li> <li>Develop strategies to optimize the use of renewable and sustainable energy sources</li> </ul>		
2	Commercial centres	<ul> <li>Revision of the existing building codes and standards to incorporate the use of climate change proof designs and materials</li> <li>Develop strategies for preventive and precautionary actions e.g. evacuation plans</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Put in place measures to enhance energy conservation, efficiency and use of renewable energy</li> <li>Put in place measures to ensure implementation of the revised building codes and standards</li> </ul>	
3	Industries	Develop a policy to guide the design and operations of the industries	Have in place measures to control and reduce GHG emissions by the industries such as carbon taxing	

4	Infrastructure and utilities	<ul> <li>Ensure that all new infrastructure is climate-proof over its lifespan</li> <li>Revise the designs for the waste management systems such as landfills to those that can adapt to the effects of climate change</li> <li>Put in place emergency measures to deal with waste management during catastrophes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improve local water recycling facilities</li> <li>Develop strategies for waste reduction at source through implementation of Integrated Solid Waste Management Systems (ISWM)</li> <li>Develop strategies to enhance the waste treatment methods</li> </ul>
5	Transport	Road construction designs and materials to incorporate those that are climate change proof	Develop strategies to enable efficient means of transport that have a low GHG footprint
6	Agriculture and Green spaces	<ul> <li>Develop policies to incorporate landscape restorations and reforestation in all development plans</li> <li>Develop strategies for flexible agriculture to prepare for natural catastrophe</li> </ul>	Develop strategies to enhance the agricultural and forestry zones which aid in carbon dioxide sequestration
7	Natural green open spaces and water bodies	<ul> <li>Discourage environmentally destructive land uses and improper non-green infrastructure whose impacts could eventually amplify the effects of climate change Protection and sustainable riparian zone / green zone management</li> <li>Establishment of rainwater harvesting reservoirs</li> </ul>	• Increase tree cover in the green and open spaces of the Master plan to greater carbon sequestration, both in the soil and the biomass

## 9 Grievance Redress Mechanism

#### 9.1 Introduction

A key principle of any development is to prevent or minimise grievances rather than going through a redress process. This can be achieved through commitment to full participation and consultation of the stakeholders and establishing extensive communication and coordination between the affected communities, and the envisioned development plans. However, this does not always exclude grievances from arising.

This SESA process provides opportunities for the likely to be affected parties to voice and articulate their queries, concerns, issues, complaints, dissatisfaction or sense of injustice or unfairness, and seek to have these resolved cordially, and in the shortest time possible. Affected parties should be able to file a grievance for any disagreeable decision, practice or activity, arising from proposed Teita Estate mixed land use development master plan.

Subsequently communities and individuals who believe that they are adversely affected by this master plan development have a right to submit complaints to the established project-level grievance redress mechanisms. The Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) should therefore ensures that complaints received are promptly reviewed in order to address project-related concerns.

In this regard a GRM as a mechanism, or set of procedures and processes, or organizational systems and resources, has been established to be used as a means to hear, address and resolve issues and complaints related to Teita Estate mixed land use development master plan implementation. The stakeholder input handled through these systems and procedures thereby amount to grievances.

#### 9.2 Potential Grievances

In this mixed-use development master plan some of the anticipated grievances likely to occur during implementation of the master plan may include:

- ✓ Disagreement over opportunities offered to the local community mostly on employment or business opportunities.
- ✓ Interruption of community, social or other services and infrastructure
- ✓ Damage to un-expropriated public assets such as water network

#### 9.3 Objective of the GRM

GRMs are designed as a conduit for soliciting inquiries and increasing participation in development projects. The objectives of this GRM is to:

- ✓ Generate public and stakeholder awareness about the proposed Teita Estate mixed use development master plan.
- ✓ Increase stakeholder involvement in the development of the master plan
- ✓ Improve proposed mixed use master plan outcomes via timely resolution of problems

- ✓ Provide feedback to different levels of the mixed-use development master plan performance
- ✓ Act as an effective risk management tool to identify and resolve implementation problems in a timely and cost-effective manner:
- ✓ Build community relations through creating and maintaining trust with affected persons and the stakeholders
- ✓ Allow the development management team to be more accountable to stakeholders

## 9.4 Guiding principles for GRM

Some of the key principles for an effective GRM include;

- > Starting early in the plan cycle and have room for modification if need be.
- > Simple and accessible should be accessible to diverse members of the community
- Legitimate: Enabling trust from the stakeholders intended to use it
- ➤ Participatory and inclusive: should be developed in a participatory manner and include representatives from the main actors of the plan area
- Contextualization and appropriateness should be localized and appropriate to local context
- Responsive, timely, and efficient to avoid lengthy suits that are time wasting.
- > Transparency users be aware of access to the mechanism and be given fair resolutions.
- Formalized the mechanism needs to be formally established
- Appropriate protection: The mechanism should not impede access to other remedies such as legal reprieve.

#### 9.5 The GRM Structure and Composition

This SESA proposes a two tier GRM comprising of community/stakeholders level and the Teita Estate master plan management level. The functions of each structure are as enumerated in the table below;

Institution	Composition	Function		
Grievance	✓ Established at the	✓ Assist community/stakeholders to		
Redress	community stakeholders'	file a complaint.		
Committee	level with membership from	✓ To address affected persons		
	the Master Plan Area	grievances as first point of contact, within 15 days		
Community	✓ Consists of a 9-member	✓ Receive, review, investigate and keep		
Stakeholders	committee (exclusive of ex-	track of grievances through the		
Level	official members)	grievance logs (with support of		
	✓ Membership should be	CLO)		
	drawn from a variety of	✓ Adjudicate and develop redress		
	factors including affected	options for the raised grievances.		
	persons (male, female, elders'	✓ Monitor fulfilment of agreements		
	representatives, youth).	achieved through the committee.		

	✓ A representation of the local ✓ Provide inputs into the monitoring
	government administration and evaluation process
	(ex-official member)
However, if no a	micable solution or settlement is reached, and the aggrieved person is not
	not hear from the GRC through CLO within the required time limits (15
	scalate the grievance to the next level.
Management	✓ The Teita Estate ✓ Escalation mechanism to determine
Level	development master plan grievances unresolved by GRC
	implementation team will within 15 days
The Teita	consider grievance reports ✓ Responsible for monitoring the
Estate master	forwarded to it and make a complaints
plan	determination. ✓ Providing inputs into the monitoring
implementation	✓ Membership consists of the and evaluation process
Team	management team.
	✓ The CLO may be invited to
	the meeting to give account
	of grievances.
However, if not	satisfied the aggrieved person can go to Court as a last resort. Given the
	n it is not foreseen that many disputes will end up in court.
Court of Law	✓ The Land and Environment ✓ Aggrieved party may seek legal
	court deals specifically with redress and at their own cost.
	land and environment related   The legal option will only act as
	disputes. avenue of last resort and will be
	sought after all other redress
	mediums have been exploited and
	exhausted

#### 9.6 Grievance Redress Process

The following procedures shall be followed in this grievance redress process.

#### 9.6.1 Grievance Uptake

The community / stakeholders level grievance redress procedure shall start with registration of the grievances with the Community Liaison Officer (CLO). The CLO should convene a meeting with GRC, invite the aggrieved party to the meeting and present the grievance to the committee for hearing.

It is envisaged that the GRC should acknowledge receipt of the complaints and grievances within two weeks and strive to resolve the matter within one month. The GRC should ensure that grievances reported to it are dealt with fairly as per the GRM principles, agreed timelines and resolution modes.

The GRC shall seek to eliminate unreasonable or illegitimate claims which may be driven by other factors that are not genuine, or not mixed-use development related, and satisfy legitimate claimants. The CLO shall be the link between the GRC and management team. If the GRC is unable to satisfy the claimant, then the matter will be escalated to the management team through

the CLO. Being a support to the GRC, the CLO in agreement with the GRC should escalate the unresolved complaints to the management team, with documentation about the issue and status.

A number of avenues should be made available to the affected parties for communication of grievances, e.g., through e-mail, text messaging, telephone calls, face to face interactions with members of the committees.

The CLO is responsible for receiving, referencing, registering, and filing all grievances through the grievance form. The CLO then logs the grievance into the grievance log, giving each case a unique number, date complaint was lodged, complainant, nature of complaint, action taken, or not taken, with reasons for the latter.

#### 9.6.2 Sorting and Processing

The committee sitting will assess the eligibility of the issue for the GRM mechanism. For eligible complaints, these are categorized as

- ✓ Comments, suggestions, or queries;
- ✓ Complaints to be handled by GRC;
- ✓ Complaints to be referred directly to Management team and other parties

## 9.6.3 Verification and Investigation

The GRC shall then convene a meeting on the grievance and may work in consultation with the aggrieved person. In this step, they will also gather information on the grievance and decide on the corrective action within 15 days. The proposed actions shall be lodged in the register.

#### 9.6.4 Develop and communicate the response

The GRC shall inform the complainant of the results of investigations and the actions proposed, seeking to for agreement on the response. The actions can either be;

- ✓ Direct action to resolve the complaint
- ✓ Further assessment and engagement with the complainant or involving other actors to jointly determine the best way to resolve the complaint.

If the aggrieved party accepts the proposed corrective action: A written agreement is developed, detailing the time frame for implementing the corrective action as well as responsible party. This is signed by the CLO and the aggrieved party, and the corrective action commences. The acceptance is then lodged in the log, and later the completion date will be lodged after verification that recommended action was undertaken by the GRC, or concerned party. However, if the aggrieved party rejects the proposed corrective measure, the matter is referred to management level

#### 9.6.5 Implement response and review

Upon agreement between a complainant and the GRC on proposed action then the response should be implemented.

#### 9.6.6 Close out the grievance

Where the response has been successful, the CLO should document the satisfactory resolution. It should be countersigned to show their satisfaction with the response and then closed out.

#### 9.6.7 Monitoring, Evaluation, and Feedback

At all levels, regular progress monitoring of grievances filed, their status and actions taken and recommendations/resolution will be constantly undertaken. The management team should do monitoring and tracking grievances, assessing the extent to which progress is being made to resolve them, and generate reports. These reports should inform policy or process changes to minimize similar grievances in the future.

#### 9.6.8 Documentation

Records maintenance should be ensured including the grievance registers and grievance forms. Every meeting should have written minutes and approved by the relevant parties.

#### 9.6.9 Commitment to GRM: Process, Procedures, and Timelines

The success of procedures and activities in the previous sections much depend on Teita Estate Management commitment towards ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of the system. This will thereby require the following;

- ✓ Regular monitoring,
- ✓ Commitment to learning and adapting systems;
- ✓ Provision of budgets and tools for operation and implementation of functions.
- ✓ Capacity building of the committees.

# 10 Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan

#### 10.1 Introduction

Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan (EMMP) is prepared to indicate how sitespecific concerns and mitigation measures will be addressed through planning/design, construction and operation phases of the proposed Teita Estate mixed land use development master plan. An EMMP provides a link between the impacts of plan activities during the master plan implementation and the mitigation measures which should be employed to minimize the negative impacts and enhance the positive impacts.

In this SESA report, most of the proposed plan interventions are at a broader level and are only envisaged to provide strategic guidelines for the subsequent plan specific EMMP based on detailed component designs, construction and operation plans. These will be formulated from plan and site specific Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIA) which will be undertaken before commencing implementation of the various specific projects. This EMMP prescribes and directs the management of all environmental aspects associated with and arising from planning, construction, and operation of the components of the proposed Teita Estate mixed land use development master plan.

## 10.2 Scope and Objectives of the EMMP

This EMMP serves as an instrument that Teita Estate Ltd and other plan stakeholders will employ to integrate Environmental and Social components during implementation and execution of the development components. It details the actions required to effectively implement the mitigation measures and alternative options for environmental and social obligation and enhance the positive impacts as recommended in SESA. The actions help to minimize the negative impacts which might originate from implementation of the Master Plan and support the long-term management and monitoring of the environmental and social issues during plan implementation.

The specific objectives of this EMMP are to:

- ✓ Provide guidelines for appropriate management and protection measures of environmental and social issues and concerns resulting from all activities associated with implementation of all phases of Teita Estate mixed use development master plan components.
- ✓ Provide Teita Estate Ltd and other plan key stakeholders their environmental and social responsibilities in implementation of all phases of the proposed development plan
- ✓ Provide detailed standards and specifications for the management and mitigation of activities that have the potential to impact negatively on the physical and social environment
- ✓ Provide guidelines to plan implementers regarding procedures for protecting the environment and minimizing negative environmental effects.

