



# *Biodiversity in the Patent System: Kenya*

*A country study of genetic resources and traditional  
knowledge in the patent system of relevance to  
Kenya*

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## Introduction

This report presents the results of analysis of patent activity for genetic resources and traditional knowledge from Kenya. The report is divided into three sections:

Section 1 provides an overview of biodiversity in Kenya based on information from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility and introduces the patent data.

Section 2 provides a general overview of patent activity for species known to occur in Kenya in the period 1976-2010. This is followed by detailed analysis of patent documents that make reference to Kenya and data based on species that are limited to distribution in Kenya.

Section 3 provides a set of short summaries for species that are a focus of patent activity. This information will also be made available online for further research through the Access and Benefit Sharing Patent Index (ABSPAT).<sup>1</sup>

The report was prepared using large scale text mining of patent data for species names and country names. This data was then combined with taxonomic information from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility. Additional patent research was conducted using the commercial Thomson Innovation database and processed using a variety of software tools.

Patents are an important indicator of investments in research and development directed to the development of commercial products. The aim of the report is to identify potential opportunities for economic development in support of conservation by identifying existing research and development involving species from Kenya. The research did not investigate the terms and conditions under which patent applicants obtained the genetic resources and traditional knowledge disclosed in the patent document. Therefore the report does not consider the problem of biopiracy or misappropriation of genetic resources and traditional knowledge.

The research was limited to searches of patent data from the United States, the European Patent Office and the international Patent Cooperation Treaty in the period 1976-2010. As such, the research is limited to the major patent offices for this period. We do not consider patent activity prior to 1976 or after 2010 except through patent family information and citation data. As such the report provides a baseline for patent activity involving species from Kenya as a basis for further research.

Our research focused primarily on documents that make reference to Kenya and to cases where existing distribution data suggests Kenya is a likely source for the species. This imposes two limitations on the research. First, we focus on identifying species that are a focus of existing research and development. However, the report does not seek to provide the complete global patent landscape for an individual species. Second, because we focused on identifying species from a country we did not search patent data for references to regions (i.e. Africa) or sub-regions (i.e. Southern Africa) in the patent data. To address this issue we deliberately highlight cases where a species is distributed in more than one African country.

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<sup>1</sup> ABSPAT is available at <http://www.abspat.net>

This report is one in a series of reports on patent activity for species from African countries. The following observations are based on the research for the six African country reports to date and form the main recommendations arising from the research.

### **Taxonomic Research:**

1. There is a need to improve the availability of taxonomic information for each country. In the absence of taxonomic information it is not possible to identify genetic resources that are relevant to a particular country in patent data and any relevant opportunities for economic development. African countries could consider giving greater priority to taxonomic research and making taxonomic information available through GBIF;
2. Georeferencing of the coordinates for the locations of species is an important standard in modern biodiversity research. Georeference data can be used to identify where species have been recorded in a country and also where biodiversity research has been concentrated. In our view georeferencing is an underutilized tool for identifying where species are located as a basis for engaging with indigenous and local communities to consider potential development opportunities. We recommend greater attention to georeferencing and its use for engagement with relevant indigenous and local communities;
3. Taxonomic research does not attract investment because it appears to be remote from economic considerations. In practice taxonomic information is vital to identifying opportunities for development that is supportive of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Nagoya Protocol.
4. Taxonomic information is also important for the capacity of countries to monitor compliance with the Nagoya Protocol by improving baseline data on the species within a country. Advancing knowledge and understanding of biodiversity and the traditional knowledge of indigenous and local communities has an important role to play in long term monitoring under the Nagoya Protocol.

### **The Patent System:**

1. Patent documents are frequently unclear on the precise origin or source of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge. In addition very limited information is available on the terms and conditions of acquisition of genetic resources and traditional knowledge. This could be improved through enhanced disclosure of origin measures as advanced by the African Group and discussed in greater detail elsewhere;<sup>2</sup>
2. Species are commonly distributed in more than one country. It is important that African countries include requirements in access and benefit sharing agreements to clearly specify the source of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge in any patent applications that may arise under the terms of an agreement. When combined with the enhanced disclosure measures noted above this would greatly improve capacity to monitor patent activity under the terms of the Nagoya Protocol;
3. One of the major issues that emerged in the research is the problem of *essential incorporation* of species into patent claims. Patent applicants frequently list very large numbers of species, or make reference to genera and families, with the purpose of incorporating all members of a genus or family into the scope of the patent claims. Typically these applications did not involve collection or use of many of the species that are listed. The aim of essential incorporation is to prevent others from using compounds, extracts or ingredients from these species in similar inventions or products. Where granted these patents are likely to have negative consequences for researchers

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<sup>2</sup> Oldham, P & Burton G (2010) *Defusing Disclosure in Patent Applications*. UNEP/CBD/COP/10/INF/44

and producers in African countries seeking to develop and export similar products from these species. In our view, patent claims for components of organisms should be limited to the species from which the compound or extract was isolated by the applicants and not extend to members of the genus or entire families. Furthermore, in our view essential incorporation is anticompetitive and action should be considered to stop or severely restrict this practice.

4. In some cases patent activity may involve species that are vulnerable, endangered or CITES listed. In considering the possibilities for economic development identified in patent data it is also important to identify and assess the conservation status of the species concerned in order to support the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Patents have frequently been viewed with suspicion within the biodiversity policy community as examples of the inequitable exploitation of resources from biodiversity rich developing countries. Our research demonstrates that patent data can also be turned to positive purposes to identify potential opportunities for economic development in Africa. We hope that this information will prove to be useful to African countries.

# Kenya

**Area:**

580,367 sq. km

**Coastline:**

536km

**Climate:**

Varies from tropical along coast to arid in interior

**Geography:**

Low plains rise to central highlands bisected by Great Rift Valley; fertile plateau in west. Kenya has a coastline on the Indian Ocean which contains mangrove swamps. Inland are broad plains and numerous hills. Central and Western Kenya is characterised by the Kenyan Rift Valley home to two of Africa's highest mountains. The Kakamega Forest in western Kenya is relic of an East African rainforest. Much larger is Mau Forest, the largest forest complex in East Africa.

**Biodiversity in Kenya and Patent Activity:**

Data for biological diversity was obtained from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF). GBIF is an international government-initiated resource that provides open access to the most comprehensive quantitative data on species across time and space presently available. All data is submitted by participating collections who share biodiversity information.

Using this resource we have obtained biodiversity records for species which occur in Kenya. It should be noted that the usefulness of this data in determining the actual distribution of a given species is conditioned by the comprehensiveness of the data submitted by GBIF participants. Therefore we would stress that the absence of records should not be interpreted as indicating an absence of a given species, and similarly that a recorded species that only appears from one country should not be regarded as evidence of endemism. All reasonable efforts in identifying endemic species were made from alternative sources during the compilation of this report.

GBIF presently records 16,594 species for Kenya consisting of 14,681 accepted scientific species names and the remainder made up of synonyms, homonyms or species names that are not presently scientifically accepted. In addition, GBIF contains 149,900 georeferenced coordinates for species from Kenya. Accurate georeferencing of species collection records is an important standard in biodiversity related research.

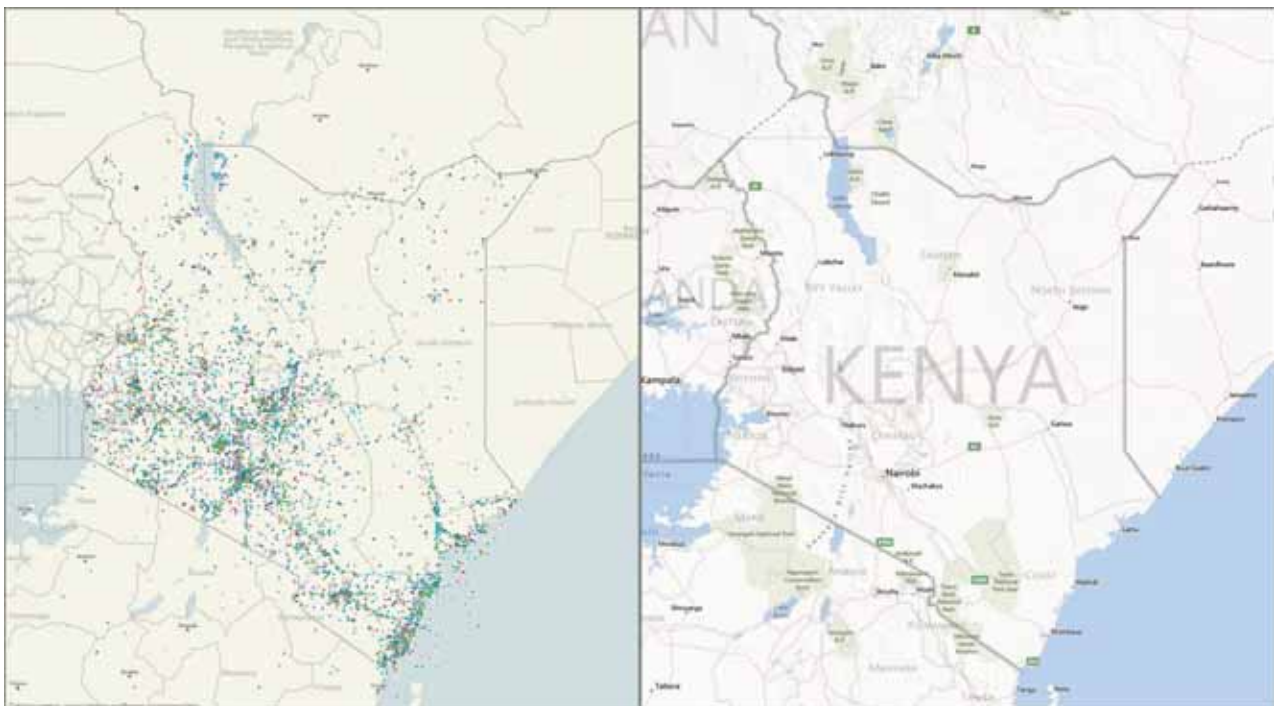
We identified a total of 180,931 patent documents containing species known to be distributed in Kenya. Of these 927 made some form of reference to Kenya. These documents were manually reviewed in MaxQDA software to identify documents specifying a source or origin in Kenya.

The 927 documents that made a specific reference to Kenya contained 3,134 species. This is important because a patent document that contains a species name typically includes multiple species names. These documents were manually reviewed in MaxQDA data analysis software and through this process we were able to identify species where it was definitively stated that they had been collected, sampled or otherwise obtained from Kenya. We call the resulting data "Origin" in this report.

In addition, using GBIF distribution data we identified 41 species where GBIF presently records distribution only in Kenya. These species appeared in 324 patent documents where Kenya was not explicitly mentioned. The idea behind this was to identify cases where a species (based on available distribution data) was likely to have come from Kenya and thus be regarded as a species of likely or potential significance for Kenya. Because taxonomic data is incomplete we would emphasise that this data simply provides a clue, rather than proof, that a species may have originated from Kenya. For the sake of simplicity we call this data 'Distribution'. These documents were then selected for manual review in MAXQDA software.

## Biodiversity and Distribution

Much of the data submitted to GBIF includes geographical coordinates indicating where the recorded species was located. A total of 149,900 coordinates were available for Kenya. Using this data we are able to show the physical distribution across Kenya of all GBIF recorded species. Plate 1 shows two maps: The left map shows plotted points, each indicating a GBIF record. The points are coloured to indicate the Kingdom to which the species belongs. It should be noted that this geographical information is raw data as submitted to GBIF by participating recorders. It has not been cleaned to remove any human errors when inputting to the GBIF database (an example of such an error might be where a longitudinal coordinate has been recorded as a + rather than a -). The map to the right shows major settlements and roads, it also includes the location of some protected areas such as national parks and nature reserves - places expected to be of significance for biodiversity. A larger version of the distribution map can be found in the appendix of this country report.



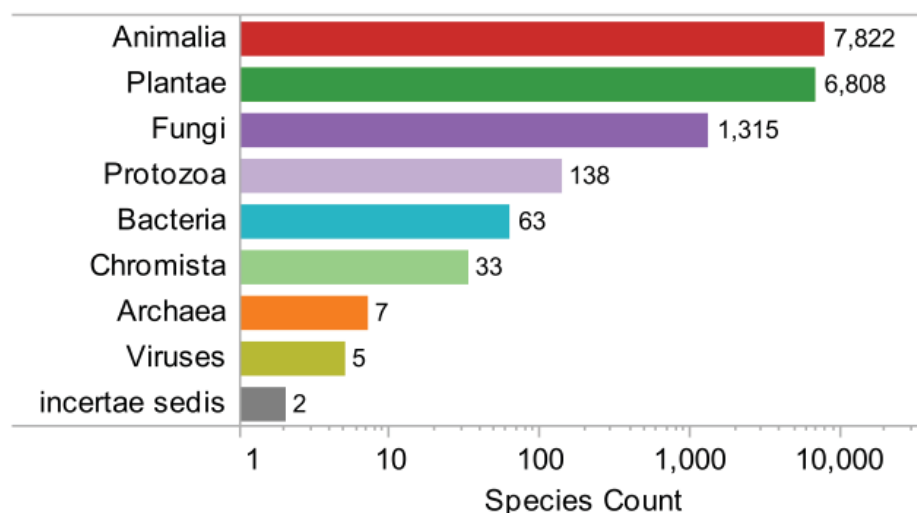
*Plate 1: Distribution of GBIF records from Kenya (left) and major settlements and roads (right) (map courtesy of Bing Maps). Each colour point represents a species record coloured by kingdom.*

It is very interesting to compare the two maps. The distribution map shows that records are not uniformly dispersed across the country. The majority of records come from the



southern half of the country, in particular the highlands of the south west and Rift Valley region and also along the coast in the area of Mombasa. To the north east, in the lowlands, the records appear scarce and widespread. The south west is the area of densest human occupation. Another feature of these mapped distribution records are the strings of data points which cross the country. When compared with the right-hand map it can be seen that the strings of data points closely follow the routes of major roads. This pattern of records suggest that extensive recording has been carried out in the south west but that the eastern part of the country has further potential for recording to build an accurate picture of the biodiversity in that region. Other hotspots for density of records are seen in and around some of the country's protected areas. These include The Masai Mara and the Tsavo National Parks close to the Tanzanian border in the South and the Sibiloi National Park and Marsabit National Reserve in the North. Along the coast there are many marine records which indicate both human activity and diverse habitats such as mangroves and reefs. We would note that georeferencing of species data has an important role to play in facilitating the identification of where species are located in a country. While caution is required in the case of endangered species we would emphasise the wider importance of promoting georeferencing in enhancing knowledge and understanding of biodiversity in Kenya.

GBIF presently records 16,594 species known to be present in Kenya. This list is dominated by plants and animals which account for over 14,500 species as can be seen in Table 1. Other kingdoms are well represented, and this, perhaps, illustrates a fairly high level of recording and collection.



