



Baringo County Government

ABS: Baringo County Government's Experience

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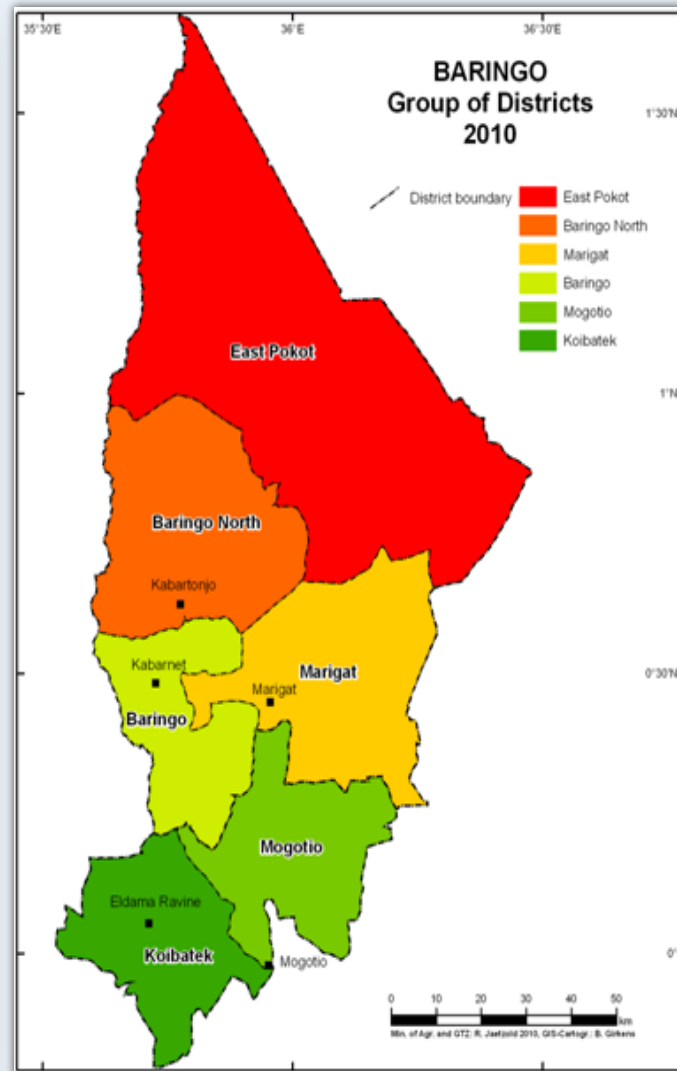
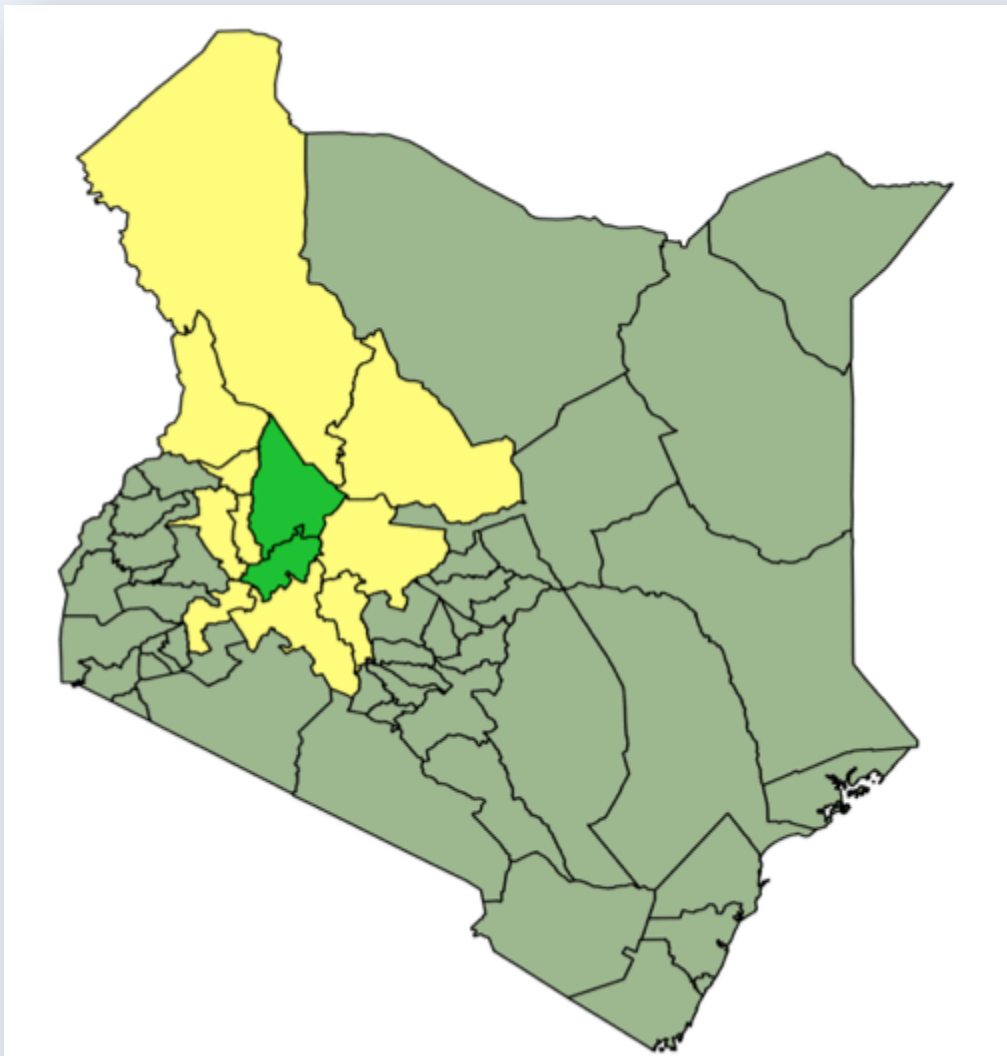
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- 3. County Government Expectations**
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Map of Baringo County