The Teita Estate Ltd is obligated to comply with various conditions of implementing this EMMP which include:

✓ Ensure continuous compliance of the EMMP and adhere to the recommendations thereof

- ✓ Ensure sound environmental management by minimizing negative environmental impacts and instead enhance on the positive impacts
- ✓ Comply with all Kenyan legislation and policies regarding the environment

The various actions to be implemented are outlined in tables for each of the following management actions;

- ✓ Environmental and landscape changes
- ✓ Biodiversity conservation
- ✓ Water resources
- ✓ Energy resources
- ✓ Solid and effluent waste;
- ✓ Occupational health and safety
- ✓ Socio economic concern
- ✓ Socio-cultural protection

## 10.2.1 EMMP for environmental and landscape changes

Objective	To ensure positive landscape changes and enhance environme	ntal quality		
Management strategy	rategy Sustainable protection of the region's species and habitats			
		Responsible institution	Timelines	Cost
Recommended	✓ Undertake EIA for all mixed-use development activities	Developers	Development	EIA prevailing
mitigation measures	✓ Enforce pollution control measures from air pollution	Contractors	implementation	rates
	sources		and operation	Landscaping
	✓ Paving of roads to avoid dust generation			prevailing rates
	✓ Ensure adequate tree cover to enable percolation of			
	rainfall and reduce runoff			
	✓ Ensure adequate drainage and storm collection systems			
	✓ Ensure adequate vegetation cover as buffers to reduce			
	noise effects			
Performance	✓ Ambient air quality			
indicators	✓ % of green zones to developed areas			
	✓ Background noise levels			
	✓ Expanse area of buffer zones			
	✓ Effectives of drainage network during heavy downpour			
Monitoring	✓ Periodic surveys			
parameters	✓ Periodic measurements			
Monitoring reports	✓ Air quality tests			
	✓ Noise surveys			
	✓ Environmental audit reports			
Legislative	✓ Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit)			
requirements	Regulations, 2003			
	✓ Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Air			
	Quality) Regulations, 2013			

✓	Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Noise &		
	Excessive Vibration Pollution) (Control) Regulations,		
	2009		
✓	The Factories & Other Places of Work (Noise Prevention		
	and Control) Rules, 2005		

# 10.2.2 EMMP for biodiversity conservation

Objective	To conserve the fauna and flora in the region					
Management	Sustainable protection of species and habitats					
strategy						
		Responsible institution	Timelines	Cost		
Recommended	✓ Undertake EIA for all mixed-use development	Developers	Development	EIA prevailing rates		
mitigation	activities	Contractors	implementation and			
measures	✓ Ensure landscaping of different zones		operation			
	✓ Build lock chain electric fences as per the KWS					
	technical design requirements					
	✓ Build watering point at border of Teita and					
	Mgeno ranch for migratory animals					
Performance	✓ % of green zones to developed areas					
indicators	✓ Kilometres of electric fence built					
	✓ Capacity of the watering point					
Monitoring	✓ Periodic ecological surveys					
parameters	✓ Wildlife inventory					
Monitoring reports	✓ Ecological survey report					
	✓ Wildlife at watering points report					
Legislative	✓ Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013					
requirements						

# 10.2.3 EMMP for Water resources

Objective	To minimise impacts on existing water resources while	enhancing their conserv	vation				
Management strategy	Sustainable water resources utilisation						
<u> </u>		Responsible institution	Timelines	Cost			
Recommended mitigation measures	<ul> <li>✓ Undertake hydrogeological survey for the development area to determine the sustainable ground water abstraction levels</li> <li>✓ Undertake EIA for all mixed-use development activities</li> <li>✓ Promote integrated water resources management in the development area through water recycling systems and re-use practices</li> <li>✓ Incorporate water accounting/metering systems for all developments</li> <li>✓ Promote roof catchment rainwater harvesting</li> <li>✓ Pre-treatment of effluent before discharge into the environment</li> </ul>	✓ Developers ✓ Contractors	Development implementation and operation	Cost estimates of water efficient systems Cost of water monitoring at prevailing rates			
Performance indicators	<ul><li>✓ Rain water storage capacities</li><li>✓ Borehole yields</li><li>✓ Water utilisation levels</li></ul>						
Monitoring parameters	<ul><li>✓ Metering evaluation schedule</li><li>✓ Water utilisation evaluation schedule</li></ul>						
Monitoring reports Legislative requirements	<ul> <li>✓ Water audit reports</li> <li>✓ The Water Act 2016,</li> <li>✓ Water Resource Management Rules 2007</li> </ul>						

✓	Water Resources Management (Amendment)
	Rules, 2012
✓	Environmental Management and Co-ordination
	(Water Quality) Regulations, 2006

# 10.2.4 EMMP for energy resources

Objective	To minimise impacts on available energy resources while enhancing their conservation							
Management	Sustainable energy utilisation							
strategy								
		Responsible institution	Timelines	Cost				
Recommended	✓ Energy conservation through installation/use of	✓ Developers	Development	Cost estimates of				
mitigation	energy efficient technologies and systems.	✓ Contractors	implementation and	energy efficient				
measures	✓ Adoption of green energy sources like solar energy		operation	systems				
	and bio-digesters			Cost of energy				
	✓ Use of green building designs to allow passive			monitoring at				
	heating and cooling, and maximum utilization of			prevailing rates				
	natural lighting							
Performance	✓ Energy utilisation levels							
indicators								
Monitoring	✓ Metering evaluation schedule							
parameters	✓ Energy utilisation evaluation schedule							
Monitoring reports	✓ Energy audit reports							
Legislative	✓ he Energy Act, 2019							
requirements	✓ Subsidiary legislations under Energy Act, 2019							

#### 10.2.5 EMMP for solid and effluent waste

Teita Estate mixed use development will pursue the principles of waste minimization at source. These encompass leveraging on the benefits of the 5R'S including waste reduction, re-use and recycling. Separation of waste per respective zones domestic, commercial and industrial waste will be adopted to ensure effectiveness in waste management. The development will also ensure mechanisms are put in place to segregate waste at source for purposes of supporting recycling. Moreover, the development should ensure the pre-treatment of industrial effluent before discharge into sewer systems, as enumerated in the EMMP below.

#### EMMP for solid waste

Objective	To manage solid waste effectively towards zero waste							
Management	Utilization of the integrated solid waste management str	rategy						
strategy								
		Responsible institution	Timelines	Cost				
Recommended	✓ Utilization of the 5R's – reduce, reuse, recycle,	✓ Developers	Development	Cost estimates of				
mitigation	repurpose and rethink	✓ Contractors	implementation and	establishing				
measures	✓ Utilization of waste aggregation and segregation	✓ Home owners	operation	aggregation and				
	centres to separate waste			segregation centres				
	✓ Composting organic waste to harvest biogas and			Cost of sensitization				
	compost manure for agricultural purposes			Cost of establishing				
	✓ Incineration of residual/unrecyclable waste to			incinerators				
	harness energy through energy from waste			Cost of establishing				
	mechanisms			EfW centre				
Performance	✓ Amount of waste recycles							
indicators	✓ Amount of energy produced							
	✓ Amount of organic manure utilized							
Monitoring	✓ Metering evaluation schedule							
parameters	✓ Waste recycling percentages							
Monitoring reports	✓ Waste recycling reports							

Legislative	✓ Solid Management Act, 2019		
requirements			

# EMMP for effluent waste

Objective	To manage effluent waste effectively							
Management	Utilization of the integrated effluent waste management strategy							
strategy								
		Responsible institution	Timelines	Cost				
Recommended	✓ Utilization of biodigesters in residential	✓ Developers	Development	Cost estimates of				
mitigation	establishment and low and medium waste	✓ Contractors	implementation and	establishing waste				
measures	generation establishments	✓ Home owners	operation	water treatment				
	✓ Utilization of onsite waste water treatment facility			facility				
	✓ Generation of biogas from onsite waste water			Cost estimates for				
	treatment facility			constructing				
	✓ Utilization of manure from the treatment facility			biodigesters				
	for landscaping			Cost estimates for				
	✓ Utilization of grey waster from biodigesters for			biogas trapping				
	landscaping			facilities				
Performance	✓ Amount of waste water treated							
indicators	✓ Amount of grey water used for landscaping							
	✓ Amount of manure produced							
	✓ Amount of biogas generated							
Monitoring	✓ Metering evaluation schedule for waste water and							
parameters	biogas							
Monitoring reports	✓ Waste water recycling reports							
	✓ Biogas reports							

Legislative	✓ Waste Water Act		
requirements			

No	Issues	Mitigation Strategy	Recommended mitigation measures
1	Integrated	Sustainable protection of the	✓ Ensure integrated land use and landscaping of different zones
	environmental	region's species and habitats	✓ Ensure adequate tree cover to enable percolation of rainfall and reduction of
	landscaping		runoff
			✓ Ensure compliance with the Environmental Management and Co-ordination
			(Conservation of Biological Diversity and Resources, and Access to Genetic
			Resources and Benefits Sharing) Regulations, 2006
2	Biodiversity	Sustainable protection of species	✓ Ensure non-interference with migratory routes/corridor in the region
	conservation	and habitats	✓ Conservation of indigenous plant species
			✓ Ensure compliance with the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013
3	Water resources	Sustainable water resources	✓ Undertake hydrogeological survey for the development area to determine the
	conservation	utilisation	sustainable ground water abstraction levels
			✓ Promote integrated water resources management in the development area through
			water recycling systems and re-use practices
			✓ Adherence to Water Act 2016, Water Resource Management Rules 2007, Water
			Resources Management (Amendment) Rules, 2012 and Environmental
	-		Management and Co-ordination (Water Quality) Regulations, 2006
4	Energy .	Sustainable energy utilisation	✓ Energy conservation through use of renewable energy, efficient technologies and
	conservation		systems.
			Ensure compliance with the Energy Act, 2019 and subsidiary legislations under
_	C 1: 1 1 CC		Energy Act, 2019
5	Solid and effluent		Adopt integrated solid waste management plans
	waste	effluent waste management	Adopt waste water management plans
	management	practices	Set aside land for waste management
			✓ Install Energy from Waste plants from incineration of inorganic solid waste and
			biogas from organic waste
			✓ Adherence to Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Waste
			Management) Regulations 2006

			✓	Ensure compliance to Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Water	
				Quality) Regulations 2006	
6	Occupational	Adherence to workplace health	✓	Adhere to procedures for hazard identification, risk assessments and Safe Work	
	Health and Safety	and safety protocols		Method Statements (SWMS)	
			✓	✓ Ensure health and safety trainings and awareness programmes	
			✓ Adherence to Occupational safety and health Act (OSHA, 2007), Subsidiary		
				legislations under OSHA 2007 and Work Injury Benefits Act, 2007	
7	Enhancing socio-	Catalyse economic growth of Taita	✓	Adherence to labour rights including gender non-discrimination, equal pay for	
	economics of the	Taveta County		work done, and mainstreaming gender requirements	
	region		✓	Ensure compliance to statutory and non-statutory records and Employment Act,	
				2007	
8	Socio- Cultural	Protection of cultural resources	✓	Ensure stakeholder's engagement for cultural resources communication	
	Protection	for future generations	✓	Ensure all developers/contractors have in place 'chance find procedure'	
			✓	Ensure compliance with the National Museums and Heritage Act, 2006	

# 10.2.6 EMMP for occupational health and safety

Objective	To ensure safety, health and welfare of workers in the work place					
Management strategy	Adherence to workplace health and safety policy					
		Responsible institution	Timelines	Cost		
Recommended mitigation measures	<ul> <li>✓ Undertake EIA for all mixed-use development activities and implement respective EMMPs</li> <li>✓ Work places must be registered by DOSHS before occupation</li> <li>✓ Workplaces must have written procedures for hazard identification, risk assessments and Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS) for all site</li> </ul>	✓ Developers ✓ Contractors ✓ DOSHS	Development implementation and operation	Cost of health and safety audits at prevailing rates		
	activities					