*Table 1: Showing the number of species in Kenya by kingdom using GBIF data.*

Using global data it is possible to examine the wider distribution of Kenyan species. Plate 2 shows where records exist across the globe for such species. Species that are found in two or more countries are referred to as 'cosmopolitan'. Each pie represents the number of species that are found in Kenya in a particular kingdom. It can be seen that a substantial number of species have a very wide regional distribution throughout sub-Saharan Africa and notably in those countries adjacent to Kenya with shared biomes. A smaller number have global distributions (it should be noted that some of these records may originate from research institutions or collections and therefore do not represent native or naturalised distribution).



*Plate 2: Global distribution of Kenyan species shown by Kingdom and the number of species recorded in GBIF.*



## Biodiversity in Kenya in the Patent System

As of 2013 a total of 3,300 patent documents in the main patent jurisdictions (European Patent Office, the United States, and the Patent Cooperation Treaty) specifically mention Kenya. This provides a general overview of references to Kenya in the patent system across all areas of invention. Only a proportion of these documents will also refer to species collected in, or sourced from, Kenya. In addition, patent applicants will make reference to species that originate from Kenya but will not mention Kenya as the source of genetic resources or traditional knowledge.

Our aim in this section is to provide a brief overview of patent activity for genetic resources of relevance to Kenya. We focus on patent activity in the main patent jurisdictions in the period between 1976 and 2010. We then examine the results of research to identify genetic resources and traditional knowledge that originate from Kenya. In approaching patent activity for genetic resources from Kenya we focus on three categories of data.

1. Species that are known to be distributed in Kenya but are also distributed elsewhere in the world. This provides an overview of global patent activity for genetic resources of relevance to Kenya.
2. Species where a direct reference is made to the collection or origin of a species from Kenya. This data is based on a review of patents that make reference to a species known to be distributed in the country and the country name.
3. Species where available distribution data suggests that a sample is likely to have originated from Kenya. This data is known as Distribution data and refers to cases where GBIF presently only records a species as occurring in Kenya and no other country. Because taxonomic information is incomplete this data provides a clue rather than proof that a species originated from Kenya.

We begin our analysis with an overview of biodiversity that is known to occur in Kenya in the patent system and then turn to data on species originating from Kenya.

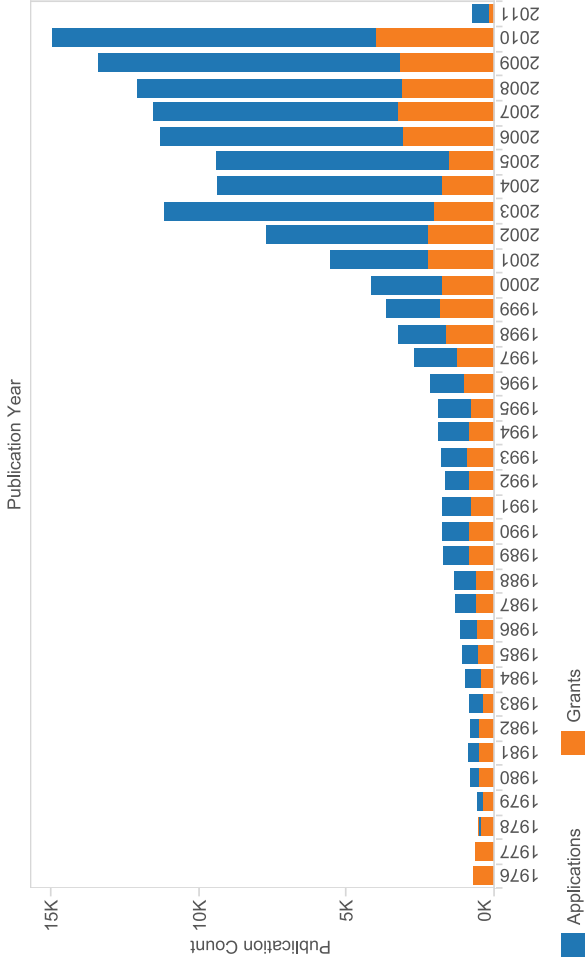
Kenya shares a significant proportion of its known biodiversity with other countries in Africa and around the world. Plate 3 provides an overview of patent activity for species that are known to occur in Kenya and other countries around the world. This overview provides information on trends in applications and grants, the top species appearing in patents that are known to occur in Kenya, top applicants or assignees and technology areas.

In total we identified approximately 3,134 species names in patent data from the major jurisdictions that are known to occur in Kenya. When model organisms including crops such as *Zea mays* (maize) and *Homo sapiens* are excluded this falls to 3,080 species names and 2,217 accepted scientific names.<sup>1</sup> This data is relevant for Kenya because it demonstrates that researchers and companies are conducting research and development on species that are known to occur in Kenya. As Plate 3 makes clear research and development is taking place across a range of technology sectors and is targeted to a variety of markets.

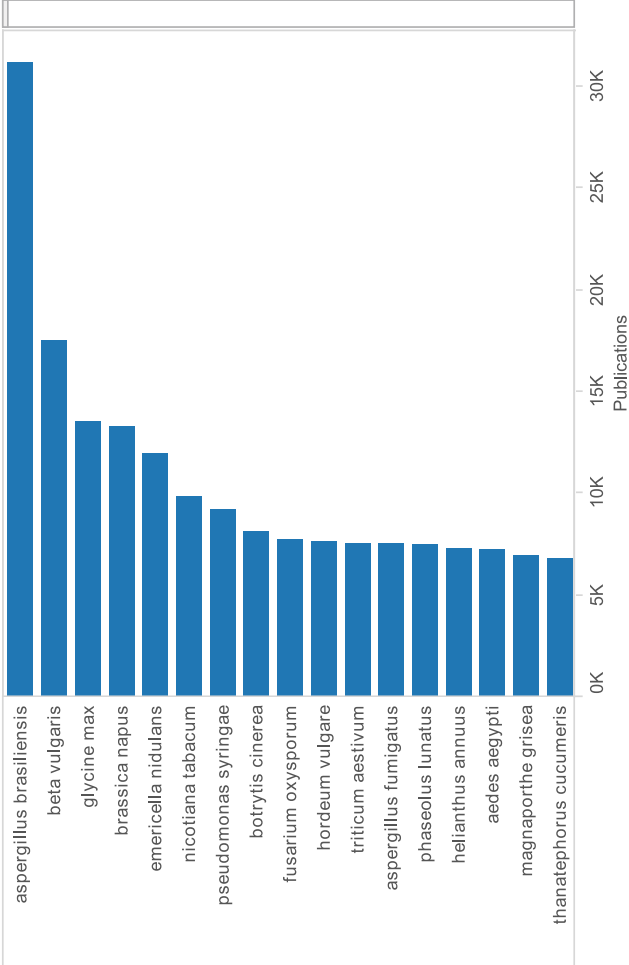
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<sup>1</sup> The 3,080 figure excludes common model organisms such as *E. coli*, *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Bacillus subtilis* and *Zea mays* (maize) that are globally distributed and are used as research tools in biotechnology. These species appear prominently in patent data for all almost countries and are therefore excluded.

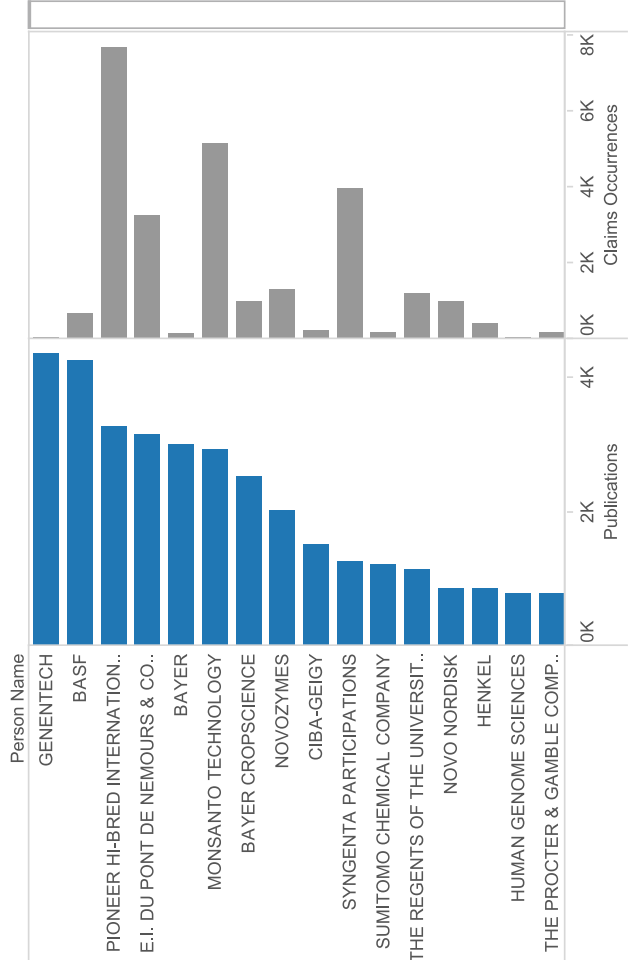
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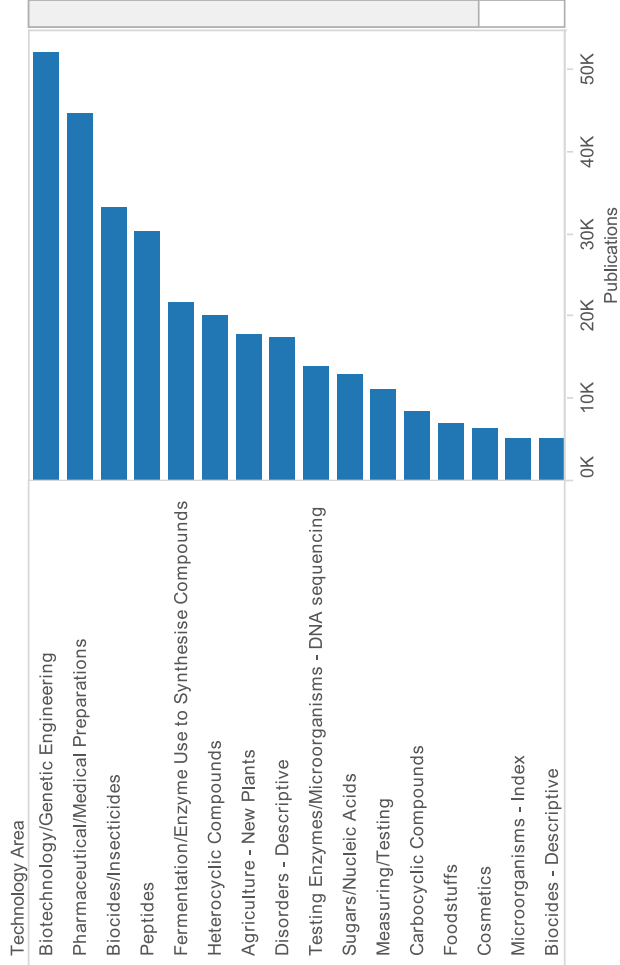
Global Species



Assignees



Global Technology Areas



The top species of relevance to Kenya in global patent data include species used in biotechnology such as *Aspergillus brasiliensis* (formerly *Aspergillus niger*) and *Emericella nidulans* (*Aspergillus nidulans*). In total we identified 1,147 plant names in global data of relevance to Kenya with crops represented by species and varieties of beet (*Beta vulgaris*), soya (*Glycine max*), oilseed rape (*Brassica napus*) and tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum*). Patent data for plants of relevance to Kenya includes frequent references to tea (*Camellia sinensis*) and coffee (*Coffea*) (not shown). Other species include the plant pathogen *Pseudomonas syringae* and strains of *Fusarium oxysporum* and rice blast fungus (*Magnaporthe griseus*). Insects are represented by *Aedes aegypti* (a mosquito vector for Yellow fever, dengue and chickungunya) along with species of tsetse fly (*Glossina*) which serve as vectors for sleeping sickness in humans and nagana in animals.

The assignees in the overall data for species of relevance to Kenya range across a spectrum from biotechnology (i.e. Genentech), companies such as BASF and Bayer in areas such as biocides/insecticides, agriculture (i.e. Du Pont) and personal and household products such as Proctor and Gamble. More detailed analysis of technology areas revealed pharmaceutical companies such as Mondobiotech which specialises in rare and neglected diseases such as amoebiasis, TB and leishmaniasis while the US Army is conducting research and development for leishmaniasis and plasmodium (malaria). As this makes clear there are a wide range of general and specialised technology areas and markets of relevance to biodiversity from Kenya. To gain a more focused view of activity we now turn to the results of research to identify organisms appearing in patents that were directly collected in Kenya or where distribution data suggests that Kenya is the likely source.

### **Species from Kenya in Patent Data:**

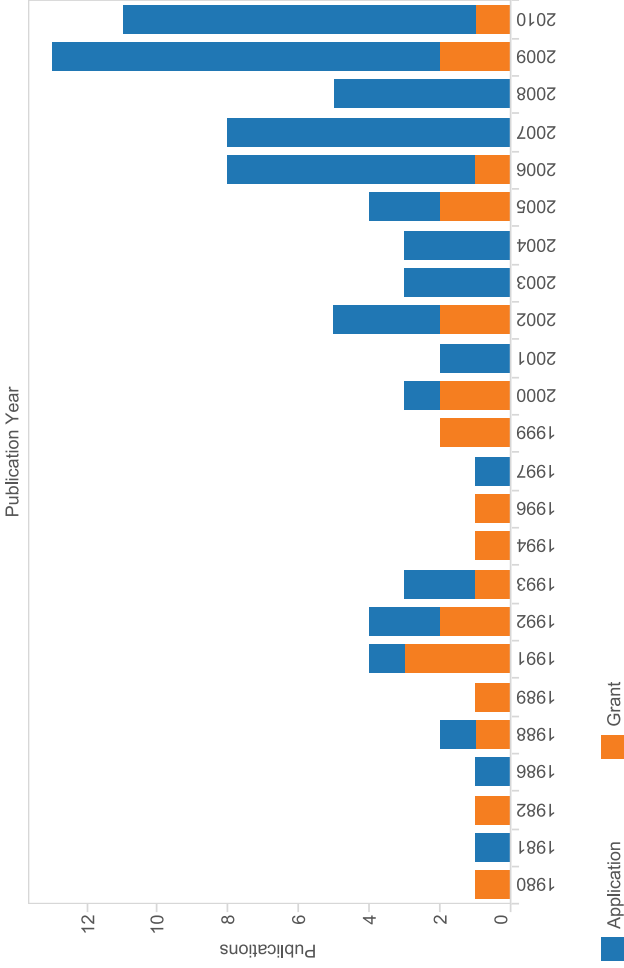
In total we identified 29 species of organisms that were directly sourced from, or potentially originate from, Kenya based on distribution data. An additional 14 species were retained as being of relevance to Kenya for a variety of reasons but are excluded from the statistics. Plate 4 displays the top species for Kenya from the 30 selected species based on a manual review of patent documents. In the next section a summary is provided for each species. Species of relevance to Kenya for other reasons appear at the end of the summary under Other species. This data will also be made available online to allow for further exploration of each case.