INTRODUCTION



- Baringo County is one of the 47 Counties in Kenya
- The Government of Baringo County was established in March, 2013
- Baringo County covers an area of 11,015.3 km² of which 165km² is surface water comprising of 4 Lakes, Baringo, Bogoria, Kamnarok and lake 94.
- The County has a population of 555,562 with a high annual growth rate of 2.9% p.a (KPC, 2009).
- One of the 23 ASAL Counties in Kenya
- Baringo has high poverty levels estimated at 58.7%.
- Baringo is the home of three indigenous and local Communities: Endorois, Ilchamus Pokot, and Tugen

Baringo County Government Involvement in ABS

1. Establish Regulations for benefit sharing with the indigenous community (Endorois)

The County Government approved that 10% of total revenue collections from the Lake Bogoria Game reserve will be shared to the Endorois community. The Community decides on how to spend the money, according to the needs in the community.

FINANCIAL YEAR	AMOUNT DISBURSED (Ksh)
2014/2015	6.0M
2015/2016	5.8M

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2. The County Government in 2014, facilitated the benefit sharing of Ksh.2.3Millilon royalty from the Novozymes company to the Endorois Community.

This came through KWS and the County Government guided that the entire amount be given to the community.

The community prioritized to use the money to pay school fees for their 237 students.

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3. Lake Bogoria and Baringo Biodiversity Management plans
 - Lakes Baringo and Bogoria management plans are due for review, for better management of the biodiversity and for inclusion of ABS. The management plan structure has been discussed and agreed upon.
 - There is a chapter dedicated to **Community involvement** which includes community protocols and provisions for indigenous and Local community ABS; development of PIC and MAT provisions. This chapter drafting team is led by a member of the Endorois community

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4. The County government has also offered benefit to the Endorois community through employment.
5. Ensure that voices of landowners in Lake Bogoria ecosystem are part of (ABS), through community involvement; elders meetings with the Government to air issues of concern. H.E the Governor has had audience with the community.
6. The Baringo County Government is ready to sign the PIC agreement for the soda Lakes project as soon as the Community is ready.



Baringo County Governments' Expectations

- i. Kenya develop legislative Bill on Genetic resource management and access and benefit sharing to guide investments in genetic Resources
- ii. The Novoenzyme company will continue to remit more Royalties to Kenya, Baringo County Government and Endorois Community.
- iii. Kenya's National competent authority (NCA) and development partners will roll out awareness raising to the County Government/s officials , County Assembly and community members on ABS

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- IV. Indigenous and local Communities will have effective community biocultural protocols
- V. Increased efforts for conservation of biodiversity
- VI. Researchers and Investors to follow the guidelines of Nagoya protocol by ensuring right entry to community, ensure constant touch with the RIGHT stakeholders, No more biopiracy





Challenges

- I. Inadequate funding to support development of management plans for all the lakes and capacity building of the indigenous communities in ABS issues
- II. Low levels of awareness in genetic resources and ABS issues in the County, among the staff, County Assembly and communities
- III. Inadequate negotiation skills among County Government officials and the Indigenous communities ; for better MAT
- IV. Need to strengthen Community Organization Structures

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V. Climate change effects and alien, invasive weeds of *prosopis Juliflora* and water hyacinth (Lake Baringo)





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