	<ul> <li>✓ Relevant safety signage and barriers should be erected</li> <li>✓ Have in place an emergency response plan for the development / occupational health and safety plan</li> <li>✓ Conduct health and safety trainings and awareness</li> </ul>
	programmes
	Establish EHS committees
Performance	✓ Number of incidents and accidents reported
indicators	✓ Fatalities reported during construction, operational
	and decommissioning phases of each project
Monitoring	✓ Workplaces registered by DOSHS within
parameters	development site
	✓ Premises insured as per statutory requirements
	(third party and workman's compensation)
	✓ Emergency preparedness and evacuation
	procedures
Monitoring reports	✓ Health and safety audits
	✓ Health and safety management plan
	✓ Emergency response plan
Legislative	✓ Occupational safety and health Act (OSHA,2007)
requirements	✓ Subsidiary legislations under OSHA 2007
	✓ Work Injury Benefits Act, 2007

# 10.2.7 EMMP for Socio-economic concerns

Objective	To improve the livelihoods of communities around the development area				
Management	Catalyse economic growth of Taita Taveta County				
strategy					
		Responsible institution	Timelines	Cost	
Recommended	✓ Ensure public participation in the EIA for	✓ Developers	Development	Cost of EIAs at	
mitigation	development activities	✓ Contractors	implementation and	prevailing rates	
measures	✓ Employment of locals in skilled and unskilled		operation		
	labour				
	✓ Adherence to labour rights including gender non-				
	discrimination, equal pay for work done, NSSF				
	and NHIF				
	✓ Mainstreaming gender requirements all				
	development opportunities				
Performance	✓ Post implementation socio-economic survey				
indicators	✓ Land value trends				
Monitoring	✓ Employees inventory				
parameters					
Monitoring reports	✓ Statutory and non-statutory records				
Legislative	✓ Employment Act, 2007				
requirements					

# 10.2.8 EMMP for Socio- cultural protection

Objective	To ensure the protection of cultural resources through the mixed-use master plan				
Management strategy	Protection of cultural resources for future generations				
		Responsible institution	Timelines	Cost	
Recommended	✓ Ensure public participation in the EIA for	✓ Developers	Development	Cost of EIAs	
mitigation measures	identification of cultural resources	✓ Contractors	implementation and	at prevailing	
	✓ Ensure stakeholder's engagement for		operation	rates	
	cultural resources communication				
	✓ Establishment of local cultural recreation				
	centre				
	✓ Ensure all developers/contractors have in				
	place 'chance find procedure'				
Performance indicators	✓ Protected cultural resources inventory				
	✓ Discovered cultural resources inventory				
Monitoring parameters	✓ Records of signed / approved chance find				
	procedure				
Monitoring reports	✓ Statutory and non-statutory records				
Legislative requirements	✓ The National Museums and Heritage Act,				
	2006				

#### 10.3 Environmental Management Monitoring Plan

The Environmental Managment Monitoring Plan is vital for this SESA development plans. The monitoring plan will help in assessing the effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures as well as assessing changes in environmental conditions. The monitoring plan will also help to provide warning of significant deterioration in environmental quality for further preventive action. The monitoring frequency and indicators have been recommended for each management action. Regular monitoring using the recommended indicators will indicate the level of progress regarding ensuring environmental sustainability in the proposed development plan.

The parameters of the proposed development plan that were identified for monitoring include: water quality, air quality, solid waste management, occupational health and safety risks, soil erosion, storm water drainage and livelihoods. These parameters are highlighted in the table below.

The EMMP has identified key mitigation measures that can be employed to manage the impact associated with the destruction of fauna. Some of the key management strategies should entail carrying out landscaping of different zones and maintaining the proposed green spaces as per the Master Plan. Nature trails and research sites should be enriched with native vegetation and where possible, avoidance of clearance of the existing indigenous vegetation. The Master Plan should also ensure protection of the riparian environment and establishment of a riparian reserve management plan. Based on the precautionary measures to be put in place, this impact is expected to be moderate (value of 2).

Environmental aspect	Monitoring area	Monitoring parameters	Lab equipment & other requirements	Monitoring frequency	Responsible
Biodiversity loss	Land area under sisal farm Bushlands around the site	Individual species count Biomass index Rainfall volumes	Periodic ecological surveys Wildlife inventory	Continuous	Teita Estate KWS, KFS
Soil erosion	Excavated areas Sloppy areas	Turbidity in storm water Floods	Soil analysis Lab analysis	Continuous	Developers Contractor
Water quality & quantity	Boreholes Water treatment plant	Abstraction rates Physical & biochemical composition pH, TTS, TDS	Sampling bottles Cooler box NEMA accredited lab	Twice per year	Teita Estate WRA
Air quality	Commercial & industrial zones	CO <sub>2</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub> , TSP Dust particles	Air sampling equipment	Continuous	Developers Contractor NEMA
Solid & liquid waste generation	Industrial, commercial & residential zones Waste water treatment plant	Waste composition pH, TTS,TDS	Sampling bottles Cooler box NEMA accredited lab Weighing scale Waste sampling bins	Continuous	Developers NEMA
Occupational Health & Safety risks	Construction sites Industrial zones	Accidents & incident reports records OHS trainings	Incident log book Accident reporting book	Continuous	Developers DOHS
Socio-economic	Planning & implementation phase	Number of jobs created Incomes earned	Qualitative and quantitate analysis	Annually	Developer

#### 11 SESA Recommendations

The approach taken by this SESA report was comprehensive and inclusive. Expert knowledge and opinions, stakeholder and public knowledge, opinions and suggestions were gathered and carefully incorporated into this SESA report. Based on this SESA report, the following recommendations were made;

- i. The fourth option of the Plan alternative was recommended as the best informed by its design. The Plan is largely curvilinear in nature reducing the need for other features and establishments such as bumps to reduce speed in residential and educational sections of the Master Plan. In addition, it has incorporated green areas in all courts and other water and environmentally friendly features such as water pans which could be used to harvest rain water and surface runoff.
- ii. The SESA report highlighted measures that should be put in place to make the Master Plan as sustainable as possible. It recommended the use of biodigesters in residential areas instead o channelling the waste water to the treatment facility.
- iii. The SESA report recommended the use of grey water from biodigesters to irrigate landscapes within the Master Plan area
- iv. The SESA process noticed that the Master Plan had not set aside land for waste water treatment. The SESA report recommended the Plan Owner to set aside land for waste water treatment since the Mwatate region is not served by trunk sewer.
- v. It was also recommended that the Master Plan should leverage the positives of the integrated solid waste management plan, which will make the Master Plan zero waste compliant. This will be achieved by setting aside within the Planning area for aggregation and separation of waste, composting of organic waste for use as organic manure and harvesting biogas from it and setting aside land for establishment of an incinerator for residual waste and harnessing energy from it.
- vi. The SESA recommended that the Plan leverage on plentiful sources of renewable energy such as wind and solar within the region by establishing a code for every establishment installing wind and solar panels on their roofs. This will reduce the Master Plan's carbon footprint after its establishment.
- vii. The SESA also recommended the exploration of other sources of water and high level of water conservation within the Master Plan area. This will include rain water harvesting from the roofs, water pans, exploration of ground water and reduced water usage within the Plan area. In addition water recycling practices such as use of grey water for landscaping is highly encouraged.

### 12 Conclusion

The proposed Teita Estate mixed use development will spur economic development in Taita Taveta County. Moreover, the execution of the proposed mixed-use development will bring along numerous positive impacts including optimised land uses, creation of employment opportunities and supply of houses and office spaces in the County.

In this regard it is recommended that the mitigation strategies and EMMP provided in this SESA report be duly implemented in line with the EMCA Cap 387, and EIAs be carried out for all individual projects before construction.

Taking into consideration the scope of Teita Estate mixed use development, the anticipated positive impacts, and the mitigation measures provided for identified negative impacts; it is our recommendation that NEMA approves this SESA report.

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# 14 Appendix 1

### 14.1 Validation Workshop Sample Invitation Letter

Managing Director, Teita Estate Limited, P.O. Box 36, Mwatate. 24th November, 2023.

Ustadh Mohamad Ali, Leader – Muslim Imams, Taita Taveta

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: INVITATION TO THE VALIDATION WORKSHOP OF THE STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA) REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED TEITA ESTATE COMPREHENSIVE MIXED LAND USE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN ON PLOT NO. MWATATE/MWATATE/BLOCK/1/14 TAITA TAVETA COUNTY

Reference is made to the above subject matter. The Teita Estate Limited is proposing the development of a Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Development Master Plan on plot No. MWATATE/MWATATE/BLOCK/1/14 TAITA TAVETA COUNTY. The Estate had developed a plan (please find a copy attached) and has since carried out a strategic environmental and social assessment (SESA) as dictated by the Regulation 42 of the Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations of 2003. The report was submitted to the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) for review, and thus requires stakeholder and public validation, hence this validation workshop. A copy of the draft SEA report is available for perusal at the NEMA Taita Taveta office, the NEMA website (www.nema.go.ke) and the Teita Estate Limited website and offices in Mwatate.

In light of this, I am hereby inviting you to the validation workshop that will be held in Mwatate on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, 2023 from 8.30 am (0830 hours) Kenyan time. Please get in touch with David Makori (±254720928721/davidmakori@gmail.com) or Angela Robb (±254726850377) for further details. We are looking forward to a fruitful and insightful engagement with you and your team on the said date and time. Your presence is highly appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,

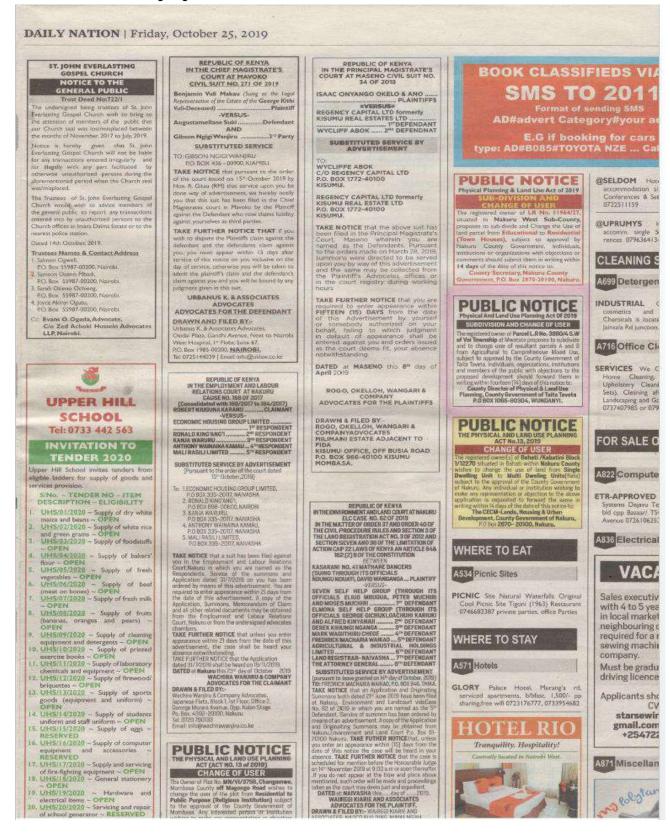
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(for) Philip Kiryazi,

Director Teita Estate.