Plate 4 reveals that based on detailed analysis of patent documents, certain species move to the fore in the data compared with the overview provided in Plate 3. The top species is *Actinomadura kijaniata* a filamentous bacteria discovered in around 1981 in "African soil" that has been a focus of research and development in the pharmaceutical sector for anti-fungal antibiotics by Bristol Myers Squibb (i.e. US4870165A) and Schering Corp for Kijanimicin (EP33840A2). *Natrialba magadii* (also known as *Natrobacterium magadii*) is an archaeon that was originally isolated from the saline soda lake, Lake Magadi, after which it is named, in 1984 and appears in pharmaceutical and other patent applications. These include Archaeosomes for use as adjuvants in vaccines (WO2001026683A2) and the creation of stable liposomes from lipid extracts for use as adjuvants and carriers (WO1993008202A1). The emphasis placed on the use of this organism for an adjuvant is a useful reminder that patent activity in pharmaceuticals is not limited to compounds with activity but extends to carriers that enhance the effect of treatments (i.e. vaccine adjuvants).

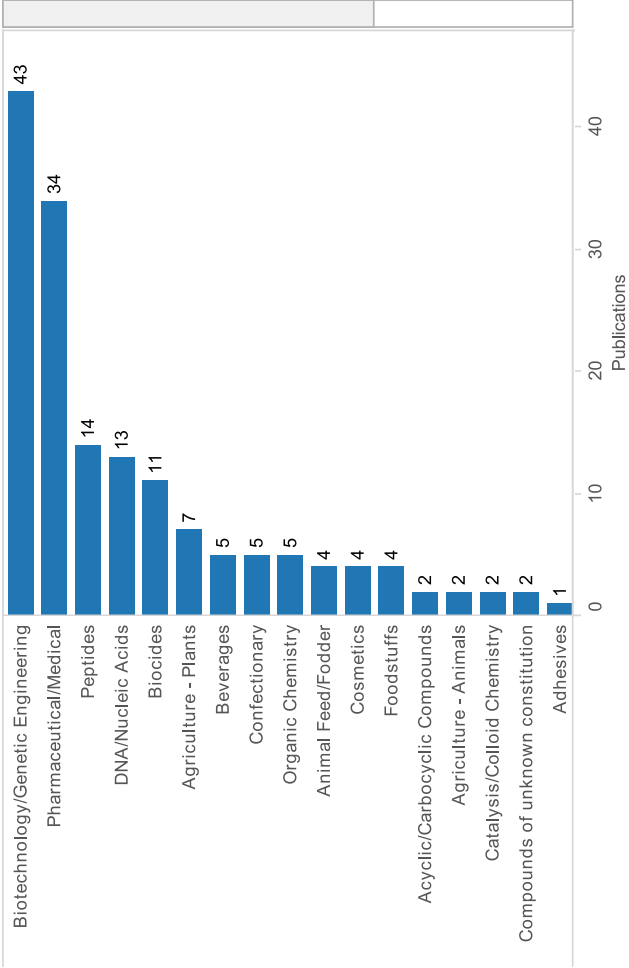
Species

Species	Kingdom	Data Type	Distribution Type	
Natrialba magadii	Archaea	Distribution	Endemic	14
Actinomadura kijaniata	Bacteria	Origin & Distri..	Uncertain	13
Ganoderma simulans	Fungi	Distribution	Cosmopolitan	6
Acokanthera ouabalo	Plantae	Distribution	Cosmopolitan	5
Camellia sinensis	Plantae	Origin	Cosmopolitan	4
Impatiens uguenensis	Plantae	Distribution	Cosmopolitan	4
Natronococcus occultus	Archaea	Distribution	Endemic	4
Senecio keniodendron	Plantae	Distribution	Endemic	4
Aloe nyeriensis	Plantae	Distribution	Endemic	3
Moringa arborea	Plantae	Distribution	Endemic	3
Oreochromis spilurus	Animalia	Distribution	Cosmopolitan	3
Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium	Plantae	Origin	Cosmopolitan	2
Gerbera aberdarica	Plantae	Distribution	Cosmopolitan	2
Monadenium rhizophorum	Plantae	Distribution	Endemic	2
Sesbania punctata	Plantae	Distribution	Cosmopolitan	2
Streptosporangium carneum	Fungi	Origin	Endemic	2
Anaerobranca bogoriae	Bacteria	Distribution	Endemic	1
Ascotricha amphitrica	Fungi	Origin	Cosmopolitan	1
Bacillus pumilus	Bacteria	Origin	Uncertain	1
Bacillus thuringiensis	Bacteria	Origin	Cosmopolitan	1
Euprosthenoops sp	Animalia	Origin	Cosmopolitan	1
Halorubrum vacuolatum	Archaea	Distribution	Cosmopolitan	1
Moringa stenopetala	Plantae	Origin	Endemic	1
Phaeoramularia angolensis	Fungi	Distribution	Cosmopolitan	1
Pochonia chlamydosporia	Fungi	Origin	Cosmopolitan	1
Sesamum indicum	Plantae	Origin	Cosmopolitan	1
Trypanosoma brucei	Protista	Origin	Cosmopolitan	1
Vernonia galamensis	Plantae	Origin	Cosmopolitan	1
Zanthoxylum gillettii	Plantae	Origin	Cosmopolitan	1
Zebu cattle (Bos Taurus)	Animalia	Origin	Cosmopolitan	1

Trends



Technology Areas



Members of the genus *Glossina* (such as *Glossina fuscipes* and *Glossina brevipalpis*) appear prominently in distribution data for Kenya but are excluded from the data in Plate 4. Members of *Glossina* are typically tsetse flies and patent activity generally refers to biocides/insecticides that could potentially be applied to controlling tsetse flies. However, these species are not the direct focus of the invention and could distort the data. Another example is *Glossina brevipalpis* which is a vector for sleeping sickness (caused by *Trypanosoma brucei*). These examples serve as a reminder that research and development in patents may be relevant to neglected diseases. In addition a species may also be a host to other useful species. In the case of *Glossina brevipalpis* patent applicants make reference to an endosymbiont organism *Wigglesworthia glossinidia* as a potential rather than actual source of Phosphate acetyltransferase (PTA) involved in a method for a recombinant microorganism to produce biofuels (WO2008098227A2). In the case of *Phlebotomus duboscqi*, a sand fly vector for leishmaniasis, patents may refer to biocides/insecticides that could be applied to this species. However, in other cases activity may refer to the isolation of genetic properties, such as a salivary gland polypeptide combined with an antigen, that can be used to prime an immune response in humans (WO2010021940A1). We include these examples in the category of other species of interest because they provide an insight into the range of possibilities for research and development that involve organisms responsible for major health problems in Kenya and other African countries.

A number of fungi are mentioned in the list. References to *Ganoderma simulans* focus on the use of a range of fungal species as a source of fish feed from fermenting fungi (i.e. WO2006119774A1), while in other cases they refer to possible medical uses of *Ganoderma* species (WO2006133707A2).

In the realm of plants, *Acokanthera ouabaio* (*Acokanthera schimperi*) is a focus of activity for pharmaceutical and medical development for conditions such as psoriasis (WO2010036973A1) and has historically been used as an arrow poison in a number of African countries. Kenyan tea (*Camellia sinensis*) appears regularly in patent documents both as a focus of experiments for new products and for new processes and methods of producing tea products. *Moringa stenopetala* (*Moringa oleifera*) is a tree that is commonly used as a food and companion plant in Kenya that appears in a patent application for extracts with anti-fungal activities (US20070264366A1). Other plants of Kenyan origin include *Vernonia galamensis* (also known as *V. pauciflora*) as a source of Vernonia oil (US20070202207A1). Of particular potential significance in tackling HIV is a traditional medicine from *Zanthoxylum gillettii* which a patent applicant reports was used in a local clinical study on 20 HIV patients in Kenya (WO2004062679A1). Finally, the presence of *Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium* reflects the importance of Chrysanthemum as a source of the natural insecticide pyrethrum. Patents in this area typically refer to Kenya as source of commercial natural pyrethrum through the Pyrethrum Board of Kenya.<sup>2</sup> The Pyrethrum Board was established in 1934. The website for the Pyrethrum Board estimates that up to 200,000 families in Kenya are engaged in cultivation and that cultivation does not require chemical inputs.

Other species of interest of direct origin from Kenya reveal the diversity of organisms that may become a focus of research and development. *Anaerobranca bogoriae* is a thermophilic bacteria named after Lake Borogi which appears in a patent application for

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.kenya-pyrethrum.com/> . Recent press coverage in Kenya in 2013 has highlighted issues with management of the Board.

preventing retrodegradation of starch (WO2003002728A2). *Euprosthénops* sp is a genus of spider that appears in a patent application by the University of York in the UK which states that: “Adult *Euprosthénops* spiders were captured in Kenya and maintained under laboratory conditions in clear Perspex boxes.” The spiders then became the focus of research and development to identify a polypeptide involved in the formation of spider silk (WO2004016651A2). Finally, in the case of animals, the milk of Zebu cattle (*Bos taurus*) has been a focus of research and development using comparative analysis of different milk types to identify a milk product that is free of Beta casein A that can stimulate an immune response and minimise or reduce the onset of disease (US20020007497A1).

Full details of the species identified in the research are provided in the final section of this report. In considering this data we would note that while species endemic to Kenya merit close attention, cosmopolitan species such as members of the genus *Moringa*, *Vernonia* and *Zanthoxylum*, that are native to several African countries, may hold significant potential for collaboration in economic development and conservation.

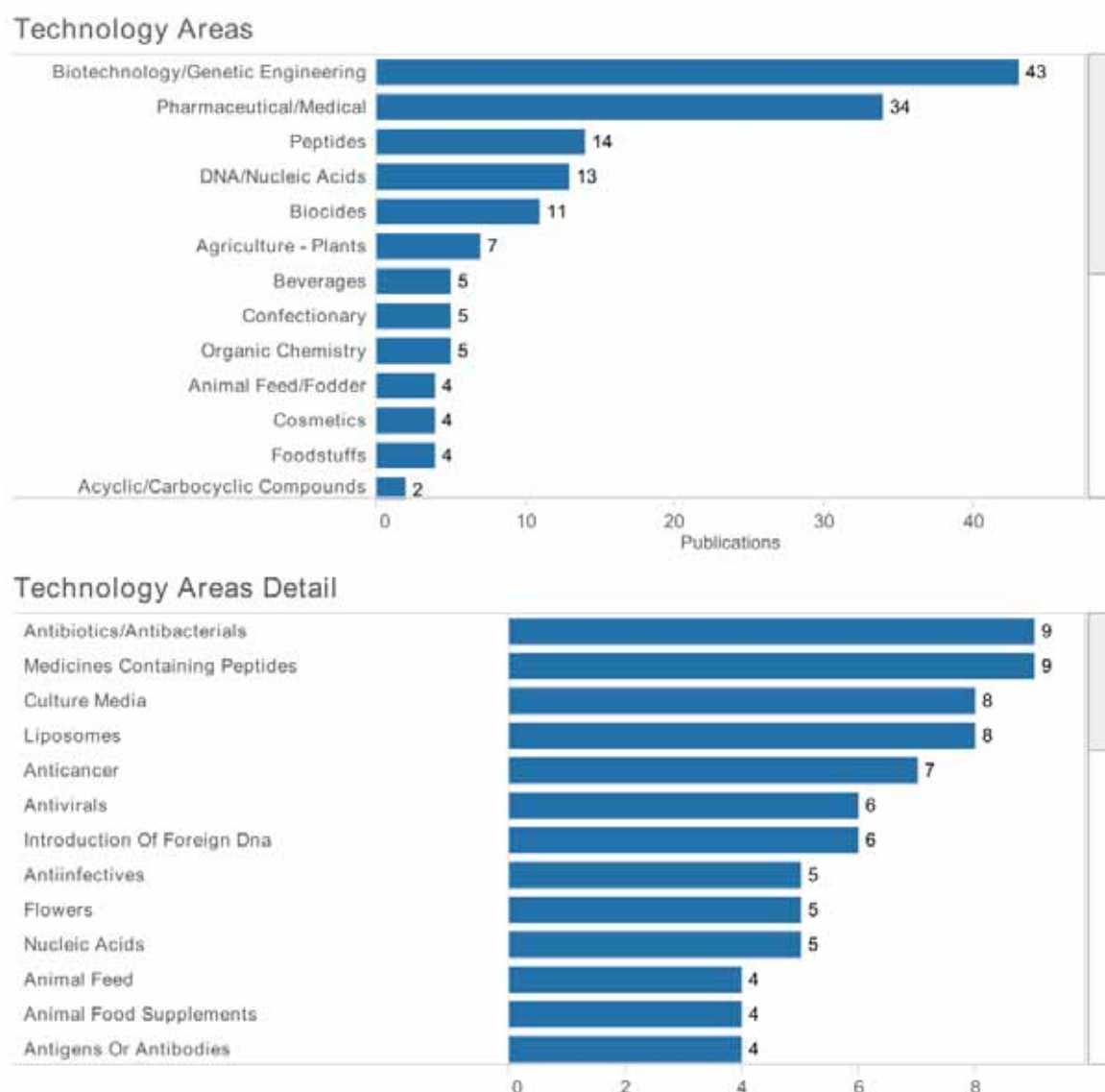
Kenya has a rich portfolio of species that appear in patents. It is important to emphasise that species may be involved in research and development in different areas of science and technology and may serve different markets. In some cases a species may be the target of a particular invention. In other cases a patent may suggest potential uses of a particular organism while in others, the species will be the direct focus of the claimed invention. We now turn to more detailed analysis of the technology areas involving species relevant to Kenya.



## Technology Areas:

Table 2 provides a brief summary of the technology areas involved in patent activity for Kenya and is followed by a more detailed breakout of activity.

Table 2: Technology Areas



The general overview of technology areas provided in Plate 3 emphasised biotechnology and pharmaceuticals. The narrower dataset that focuses on species from, or likely to originate from, Kenya repeats this pattern.

