









Upper Ewaso Ngiro River Basin Sub Catchments Directory

## **Foreword**

This directory was elaborated by the Centre for Training and Integrated Research in ASAL Development (CETRAD) as part of a small project funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) under the Eastern and Southern Africa Partnership Program (ESAPP). The main objective of this project was to assess the needs of various groups of stakeholders in the Upper Ewaso Ngiro River Basin for information on water use and conservation. A survey conducted within the Basin showed that information on water use and conservation is indeed an asset many stakeholders would desire to access easily and timely. Information on technical issues linked to the use of water, information on water resources and their use and information on legal aspects of water use were severally cited as being of particular importance.

This directory is a first attempt to avail, to the concerned stakeholders, information on water related issues. It is also a way to make at least part of the vast spatial database of CETRAD available to the public. The River Water User Associations (RWUA) actively engaged in managing river water resources and solving related conflicts in the sub-catchments of the Basin are particularly welcome to use this directory as a tool for their daily activities. It might help them in their reporting activities, in inter-subcatchment situation comparison, and as a tool to inform interaction (or negotiations) with funding agencies and development partners. Furthermore, it might show their representatives some of the possibilities offered by modern information technology and spatial analysis tools and prompt them to propose the elaboration of further, even more useful products to CETRAD.

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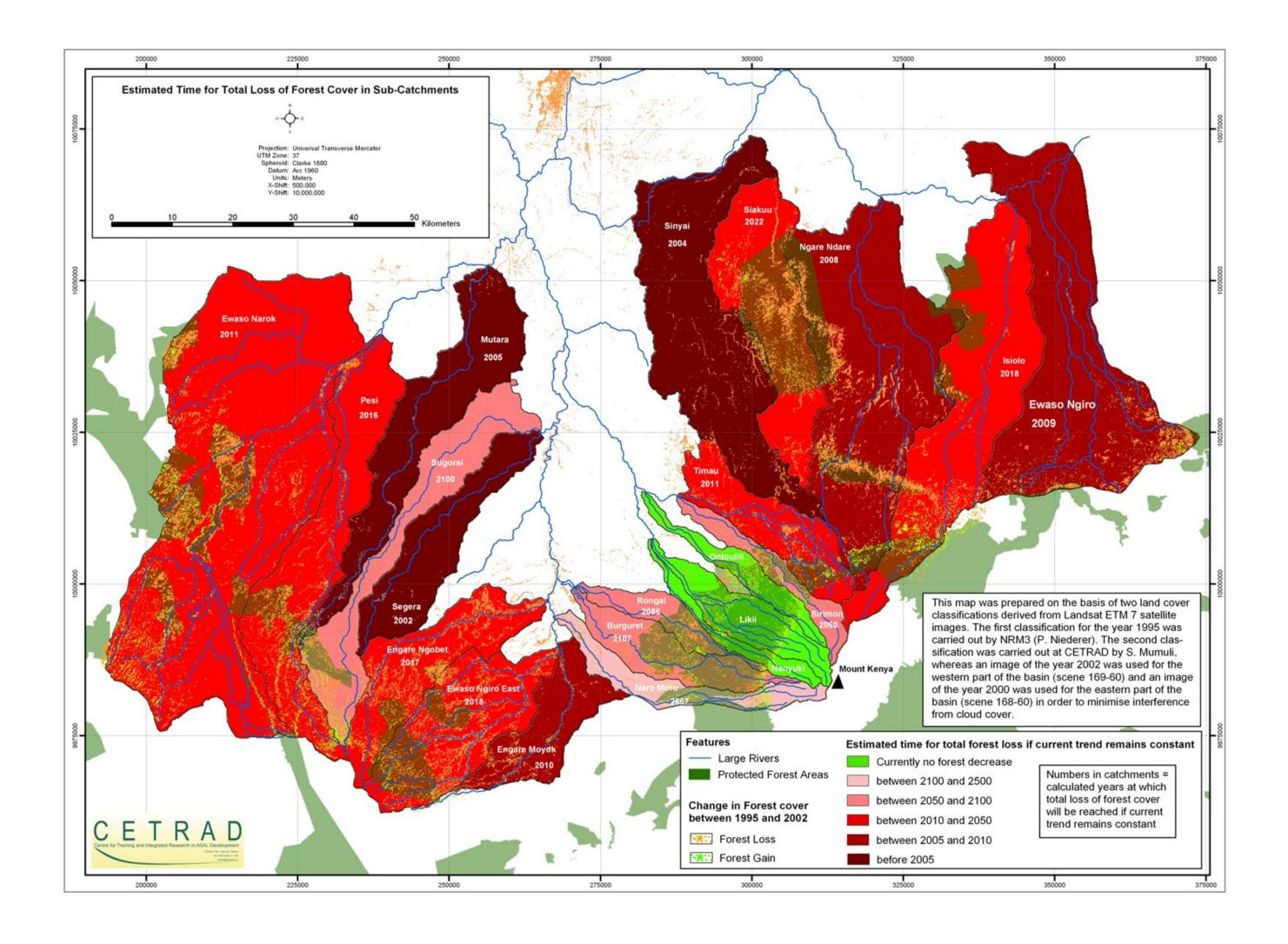
# Comments on Deforestation Mapping