# 15 Appendix 2

### 15.1 Notice on the proposed Master Plan



#### 15.2 Attendance list of members of Master Plan Consultative Committee

# ATTENDANCE SHEET

**ACTIVITY: CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON TEITA ESTATES LTD PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT** 

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## 15.3 List of persons who participated in questionnaire administration

Name	Relation to the proposed plan site locality
Ruth Majala	Resident
Yusuf Juma	Resident
Apollo Njenga	Resident
Musa	Resident
Oliver Mwanyumba	Resident
Jonnes Mwakisha	Sargent at Arms-T/T County assembly

Roahus Mwadime	Resident
Amon M. M.	Resident
Timothy Mwa	Resident
Fredrick Mwandee	Resident
Zipporah M.	Resident
Kevin Kanyingiri	Physical Planner-T/T County gov't
Rebecca Wanjiru	Health care worker
Caroline Kipande	Accountant-Mwatate
Peter Msembi	Security guard Mwatate
Renson Mjomba	Worker-Teita Estat Sisal Plantation
Stephen Mwanana	Worker-Teita Estat Sisal Plantation
Stephen Mborele	Businessman
Jane Wakio	D.H.P
Ndoyo Sakayo	Businessman
Nicholas Kambucha	Chief
Paul Kangangi	Church Leader
Raphael Shimba	T/T County gov't
Masden Mwangangi	Sub-county water officer
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Peter Shulo	Dep. Director Energy
Justus Kioko	Env. Officer
Emaniel N.	H.O.D Mining
Anyonah Kalo	National Government

# 16 Appendix 3

## 16.1 List and photos of identified birdlife in the study area

1. ork-tailed drongo



2. House Crow



3. Common swift



4. Little Swift



5. Common Myna



6. Rosy-throated Longclaw



7. Swahili sparrow



8. African Rail



9. Red-billed firefinch



10. Cardinal quelea



11. Bearded woodpecker



12. Stone partridge



13. Common bulbul



14. Barn Owl



15. Rufous-naped lark



16. Golden-breasted bunting



17. Rufous-tailed scrub robin



18. Black-lored babbler



19. Orange-tufted sunbird



20. Black-crowned tchagra



21. Common Sandpiper



22. Dusky crested flycatcher



28. Gray Wren-Warbler



23. Mourning collared dove



29. Grey-headed kingfisher



24. Little ringed plover



30. Eastern chantinggoshawk



25. Mocking cliff chat



31. Black-winged stilt



32. Caspian Tern





33. Grasshopper Buzzard



34. Egyptian Goose



35. Eurasian Marsh-Harrier



36. Eurasian Sparrowhawk



37. Lesser black-backed gull



38. Montagu's harrier



39. Red-rumped Swallow



40. White wagtail



Grouse

27. Grosbeak Weaver



41. Cattle egret



42. Cattle egret



43. White-rumped Swift



44. Great grey shrike



45. Eurasian Golden-



46. Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark



47. Common quail



48. Thrush Nightingale



49. Tufted duck



50. African pipit



51. Guinea Fowls



52. Taita thrush



53. Dunlin



54. Laughing dove



# 17 Appendix 4

#### 17.1 SESA Media Adverts

### 17.1.1 Public Notice Letter by NEMA



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06<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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#### RE: PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE KENYA GAZETTE

Please find attached herewith a notice for publication in the Kenya Gazette for submission of public comments for Draft Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) report for the Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Development Master Plan on Plot No. Mwatate/Mwatate/Block/1/14 Taita Taveta County.in accordance with the provisions of section 57 A of the Environment Management and Coordination Act (EMCA) 1999, Regulations 42 and 43 of the Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations Legal Notice No. 101 of 2003 and the National Guidelines for Strategic Environmental Assessment 2012.

The notice should appear in the Kenya Gazette and the Plan owner, Teita Estate Limited of P.O. Box 36 Mwatate, Kenya, shall bear the cost of publication.

ZEPHĀNIAH OUMA FOR: DIRECTOR GENERAL

CC:

**Business Administrate** 

Teita Estate Limited

P. O. Box 36

MWATATE



# National Environment Management Authority Popo Road, Off Mombasa Road, P O BOX 67839-00200, Nairobi, Kenya. Tel: 0724253398, 0735013046, Email: <a href="mailto:dgnema@nema.go.ke">dgnema@nema.go.ke</a>, Website: <a href="mailto:www.nema.go.ke">www.nema.go.ke</a>

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT (SESA) REPORT FOR THE TEITA ESTATE COMPREHENSIVE MIXED LAND USE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN ON PLOT L.R. NO. MWATATE/MWATATE/BLOCK/1/14 TAITA TAVETA COUNTY

In light of the provisions of section 57 A of the Environment Management and Coordination Act (EMCA) 1999, Regulation 42 and 43 of Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations Legal Notice No. 101 of 2003, the National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) has received a Draft Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) report for the Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Development Master Plan on Plot No. Mwatate/Mwatate/Block/1/14 Taita Taveta County. The SESA findings are expected to integrate the existing sectoral plans and programs to establish sustainable development mechanisms.

Teita Estate Limited, the Plan Owner, intends to develop a 3,000-acre comprehensive mixed land use development Mwatate Municipality, Taita Taveta County. The Master Plan is anchored on the tenets of mixed-use developments which is one of the ten principles of smart growth that promotes community design and developments and incorporates it with economy, public health and environment. The end game is a well thought out sustainable human settlement where people can live, work and play.

The Master Plan development consists of the following key zones; Residential Zone, Agricultural zones, Public utility zones, Public purpose zones, Medical facilities, Religious facilities, Commercial zones, Industrial zones and Wetland areas

A summary of the proposed environmental management and monitoring plan for the Teita Estate Master Plan is highlighted below. The proposed mitigation strategies are aimed at minimizing the negative impacts while enhancing the positive ones.

Issues	Mitigation Strategy	Recommended
Integrated environmental landscaping	Sustainable protection	Ensure integrated land use and landscaping of different zones     Ensure adequate tree cover to enable percolation of rainfall and reduction of runoff     Ensure compliance with the Environmenta Management and Co-ordination (Conservation of Biological Diversity and Resources, and Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing) Regulations, 2006

Biodiversity conservation	Sustainable protection of species and habitats	Conservation of indigenous plant species     Conservation of indigenous plant species     Ensure compliance with the Wildlife     Compliance with the Wildlife
Water resources conservation  Sustainable water resources utilization		Undertake hydrogeological survey for the development area to determine the sustainable ground water abstraction levels     Promote integrated water resources management in the development area through water recycling systems and re-use practices     Adherence to Water Act 2016, Water Resource Management Rules 2007, Water Resources Management (Amendment) Rules, 2012 and Environmental Management and Coordination (Water Quality) Regulations, 2006
conservation ut	ustainable energy ilization	Energy conservation through use of renewable energy, efficient technologies and systems.     Ensure compliance with the Energy Act, 2019 and subsidiary legislations under Energy Act, 2019
effluent waste an	stainable solid waste d effluent waste anagement practices	Adopt integrated solid waste management plans     Adopt waste water management plans     Adherence to Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Waste Management) Regulations 2006     Ensure compliance to Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Water Quality) Regulations 2006
Health and wor Safety safe	nerence to kplace health and ty protocols	Adhere to procedures for hazard identification, risk assessments and Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS)     Ensure health and safety trainings and awareness programmes     Adherence to Occupational safety and health Act (OSHA, 2007), Subsidiary legislations under OSHA 2007 and Work Injury Benefits Act, 2007
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ultural resou	rces for future rations	Ensure stakeholder's engagement for cultural resources communication     Ensure all developers/contractors have in place 'chance find procedure'     Ensure compliance with the National Museum and Heritage Act, 2006

The full Draft Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment report for the proposed Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Development Master Plan is available for inspection during working hours at:

- Principal Secretary,
   Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry,
   NHIF Building,
   P.O. Box 30126-00100,
   NAIROBI
- Director General, NEMA
   Popo Road, off Mombasa Road,
   P.O. Box 67839-00200,
   NAIROBI
- 3. County Director of Environment TAITA TAVETA COUNTY

A copy of the Draft SEA report can be downloaded from <a href="https://www.nema.go.ke">www.nema.go.ke</a> (NEMA/SEA/5/2/081)

NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments within thirty (30) working days from the date of publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA, to assist the Authority in the decision making process regarding this SEA. Comments can also be e-mailed to <a href="mailto:dgnema@nema.go.ke">dgnema@nema.go.ke</a>

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	(b) Keep other people and vehicles away from the site,		Obtain indemnity cover for all the workers of site.
	(c) Wear protective clothing appropriate to the use of the hazardous material.		<ul> <li>Provision of wholesome drinking water tworkers.</li> </ul>
	(d) Soak up the hazardous material with absorbent material such as dry sand.		<ul> <li>Use permits to work for critical tasks such a electrical installations and hot work</li> </ul>
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	Construct suitable pit latrines for use by	1100	At a state of the
	construction workers on site.	E STATE OF	Train workers on fire fighting.     Prove investigation of the fighting.
•	Used oil should be accumulated in suitable	The same	Ensure inspection of the fire equipment.      Port No condition gives at the state of the s
	labelled containers for recycling during project operation phase.		Post No smoking signs at the storage area for the fuel and/or oil.     Designate a fire assembly point.
	Safely accumulate oily rags for collection and incineration by NEMA licensed incinerator	The Control of the Co	
*	operators.  Implement an oil skimming programme for		kit.
	oil/water interceptors to ensure normal functioning.	during working ho	
Falls and injuries * from elevated and overhead	Provide safety nets/traps prior to commencing work at height.	NHIF Bu	Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry illding, 12th Floor, Ragati Road, Upper Hill, P.C 26-00100, Nairobi.
work .	Use of appropriate notices and signage to warn workers against falling objects.	(b) Director-4 P.O. Box	General, NEMA, Popo Road, off Mombasa Road 67839-00200, Nairobi.
	Restrict access to the site by unauthorized personnel.		rector of Environment, Kilifi County.
	Ensure statutory inspection of all lifting equipment (Chain blocks and cranes).	Company of the Compan	eport can be downloaded at www.nema.go.ke Environment Management Authority invite.
*	Ensure cranes are operated only by trained and experienced personnel.	members of the p thirty (30) days fi	subject to submit oral or written comments within from the date of publication of this notice to the NEMA, to assist the Authority in the decision
	Lifting equipment should not be overloaded.  Provide safety harnesses and scaffolding while	making process reg	tarding this project.
	working at high levels.	Comments can	also be emailed to dgnema@nema.go.ke
	Provide appropriate personal protective equipment (helmets, safety boots, and coveralls).	MR/5161415	MAMO B. MAMO, Director-General National Environment Management Authority
*	Provide appropriate number of first aid kits which should be restocked on regular basis.	GAZETTE NOTICE N	₹o. 9282
*	Adequate number of workers to be trained on first aid administration.	THE EN	VIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CO-ORDINATION ACT
	Names of trained first aiders to be conspicuously displayed at the site.	NATIONAL EN	(No. 8 of 1999) VIRONMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
	Maintain a record of incidents and accidents on site.	THE DRAFT ST ASSESSMENT	RATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL (SESA) REPORT FOR THE TEITA ESTATE
	Document the procedure for working at beights.	MA	ISIVE MIXED LAND USE DEVELOPMENT ASTER PLAN ON PLOT L.R. NO. TATE/BLOCK/1/14, TAITA TAVETA COUNTY
Occupational • safety risks	Construction of a site office for co-ordinating construction activities.	18	IVITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS
	Appoint a responsible person to be oversee all health and safety issues.	Management and C 43 of Environmen	the provisions of section 57 A of the Environment coordination Act (EMCA) 1999, Regulation 42 and tal (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations
	Document appropriate emergency response procedures.	Management Auth	101 of 2003, the National Environmental ority (NEMA) has received a Draft Strategic Social Assessment (SESA) report for the Teita

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Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Development Master Plan on Plot No. Mwatate/Mwatate/Block/1/14 Taita Taveta County. The SESA findings are expected to integrate the existing sectoral plans and programs to establish sustainable development mechanisms

Teita Estate Limited, the plan owner, intends to develop a 3,000acre comprehensive mixed land use development Mwatate Municipality, Taita Taveta County. The Master Plan is anchored on the tenets of mixed-use developments which is one of the ten principles of smart growth that promotes community design and developments and incorporates it with economy, public health and environment. The end game is a well thought out sustainable human settlement where people can live, work and play.

The Master Plan development consists of the following key zones: 20

A summary conitoring plan f he proposed in	medical facilities, cones and wetland ar of the proposed e or the Teita Estate N	nvironmental management and Master Plan is highlighted below, are aimed at minimizing the	
ssues	Mitigation Strategy	Recommended Mitigation Measures	
ntegrated environmental landscaping	Sustainable protection of the region's species and habitats		Oct 1
		Ensure compliance with the Environmental Management and Co- ordination (Conservation of Biological Diversity and Resources, and Access to Genetic Resources and	
		Benefits Sharing) Regulations, 2006.	

of

Biodiversity conservation protection species and

- with migratory routes/corridor in region.
- Conservation of indigenous plant species.
- Ensure compliance with the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013.

Water resources Sustainable water • conservation resources utilization

- Undertake hydrogeological survey for the development area to determine the sustainable ground water abstraction levels.
- Promote integrated water resources management in development through water recycling systems re-use practices.

  Adherence to Water Act
- 2016, Water Resource Management Rules 2007, Resources Management (Amendment) 2012 Rules. Environmental and Management ordination (Water Quality) Regulations, 2006.

Energy. conservation Sustainable energy • utilization

Energy conservation through use of renewable

ssues	Mitigation Strategy	Recommended Measures	Mitigation
		energy, technologies a	efficient and systems.
		Ensure compl	iance with the

Act, 2019 Energy subsidiary legislations under the Energy Act,

Solid and Sustainable solid \* effluent waste waste and effluent management waste management practices

- Adopt integrated solid waste management plans.
- waste Adopt water management plans
- Adherence to Environmental Co-Management and ordination (Waste Management) Regulations. 2006.
- Ensure compliance to Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Water Quality) Regulations, 2006.