Patent activity for pharmaceutical preparations involves species such as the cosmopolitan *Acokanthera ouabaio* (*Acokanthera schimperi*) which has traditionally had a range of uses including as an arrow poison. Other relevant species include *Natrialba magadii* (*Naatronobacterium magadii*) and *Actinomadura kijaniata* discussed above and *Senecio keniodendron*, a plant found in the valleys and along the ridges of Mount Kenya, which is

mentioned as a potential source of superoxide dismutase for use in cosmetic, pharmaceutical and food compositions. The latter example provides a clue to potential use rather than an actual claimed use of the species (i.e. US7037697B2). The use of species as sources of enzymes for detergents is represented by *Spirochaeta africana*, a cosmopolitan bacteria found in alkali lakes. *Natrialba magadii*/*Natronbacterium magadii* also fall into the realm of adhesives for a patent application for a molecular glue from a protein from the flagella of archaea. Finally, *Bacillus pumilis*, a bacteria isolated from an alkaline soda lake in Kenya, appears in patent activity for alkali tolerant xylanases (enzymes) for use in the pulp and paper industry (not shown). A breakout of technology areas for a sample of species is provided in Table 3.

Table 3: Species and Technology Areas

### Species Technology Areas

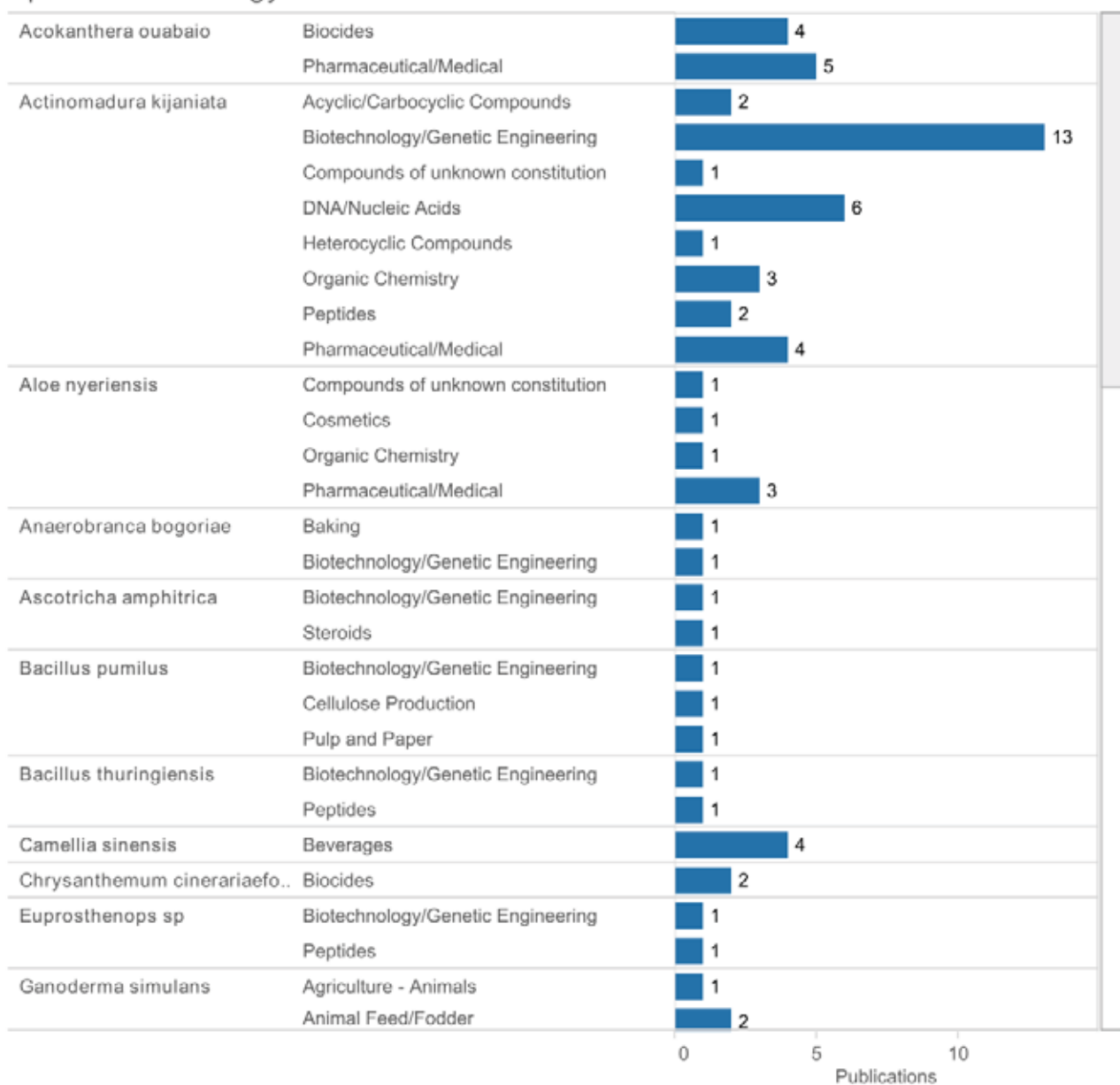


Table 3 usefully reveals the range of potential applications and technology areas where a species and its components may be deployed. As such a species may be a focus of activity for a range of different products and markets. However, in the case of threatened species there will be a need for careful stewardship and conservation of target species.

### **Patent Claims:**

Additional insights can be provided by examining the types of claims that are being made in relation to the species. A patent application may contain multiple claims but is required to contain only one invention. The first claim sets out the major focus of the claimed invention and frames all other claims.

Patents are awarded for three main classes of invention:

- a) Compositions of matter;
- b) Methods or processes;
- c) Machines;

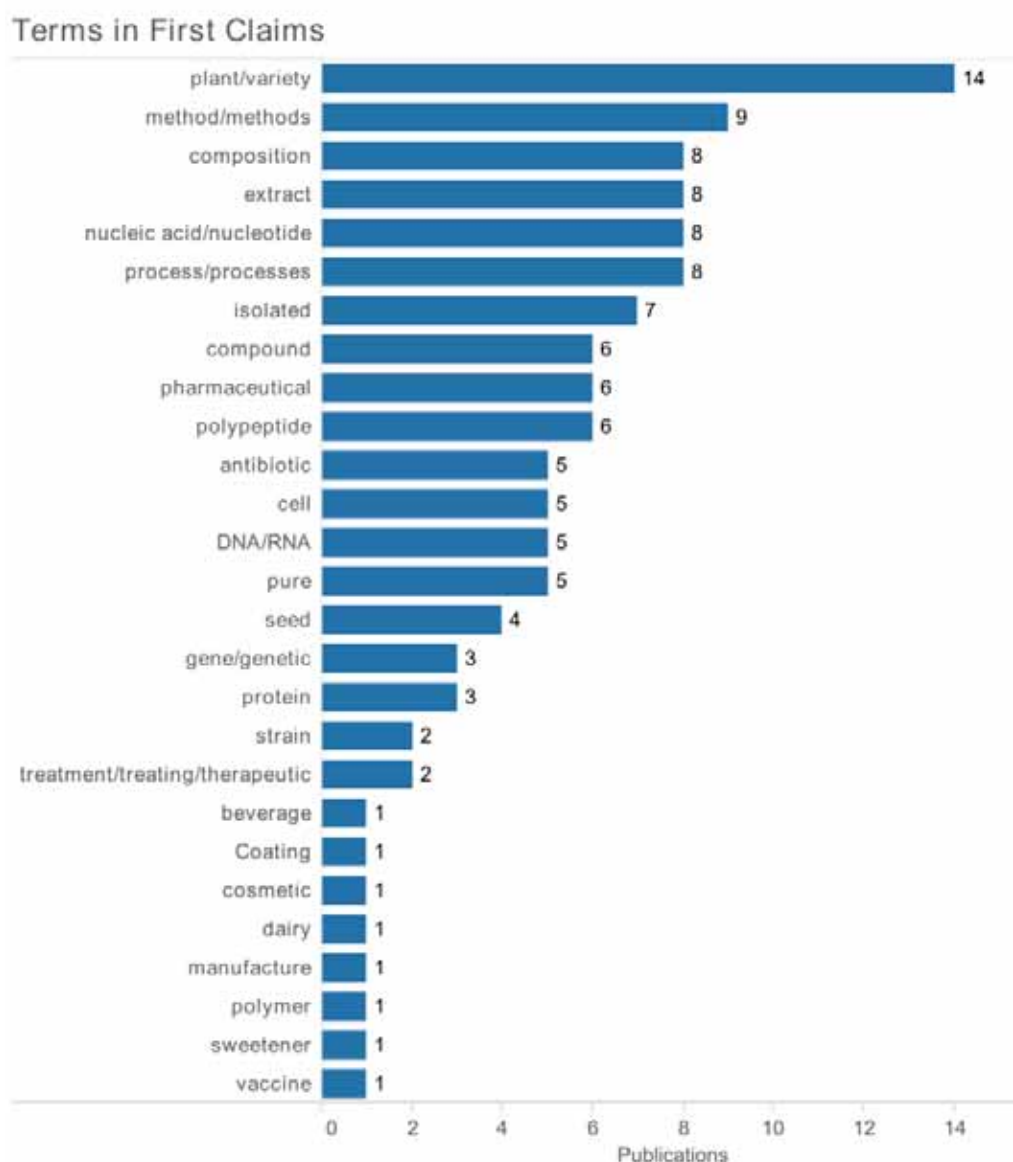
In some jurisdictions claims may be permitted for new plant varieties either under standard patent legislation or under specific legislation (i.e. US Plant Patents).

Table 4 displays a summary of the top terms appearing in patent claims relating to genetic resources for Kenya.

Table 4 reveals that the top category of patent claims reference plants or plant varieties. These can encompass a variety of claimed inventions. For example, a nutraceutical composition from components of *Moringa* plants claims “A method of making a nutraceutical composition from components of the Moringa plant species comprising: processing portions of a Moringa plant; processing at least a portion of the seeds from the fruit of a Moringa plant; processing at least a portion of the fruit from the Moringa; and combining at least two of the said portions with at least one fruit or vegetable component to form a mixture” (US20060222682A1). In contrast, the Pan America Seed Company claims a “Bicolor impatiens” as “An Impatiens walleriana plant that has flowers comprising bicolor petals, wherein each petal exhibits the stardust trait, which is a color pattern characterized by (a) a white central area, (b) a pigmented petal border, and (c) a transition zone located between said central area and said pigment border, wherein said transition zone comprises graded pigment stippling, and said stardust trait is controlled by a single recessive gene” (US5986188A). As this makes clear claims to plants and plant varieties may take a variety of forms.

The second category of patent claims is for methods, such as methods of producing a plant, a compound or other desired outcome. Method claims are frequently more restrictive in their coverage of genetic resources because the genetic component is only claimed in so far that it is relevant to performing the method. That is, it is the method that is the focus of the invention. Therefore it is the method, and the use of the claimed genetic or biological component in performing that method, that is the subject matter of protection.

Table 4: Terms Appearing in the First Claims of Patent Documents



The third major formal category of patent claim is for compositions of matter (compositions). Compositions are commonly extracts, compounds or combinations of ingredients (i.e. in pharmaceuticals or cosmetics and herbal medicines). Patent claims for compositions typically include a list of the compounds or ingredients that are the subject matter for protection. These claims are frequently broadly constructed such that the use of compounds from the species, the genus, and in some cases the family, are incorporated into the scope of the claims. While composition of matter claims may be constructed in various ways, broad claims may well impinge upon the ability of producers from a country to export products containing the claimed components into markets where a patent is in force.

An example of this type of issue is provided by a Patent Cooperation Treaty application submitted by an individual inventor relating to the cosmopolitan species *Zanthoxylum gillettii* for treating AIDs. The first claim of this application reads as follows:

1. "Use of a composition comprising:-an extract of a plant from the *Zanthoxylum* genus or, - at least one active substance contained in said extract, for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of at least one disease selected in the group consisting of viral diseases and opportunistic pathologies related to a viral disease." (WO2004062679A1)

This type of claim, where granted, is likely to prove to be a problem because it refers to the use of an extract, or active substance thereof, of *any* member of the genus *Zanthoxylum* to manufacture a treatment or preventative preparation for a selection of diseases. As of 2010 this application does not appear to be proceeding. However, it illustrates the type of problem that can emerge in broadly constructed composition of matter claims. We discuss this further below in connection with the problem of essential incorporation of species into patent claims.

Patent activity that involves claims to a process or processes are similar to methods claims. Typically, these claims focus on the process for producing or manufacturing a desired product (such as a chemical, a cosmetic or a beverage). It is the process itself that is the focus of the invention. For example, in connection with tea, the Unilever Group claims "A process comprising the steps of: (i) harvesting a source of tea plant material comprising stem and leaf material;(ii) physically separating the stem material from the leaf material to provide a tea plant source rich in stem;(iii) treating the stem source with at least one conventional tea processing unit operation selected from withering, maceration, grinding, fermentation and firing" (US20080107774A1). However, patent claims for processes are typically constructed so that a component or product created using the process is included in the scope of protection. For example, the Unilever Group application ends with the following claim "A black tea according to claim 14, which comprises essentially 100% stem material." The same component or product created using a different process would not logically fall within the scope of this type of patent.

Finally, one feature of patent activity involving species that originate from, or are distributed in, Kenya is the appearance of species names in long lists of species, genera, or families, of organisms rather than evidence of the direct collection of an organism or sample in Kenya. This is characteristic of many patent applications involving species from African countries but is unlikely to be particular to Africa. The purpose of these references can be described as incorporation of the referenced species, genus or family into the scope of the patent claims. That is, as in the case of *Zanthoxylum gillettii* mentioned above, any use of a specified compound or extract from the organism, genus or family is presented as falling within the scope of the claims. As we have suggested above, incorporation can provide useful clues on the potential properties and uses of organisms. The purpose of incorporation, from a patent lawyers perspective, is likely to be defensive. However, it is important to recognise the uncertainties and restrictions that essential incorporation of species, genera and families of organisms into patent claims may impose on producers from countries of origin in accessing markets.

As this brief discussion of patent claims suggests it is important to pay close attention to both the type and the content of patent claims. In addition, it is important to establish whether a patent has been granted, the jurisdictions where a patent has been granted, and whether it is in force. This type of analysis is particularly important when considering

the potential development of products for markets. However, detailed patent analysis such as freedom to operate, patent validity, patentability, patent infringement and patent landscape analysis requires specialist analysis beyond the scope of the present report. Given the increasing importance of these issues for economic development the World Intellectual Property Organization has established a Patent Landscaping initiative under its development agenda that commissions specialist patent research at the request of member states.<sup>3</sup>

## Global Impacts and Global Markets:

We have seen above that a range of species are involved in patent activity of relevance to Kenya. However, it is important to note that many patent applications simply go nowhere. They may embody the hopes and ambitions of individuals, researchers, universities and companies but do not ultimately have an impact either in the patent system or in the market. A means for identifying important patents is therefore needed. Here we discuss two measures: a) patent citations, and; b) patent families.