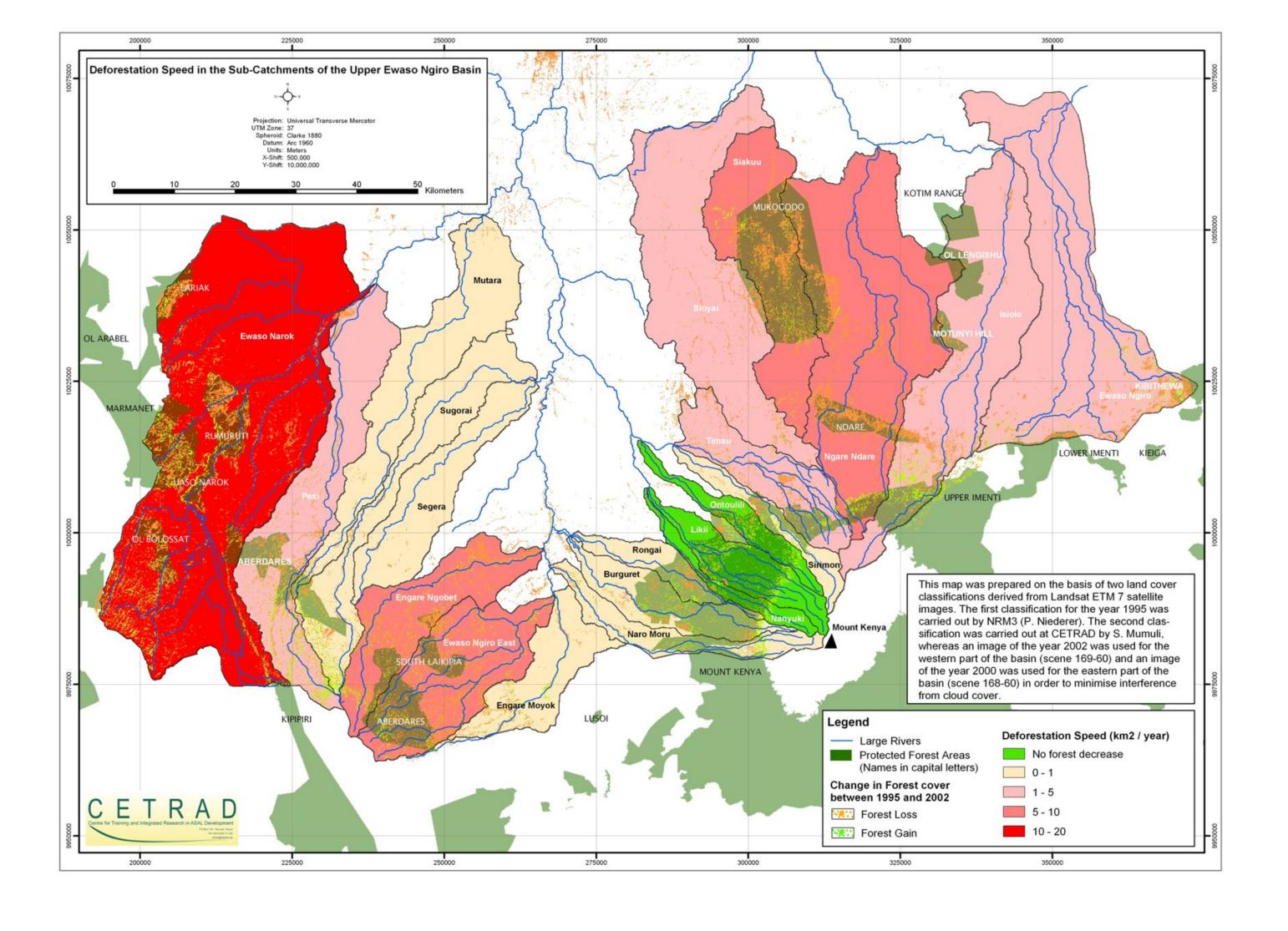
The following two maps provide an overview over the trends in forest cover dynamics in the Ewaso Ngiro River Basin on a catchment-by-catchment basis for the period 1995 - 2002.