Adherence ocupational to . health and workplace safety and safety protocols

- Adhere to procedures for hazard identification, risk assessments and Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS).
- Ensure health and safety trainings and awareness programmes.
- Adherence to Occupational safety and health Act (OSHA, 2007), Subsidiary legislations under OSHA, 2007 and The Work Injury Benefits Act, 2007.

Enhancing socio- Catalyze economic \* economics of growth of Taita the region Taveta County

- Adherence to labour rights including gender non-discrimination, equal pay for work done, and gender mainstreaming requirements.
- Ensure compliance to statutory and non-statutory records and the Employment Act, 2007.

Socio-cultural protection

Protection cultural resources. for: future

- Ensure engagement for cultural resources communication.
- Ensure developers/contractors have place 'chance find procedure'
- Ensure compliance with the Museums and National Heritage Act, 2006.

The full report of the proposed project is available for inspection during working hours at:

- Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, NHIF Building, 12th Floor, Ragati Road, Upper Hill, P.O. Box 30126-00100, Nairobi,
- (b) Director-General, NEMA, Popo Road, off Mombasa Road, P.O. Box 67839-00200, Nairobi
- (c) County Director of Environment, Taita Taveta County

A copy of the report can be downloaded at www.nema.go.ke

14th July, 2023

#### THE KENYA GAZETTE

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2015 AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT, 2015 INSOLVENCY CAUSE NO. HCCOMMIP 041 OF 2023

RE: BEYOND AFRICA FREIGHTERS LIMITED

PETITION FOR LIQUIDATION

NOTICE is given that a petition for the liquidation of the above mentioned company by the High Court was on the 26th June, 2023, presented to the said court by Justin Njeru Gicovi and the said petition is directed to be mentioned for directions on 18th July, 2023 at 9.00 O'clock and any creditor or contributory of the said company desirous to support or to oppose the making of an order on the said petition may appear at the time of the hearing in person or by his advocate for that purpose and a copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring such a copy on payment of regulated charge on the same

Dated the 5th July, 2023.

MR/5161361

NJERI WAINAINA & COMPANY Advocates for the Petitioner

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GAZETTE NOTICE NO. 9285 THE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES ACT

(Cap. 490)

INOURY ORDER

WHEREAS members of the society have requested for an inquiry into the affairs of Nyamira Tea Farmers Sacco, and whereas I am of the opinion that an inquiry be carried out in-

- (i) the by-laws:
- working and financial condition;
- the conduct of present or past management committee of Nyamira Tea Farmers Sacco C/S 7593;
- (iv) and in accordance with section 58 as read together with section 73 of the Co-operative Societies Act, Cap. 490, laws of Kenya.

Now therefore, I authorize (1) Anthony Mureithi, Principal Co-Operative Officer of Nairobi Headquarters and (2) Agnes Machora, Principal Co-operative Auditor of Nairobi Headquarters, to hold an inquiry within ten (10) days from the date thereof at such place and ne as may be expedient and duly notified by them.

The attention of all officers and members of the society is directed to the following sections of the Co-operative Societies Act.

Section 60 (1)

Cost of inquiry

Section 60 (2)

Recovery of costs of expenses

Section 94

MR/5161460

Offences

Section 73 Surcharges

Dated the 12th July, 2023.

DAVID K. OBONYO. Commissioner for Co-operative Development.

GAZETTE NOTICE No. 9286

SHANZULUCK BAYS LIMITED

(C.72806)

(In Liquidation)

MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

NOTICE is given that a second and final general meeting in the above matter will be held at the Priderock, No. 6 Donyo Sabuk Avenue, Nairobi, on 31st July, 2023, at 11.30 a.m. for the purposes of laying before it the company's final account showing the manner in which the liquidation has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of and giving any explanations hereof.

JOY VIPINCHANDRA BHATT

MR/5161205

The National Environment Management Authority invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice to the Director-General, NEMA, to assist the Authority in the decision making process regarding this project.

Comments can also be emailed to dgnema@nema.go.ke

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Director-General,

MR/5161423

National Environment Management Authority.

GAZETTE NOTICE NO. 9283

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI

FAMILY DIVISION

MSC APP, NO. E90 OF 2023

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAW OF SUCCESION ACT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID NJUGUNA MUIGAI (DECEASED) ON 2ND JUNE, 2023 BEFORE THE HON, LADY JUSTICE P. M. NYAUNDI

THIS matter coming up for judgement before Hon. Lady Justice P. M. Nyaundi virtually, and upon delivering of the said judgement its

- (1) THAT David Njuguna Mungai (the subject) be and is adjudged to be suffering from mental disorder pursuant to section 26 of the Mental Health Act, (Cap. 248) laws of Kenya.
- (2) THAT Priscilla Nduru Njuguna be and is appointed the legal guardian to David Njuguna Mungai.
- (3) THAT Priscilla Nduru Njuguna is appointed manager of the estate of David Njuguna Mungai under section 28 of Mental Health Act, to manage his estate including any such description of moveable or immoveable property, money, debts and legacies, power to execute, sign all deeds and instruments relating to or evidencing the title or right to any property or giving a right to receive any money or goods.
- (4) THAT Priscilla Nduru Njuguna be and is ordered to access funds from the subject's bank account
- (5) THAT pursuant to this appointment the petitioner shall deliver to court and the public trustee, within six (6) months, an inventory of the property belonging to David Njuguna Mungai.
- (6) THAT in accordance with section 27 (4) of the Mental Health Act 2022, the petitioner shall cause within thirty (30) days the publication of notice in the Gazette, informing the public of her appointment as the manager of the estate David Njuguna Mungai.
- (7) THAT as Manager of the estate of David Njuguna Mungai the petitioner may dispose of the property only with the sanction of the
- (8) THAT the matter will be mentioned before court on 30th November, 2023, to confirm compliance.
  - (9) THAT costs to be met out of the estate of the subject.

Dated the 15th June, 2023.

DEPUTY REGISTRAR. High Court of Kenya at Nairobi.

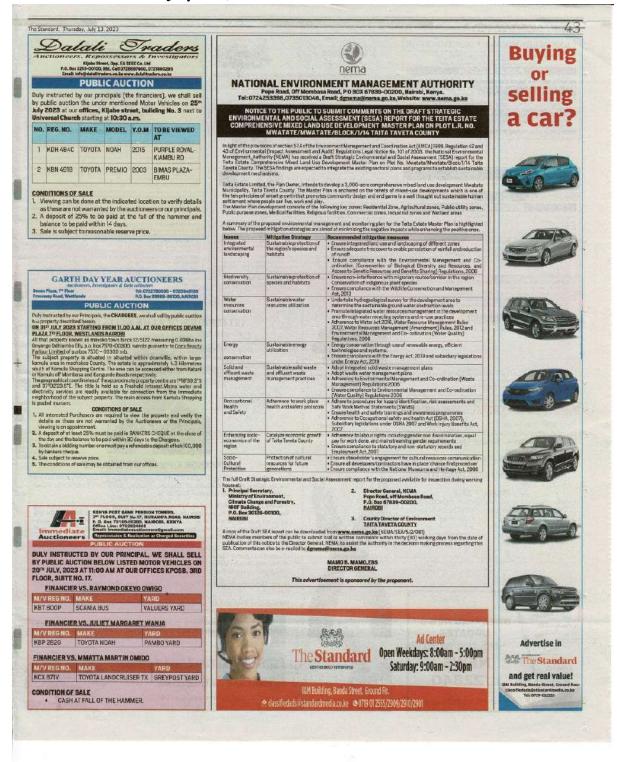
GAZETTE NOTICE NO. 9284

REPUBLIC OF KENYA IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI MILIMANI COMMERCIAL COURTS MILIMANI COMMERCIAL AND TAX DIVISION

#### 17.1.3 The Daily Nation – July 18th, 2023



#### 17.1.4 The Standard – July 13th, 2023



#### 17.1.5 Radio Advert Details on July 17th to 19th, 2023

#### SALES ORDER



#### **Royal Media Services Limited**

Communication Center, Maallm Juma Road, off Dennis Pritt Road P.O BOX 7468-00300, Nairobi, Kenya Tel: 020 299 3000, 0719 060 000, 0732 169 000 PIN: P051121511V

CUSTOMER INFORMATION		DOCUMENT INFORMATION		
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Customer Name :	TEITA ESTATE LIMITED	Document Date:	12/07/2023	
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City:	NAIROBI	Customer LPO No:		
Advertiser Name		Sales Person Name:	PAULINE KUNGU	
Brand	Neema Report	Sales Person Tel No:		
Phone No:		Sales Person Email	pauline kungu@royalmedia .co.ke	
Buyer Email:				
Buyer Tel:				

Item No	Item description	Start Date	End Date	Qty	Unit Price	Net Amount
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 Net Sales Amount (KES)
 65,000.00

 VAT (16%)
 10,400.00

 Total Sales Amount(KES)
 75,400.00

Name of signatory: Anthony Nielsen Date: 12/07/2023

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# 18 Appendix 5

- 18.1 Meeting Minutes and Notes
- 18.1.1 NEMA Consultative Meeting

MINUTES FOR A CONSULTATIVE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup>, MARCH 2023 AT

9AM AT NEMA HQ BOARDROOM FIRST FLOOR FOR THE PROPOSED

COMPREHENSIVE MIXED LAND USE MASTER PLAN FOR TEITA ESTATE

PLAN IN MWATATE SUB COUNTY, TAITA TAVETA COUNTY



# **LIST OF ATTENDANCE**

NAME	INSTITUTION	DESIGNATION	CONTACT
Mr. Reagan Awino	NEMA	Officer	rawino@nema.go.ke
Mrs. Oceanic	NEMA	Officer	osakwa@nema.go.ke
Sakwa			
Dr. David Makori	Geosurveys	Director	davidmakori@gmail.com
Mr. Henry Oindo	Georsurveys	Env. Expert	henryoindo2208@gmail.com
Mr. Erick Deche	NEMA	Pego	Edeche2nema.go.ke
Mrs. Selilah Okoth	NEMA	Pceo-Nema	sokoth@nema.go.ke

Item	Discussion
1.	The consultative meeting was called to order by Mr. Regan Awino, the the
Introduction	Head of Strategic Environmental Assessment department, NEMA
	Headquarters. Mr. Regan explained the purpose the meeting where in
	compliance to relevant government regulations and to ensure compliance
	while undertaking the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment
	NEMA deems it procedural and necessary to hold such consultative meeting
	in order to clearly understand the plan components and adequately advice on
	plan related issues. Each member was asked to introduce themselves by
	mentioning their names and the capacity under which they were attending the consultative meeting.
	Dr. Makori gave a brief of the proposed Comprehensive Master Plan
	outlining the distinct land use for the different sections of the plans as
	proposed in the master plan. During his brief, Dr. Makori noted that the
	team of experts while developing the Master plan had from time to time
	consulted with the key institutional stakeholders such as the NEMA- Taita
	Taveta County, Taita Taveta County Government among other key
	stakeholders. Mrs. Okoth, in her interjection highlighted that ideally it was
	always advisable to undertake an integrated process that systematically
	undertakes both the SESA and the master plan development as in most cases
	the SESA greatly influences the sustainable implementation of the master
	plan. In integrated process in her professional view would lead to a
	comprehensive master plan that has adequately addressed all the possible
	SESA issues.
	Dr. Makori while giving the brief noted that the master plan had been
	subjected to all the existing regulatory approvals where the cunty had already
	approved the proposed master plan.
	Mr. Regan raised concerns on whether the inputs that shall result from the
	SESA would be adequately considered in the master plan considering that the
	master plan has already been developed.