Table 5 displays the citation scores by species and assignee for species relevant to Kenya. When a patent is filed and published it becomes prior art. Later patent applications that make claims for the same invention will find that the scope of what they claim as new, involving an inventive step, and useful will be limited by these earlier claims. This is recorded in the patent system as a citation. The more often that a patent is cited by later patent applications is a measure of the importance and impact of that patent within the patent system. In some cases a single patent application may attract over a thousand citations (i.e. *Thermus aquaticus* in biotechnology). Patent citation counts are therefore an important measure of the importance of patent activity because these scores reveal the impact of patent activity on other applicants.

In the case of Kenya Table 5 reveals a selection of citation scores for species of relevance to Kenya organised by species and assignee. The top cited species receives 89 citations in 4 documents from IDEA AG involving *Acokanthera ouabaio* for a “Preparation for the application of agents in mini-droplets” consisting of a method for transferring a pharmaceutical through the skin using transferosomes made of lipids and surfactants (US6165500A).<sup>4</sup> The National Research Council of Canada receives a total of 78 citations for a set of 5 documents involving *Natrialba magadii* (*Natronobacterium magadii*) such as an application for Archaeosomes as adjuvants and carriers for Acellular Vaccines (i.e. WO2001026683A2). In addition the species is referenced in a highly cited patent from the National Research Council of Canada for the formation of stable lipid extracts from Archaeobacteria (WO1993008202A1). These patents make reference to multiple species of archaeobacteria.

Bristol Myers Squibb receives 26 citations for 7 applications referencing *Actinomadura kijaniata* in anti-fungal antibiotics. However, the top cited patent in this group refers to an antibiotic from a strain of *Actinomadura hibisca* that is similar to other members of the genus including *A. kijaniata* rather than *A. kijaniata*. As such patent activity may provide an indicator of the potential uses of a species even where it does not directly utilise the species.

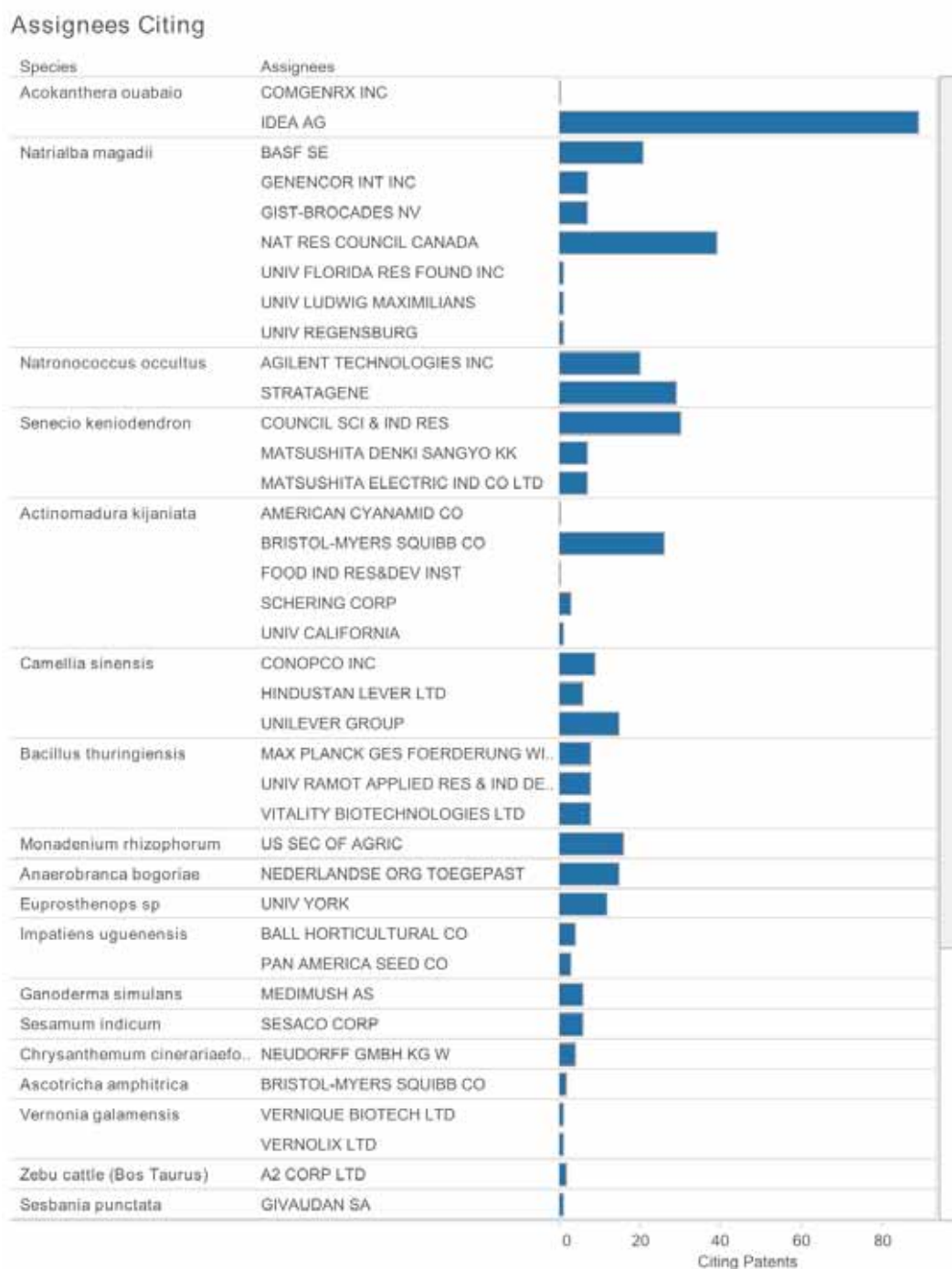
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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/programs/patent\\_landscapes/](http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/programs/patent_landscapes/)

<sup>4</sup> Table 5 aggregates the patent scores by species and assignee. If an assignee has four documents with citations involving the species, the numbers are aggregated to arrive at the total.



Table 5: Species and Assignee Citing Patents



In some cases the potential uses of a species may be surprising. For example patent application WO2008098227A2 is concerned with biofuel production using recombinant microorganisms. This application is surprising because it makes reference to a tsetse fly (*Glossina brevipalpis*). However, in practice the patent refers to *Wigglesworthia glossinidia*, an endosymbiont of *Glossina brevipalpis*, as a potential, as opposed to actual, source of Phosphate acetyltransferase (PTA) involved in a method for a recombinant microorganism to produce biofuels. This example usefully highlights that pestilential organisms may possess, or serve as hosts for, unexpected useful properties (see the Other Species section below). Finally, a patent application relating to a spider silk polypeptide from

*Euprosthonops* sp was not ultimately granted but has received 12 citations including a patent grant to Spiber Technologies in Sweden for spider silk proteins from *Euprosthonops australis* which, while not recorded as occurring in Kenya by GBIF but is recorded as occurring in Namibia with the patent applicant stating a source of collection in South Africa (see US8278416B1). This example reveals that citation data can provide a route into the identification of other examples of relevance to Kenya and countries in the Africa region.

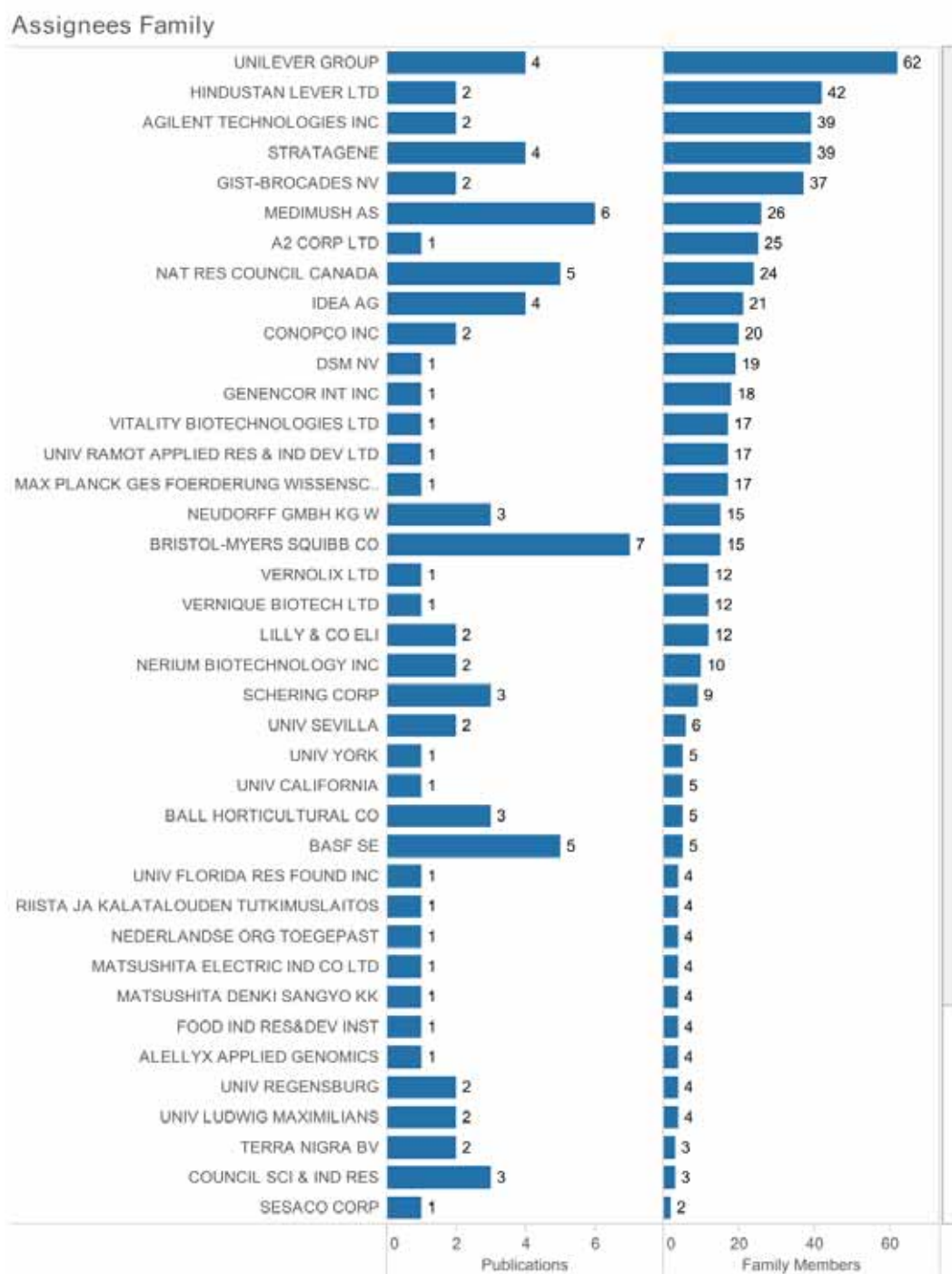
A second measure of the importance of patents is provided by the size of patent families. Table 6 ranks assignees based on counts of numbers of patent family members. A patent family is simply a set of patent documents that link back to an original parent filing (known as a “priority” filing). These patent documents can be filed anywhere in the world and can be tracked using unique identifiers known as INPADOC numbers that link back to the parent document.<sup>5</sup> In contrast with patent citations that provide an indicator of the impact of a patent on other applications in the patent system, the size of a patent family reveals how important a patent is to applicants. The reason for this is that they must pay fees each time they file a patent application that is linked to the parent (priority) application.

Patent family data of this type is useful in revealing the applicants who are most vigorously pursuing patent protection involving a species, or as is frequently the case, a group of species around the world. In this case the Unilever group mainly focuses on processes for black tea manufacture using a mechanical process (WO2002069727A2) and a process for producing theaflavins. The latter patents involved flying Kenya Clone 35 tea from Kenya to the UK (US20080131558A1, WO2008065007A2). Patents within the Unilever Group involving tea do not involve direct research on the genetic properties of tea, but typically involve mechanical and other processes to create new products. The second ranked family member from Agilent Technology & Stratagene includes a reference to *Natronococcus occultus*, an extremophile isolated from Lake Magadi, in patents relating to reverse transcription polymerases and the synthesis of cDNA. In both cases the species is included in long lists of extremely thermophilic organisms. As such, this example provides an indicator of the potential uses and importance of such organisms in innovation.

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<sup>5</sup> INPADOC stands for the International Patent Documentation Centre which established the system. INPADOC is now part of the European Patent Office.

Table 6: Patent Assignees and Patent Families



Patent activity by GIST-BROCADES in conjunction with DSM NV focuses on Alkali Tolerant Xylanases for use in detergents from *Bacillus pumilus* isolated from an alkaline soda lake in Kenya and possesses 19 family members. In conjunction with Genencor, this applicant also submitted an application focusing on detergents utilizing enzymes from *Natrialba magadii* isolated from Lake Magadi which has generated 18 family members around the world.

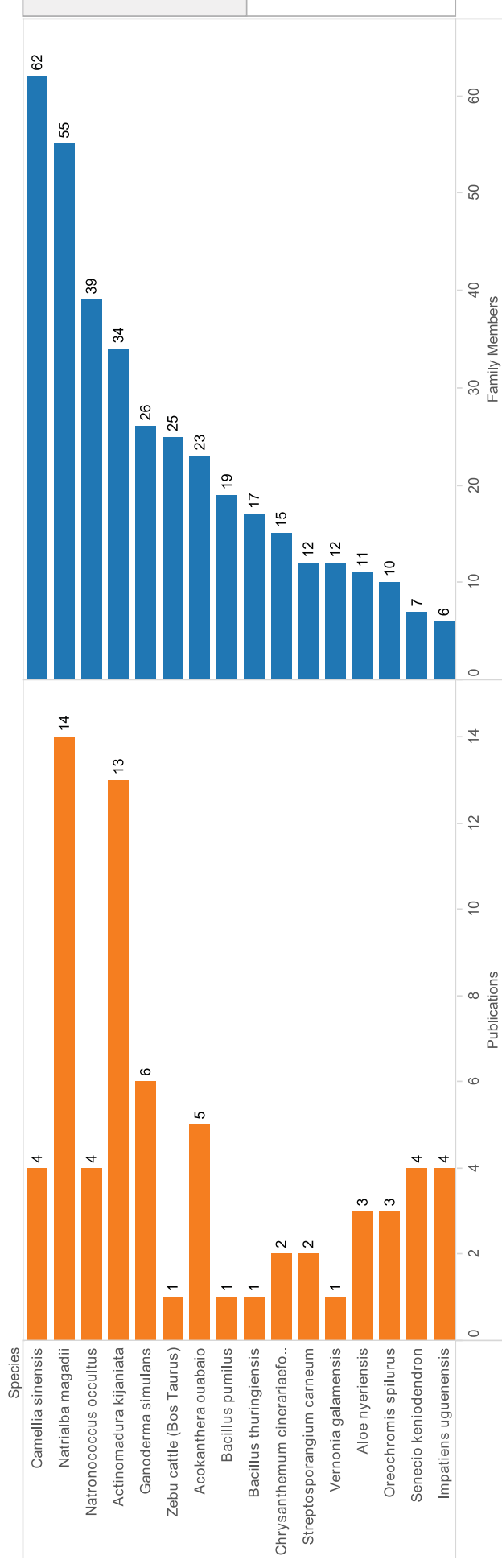
As this makes clear, while care is required in analysing why a particular species is referenced in a patent document, it is possible to trace the economic importance of particular patents to patent applicants using patent family data.

