



**Ministry of Water and Environment
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Brovad Ltd, Masaka district.**

**Feedback from the Field Visit
Group 4.**

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Group composition

- i) Kyotera LG (*Natural Resources Department, Water Office,...*)
- ii) National Forest Authority;
- iii) National Environment Management Authority;
- iv) Nyabyeya Forestry College;
- v) Development Partners (*GIZ, KfW...*);
- vi) CSOs (*SNV, Environmental Alert, USHA, ACORD,...*)

What was seen.....

Courtesy visit to Kyotera DLG – a new district not more than a year old. In the CAO' remarks, *'A lot of emphasis on water, with little focus on other factors that impact on water e.g. forests, wetlands...'* Limited funding staffing to ENR

Population-12,984; Water coverage at 60% coverage

Field Visit:

- a. Traversed through Sango Bay flood plains
- b. Crossed R. Bukola – a continuation of R. Rwizi
- c. Saw Marabigambo, Tero East & West and Namala Central forest reserves
- d. Pastoralists grazing in the reserves (both from Uganda & Tanzanians)
- e. R. Kagera catchment/landscape including forests, wetlands
- f. Infrastructures including: Fecal sludge treatment plant at Kasaali TC (1.9 billion UGX, funded by EU); Kasensero Water Supply



Fecal sludge treatment plant at Kasaali



Entrance of Kasensero Water supply



Stone lines upslope at one of the point in the R. Kagera catchment – at Busanjje-Kanabulemu.



Siltation of River Kagera at Kasensero landing site.

What was learnt

- a)** A few interventions scattered in the landscape/catchment will not yield the desired results in terms conservation and sustainable ENR management & utilization.
- b)** Some Sustainable Land Management practices are labor intensive (e.g. stones lines,..) limiting their uptake by communities
- c)** Fish factory at Kasensero landing site closed
- d)** Water hyacin treatment plant (supported by Egyptian Government) at Kasensero is not operational
- e)** The oil pipeline was commissioned and it will pass through the forests, wetlands in the river Kagera landscape/catchment

What was seen as the main challenges for the sector

- a) Poor road access road to the fecal sludge treatment plant is poor
- b) Fecal sludge treatment plant is not functional since 2017, thus contractor has not yet handed it over (outstanding payments). Further delays in commissioning resulting in additional costs for the project.
- c) Weak restoration and management intervention in the Sango bay flood plains & R. Kagera catchment – high erosion/siltation, wetlands encroachment/degradation, aquatic biodiversity degradation, ...
- d) Lack of MoU between NFA and the Central Umbrella Organization at Kasensero Water supply. Thus, opportunity for PES is not tapped – plough back into forestry conservation Namala CFR, which provides the water catchment
- e) Lack of boundary making for CFRs (i.e. *Marabigambo, Tero East & West and Namala*) in the catchment – encroachment e.g. by Metha –Chair of Kasensero CBO.
- f) Limited drinking water for Mutukula TC – water rationing by NWSC
- g) Illegal activities in the CFR e.g. illegal timber trade & cattle grazing – also involving foreigners – e.g. from Tanzania
- h) Limited funding and staff for ENR management

Policy recommendations

- a)** GoU through MWE should engage the DP (i.e. EU) to address outstanding issues on the contract for the Fecal sludge treatment facility at Kasaali.

- b)** Restoration activities should be scaled up in the Sango bay flood plains and R. Kagera catchment – including: Sustainable land management practices (erosion control, agroforestry, alternative livelihood enterprises...); CFR & wetlands boundary opening and marking. Need to work closely with MAAIF and other stakeholders - MDAs, CSOs, Cultural & religious institutions.

- c)** MoUs between NFA & Umbrella organizations should be pursued to allow for implementation of PES schemes for conservation & sustainable ENR management e.g. at Kasensero Water supply.

- d)** NWSC should step up water supply and access for Mutukula TC
FSSD, NFA, URA, LG & n others should step up enforcement of forestry, law, enforcement and governance (FLEGT) at Mutukula & Minzilo boarder points to address illegal timber trade

- e)** Improve sanitation at the landing site at Kasensero