Item	Discussion
2. Plan	Dr. Makori indicated that Teita Estate Limited, had identified the need to
background	introduce a comprehensive mixed land use pattern at the Teita Sisal Estate,
<u> </u>	that is aimed at enhancing the economic productivity of the area through the
	proposed estate zoning and subdivision into distinct land use zones. The
	development is anchored on the tenets of mixed-use developments which is
	one of the ten principles of smart growth that promotes community design
	and developments and incorporates it with economy, public health and
	environment. In this case, the proposed development blends various
	compatible land uses including commercial, light industrial, residential with
	pockets of adequate public amenities and support infrastructure. The end
	game is a well thought out sustainable human settlement where people can
	live, work and play.
	While seeking further clarification, Mrs. Okoth sought to know the proposed
	power source for the proposed plan as well as the category of industries that
	were being proposed to be implemented in the industrial zone. She had
	concerns over the tendency of proponents continuously scaling down and
	alternating the proposed plans upon approval where for instance she noted
	that in previous cases NEMA had witnessed cases where areas approved for
	heavy industries would be from time to time changed to light industries and
	then mixed use where in the eventuality you end up having residential units
	in what had been priorly approved to be an industrial zone.
	Dr. Makori in his response said that the industrial zone, the plan was
	considering light industries which deal in i.e., processing and packaging
	among other light activities. In regards to power source, plan had
	incorporated a power sub-station which would source its power from the
	national power grid (Kenya Power).
	Mrs Okoth advised that for sustainability purposes, it was important for the
	proponent to consider greener energy sources such the solar power and
	hydro-power this would as well consider reducing pressure on increasing
	power demand as well as play a key role in environmental safeguarding.
3. Opinion/	Mrs. Sakwa in giving her considerations noted the importance reviewing
remarks	existing documentations such as plans that were similar to the proposed plan
	i.e., the Vipingo master plan, Diaspora University master plan, the CIDP
	Taita Taveta County, National Environmental Action Plan. In her opinion
	she advised that it was key to review such documents and identify the key
	inter-linkages that would inform adjustments and possible exclusions on the
	proposed master plan for effective implementation. Additionally, the experts
	were advised to consider undertaking an adequate stakeholder mapping and
	identification and engagement process. More emphasis should be given to
	institutional consultation considering the magnitude of the proposed master
	plan. However, it was noted that it was still very important to consider
	consulting the common mwanainchi as well to avoid cases of exclusion.

Item	Discussion
	Mr. Erick acknowledged the ongoing meeting and appreciated the issues that had been addressed. In his comments he observed that the Taita Taveta county being a key wildlife area, wildlife issues and biodiversity aspects were key and thus required adequate consideration during the SESA process. In regards to these, he outlined that it would be prudent to consider KWS as stakeholders as well as review the Lake Jipe management master plan. Mr. Erick also noted that waste management issue should be given considerations in view of the existing dumpsite that serves the Mwatate area adjacent to the proposed site. This would be addressed if the New Sustainable Solid Waste Management Act of 2022 was adequately reviewed and incorporated in the master plan to come up with integrated waste management strategies.  In his final comments, Mr. Erick also emphasized on the need to interrogate the mining component which is a significant income source in the Taita Taveta county and its linkage to the proposed master plan. As well as the community concerns over access to land and settlement issues which is pertinent issue in the coastal regions.  Additionally, Mr. Erick also observed that with the plans to revamp the old railway line, it was important to put inconsideration the possible impacts on the implementation of the master plan.
	Mr. Reagan noted that due to the expansive nature of the SESA process the team of expert should be considered to be all representative where all the key professionals should be involved in the study to ensure that the study is all inclusive and adequately captures and addresses all issues.  Mr. Reagan also highlighted the need for justification on what informed the need for the change of use from its current sisal plantation to the proposed mixed land use development as outlined in the master plan.
Closing remarks	Mr. Regan thanked the attending members for attending the meeting and for sharing their views. It was his pleasure that through the meeting it was possible to get a clear overview of the master plan and have key issues addressed. He noted the importance of having such consultative meetings as they inform on the smooth flow of the SESA process and ensure that each process is effectively and adequately undertaken.  Dr. Makori, appreciated the members and thanked them for creating time to attend the Consultative meeting. All the raised concerns, views and feedbacks he assured them were noted and will be put into consideration in the SESA process.  There being no other business, Mr. Reagan ended the meeting at 10am.

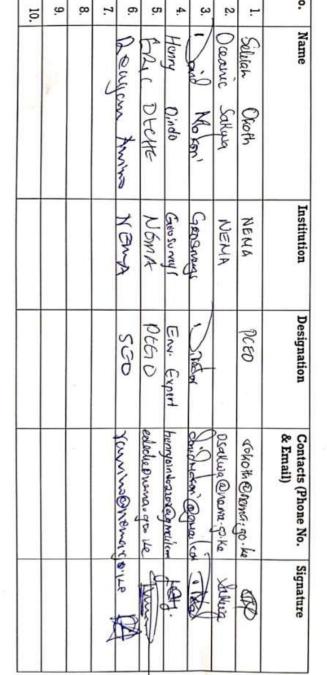
### Question asked/comment Response

Will the SESA inform	The Comprehensive mixed land use development master plan
adjustments on the	considering is still on the proposal stages is open to constructive
comprehensive master	adjustments that will result into sustainable implementation. The
plan	experts are thus open to any critic that will positively inform the
	implementation process of the proposed master plan.
What category of	Based on the proposed master plan, the proponent has proposed
industries are proposed to	establishment of light industries in the designate industrial zone. This
be implemented in the	is specifically focusing on the processing and packaging industries.
designated industrial zone	
What will be the energy	Based on the master plan, the proponent has set aside a section for
source to power the	power sub-station that will be fed with energy from the national
proposed development	Kenya Power grid. However, the positive suggestion on the
master plan	consideration for renewable energy sources such harnessing of solar
	energy, hydro-power among other possible energy sources.

# SIGNED FOR CIRCULATION

Secretary:	Mr. Henry Oindo	Date:	03/04/2023
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# ANNEX I: ATTENDANCE





# NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (NEMA)

ASSESSMENT (SESA) PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED TEITA ESTATE COMPREHENSIVE MIXED LAND USE PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION MEETING ON THE STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL

DEVELOMENT PLAN

ATTENDANCE LIST

Date: 27th March 2023

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Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Master Plan Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) Final Report





Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Master Plan Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) Final Report



# 18.1.2 Public Baraza

# MINUTES FOR A CONSULTATIVE PUBLIC BARAZA HELD ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023 AT 1400HRS AT MWATATE CHIEF'S OFFICE GROUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE MIXED LAND USE MASTER PLAN FOR TEITA ESTATE PLAN IN MWATATE SUB COUNTY, TAITA TAVETA COUNTY





# Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) Final Report

### **KEY PARTICIPANTS/HIGH INFLUENCE REPRESENTATIVES**

Name	Institution	Designation
Mr. Nicholas Kambucha	NGAO	Chief
Mr. Josecc Mbella	NGAO	Ass. Chief
Ms. Prudence Lewo	NGAO	Ass. Chief
Dr. David Makori	Geosurveys	Director/Lead Expert
Mr. Henry Oindo	Georsurveys	Env. Expert
Ms. Christine Chonya	Local Leadership	Village Elder-Jombe
Hon. Christopher M.	County Leadership	Former MCA
Mr. Mwamkono Mwanyasi	NGAO	Rtd. Chief
Mr. Kevin Kamau	County Govt.	County Planner
Mr. Meshack Njumwa	Media	Reporter- Mtaani TV
Mr. Samuel Mwanga	NGAO	Ass. Chief
Mrs. Elizabeth Wakufwa	Local Leadership	Village Elder- Singila
Mr. Patience Mwachoji	Local Leadership	Village Elder- Peleleza
Mr. Marzihe Mwazo	Local Leadership	Village Elder- Kariobangi
Mrs. Esther Vose	Business Community	Business Representative
Mr. Anthony Mwasi	Local Leadership	Village Elder- Majengo

## Item Discussion

# 1. Introduction

The Public Baraza was called to order by the area Chief Mr. Nicholas Kambucha, in his opening remarks Mr. Kambucha appreciated the commitment of the participants who heed to the call indicating that it was a positive indication of their interest in matters that were affecting the locality. Mr. Kambucha, highlighted the purpose of the meeting noting that as a constitutional requirement for public engagement and consultation prior to any development plan implementation. He introduced the team of experts from Geosurveys and Geospatial Informations Limited who were tasked with the responsibility as a consultant to undertake a Strategic Environment and Social Impact Assessment (SESA) for the proposed Teita Estate Mixed Land Use Development Masterplan. Mr. Kambucha additionally, acknowledged the various representatives of the distinct interest groups that had attended the meeting.

Mr. Kambucha, invited Dr. Makori to explain to the attending stakeholders on the technical aspects of the meeting the proposed plan details as well as the role of the SESA and the role of the public regarding the proposed plan. He urged the attending stakeholders to keenly follow through the discussions and take notes as well as ask questions at the questions and answers stage to fully understand the proposed plan's components. He reminded the attendees that it was their responsibility to effectively represent those that couldn't make it to the meeting.

Dr. Makori in his remarks gave a brief of the proposed Comprehensive Master Plan outlining the distinct land use for the different sections of the plans as proposed in the master plan. During his brief, Dr. Makori noted that the team of experts while developing the Master plan had from

Item	Discussion
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Item	Discussion
	Hon. Mwambingu lamented that in the past the coastal region and Mwatate in particular had suffered effects of isolation when it came to development plans and such opportunities were key towards improving the economic status of the area. He emphasized the need for consideration of locals while recruiting the workforce that would be tasked with the implementation of the proposed development masterplan.  Hon. Mwambingu proposed that the proponent should consider having a discounted rate for the locals as a show of good will to the neighbouring community so as to make it possible for the locals to equally benefit from
	the arising opportunity.  Mr. Mwamkono Mwanyasi in his address reiterated the importance of the community according such plans support. He gave a narrative of how during his tenure as the area chief, developers came up with a proposal of a similar magnitude plan that was vehemently opposed due to political misrepresentation to which the plan was relocated to a different location and implemented from where so much benefits have been accrued by the locals in the plan area.  While outlining his reasons for supporting the plan he noted that the locality was bound to significantly grow economically both directly and indirectly attributed to the plan. Among the key benefits he highlighted
	<ul> <li>Employment opportunities</li> <li>Availability of symbiotic business opportunities</li> <li>Land owning opportunities to locals</li> <li>Revenue sourcing from the plan to both the County and National government</li> <li>Future generation empowerment</li> <li>In checking the support level, the retired Chief, sort to know how many were willingly supporting the proposed plan, to which the attending members unanimously agreed to the proposed plan.</li> <li>Mr. Mwanyasi pleaded with the proponent to consider donating a portion to the community for community related developments as well as invest</li> </ul>
3. Opinion/	in Corporate Social Responsibility such as the Mwatate Dam restoration to supplement the water needs of the people of Mwatate.  Assistant Chief Mr. Mwanga, in his brief comments highlighted the importance of the plan proponent giving the locals first priority towards acquisition and ownership of the land parcels once it shall be open for sale. He advised the locals that it was prudent for them to form Saccos through which it would be easier to bargain for better deals as this boosts their financial capacity through resource pool.  Mr. Samuel Mwanyasi expressed fear of discrimination of locals with low
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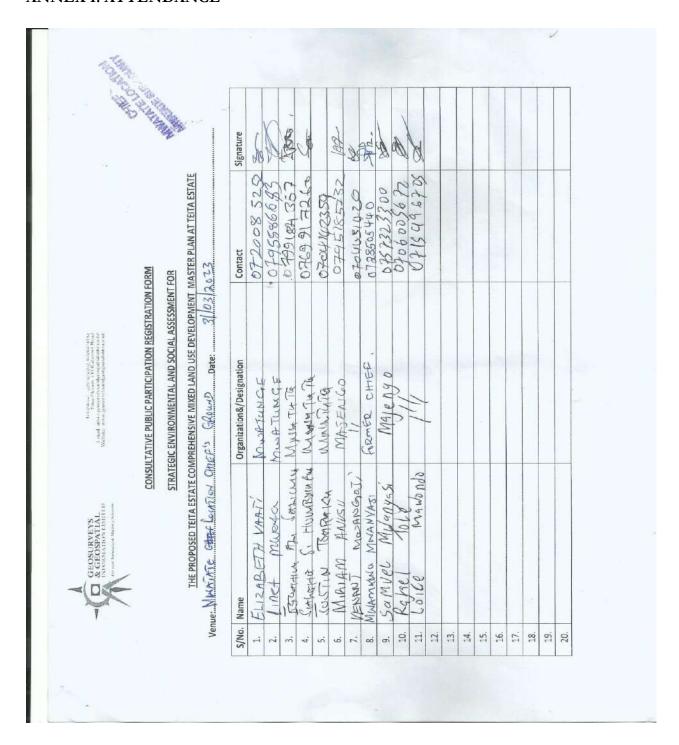
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	parcel prices. In his remarks he noted that the plan was a good initiative towards empowerment of locals economically and socially.  Mrs. Rose Mwaluda applauded the proposed plan claiming it will create economic enhancement opportunities in the locality. Job availability has been an emerging issue in the country with its impacts highly felt within the country at large, in addition to the drought cases thus inhibiting farming in the area, this calls for alternative income sources to guarantee economic growth.
Closing remarks	On behalf of the consultants Dr. Makori applauded the gesture shown by the public towards development matters that was likely to impact on their lives. He emphasized that the role of SESA and by extension such public consultation fora were to identify the possible anticipated impacts and endeavour to maximize on the positive impacts as well as inform on the development of an adequate environmental and social management plan that would focus on elimination, reduction and mitigation of any possible negative impacts. He acknowledged that plan s of such magnitude were bound to have implications of varied magnitude and thus needed adequate management plan to ensure the positive aspects are harnessed to the maximum while mitigating the negative impacts. Dr. Makori encouraged the locals to consider coming up with initiatives that would make them beneficiaries to the proposed development masterplan such as the saccos and corporative societies that had been suggested during the meetings. In his reassurance to the public, he assured the attending members that similarly for a would be held from time to time and on need basis to guarantee the sustainable implementation of the proposed development masterplan.  Mr. Nicholas Kambucha, the area chief thanked all the attending members for having taken their time to listen through and actively participate in the baraza. Mr. Kambucha noted that that was a great indication of citizen responsibility, he encouraged the locals to always show such commitment whenever called upon in regards to matters development. He urged the consults to put into considerations the comments, views and concerns raised during the public participation for adequate and effective implementation of the proposed masterplan. Additionally, he advised that such meetings should be held often to continuously keep the community and the locals informed as well as address any matters that shall arise in the cause of the pre-implementation and implementation phase of the proposed masterplan.