This type of analysis can be extended to the species level to consider the global impacts of patent activity and the position of patents involving a species in global markets.

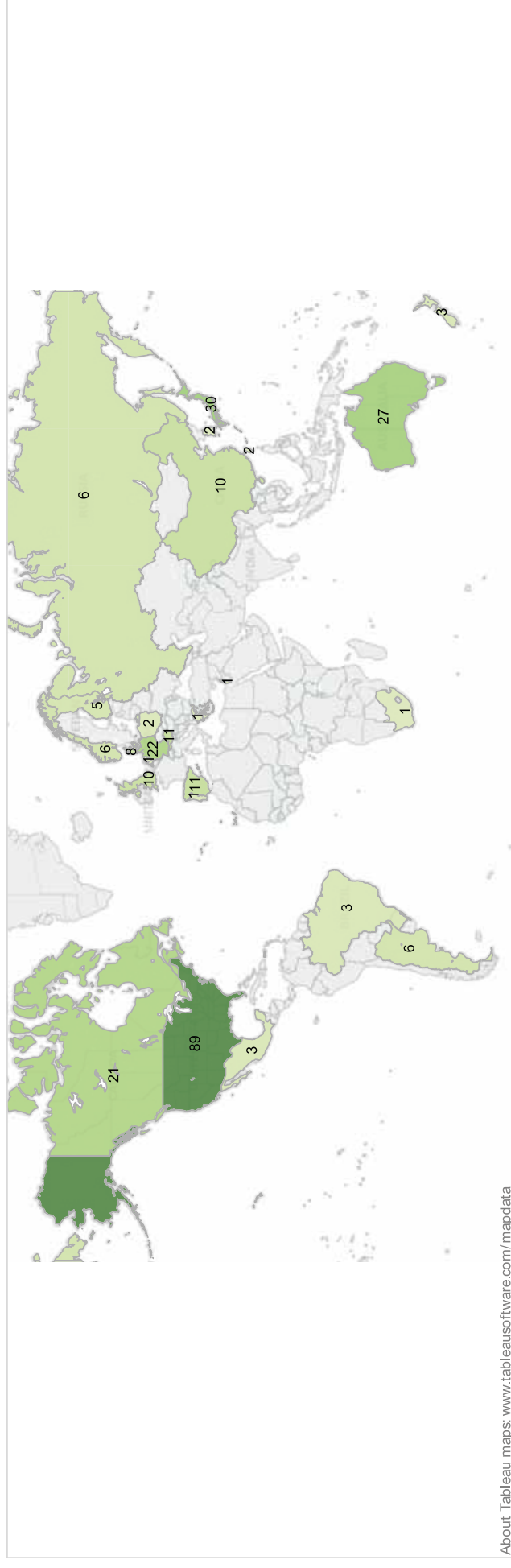
Plate 5 displays patent family data by species and a global map of countries where family members linked to the species have been recorded. Please note that the map does not display the geographical locations for regional and international patent offices. Plate 5 is useful because it reveals what might be called the global reach or careers of species. We can immediately see the prominence of *Camellia sinensis*, *Natrialba magadii* and *Natronococcus occultus* along with *Actinomadura kijaniata* in this data.

Analysis of this type is also useful because it exposes the markets where protection is being sought as provided in the Family Countries map. As we might expect the United States is a primary market with Japan and Australia also featuring prominently. However, both China and Brazil are also emerging into this landscape. It is also striking that available data suggests that patent applicants are not pursuing protection in Kenya or other African countries with the limited exception of South Africa. This suggests that opportunities may exist within internal markets in Africa where patent protection is unlikely to prove to be a barrier. At the same time, patent data also suggests countries where markets may exist for products involving biodiversity from Kenya.

## Species Family Members



## Family Countries



## **Concluding Remarks:**

Of the Africa countries covered to date in this series of reports, Kenya has proven to be among the most challenging. The reason for this is that there are large numbers of documents that make reference to Kenya and a significant number of patent documents that make reference to Kenya and a species occurring in Kenya. In a significant number of cases these documents refer to pathogens, insect vectors such as tsetse fly or sandflies, or to major products such as tea or coffee. Furthermore, our research has revealed that a species of relevance to Kenya may appear in a patent document for a wide range of reasons where the species may not be the focus of the actual invention. For this reason we include a section on “Other species” at the end of the species summary section below.

The purpose of this report has been to highlight the existing and potential role of species of relevance to Kenya for economic development in support of conservation. We would emphasise that our aim has not been to identify cases of biopiracy or misappropriation. In addition the aim of the research was not to identify the complete portfolio of patent activity for a particular species or genetic resource. We have focused on those patent documents that make direct reference to Kenya or where distribution data suggests that Kenya is a likely source.

The next section presents a series of summary cards for each species identified in the course of the research. An online interactive version of these cards will be made available through [abspat.net](http://abspat.net) to facilitate further research.



## Species Summary Tables

The following summary tables describe the species and patent activity involving the species. This data falls into three categories:

- a) Of Kenyan origin - Patents where a named species has been identified as having been obtained from Kenya.
- b) With Kenyan distribution - Patents where there is no reference to Kenya but distribution data suggests that the species may have originated from Kenya (Distribution).
- c) For the sake of completeness we include a final section on 'other species' of interest that appear in patent documents and are of potential interest. Patents in this group either target the organism (i.e. with a pesticide) or make reference to the organism in the course of the application.


In reading these tables note that the number of documents refers to the number of documents retained during research on the origin of species of relevance to Kenya. It does not refer to the wider patent landscape for the species consisting of the total of number of documents making reference to the species, or its components, in the global patent system.

Species may appear in patent documents in this list for a variety of reasons:

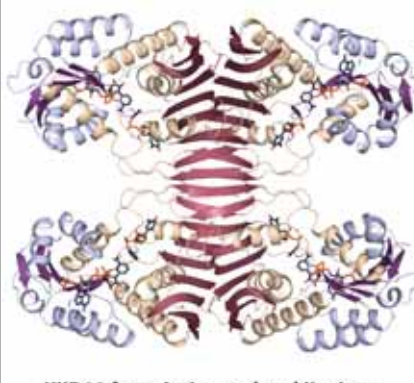
- 1. Because they are a focus of the invention;
- 2. Because they are a target of the invention (i.e. pathogens);
- 3. Because they are incorporated into the claims of the invention;
- 4. Because a reference to a species, including in very limited cases a literature reference, indicates that the species is of potential interest for economic development and merits further investigation.

This report focuses on identifying species that are of potential interest for economic development and conservation based on their appearance in patent data. The data in this summary section should not be used to draw conclusions about misappropriation or biopiracy.

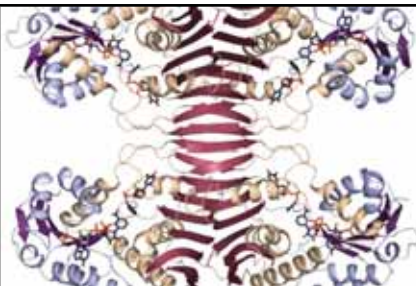
## With Kenyan Distribution

Species name: <i>Acokanthera ouabaio</i> ( <i>Acokanthera schimperi</i> )		Kingdom: Plantae	
Brief description of species: Acokanthera ouabaio is a synonym for Acokanthera schimperi. It occurs in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and DR Congo. It is the only species that also occurs outside Africa, in southern Yemen. Bark, wood and roots are used as arrow poison.			
Distribution: Cosmopolitan		No of documents: 5	
EP0475160A1; US6165500A; US2007042030A1; WO1992003122A1; WO2010036973A1;			
Detail: This species appears as part of lists of species and in lists of potential extracts, It is referenced as a source of the Oubain compound in WO2010036973A1			


## Of Kenyan origin

Species name: <i>Actinomadura kijaniata</i>	Kingdom: Bacteria	
Brief description of species: New species of bacteria isolated from soil sample collected in Kenya. This species can utilize a wide variety of carbohydrates, grow in the presence of numerous antibiotics, and actively hydrolyze many organic compounds. See also the second entry for this species below.		
Distribution: Uncertain	No of documents: 1	
EP0033840A2		
Detail: This species appears as a source of the compound Kijanimim in EP0033840A2.		

### With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Actinomadura kijaniata</i>	Kingdom: Bacteria	
Brief description of species: Filamentous bacteria found in soil. Discovered circa 1981 in 'African soil'. It, or strains derived from it, are used in pharmaceuticals in anti-viral & anti-fungal applications.		
Distribution: Uncertain		No of documents: 16
EP0033840A2 EP0175284A2 EP0277621A1 US4752605A US4870165A US4983525A US4990497A US5002891A US5110960A US5140101A US5256548A US5427941A US5494913A US2009111163A1 WO1998011230A1 WO2008130394A2		
Detail:. Patents by Bristol Myers Squibb reference the species in comparison with the species that is the target of the invention. In other cases references are made to literature. US5002891A includes a genus level claim including plasmids from this species. WO1998011230A1 refers to <i>Actinomadura</i> polyketide synthase genes and applies to members of the genus in general.		

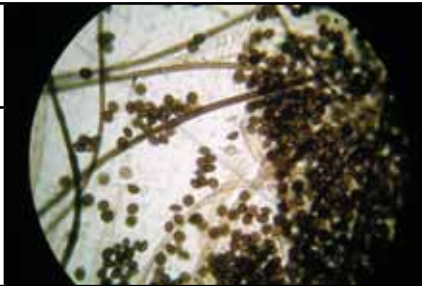
### With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Aloe nyeriensis</i>	Kingdom: Plantae	
Brief description of species: Aloe species endemic to Kenya.		
Distribution: Endemic	No of documents: 3	
WO2010045243A1 US2010092585A1 US2009317429A1		
Detail: Species is referenced in lists in patents for sources of cardiac glycosides (US2010092585A1), Members of Aloe genus for use in cosmetics in WO2010045243A1, and <i>Aloe vera</i> as the focus in US2009317429A1.		

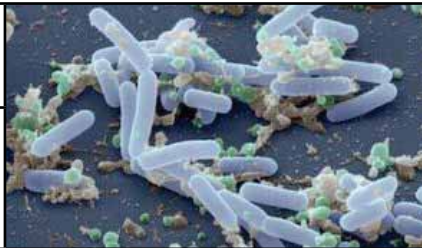
### With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Anaerobranca bogoriae</i>	Kingdom: Bacteria	No Image Available
Brief description of species: Named after Lake Bogori in Kenya. Thermophilic microorganisms producing cyclodextrin glycosyltransferase for invention.		
Distribution: Endemic	No of documents: 1	
WO2003002728A2		
Detail: References thermophilic microorganisms as sources of Thermostable cyclodextrin glycosyltransferases with example of uses including glycosylation of intense sweetener stevioside from <i>Stevia rebaudania</i> .		

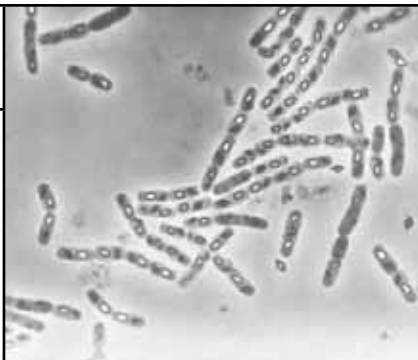
### Of Kenyan origin

Species name: <i>Ascotricha amphitrica</i>	Kingdom: Fungi	
Brief description of species: Ascotricha is a genus of fungi in the family Xylariaceae according to the 2007 Outline of Ascomycota, the placement in this family is uncertain.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 1	
US5521169A		
Detail: Used to produce ascosteroside for anti-fungal & disinfectant for surgical instruments. The applicant states that the strain was isolated from a soil sample obtained in Kenya.		


### Of Kenyan origin

Species name: <i>Bacillus pumilus</i>	Kingdom: Bacteria	
Brief description of species: Organisms isolated from alkaline soda lake in Kenya. Used in the paper pulping industry.		
Distribution: Uncertain	No of documents: 1	
EP0686193B1		
Detail: The applicant states that “The present invention relates to SEQ ID 19 isolated from microorganisms which have been isolated from soil and water samples collected in the environment of alkaline soda lakes in kenya, East-Africa. These microorganisms have been characterized as being alkaliphilic, Gram-positive and belonging to the genus Bacillus.”		

## Of Kenyan origin


Species name: <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>	Kingdom: Bacteria	
Brief description of species: Bacillus thuringiensis is a Gram-positive, soil-dwelling bacterium, commonly used as a biological pesticide. A novel strain from Kenyan soil samples is being used in plant biotechnology.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 1	
US6043415A		
Detail:Detail: The patent application focuses on a synthetic cryIC gene that can be transferred into plants. The synthetic CryICa5 protein sequence is based on the sequence of the wild type gene identified from sequencing three strains collected from soil samples in Kenya and Israel. The patent focuses on a method for constructing the synthetic gene with the aim of expression in plants to create insect resistant transgenic plants.		

## Of Kenyan origin


Species name: <i>Bos taurus</i>	Kingdom: Animalia	
Brief description of species: Zebu, sometimes known as humped cattle or Brahman cattle, are a type of domestic cattle originating in the Indian Subcontinent.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 1	
US2002007497A1		
<p>Detail: This unusual patent application by A2 Corp Ltd is based on the observation that certain peoples including Tibetans, rural Gambians, and the Masai and Samburu people in Kenya do not suffer from certain diseases that have been associated with milk. The applicants state that: “The only major difference between the milk consumed by the above people is that it is derived from Zebu, Bos Indicus, and Yak, Bos Mutus. Neither milk contains the casein allele described as <math>\beta</math>-casein A.” As such the invention is based on the realisation that the immunosuppressant protein BCA from the <math>\beta</math>-casein A1 allele causes negative effects. The objective of the invention is: a) to select animals that produce milk that lacks this allele and; b) to provide milk and milk products free of the allele. The example usefully highlights that milk may have different properties that can serve particular market segments. Details on marketed products are provided at <a href="http://www.a2corporation.com">http://www.a2corporation.com</a></p>		



## Of Kenyan origin


Species name: <i>Camellia sinensis</i>	Kingdom: Plantae	
Brief description of species: Camellia sinensis is the species of plant whose leaves and leaf buds are used to produce the popular beverage tea. It is of the genus Camellia, a genus of flowering plants in the family Theaceae.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 4	
WO2008065007A2 WO2002069727A US2008131558A1 US2008107774A1		
Detail: Patent documents frequently reference Kenya as a source of tea. However, these patents rarely involve the genetics of tea. WO2002069727A refers to Kenyan Clone 35 obtained from 30 Brooke Bond Kenya plantations that was processed through withering and macerated to a particular moisture content to introduce morphological changes in the cell tissue. WO2008065007A2, US2008131558A1 focuses on tea enriched with theaflavins and catechins in a reaction mixture. The patent states that Kenya Clone 35 was flown fresh from Kenya to Bedfordshire, UK with a 20 hour period between picking and arrival. US2008107774A1 focuses on preparing a tea or tea extract rich in theanine including physical separation and treatment of the stem using withering, maceration, grinding, steaming, fermentation, firing and infusion. These examples are included to illustrate the typical of innovations involving this species.		

