



Turkana Region, Kenya

Lake Turkana, Kenya



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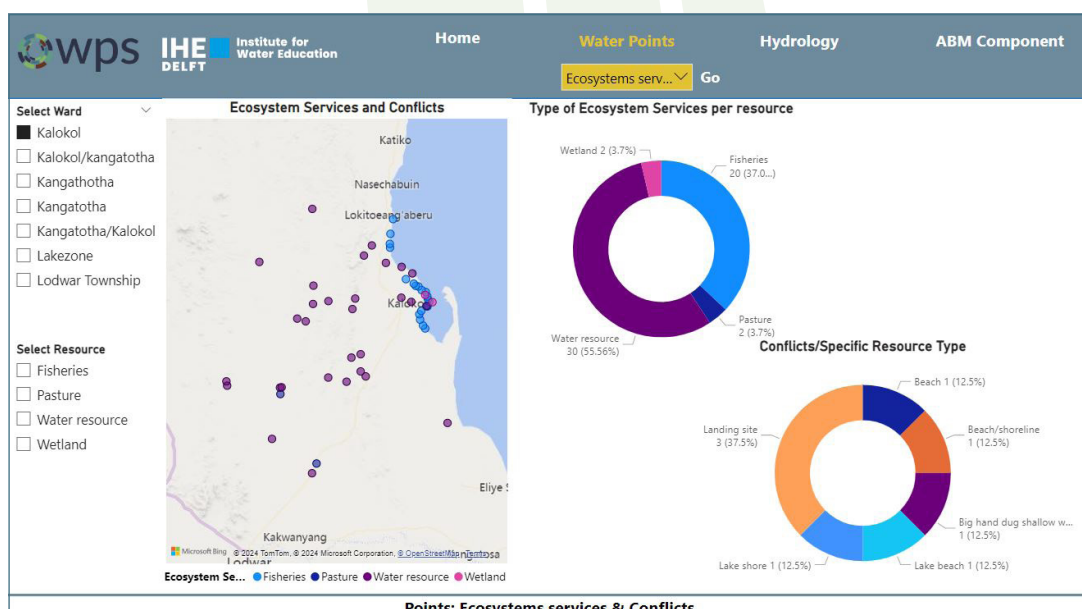
By supporting local, regional and international stakeholders, WPS aims to prevent and reduce water-related conflict and turn the vicious cycle of water challenges and instability into a virtuous one of sustainable water management and peace.

WATER-RELATED SECURITY CHALLENGES

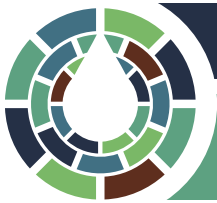
In Kenya's Turkana region, climate shocks and population growth have intensified competition for natural resources, leading to conflicts among local pastoralists over grazing land and water sources. These disputes often result in fatalities and regional instability. Additionally, conflicts over fishing grounds along Lake Turkana's shores strain the lake's ecosystem.

WPS ENGAGEMENT

Since 2022, WPS has focused on Turkana county, especially the North and Central sub-counties. WPS analyzed water-conflict dynamics, developed tools mapping water points and pastoralist routes, and created hydrological models of the catchment and Lake Turkana. This information is integrated into a shared dashboard for stakeholders, facilitating intensive dialogues. Significant outcomes have already been achieved as work continues.



Turkana-dashboard



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COMMUNITY-LED DIALOGUES BRING PEACE

Local dialogues among Turkana, Nyangatom, and Dassenach communities have successfully resolved water conflicts, fostering unity and collaboration. These initiatives have led to agreements on rotational grazing and water access in the Parar and Lokinyanga swamps, with communities uniting around sustainable solutions for their water and pasture needs.



Water vendors filling up their jerricans with water from the shallow well.
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CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATION BETWEEN KENYA AND ETHIOPIA AT COMMUNITY LEVEL

In June 2022, WPS organized a stakeholders meeting in Ethiopia with representatives from both Ethiopia and Kenya, including Oromia regional state and Turkana County. This resulted in a Letter of Intent to collaborate on water resource conservation and management, aiming for peaceful coexistence and socio-economic development. Enhanced collaboration has emerged on peace and security issues, including cross-border crime reporting and dialogues between the Dassenach and Turkana communities.

IMPROVED COLLABORATION AMONG STAKEHOLDERS

Improved collaboration among stakeholders has been achieved through the Peace and Water Sector Forum, which brings together the county-level Water Department and Peace Directorate. This initiative has fostered joint planning and local dialogue forums, improving relations between traditionally conflicting parties such as the Kenya Wildlife Services and fisherfolk. These efforts have contributed to protecting fish breeding sites, benefitting the ecosystem's long-term sustainability and local livelihoods.



Cross-border Natural Resources Management (NRM) dialogue meeting with the Dassanech community taking place in Todonyang. ©PKagwa - Wetlands International

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