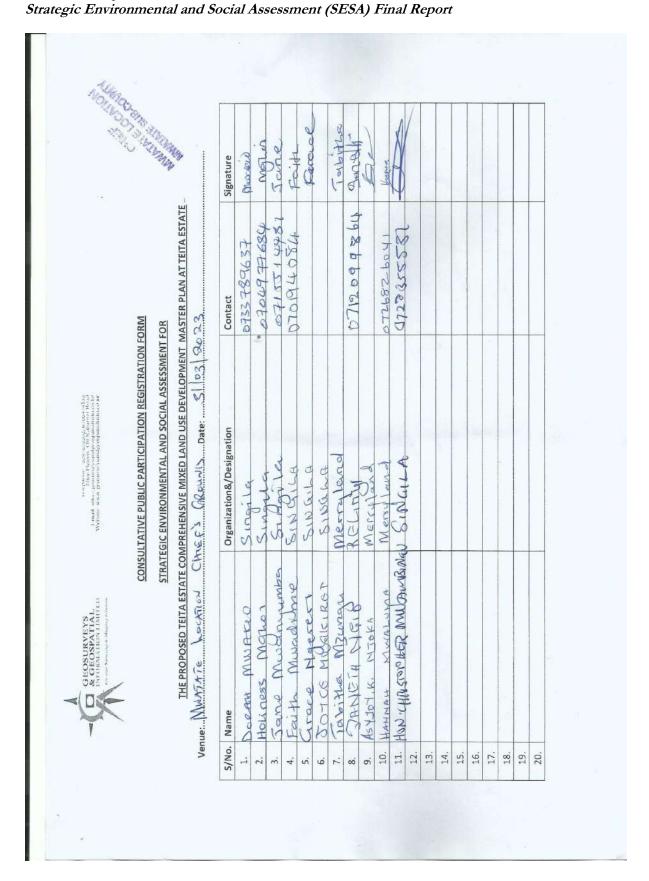
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Will the locals be given an opportunity to name the proposed plan	Dr. Makori in his response noted the necessity of having the locals interest covered in the proposed plan. To this regard the proposed masterplan had adopted a local name "Teita Estate". He also added that the experts were open to taking further name proposals and submit as recommendations to the proponent for considerations.
Are their possibilities of flexible payment plans especially for locals who do not have the financial capacity to do a one-off payment	As an advisory, Dr. Makori made reference to a suggestion that had been made by an earlier speaker regarding formation of a Sacco by the locals. According to Dr. Makori and based on previous experience it would be much weighty bargaining as an entity as opposed to individuals. However, he noted that it was the responsibility of the consultant to present the public's concern in its reporting as recommendations and thus the basis of the public participation forum.
Which criteria will be used to allocate lands to locals especially of lower financial capacity who are likely to be disadvantaged	Based on the proposed master plan, the key purpose of the land parcel designated as high density residential zone was to effectively cater for the interest of the locals especially those who were of lower income capabilities. This section consists of subdivision of lower sizes which would be relatively affordable during the implementation stages.
What are the likely estimate price range for the parcels	The prices are likely to be informed by market dynamics. Land values have a tendency of constantly shifting, however the values would be made public once established.
Are there plans to relocate the railway line that that traverses the periphery of the proposed plan area	The masterplan was articulately designed to accommodate the railway line with safety considerations factored such as crossing sections proposed at distinct points awaiting approvals from KENHA and the Railways authority. The existence of the railway line in itself is projected to positively impact on the business processes at the proposed plan area
Upon sub division, will each individual parcel have separate title	Based on the proposed masterplan, each individual parcel after sub-division will bear its title deed.
What arrangements are in place to ensure that locals that will be employed are not exploited through underpayment	The experts reiterates the importance of adherence of the existing legal framework that govern all aspects of such plan implementation to include the labour laws. Additionally, upon approval for implementation, the experts would recommend a formation of Grievance Redress Committee comprised of the proponent's representative, local leadership, workers and other key government institution representatives purely tasked with the responsibility of handling issues that shall arise as a result of activities relating to the proposed plan implementation.

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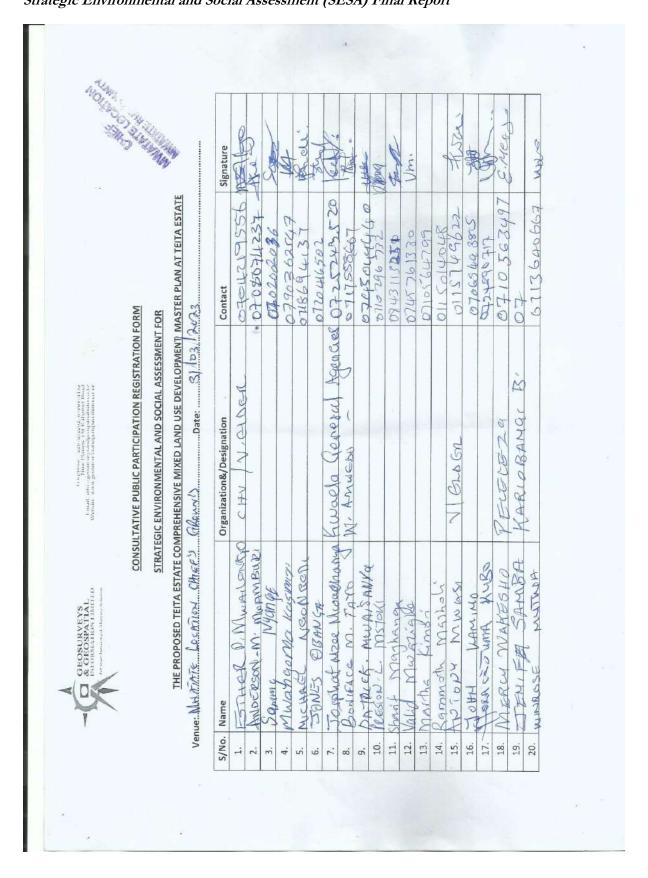




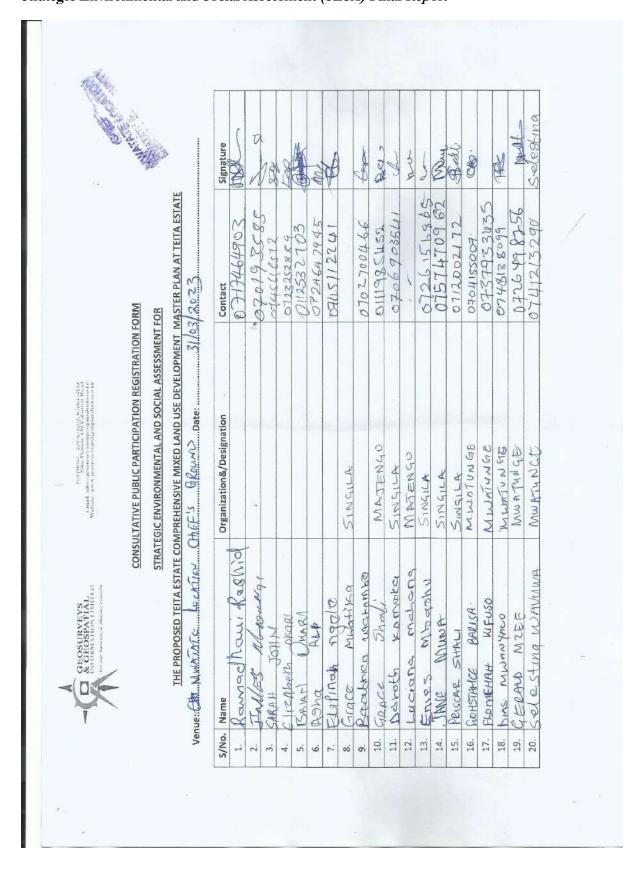


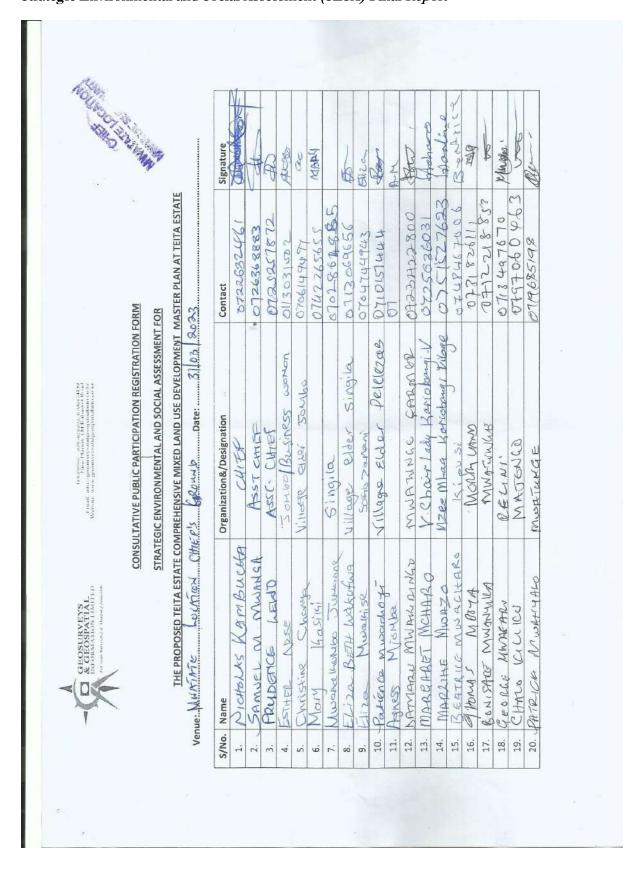
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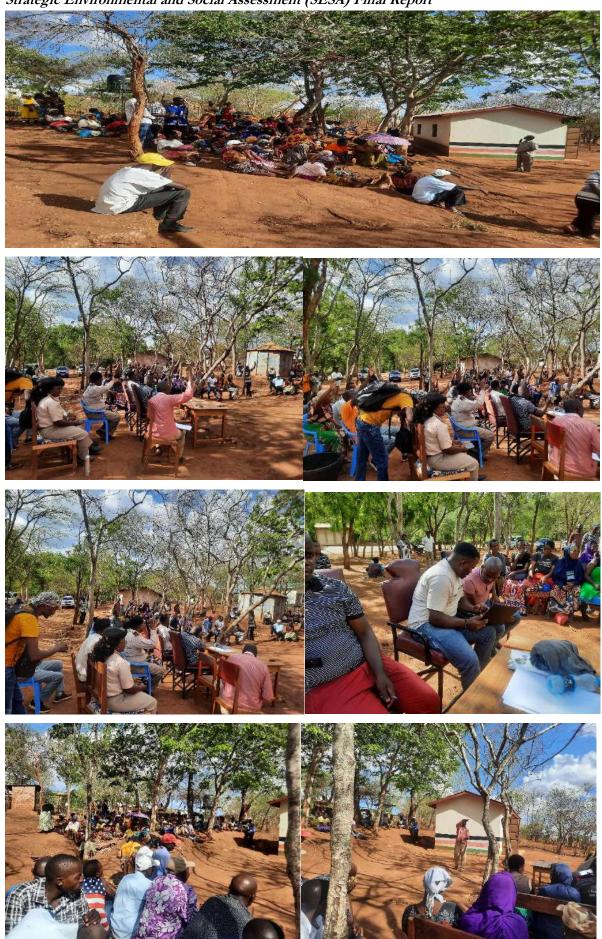
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# 18.1.3 Validation Workshop

 $\underline{\textbf{MINUTES FOR THE VALIDATION WORKSHOP HELD ON 6}^{\text{TH}}\ \underline{\textbf{DECEMBER 2023 AT}}$ 0900HRS AT PANLIS HOTEL, MWATATE FOR THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE MIXED LAND USE MASTER PLAN FOR TEITA ESTATE PLAN IN MWATATE SUB **COUNTY, TAITA TAVETA COUNTY** 



# KEY PARTICIPANTS/HIGH INFLUENCE REPRESENTATIVES

INSTITUTION	DESIGNATION
KISHUSHE	VILLAGE ELDERS
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TAITA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	BUSINESS COMMUNITY
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NCA	NCA REPRESENTATIVE
TAITA TAVETA COUNTY	PLANNING, AGRICULTURE & ACCOUNTANT DIRECTOR AGRICULTURE
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### Item Discussion

# 1. Introduction

The Public Baraza was called to order by Dr. David Makori, the Lead Expert for the proposed plan who acted as the MC in the validation meeting. Dr. Makori invited Mrs Irene Mwakesho to lead in prayers.