## Of Kenyan origin


Species name: <i>Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium</i>	Kingdom: Plantae	
Brief description of species: Chrysanthemums are of particular importance as they are used as a source for pyrethrum, a natural insecticide. See also references to unnamed species below.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 2	
WO2007031561A US2007148204A1 EP0761097A1		
Detail: Applicants make reference to the Pyrethrum Board of Kenya as an example of a source of natural pyrethrum. <a href="http://www.kenya-pyrethrum.com">http://www.kenya-pyrethrum.com</a>		




## Of Kenyan origin

Species name: <i>Euprosthonops sp</i>	Kingdom: Animalia	
Brief description of species: Genus of spider. Used for DNA extraction in patents referring to spider silk proteins.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 1	
WO2004016651A		
Detail: The patent application focuses on DNA molecules for producing spider silk polypeptides for medical or industrial materials such as artificial tendons, ligaments, sutures, bullet proof vests or ropes. The applicants state that “Adult Euprosthonops spiders were captured in Kenya and maintained under 10 laboratory conditions in clear Perspex boxes.” No patent was granted, however, this application is cited by others reporting the collection of spiders for a similar purpose in South Africa.		

## With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Ganoderma simulans</i>	Kingdom: Fungi	
Brief description of species: Ganoderma is a genus of polypore mushrooms which grow on wood, and include about 80 species. This species appears in patents for methodologies for the cultivation of microbial cells.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 6	
US2009005340A1 US2009143280A1 US2010086647A1 WO2006119774A1 WO2006133707A2 WO2006133708A1		
Detail: <i>Ganoderma simulans</i> is a widely distributed species. It appears in the patent data for bioactive agents from the fermentation of fungi for fish feed. It also appears in a patent for pharmaceutical kits. The species appears as part of long lists, including large numbers of <i>Ganoderma</i> . As such, patents frequently focus on incorporating this species into the claimed inventions.		


### With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Gerbera aberdarica</i>	Kingdom: Plantae	
Brief description of species: Synonym of <i>Gerbera piloselloides</i> . Widely distributed across Africa and Asia. Popular in horticulture, many cultivars.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 2	
EP2011388A1 US2009083875A1		
Detail: Patents claim a Gerbera L. plant with particular characteristics that is selected from a large number of possible Gerbera species including Gerbera aberadica.		


### With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Halorubrum vacuolatum</i>	Kingdom: Archaea	No Image Available
Brief description of species: Also known as <i>Natronobacterium vacuolatum</i> .		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 1	
US6337208B1		
Detail: Patent focuses on E. coli cloning vector containing a lethal polypeptide from this species obtained from Genbank. One of a number of possible polypeptides referenced in claims and obtained from Genbank. Two other documents include the species in long lists of thermophilic Archaeobacteria for enzymes with reverse transcriptase and DNA polymerase activity (US2003228616A1, WO2004039947A2). WO2005118866A2 relates to DNA polymerase enzymes useful in labeling nucleic acids. The patent application, includes the species in a long list of thermophilic archaeobacteria.		


### With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Impatiens uguenensis</i>	Kingdom: Plantae	
Brief description of species: ( <i>Impatiens sodenii</i> ). Of horticultural interest. This plant is distributed through Tanzania, Kenya, Mexico and Costa Rica.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 4	
US5986188A US6924416B2 US2002138883A1 WO2001047349A1		
Detail: Patents refer to novel trailing impatiens plants and seed with <i>I. uguenensis</i> referenced in an historic example with literature reference. US5986188A refers to a novel colour from <i>I. walleriana</i> where <i>I. uguenensis</i> is one among other suitable targets for producing plants of this colour.		


### With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Monadenium rhizophorum</i> ( <i>Euphorbia rhizophora</i> )	Kingdom: Plantae	
Brief description of species: ( <i>Euphorbia rhizophora</i> ). Endemic to Kenya.		
Distribution: Endemic	No of documents: 2	
US4204859A US4322242A		
Detail: States that the method claimed in the patent could be used to increase hydrocarbon accumulation in this species and other <i>Euphorbia</i> .		

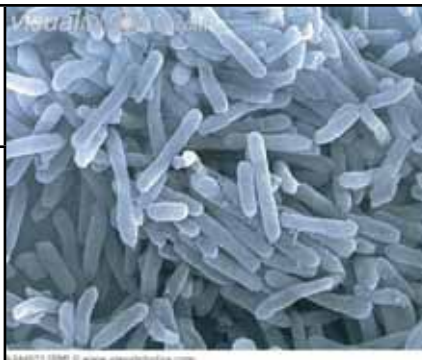
### With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Moringa arborea</i>	Kingdom: Plantae	
Brief description of species: IUCN Red List: vulnerable. Plants from this genus are used as a food supplement, though it is possible that a similar Asian species is the plant used in the patents.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 3	
US2006222682A1 US2009098230A1 WO2010008306A2		
Detail: WO2010008306A2 involves a nutritional beverage from the Moringa genus that incorporates M. arborea claimed on the genus level. US2006222682A1 & US2009098230A1 concerns a nutraceutical Moringa composition focusing on a method involving processing portions of the Moringa plant and combining the elements.		

### Of Kenyan origin

Species name: <i>Moringa stenopetala</i>	Kingdom: Plantae	
Brief description of species: A tree used for food and companion planting. Moringa stenopetala, commonly called cabbage-tree, is native to Kenya and, historically, Ethiopia. The species is believed to be extinct in the wild in Ethiopia.		
Distribution: Endemic	No of documents: 1	
US2007264366A1		
Detail: Patent application focuses on a Moringa crude extract with anti-fungal properties.		

## With Kenyan distribution


Species name: <i>Natronobacterium magadii</i> <i>Natrialba magadii</i>	Kingdom: Archaea	
Brief description of species: Etymology: Named for Lake Magadi, a saline soda lake in Kenya where it was discovered in 1984. A new genus with 3 species. Pharmaceuticals, lipid extracts used in vaccines.		
Distribution: Endemic	No of documents: 14	
EP1223978B1 EP1223978B9 US5989587A US6962989B1 US2007042474A1 US2007059744A1 US2007099213A1 US2008305524A1 US2009029356A1 WO1993008202A1 WO1993009219A1 WO2001026683A2 WO2006128678A1 WO2010129940A2		
Detail: EP1223978B1, EP1223978B9 claim the use of Natronobacterium magadii and other organisms in a liposome for use against cancer and intracellular pathogens. US5989587A claims a liposome vesicle with a bilayer membrane consisting of the total polar lipid extract of Natronobacterium magadii. WO2006128678A1, US20080305524A1 refers to adhesive as molecular glue from the flagella of archaea including sequence data for N. magadii. WO2005118866A2 includes the species in a long list of species of thermophilic archaea for reverse transcriptase activity. US6962989B1, US20070042474A1, US2007059744A1, US20070099213A, US2009029356A1 for Corynebacterium genes encoding novel proteins where the species appears in a very long list of novel bacteria with molecules that can be produced in C. glutamicum. US5989587A, WO1993008202A1 are concerned with the formation of stable liposomes from lipid extracts or archaea. WO1993009219A1 by Genencor for Haloalkaliphilic microorganisms refers to Natronobacterium magadii as one of the only known haloalkaliphilic bacteria and directly refers to collection in African Rift Valley hypersaline lakes. The case was subsequently highlighted by civil society groups. WO2001026683A2 refers to archaeosomes as immunomodulating carriers for acellular vaccines. WO2010129940A2 refers to Archaeal laccases and multicopper oxidases refers to literature on N. magadii for the purpose of comparison only.		



### With Kenyan distribution

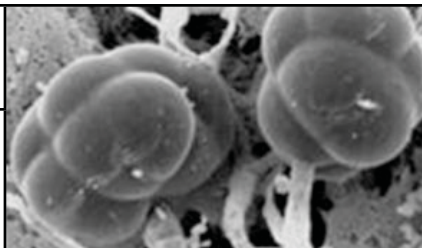
Species name: <i>Natronococcus occultus</i>	Kingdom: Archaea	No Image Available
Brief description of species: From Lake Magadi, a saline soda lake in Kenya where it was discovered.		
Distribution: Endemic		No of documents: 4
US2003228616A1 US2005123940A1 WO2004039947A2 WO2005118866A2		
Detail: US2003228616A1, WO2004039947A2 for reverse transcription polymerases (enzymes), the species is included in a long list of extremely thermophilic archaeobacteria species that includes Natrialba magadii above. US2005123940A1, WO2005118866A2 relate to compositions and methods for synthesizing cDNA and refer to the species in a long list of extremely thermophilic species.		

### With Kenyan distribution


Species name: <i>Oreochromis spilurus</i>	Kingdom: Animalia	
Brief description of species: Africa: Athi River and its tributaries above Lugard's Falls & upper tributaries of the Tana River in Kenya. Also known from Ethiopia.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 1	
WO2009080864A1		
Detail: WO2009080864A1 for a method for the production of fish progeny lists the species as part of a long list that the claimed method can be applied to with the aim of reducing genetic variation in the fish progeny. The patent specifically references <i>Oreochromis</i> as a target outcome of the invention and claims the progeny arising from the method.		




## Of Kenyan origin

Species name: <i>Pochonia chlamydosporia</i>	Kingdom: Fungi	
Brief description of species: Used as a pesticide. Strain from Kenya used to trial chitosan as pesticide additive.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 1	
Detail: EP2113559A1 refers to a method for increasing sporulation in fungus using chitosan involving selecting the fungus, inoculating the culture medium and incubating. The patent refers to a study of sporulation in a number of <i>P. chlamydosporia</i> including P.c.BK132 from Kenya. The focus therefore is on the effect of chitosan on sporulation in this species of fungi.		


## With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Senecio keniodendron</i>	Kingdom: Plantae	
Brief description of species: S keniodendron is endemic to valley slopes and ridges on Mt Kenya. 0 degrees latitude at altitudes of 3,700 metres (12,100 ft) and 4,500 metres (14,800 ft). Described in patent as a plant representative of the flora in the area.		
Distribution: Endemic	No of documents: 4	
US6485950B1 US7037697B2 US2003064494A1 US2006008539A1		
Detail: US6485950B1, US7037697B2 refer to purified isozyme of an autoclavable superoxide dismutase (SOD) from high altitude plants notably <i>Potentilla astrisanguinea</i> from Kunzum pass in the Himalayas, directed to cosmetics, pharmaceutical and food compositions. <i>S. kenidendron</i> is mentioned in a list of other high altitude species that could be suitable for extracting the enzyme. US2006008539A1 refers to a technology for suppressing the proliferation of microorganisms and/or suppressing their proliferation. <i>Senecio</i> and the species are mentioned as extracts for use in the claimed invention.		

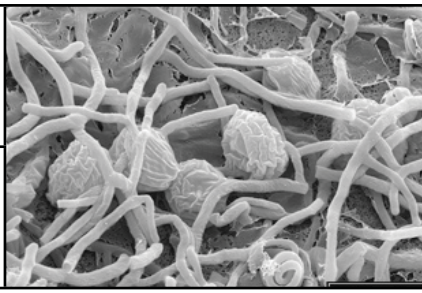
### Of Kenyan origin

Species name: <i>Sesamum indicum</i>	Kingdom: Plantae	
Brief description of species: Sesame is a flowering plant in the genus Sesamum. Numerous wild relatives occur in Africa and a smaller number in India. It is widely naturalised in tropical regions around the world and is cultivated for its edible seeds.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 1	
Detail: US2006230472A1 focuses on a novel seed of sesame variety S29, deposited with ATCC accession number PTA-6598, and a plant and pollen or tissue culture produced from the seed. The patent applicant refers to the collection of commercial samples from over 30 countries including Kenya and a number of other African countries. As such the invention is an outcome of samples from multiple countries. This reflects wider patterns with agricultural R&D.		


### With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Sesbania punctata</i>	Kingdom: Plantae	
Brief description of species: (Sesbania sesban) Small leguminous tree/shrub. Origin unknown but cultivated for animal feed and green manure widespread across many sub-Saharan African countries.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 2	
EP2183967A1 US2010116898A1		
Detail: US2010116898A1, EP2183967A1 Plant transfer elements including genus <i>Sesbania</i> for fragrances, insecticides, pharmaceuticals. Species appears in list for the genus. The two applications are from the same patent family.		


## Of Kenyan origin

Species name: <i>Streptosporangium carneum</i>	Kingdom: Bacteria		
Brief description of species: New species of bacteria isolated from soil sample collected from Tana River, Kenya for use as an antibiotic.			
Distribution: Endemic	No of documents: 2		
US5286648A EP0424051A1			
Detail: EP0424051A1 refers to a lipo:glycopeptide antibiotic A84575 complex produced by submerged aerobic fermentation of streptosporangeum to treat and prevent Gram positive bacterial infections. The Lilly & Co applicants state that "Culture A84575 was isolated from a soil sample collected by the Tana River in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa." US5286648A is for a new Streptosporangeum carneum culture to produce antibiotic A84575 to treat bacterial infections in mammals. The applicants give the same statement on origin as for the EP application. The focus of the invention is S. carneum and mutants to produce the A84575 compounds. EP0424051A1 has a significant patent family but began to lapse from 2010 onwards.			


## Of Kenyan origin

Species name: <i>Trypanosoma brucei</i>	Kingdom: Protista	
Brief description of species: <i>Trypanosoma brucei</i> is a protozoan with flagella species that causes African trypanosomiasis in humans and nagana in animals in Africa.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 1	
EP1048728A1		
Detail: The application claims a new trypanosome culture derived faction that inhibits growth or induces cell death in trypanosomes that is useful for treating humans or livestock at risk from trypanosomosis. The applicants state that “ <i>Trypanosoma brucei</i> in the present invention is <i>Trypanosoma brucei brucei</i> ILTat1.1 (Miller FN and Turner MJ (1981), Parasitology Vol 82, pp 63-80) which is a cloned derivative of EATRO (East African Trypanosomiasis Research Organisation) 795 which was isolated form a cow in Uhembo, Kenya”		

## Of Kenyan origin

Species name: <i>Vernonia galamensis</i>	Kingdom: Plantae	
Brief description of species: Plant is the source of vernonia oil which is used to make plastics. It also has medicinal properties.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 1	
US2007202207A1		
Detail: The application focuses on an expoxidised compound (vernonia oil or vernonia acid) obtained by extraction from Vernonia galamensis seed for the treatment of a lesion on the skin of a mammal. The applicants states that: “ <i>V. galamensis</i> (sometimes referred as <i>V. pauciflora</i> ) is an annual plant ranging in plant height from 0.2 m to 5.0 m depending on the subspecies and the geographic location. Two centers of diversity are Kenya and northern Tanzania with only one botanical variety occurring outside eastern Africa. <i>V. galamensis</i> differs from other annual species of <i>Vernonia</i> in leaf form, and/or pappus, and involucre form and size. The seed head (capitula) contains hermaphroditic, protandrous florets.” The patent application has a significant and active patent family.		