The **first map** shows, for each sub-catchment, the surface of forest (in square kilometres) that was cleared every year during the above mentioned period. It is interesting to note, that while the **Mount Kenya** and **Aberdares** Protected Forests seem to enjoy better protection from deforestation, other protected forests like Mukogodo, Ndare, Rumuruti, Marmanet and Lariak are being depleted at an alarming rate. All sub-catchments having a significant share of their area within Mt Kenya Protected Forest (Sirimon, Ontoulili, Likii, Nanyuki, Rongai, Burguret and Naro Moru) have deforestation rates below 1 km² per year, while for others, like Ewaso Narok, this rate is as high as 12 km² per year.

The **second map** shows the time remaining until each sub-catchment will be totally cleared from forests (if the current trend remains constant). Of course in this respect, catchments with larger initial forest covers, mainly in the high potential areas, have an advantage over catchments located in semi-arid regions with little initial forest cover. Still, some catchments with relatively large protected forests (Siakuu, Ngare Ndare, Ewaso Ngiro East and Ewaso Narok) seem to use these resources in a very unsustainable manner, as their forests will have disappeared before the year 2020 if the current trend remains the same. It is also interesting to note that catchments with very little or no protected forest areas (Sinyai, Mutara, Segera, Ewaso Ngiro and Engare Moyok) either have already lost all their forests, or will have lost them before the year 2010.

The two maps were prepared on the basis of two land cover classifications carried out by NRM3 (P. Niederer) and CETRAD (S. Mumuli). These classifications were both done with use of Landsat ETM 7 satellite images. It is important to note that shifts can occur between the two classifications mainly because of varying atmospheric conditions and varying perceptions of the persons conducting the visual analysis of the satellite images. In the case of forest cover, these shifts should not play a significant role, as this land cover type is relatively easy to identify with the source data used. Still, the deforestation trends were calculated by combining forest loss and gain (trend = loss - gain) in order to neutralise possible spatial discrepancies between the two source datasets.





# Notes on Sub-Catchments Maps

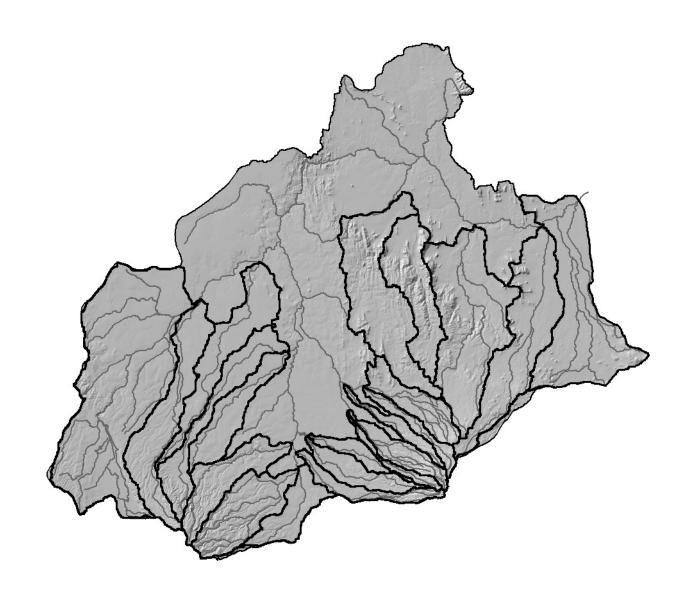
The bulk of this directory is composed of maps and fact sheets for 21 sub-catchments of the Upper Ewaso Ngiro River Basin. The maps are composed of one main map and three secondary maps. The main map shows the land cover in the catchments for the year 1995, water abstraction points, river gauging stations, isohyets, roads, urban centres and administrative boundaries. The secondary maps feature topography (slope classes and elevation contours), soil types and population density per administrative units (sub-locations). All the map sheets have their own legends, projection information, information on the project and CETRAD, logo and copyright declaration. Therefore, they can be used either as part of the directory, or can be duplicated for separate use in reports and presentations.

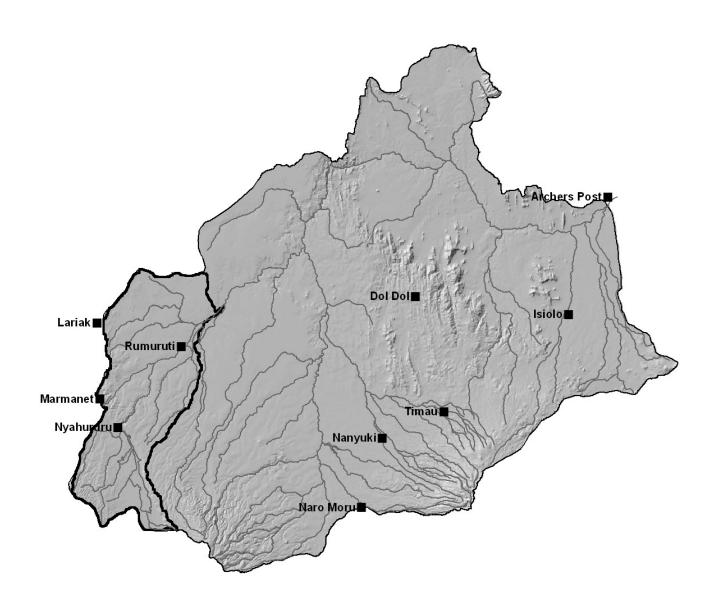
The maps have been arranged and numbered in West to East order as shown in the overview on the following page. The scales of the maps vary depending on the size of the sub-catchments portrayed, but all range between 1:140,000 and 1:250,000 for the main maps and between 1:350,000 and 1:800,000 for the secondary maps.