Thereafter, Mr. Philip Kyriazi, the Director of Teita Estate Limited gave a brief on the proposed comprehensive mixed land use master plan. The opening remarks highlighted on the benefits associated with the plan such as creation of employment, improved land use practices that would increase value of land in the proposed area and its environs. For the first six months; the purchase would be open for Taita locals. There would be proposed mortgage and loan facilities to safeguard locals' capital power. Additionally, for water and energy, there would be water supply from water harvesting sources, boreholes and energy sourced from clean supplies (such as solar).

In his remarks, Mr. Kyriazi highlighted the land size distribution pattern on the proposed comprehensive mixed land use pattern as outlined on the masterplan map.

Land size	Proposed land use
328	High density residential
487	Medium density residential
281	Low density residential
655	Super low density residential
122	Industrial
45	Educational
86	Recreational facilities
25	Public utilities
123	Commercial
247	Agriculture
53	Public spaces

The NEMA Representative, Mr. Reagan Awino presented SESA overview regarding the plan. During his presentation, he gave a brief on the processes that the Teita Estate SESA had undergone, notably

- The screening overview which was submitted on 21.03.2023 giving an overview of the proposed plan.
- This was followed by submission of scoping report done on 20.04.2023.
- The draft report submission followed which had been subjected to;
  - i. Administrative review,
  - ii. Stakeholders review and
  - iii. Public review- Advert on 2 print medias (The Nation and Standard) and on Kenya Gazette
  - iv. Validation- this was now the purpose of the meeting as mentioned by Mr. Reagan.

The NEMA representative informed the sitting that the validation reports will be incorporated in the final SESA report.

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	Prior to submission of the final SESA report, the public would have 14 days from the date of the validation meeting for additional comments before submission of the final report.
Decision making and monitoring	Decision making and monitoring will be incorporated in the final SESA report. Teita Estate will be responsible for any implementation and monitoring exercise. NEMA in consultation with other lead agencies will oversee the implementation of the master plan.
Consultant presentation	On behalf of the consultants, Dr. Makori made a presentation regarding impacts of the proposed plan, he highlighted on the various public consultation and stakeholder engagements noting the pertinent issues that were of concern together with the experts' recommendations.  The following issues/concerns were raised during the previous engagements;  Location of the master plan,  Effects of the project on wildlife,  Habitat fragmentation,  Increased water demand,  Waste management practices,  Increased energy demands,  Pollution concerns,  Effects of climate change,  Workplace health and safety and  Generally socio-economic concerns.  The area being semi-arid, there is projection of air pollution from dust emissions. The proponent was advised to be at the fore front for enhanced water supply and for the purpose of dust control through suppressing the dust emanating during any construction activities.  Land ownership concerns with reference to the Mavoko Land saga/Athi River were also raised. There was a guarantee that the land ownership details are well documented.  To curb the dust emissions negative impacts raised, Dr. Makori assured the sitting that there will be control of dust emissions, individual plan implementation to undertake independent EIAs that are site specific, any negative impacts to be curbed accordingly and lastly decisions on roles and responsibilities of each individual will be clearly defined.
Plan background	Mr. Focus Muwasi while giving a background on the baseline condition of the area, noted that the proposed plan was very timely. In reference to development plan of 1983 for Mwatate, there were no implemented plans as outlined in the previous plan. Land ownership according to Mr. Muwasi has been noted to be a concern in the area and with this master plan, the locals will have the opportunity to own land. Previously, investors willing to invest in development infrastructure failed to take off due to land concerns. However, from history, the proponent was noted to have been a pro-community person. As a result, of awaiting community response, there was request for extension of community grace period.

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Community concerns	Mrs. Mwakisho in her remarks raised land ownership concerns from the lease holds regarding transfer details description, land ownership and County Government's plan to buy the Sisal estate.  The community was assured by the County Government that there were no plans or intentions to take land ownerships.
	Dr. Mwanyumba, in his remarks urged the residents to integrate with others so as to enhance development within the County.  Mr. Augustin George, suggested on the need to incorporate Njoro Kubwa in the proposed phase 2 to enhance water supply. He also emphasized on need for access roads to the proposed sites to be well defined and established. He pleaded with NEMA to follow up and ensure that all the negative environmental impacts are adequately addressed.  Locals were cautioned against using land ownership details as guarantee for institutional loans which will risk their ownership. It was also noted that from previous engagement with KWS, there was a proposal to implement a water point development along each wildlife corridor.  Mr. Ogesha Kamata, was worried on the fate of the workers who would be affected by the implementation of the proposed master plan. In is his view, hiving off sections of the sisal plantation was bound to affect the labour force required and thus would render other individuals jobless.  Mrs Irene Mwakesho, complimented the impression of the masterplan applauding how the plan took into consideration elephant as a masterprint. She recommended creation of a issues-redress structure to address emerging issues during the implementation phase. She also highlighted on the benefits that were likely to come with the proposed plan.  Employment opportunities  Mrs. Ankina Nyavu, expressed her support to the plan noting that it was bound to enhance economic growth in the area.
Closing Remarks	Mr. Philip Kyriazi, in his closing remarks thanked the public for honouring the invitation and urged them to be part and parcel of the community development as this was their constitutional right.  Mr. Charles Mwemba, in his closing remarks thanked the proponent and NEMA for involving the public in pertinent decision making especially on matters that were likely to affect them. He made a request that the plan printout be made public for ease of access.  Mr Celine Ambwasi, representing the Lands Control Board expressed her support to the stakeholder's engagement process saying it was key to success of any plan.  Mrs. Constance, representative of KWS, applauded the experts highlighting that among the recommendations given during previous stakeholders' engagement had adequately been captured a show of the experts' willingness to accommodate inputs

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	Mr. Reagan, NEMA representative thanked each member for attending the important meeting and urged them to be always attending such meetings as public participation is their right as enshrined in the constitution of Kenya 2010. Mr. Reagan, emphasized on the importance of a continuous stakeholders' engagement process all through the plan phase. He said that NEMA shall take keen note on environmental concerns raised during the entire process.  The meeting was officially closed by a word of prayer from Voi Mosque Imam.

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# 19 Appendix 6

# 19.1 NEMA Licenses

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# NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (NEMA) THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CO-ORDINATION ACT

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT/
AUDIT EXPERT

Certificate No: NEMA/EIA/RC/5449
Application Reference No: NEMA/EIA/ER/11948

This is to certify M/s David Masereti Makori

of

P.O. Box 30775-00100, Nairobi

(Address) has been registered as an Environmental

Impact Assessment Expert in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Management and

Coordination Act Cap 387 and is authorized to practice in the capacity of a Lead Expert/Associate

Expert/Firm of Experts (Type) Lead Expert

Expert Registration No: 2917

Issued Date: 3/16/2021

Signature

(Seal)

The National Environmental Management Authority



### Teita Estate Comprehensive Mixed Land Use Master Plan

### Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) Final Report

### Conditions For Licensing

- This license expires on 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year it is issued.
- The expert shall comply with code of practice and Professional Ethics for EIA/EA experts.
   The expert shall comply with the attached conditions.

- All Environment Experts certified and registered in the accordance with the provision of relevant Regulations, may establish professional
  associations to complement and implement the objectives of the Code of Practice.
- 2. An Expert shall act professionally, accurately fairly and in an unbiased manner in undertaking his work.

  3. The Director General, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, may from time to time issue guidelines for the proper conduct of registered
- Environmental Impact and Audit Experts.
  4. Every Environmental Expert shall each year attend at least two relevant seminars organized by the authority for the purposes of improving the professional expertise of its members.
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  S. No Expert shall exploit the interpretation, lack of understanding, illiteracy or other lack of technical knowledge in environmental matters of a project proponent, owner or the public, for his personal gain.

### Receiving Instructions

- 1. No Environmental Expert shall act for any project proponent unless he has received written instructions form such project proponent or his
- authorized agent.

  2. An Environmental Expert shall not unreasonably delay the carrying out of instructions received from the project proponent of his authorized
- An Environmental Expert shall discharge his responsibilities to the project proponent with due diligence and integrity.
   An Environment Expert may terminate a contract on carrying out an environmental impact assessment or audit as stipulated in section 8 of the Code of Practice and Professional Ethics of EIA/EA Experts.

### Carrying out an EIA/EA

- An Environmental Expert shall follow relevant regulations or guidelines and directives issued by the Authority.
   As Environmental Expert shall take due care and diligence to collect the relevant data to address the significant environmental issues in the various stages of the assessment or audit process and fully acknowledge the source of any data that is not the result of his findings.
   Environmental Expert shall consult widely with all the relevant agencies, stakeholders, interested parties and the general public on all the contract that likely to a first them.
- matters that likely to affect them.
- A. An Environmental Impact Assessment or Audit Report shall be based on the Terms of Reference of the Assignment and shall include all the matters relevant to the findings of the study, all the relevant matters are required by statutory provisions, and must be guided by professional standards and judgments.

### Responsibility of Lead Environmental Experts

1. (1) An Environmental Lead Expert shall be responsible for the documents prepared by him/her on behalf of the project proponent (2) An Environmental Expert shall guide the proponent throughout the preparation of the environmental impact assessment and/or environmental audit, and/or during implementation of the Environmental Management Plan.

(3) An Environmental Expert shall disclose to a client or employer any relationships of conflicting or competing interests that may influence his judgment prior to the carrying out of work.

### Misconduct of Environmental Experts

1. An Environmental Expert who contrivances a provision of Code of Practice and Professional Ethics shall be deemed to have committed professional misconduct and shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Authority as appropriate and as stipulated in the Code of Practice and Professional Ethics of Environmental Experts.

### Disciplinary Action

1. Where an Environmental Expert is found to have committed professional misconduct by the Environmental Experts' Advisory Committee/Authority shall be punished as stated under section 19 of the code of Practice and Professional Ethics.

An Expert aggreed by the decision of the Authority may apply for the review of such decision in the High Court.
 If an application for judicial review shall not have been fined at the expiry of 30 days from the date of the decision of the Authority, the director General may publicize the disciplinary action taken against the Expert.



# NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY(NEMA)

THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CO-ORDINATION ACT

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT/AUDIT (EIA/EA) PRACTICING LICENSE Licensey Licensey

License No : NEMA/EIA/ERPL/18867 NEMA/EIA/EL/24916 Application Reference No:

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General

registration number 2917 in accordance with the provision of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act Cap 387.

Issued Date: 2/2/2023

Expiry Date: 12/31/2023

Signature.....

Director General

The National Environment Management Authority

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# 20 Appendix 7

# 20.1 Proposed Master Plan Outlay