## Of Kenyan origin

Species name: <i>Zanthoxylum gillettii</i>	Kingdom: Plantae	
Brief description of species: A forest tree growing naturally and planted in Western Kenya for its timber and medicinal properties. Native to Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Nigeria, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 1	
WO2004062679A		
Detail: Use of an aqueous extract of plants from the genus for treating AIDs and viral diseases. The individual applicant is from Kenya. "The applicant states that <i>Zanthoxylum gillettii</i> is a tree growing in Kenya, which originates from the tropical forest. <i>Zanthoxylum</i> species are generally characterized by a large content of alkaloids, which can be either tertiary or quaternary alkaloids". Furthermore, "The aqueous solution of <i>Zanthoxylum gillettii</i> prepared in Example 1 was used for a clinical study practiced on 20 patients from a local hospital in Kenya during the year 2001-2002. These patients in poor to very poor clinical state were confirmed HIV/AIDS positive while they were displaying low levels of CD4 cells (< 500 CD4 cells/ml) in their blood."		


## Other Species of Relevance to Kenya in Patent Documents

This section includes species that are not a direct focus of an invention or where a species is exclusively referenced in a long list of organisms as potential targets of the invention. The section is included for the sake of completeness.

### With Kenyan distribution


Species name: <i>Afrocaecilia taitana</i>	Kingdom: Animalia	
Brief description of species: Synonym of Boulengerula taitana, it is a species of caecilian. Amphibian endemic to southeast Kenya.		
Distribution: Endemic	No of documents: 2	
EP1391503A1 WO2004016772A1		
Detail: Patent applications focus on a method of reprogramming somatic cells (stem cells). Species appears as part of a long list of amphibians where the method could be applied.		

### With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Amblyomma herbraeum</i>	Kingdom: Animalia	
Brief description of species: Tick of livestock. Patents concerned with veterinary medicine, specifically the control of animal ectoparasites.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 3	
US2008306095A1 US2010179206A1 WO2008154466A2		
Detail: This species appears purely in lists of ectoparasites that a pesticide compound can be applied to.		



### With Kenyan distribution


Species name: <i>Beatragus hunteri</i>	Kingdom: Animalia	
Brief description of species: The hirola ( <i>Beatragus hunteri</i> , sometimes <i>Damaliscus hunteri</i> ), also known as Hunter's hartebeest, is an antelope species found in arid grassy plains in a pocket on the border between Kenya and Somalia. It is the only member of the genus <i>Beatragus</i> .		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 1	
US7141364B1		
Detail: Included in <i>in silico</i> study for identification of universal primers to amplify cytochrome b gene of any animal. The primers are the focus of the invention for the identification of wildlife		

### With Kenyan distribution


Species name: <i>Dothiorella aromatica</i>	Kingdom: Fungi	No Image Available
Brief description of species: Root pathogen.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 1	
WO2004035131A2		
Detail: This species is a target of an invention involving a protective cover impregnated with insecticide to protect crops. However, the patent application does not involve genetic resources.		




## With Kenyan Distribution

Species name: <i>Glossina brevipalpis</i>	Kingdom: Animalia	
Brief description of species: Tsetse fly. References in long lists of targets for insecticides. In a small number of cases patents mention <i>Wigglesworthia glossinidia</i> endosymbiont of this species.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 13	
US2007039069A1 US2007178505A1 US2009081746A1 US2009111154A1 US2010209986A1 WO1994009630A1 WO1995002695A1 WO1996001563A1 WO2005049642A2 WO2007072214A2 WO2007079428A2 WO2008098227A2 WO2008124523A1		
Detail:US2007178505A1 focuses on vectors, expression cassettes and libraries, where the promoter library may be from the endosymbiont of the species.US2009081746A1, US2009111154A1, US2010209986A1 on metabolically modified microorganisms for producing biofuels makes reference to the endosymbiont as a potential source of Phosphate acetyltransferase (PTA).WO1994009630A1, WO1995002695A1 include a potentiated Bacillus for a pesticide that could target this species among others. WO1995022253A1 is for biopesticides that could target this species.		


## With Kenyan Distribution

Species name: <i>Glossina fuscipes</i>	Kingdom: Animalia	
Brief description of species: Species of tsetse fly. Very widely distributed across much of Africa. It carries trypanosomes (the disease agents causing human sleeping sickness and animal trypanosomosis).		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 202	
<p>EP1367898B1 EP1691607B1 EP1841317B1 EP1893020B1 EP1915344B1 EP1937072B1 EP2067787A1 EP2069306B1 US5859235A US5912162A US5955367A US5976563A US5976564A US5994266A US6268181B1 US6270760B1 US6277624B1 US6280720B1 US6280721B1 US6303382B1 US6406691B1 US6844182B2 US7364728B2 US7674827B2 US7754749B2 US2002004237A1 US2003064060A1 US2005244394A1 US2005271642A1 US2007117868A1 US2007184983A1 US2007259962A1 US2008176826A1 US2008194641A1 US2008200528A1 US2008227635A1 US2008221168A1 US2008249182A1 US2008261812A1 US2008293569A1 US2008300313A1 US2009029855A1 US2008312295A1 US2009075819A1 US2009131256A1 US2009136551A1 US2010041552A1 US2010041682A1 US2010041700A1 US2010056469A1 US2010064578A1 US2010069244A1 US2010081698A1 US2010093532A1 US2010093715A1 US2010105752A1 US2010120616A1 US2010137375A1 US2010167925A1 US2010167927A1 US2010204045A1 US2010215777A1 US2010234457A1 US2010292323A1 US2010298138A1 WO1994002591A1 WO1995022253A1 WO1995025181A1 WO1996018302A1 WO1996028031A1 WO1997015187A1 WO1997027305A1 WO2002065835A2 WO2005053402A2 WO2005053403A2 WO2006002984A1 WO2006045522A1 WO2006125637A1 WO2006125641A2 WO2006128863A1 WO2006128867A1 WO2006128870A2 WO2007014913A1 WO2007017414A1 WO2007017501A2 WO2007017502A2 WO2007017518A2 WO2007051756A1 WO2007054558A2 WO2007060120A1 WO2007071585A1 WO2007071609A1 WO2007077246A2 WO2007082841A2 WO2007085565A1 WO2007100165A1 WO2007104726A1 WO2007110435A2 WO2007118896A1 WO2007122163A2 WO2007135029A1 WO2007147701A1 WO2007147888A1 WO2008000834A1 WO2008017649A1 WO2008031712A2 WO2008031824A1 WO2008031870A2 WO2008034785A2 WO2008034787A2 WO2008040727A2 WO2008052913A1 WO2008055882A1 WO2008055883A1 WO2008055881A1 WO2008055882A1 WO2008055883A1 WO2008055884A1 WO2008065145A1 WO2008090048A2 WO2008074686A1 WO2008092818A2 WO2008092851A2 WO2008095794A2 WO2008095870A2 WO2008095913A2 WO2008104503A1 WO2008125410A2 WO2008129060A2 WO2008145615A2 WO2009004032A1 WO2009007233A2 WO2009019299A2 WO2009021985A2 WO2009021986A1 WO2009027393A2 WO2009062905A1 WO2009071672A1 WO2009080546A1 WO2009098210A2 WO2009098225A2 WO2009098227A2 WO2009098228A2 WO2009098230A2 WO2009098300A2 WO2009115491A1 WO2009118297A2 WO2009153238A1 WO2009153285A2 WO2009156336A1 WO2010000791A1 WO2010003877A1 WO2010003923A1 WO2010007060A1 WO2010023171A2 WO2010026218A1 WO2010029069A1 WO2010034737A1 WO2010034738A2 WO2010043552A1 WO2010043553A1 WO2010043639A2 WO2010046378A2 WO2010046382A2 WO2010046421A1 WO2010046427A1WO2010046463A1 WO2010070035A1 WO2010072602A1 WO2010072781A2 WO2010092014A2 WO2010092028A2 WO2010092031A2 WO2010092032A1 WO2010100189A1 WO2010112545A1</p>		
Detail: This species is regularly referenced in patents for biocides/pesticides. Typically, the species appears as part of long lists. As such, the species is one among other organisms that could be targeted by the claimed biocide/pesticide. It is included here to highlight that patent activity is directed in part to this problem species.		

### Of Kenyan origin

Species name: <i>Glossina mortisans</i>	Kingdom: Animalia	
Brief description of species: Tsetse fly found in Africa and the Arabian Peninsula beneath the Tropic of Cancer Vector for <i>Trypanosoma brucei brucei</i> strains acquired from Kenya isolated in in the 1960s and 1980s among other locations. The invention focuses on producing a nucleic acid fingerprint to create DNA markers.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 1	
US2005208513A1		
Deatil: US2005208513A1 The claimed invention focuses on producing a nucleic acid fingerprint to create DNA markers. The applications references T. brucei isolates from a range of countries including four isolates from Kenya.		


### With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Justicia regis</i>	Kingdom: Plantae	
Brief description of species: New species of genus first recorded in 2008. 2nd patent refers to a new cultivar first grown in California.		
Distribution: Endemic	No of documents: 2	
US2010151000A1 USPP43885A		
Detail: Appears in literature reference in US2010151000A1 for methods for modulating immune responses. USPP43885A from 1979 refers to a new and distinct walnut tree grown from a seed of the California walnut breeding program in 1964. The original source of the seed is not specified.		


### With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Leptosphaeria bicolor</i>	Kingdom: Fungi	No Image Available
Brief description of species: New species of pathogen that causes leaf rot in sugar cane.		
Distribution: Endemic	No of documents: 1	
WO2006034811A2 (See DE102004047409A1 for full text)		
Detail: Appears in list of species in German language version. Species appears in long list of species. Focus is laccase gene from Aspergillus as a reporter. Relevance to species is unclear.		


### With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Ustilago hitchcockiana</i>	Kingdom: Fungi	
Brief description of species: <i>Ustilago</i> is a genus of approximately 200 smut fungi parasitic on grasses and maize. This species is distributed throughout Kenya and Tanzania.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 6	
US2008139389A1 US2010035753A1 US2010197741A1 US2010209410A1 WO2009060012A2 WO2009040397A1		
Detail: US2008139389A1 is for fungicidal active carboxamides for seed treatment for controlling a large number of fungi including this species. US2010035753A1 is for a fungicidal mixture that could target this species. US2010197741A1, WO2009040397A1 are for ternary fungicidal compositions that could target this species. US2010209410A1, WO2009060012A2 are for a fungicidal composition involving a strain of <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> that could target this and other species.		


### With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Papio cynocephalus</i>	Kingdom: Animalia	
Brief description of species: The yellow baboon. Distributed across several sub-Saharan African countries.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 2	
US5639625A WO1996010180A1		
Detail: The applications refer to a method for detecting antibodies to thrombomodulin in patients. The applications make reference only to the species in connection with a scientific study indicating that the Protein C pathway is critical in modulating inflammatory and coagulopathic responses in vivo.		


### With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Phaeoramularia angolensis</i>	Kingdom: Fungi	
Brief description of species: Citrus fruit pathogen. Also known to exist in Mozambique & Angola.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 1	
WO2009136293A2		
Detail: WO2009136293A2. The species appears in a patent application on genes and methods for increasing disease resistance in plants. The patent simply references the species as a known plant pathogen in citrus plants.		

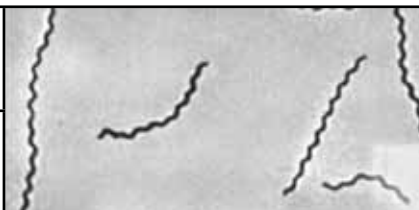
### With Kenyan distribution

Species name: <i>Phlebotomus duboscqi</i>	Kingdom: Animalia	
Brief description of species: Sand fly vector of leishmaniasis.		
Distribution: Endemic	No of documents: 9	
WO2007093295A2 WO2007093296A2 WO2007093298A1 WO2007093297A2 WO2010021940A1 WO2010078466A2 WO2010078469A2 WO2009037242A2 WO2008095890A2.		
Detail: WO2010021940A1 focuses on a method of priming or enhancing immune response to a disease antigen using an adjuvant from a sand fly salivary gland polypeptide to induce a T cell response in the individual. Other patent applications refer to the species in long lists of species that could be the target for the claimed invention.		

**With Kenyan distribution**

Species name: <i>Sphodromantis centralis</i>	Kingdom: Animalae	
Brief description of species: Central African praying mantis.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 2	
US2006247197A1 US2010311819A1		
Detail: US2006247197A1, US2010311819A1 target methods for controlling fungal growth using RNA interference for down regulating gene expression in fungi. A short sequence from the species appears in a table of examples. However, the species is not the focus of the invention and the sequence does not appear in the claims.		

**With Kenya Distribution**

Species name: <i>Spirochaeta africana</i>	Kingdom: Bacteria	
Brief description of species: Bacteria found in alkaline lakes.		
Distribution: Cosmopolitan	No of documents: 2	
US6165770A WO1998013481A1		
Detail: US6165770A focuses on a cloned DNA sequence or DNA construct for an Alkaline stable amylase from Thermoalcalibacter. The species appears in a literature reference only. WO1998013481A1 Literature reference in an application for an enzyme with cyclomalto-dextran glucanotransferase activity.		



**With Kenyan distribution**

Species name: <i>Thermosyntropha lipolytica</i>	Kingdom: Bacteria	No Image Available
Brief description of species: Thermosyntropha lipolytica is an anaerobic, thermophilic, or ganotrophic, lipolytic, alkali-tolerant, Gram-positive-type bacterium isolated from an alkaline hot spring of Lake Bogoria, Kenya.		
Distribution: Endemic		No of documents: 2
WO2009088760A1 US2008182318A1		
Detail: US2008182318A1, WO2009088760A1 refers to consortia of bacteria including this species for biogenic methane production. The species may form part of Clostridia consortiums while the patent claims focuses on <i>Desulfuromonas</i> . As such in our view <i>T. lipolytica</i> is not the focus of, or integral to, the claimed invention.		

Distribution map of GBIF records in Kenya coloured by taxonomic kingdom.

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