The fact sheets provided for each sub-catchment partly repeat the map information in text, or tabular format. Additionally, information on deforestation dynamics is provided together with a simple map. Finally, a table provides basic information on River Water User Association (WUA) for those sub-catchments in which they have been established. The information contained in these tables, reflects the opinion of the WUA representatives interviewed during a survey carried out in July - August 2003. Part of this information might be outdated and it is possible that in the meantime new WUA have been established in other sub-catchments. Nevertheless, the tables provide a good overview over the issues and conflicts that WUA are dealing with and the way in which they try to do so.

### **Ewaso Narok**

- 1. Pesi
- 2. Mutara
- 3. Suguroi
- 4. Segera
- 5. Engare Ngobit
- 6. Ewaso Ngiro East
- 7. Engare Moyok
- 8. Naro Moru
- 9. Burguret
- 10. Rongai
- 11. Nanyuki
- 12. Likii
- 13. Ontulili
- 14. Sirimon
- 15. Timau
- 16. Sinyai
- 17. Siakuu
- 18. Ngare Ndare
- 19. Isiolo
- 20. Ewaso Ngiro





## **Ewaso Narok Subcatchment**

## **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area	1840 kn	n2
Perimeter	320 km	
Area to perimeter ratio	5.75	
Highest point	2960 m	
Lowest point	1780 m	
Average altitude	2155 m	
Altitude range (highest point – lowest po	oint)	1180 m

**Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 1,545,600,000 m3

Average annual rainfall in catchment area 840 mm Location with highest annual rainfall 1090 mm Location with lowest annual rainfall 650 mm

**Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Approx. total length of main river 95 km
Total length of all rivers in catchment 1265 km
Number of gauging stations 0
Number of recorded abstraction points 114

Water User Association Yes (see following page)

Socio – economy

Population ---

Urban centres Chereta, Emu, Gatero, Gathuria, Gatundia, Huhoini, Karaba,

Karamuton, Kinguka, Kinoiyo, Kirima, Kite, Leshau, Limunga, Lorian, Losoogwa, Machunguru, Mahianyu, Mairo Inya, Manguu, Mbogoini, Minjore, Mithuri, Muhotetu, Muruku, Ndogino, Ndurumo, Ngoru, Ngururo, Nyahururu, Ol Donyo, Ol Jabet, Rumuruti, Rwathia, Salama, Shauri, Siron,

Subuko, Thiru

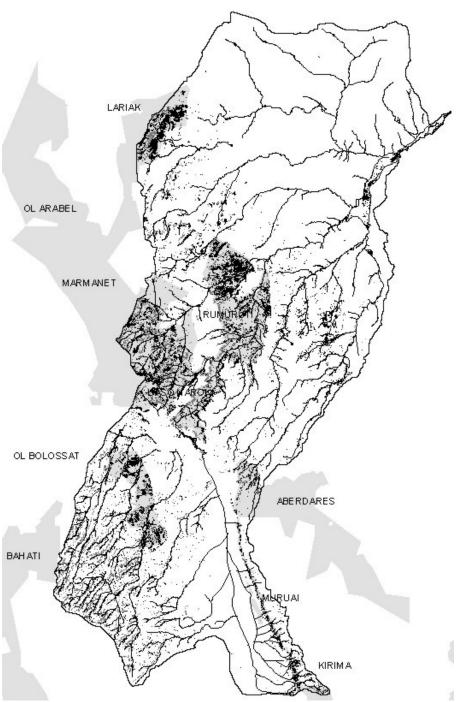
#### **Land Cover in 1995**

Grassland	11 % =	202.4 km2
Woody grassland	34 % =	625.6 km2
Forest	08 % =	147.2 km2
Plantation forest	02 % =	36.8 km2
Cropland	44 % =	809.6 km2
Surface Water	01 % =	18.4 km2

Administration (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to)

administrative units t			<del>,</del>
Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
		Muhotetu	Karaba
	Ngarua	Walloteta	Muhotetu
	Ingarua	Sipili	Dimcom
		·	Doiyno Loip
		Igwamiti	Losogwa
		Maina	Maina
	Nyahururu	Mutitu	Ngoru
		Nyahururu	Manguo
		ityanarara	Ndunyu
			Melwa
Laikipia		Marmanet	Oljabet
Laikipia			Siron
		Maundu Ni Meri	Maundu Ni Meri
		Muthengera	Gaiti
		Mullerigera	Muthengera
	Rumuruti	Rumuruti	Ndurumo
		numurun	Rumuruti
			Lorien
		Salaama	Muruku
		Salaaiiia	Pesi
			Salaama
		Sosian	Sosian
		Kanyagia	Muruai
		Kiriiti	Mairo Inya
		Killiti	Shauri
		Leshau	Karangoini
	Ndaragwa	Lesnau	Mbuyu
	Nuaragwa	Mathingira	Leshau
		Mathingira	Ndivai
			Kirima
		Shamata	Shamata
			Simbara
			Gatanje
		Gatanje	Ngawo
Nyandarua			Silibewti
			Gatimu
		Gatimu	Gikingi
	Ol Joro Orok		Kanguo
	Or soro Crok		Lesirko
		Ol Joro Orok	Nyairoko
			Oraimutia
			Gatumbiro
		Weru	Kirimangai
			Weru
			Matura
	Ol Kalou Rurii	Rurii	Passenga
			Rurii

#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2000

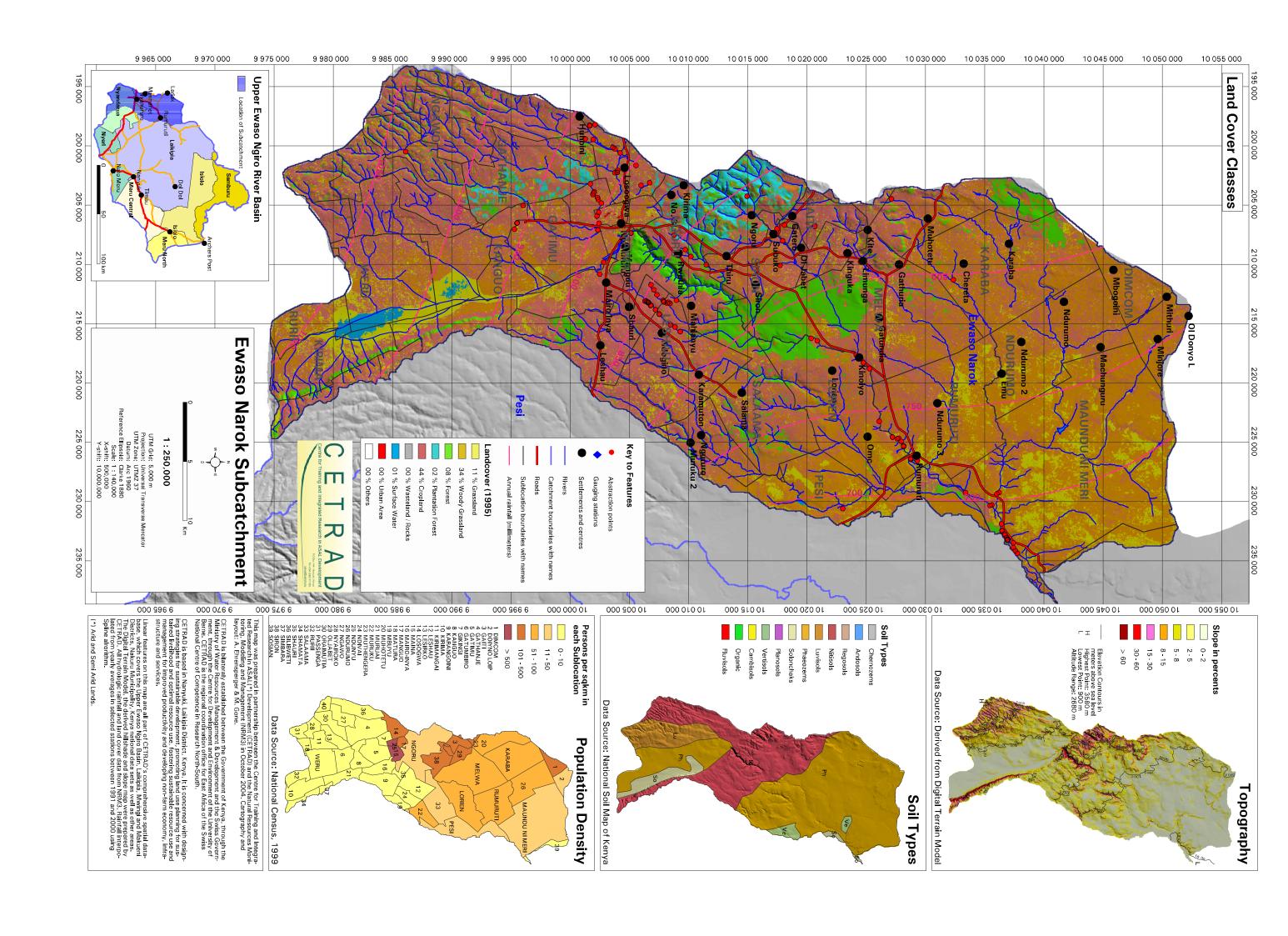


The black areas in the figure above (109 km2) show the areas of Ewaso Narok catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2000. The dark grey areas (51 km2) were classified as forests in 2000 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest loss for the period 1995 - 2000 is 58 km2 (average annual forest loss = 11.6 km2). Should this deforestation rate remain constant, the catchment will be without forest cover around the year 2011.

The light grey area represents various protected forest areas (see labels) as defined in the Kifcon database; the continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.

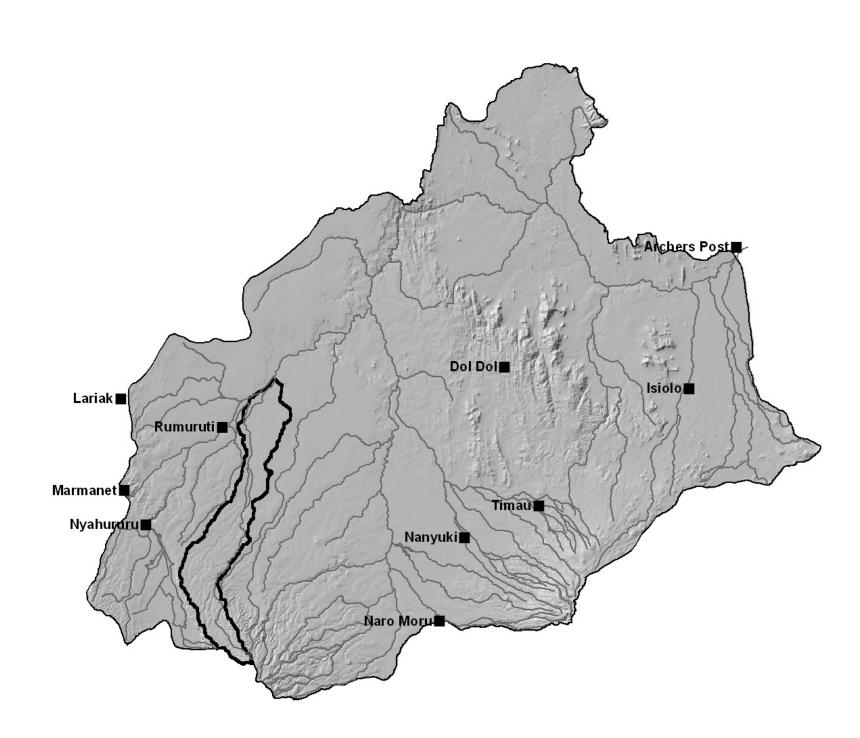
Forest classification for the year 1995 carried out by NRM3 (P. Niederer) Forest classification for the year 2000 carried out by CETRAD (S. Mumuli) Both classifications on the basis of Landsat ETM satellite images.

Name	Ewaso Narok Water User Association
Contact	The chairman is the manager of Sosian Ranch.
In existence since	2002
Registered as	Association since 2003.
Trigger of formation	Water politics, crisis on water use in the area, foreseeable crisis in future if swamp dries.
Objectives	Initially: To conserve the ecosystem, to educate people on correct water use, to improve the living standards of the people, to maintain the catchment area, to make water available to all people. Presently (additionally to the above): Water use plan, maintain ecosystem, protect swamp from drying due to farming activities, reforestation, better water utilization, preventing pollution.
Availability of sanctioning system	No paid-up members yet.
Role of horticulture farms	Only one horticultural farm in the area, not yet consulted.
Sources of conflicts	People are not following the water laws, political interference in water related issues.
Problems forwarded to the WUA	None so far
Unexpressed conflicts	None so far
Availability of conflict guidelines	None so far
Concrete way of solving conflicts	No cases so far
Cases of conflicts dealt with	None so far
Other activities the WUA is engaging in	None
Achievements	None so far
Hindrances	None so far
Advices to others	None so far



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#### **Pesi Subcatchment**

#### Fact Sheet

Status of data: June 2004

#### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area	589 km
Perimeter	244 km
Area to perimeter ratio	2.41
Highest point	3670 m
Lowest point	1780 m
Average altitude	2190 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point)	1890 m

#### **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 471,200,000 m³

Average annual rainfall in catchment area
Location with highest annual rainfall 1020 mm
Location with lowest annual rainfall 610 mm

#### **Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total approx. length of main river 97 km
Total approx. length of all rivers in catchment 596 km
Number of gauging stations 2
Number of recorded abstraction points 233
Water User Association No

#### Socio - economy

Population --

Urban centres Mathira, Muruku, Ndaragwa, Pesi, Thome

# **Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to).

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
		Maundu Ni Meri	Maundu Ni Meri
			Kiamariga
		Mutara	Mutara
Laikipia	Rumuruti		Thome
		Salaama	Muruku
		Salaaiiia	Pesi
		Sosian	Sosian
		Kahutha	Kianjogu
			Uruku
			Kanyagia
		Kanyagia	Kihara
	Ndaragwa		Muruai
Ndaragwa	Nuaragwa	Leshau	Karangoini
		Lesnau	Mbuyu
			Karandi
		Shamata	Shamata
			Simbara
	National Park	National Park	National Park

#### Land Cover in 1995

Grassland	13 %	=	$76.5  \text{km}^2$
Woody grassland			212 km <sup>2</sup>
Forest	14 %	=	82.5 km <sup>2</sup>
Cropland	37 %	=	218 km <sup>2</sup>

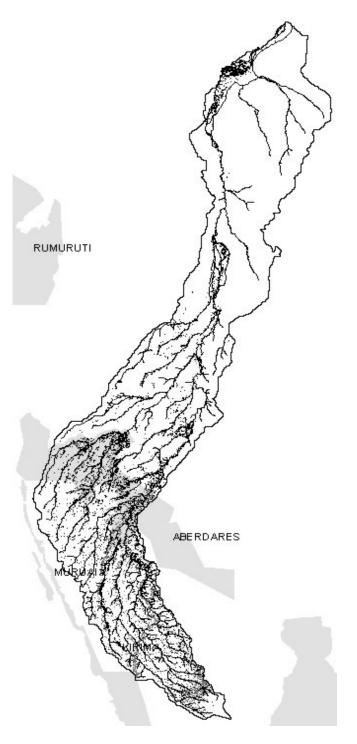
#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2000 (\*)

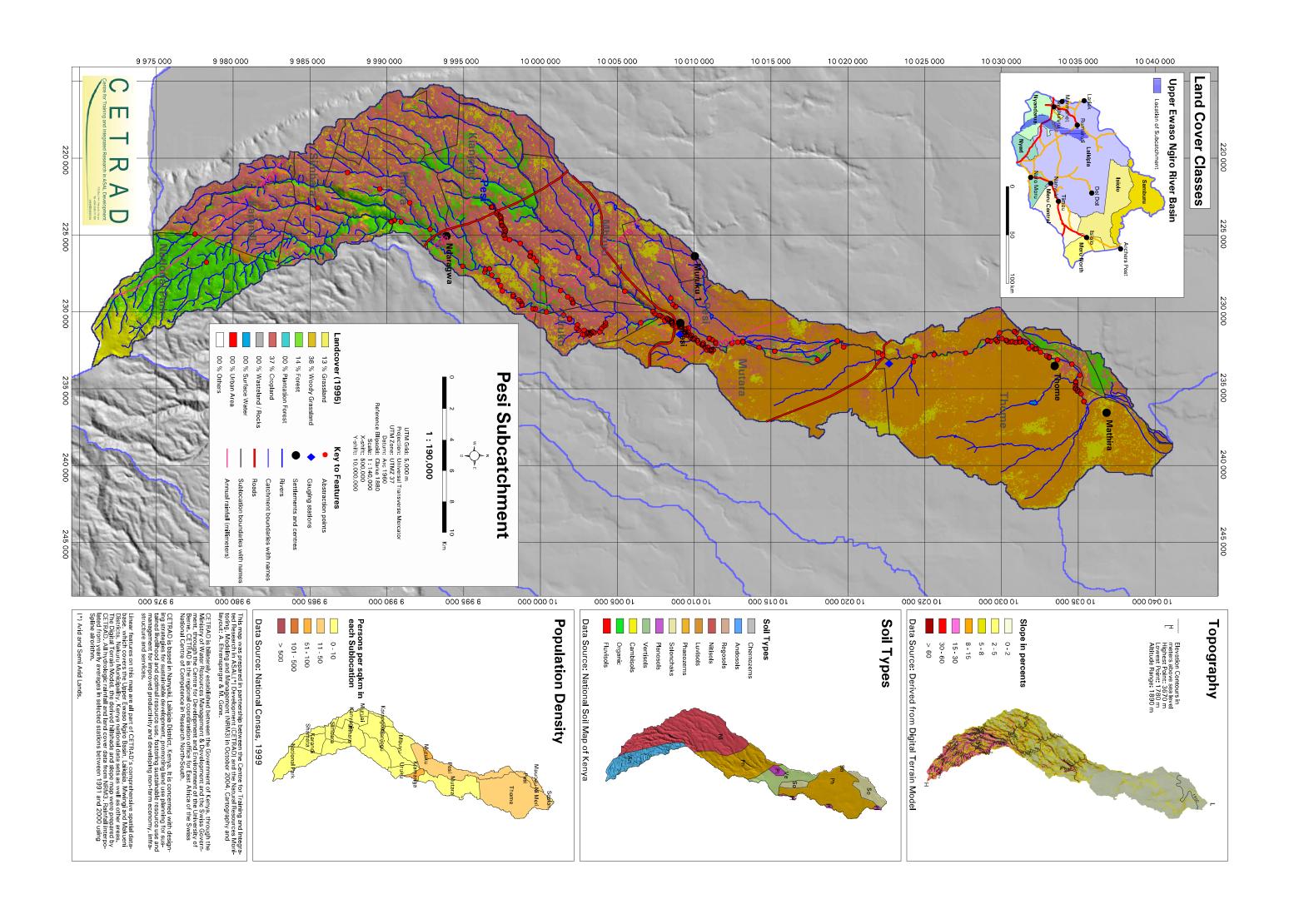
The black areas in the figure to the right (39.8 km²) show the areas of Mutara catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2000. The dark grey areas (20.6 km²) were classified as forests in 2000 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest loss for the period 1995 – 2000 is 19.2 km² (average annual forest loss = 3.8 km²). Should this deforestation rate remain constant, the catchment will be without forest cover around the year 2016.

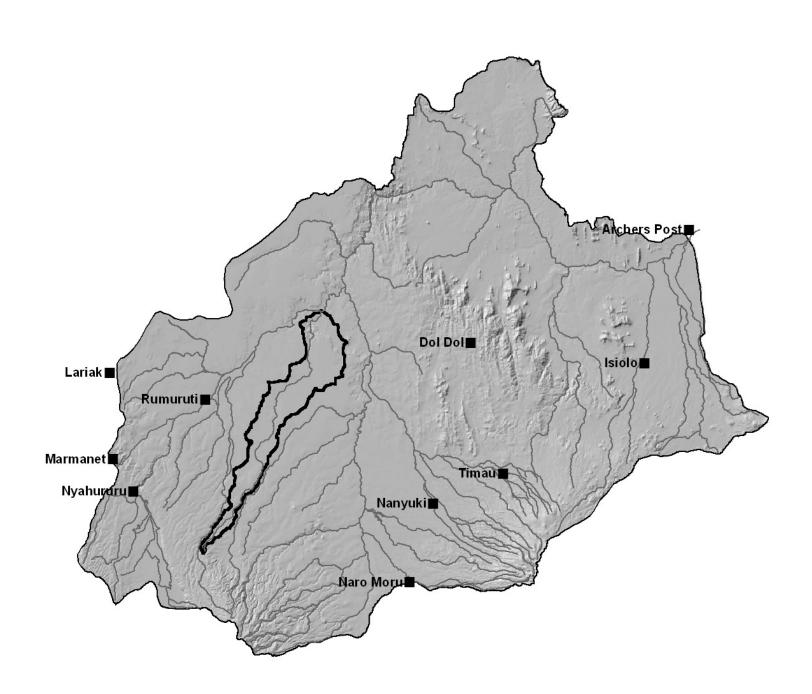
The light grey area represents various protected forest areas (see labels) as defined in the Kifcon database; the continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.

Forest classification for the year 1995 carried out by NRM3 (P. Niederer)
Forest classification for the year 2002 carried out by CETRAD (S. Mumuli)
Both classifications on the basis of Landsat ETM satellite images

(\*) This catchment is located at the boundary between two satellite images; the one to the East being of the year 2002 and the one to the West being of the year 2000. As approximately 90% of the catchment is located on the Western image, the year 2000 was taken as a temporal benchmark.







## **Mutara Subcatchment**

## **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

#### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area	489 km2
Perimeter	235 km
Area to perimeter ratio	2.08
Highest point	2500 m
Lowest point	1600 m
Average altitude	1850 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest	point) 900 m

#### **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 293,400,000 m3

Average annual rainfall in catchment area 600 mm
Location with highest annual rainfall 930 mm
Location with lowest annual rainfall 500 mm

#### **Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total approx. length of main river 95 km

Total approx. length of all rivers in catchment 262 km

Number of gauging stations 1
Number of recorded abstraction points 76
Water User Association No

#### Socio – economy

Population -

Urban centres Kiamariga, Mutara

**Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to).

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
	0	Segera	Impala
	Central		Segera
Laikipia Lamuria Rumuruti	Lamuria	Ngobit	Wiyumiririe
		Kiamariga	
	Rumuruti	nuruti Mutara	Mutara
			Thome
Nyandarua Ndaragwa		Kahutha	Uruku
		Kanyagia	Kihara

#### Land Cover in 1995

Grassland	40 % =	195.6 km2
Woody grassland	52 % =	254.3 km2
Forest	02 % =	9.8 km2
Cropland	06 % =	29.3 km2

#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002 (\*)

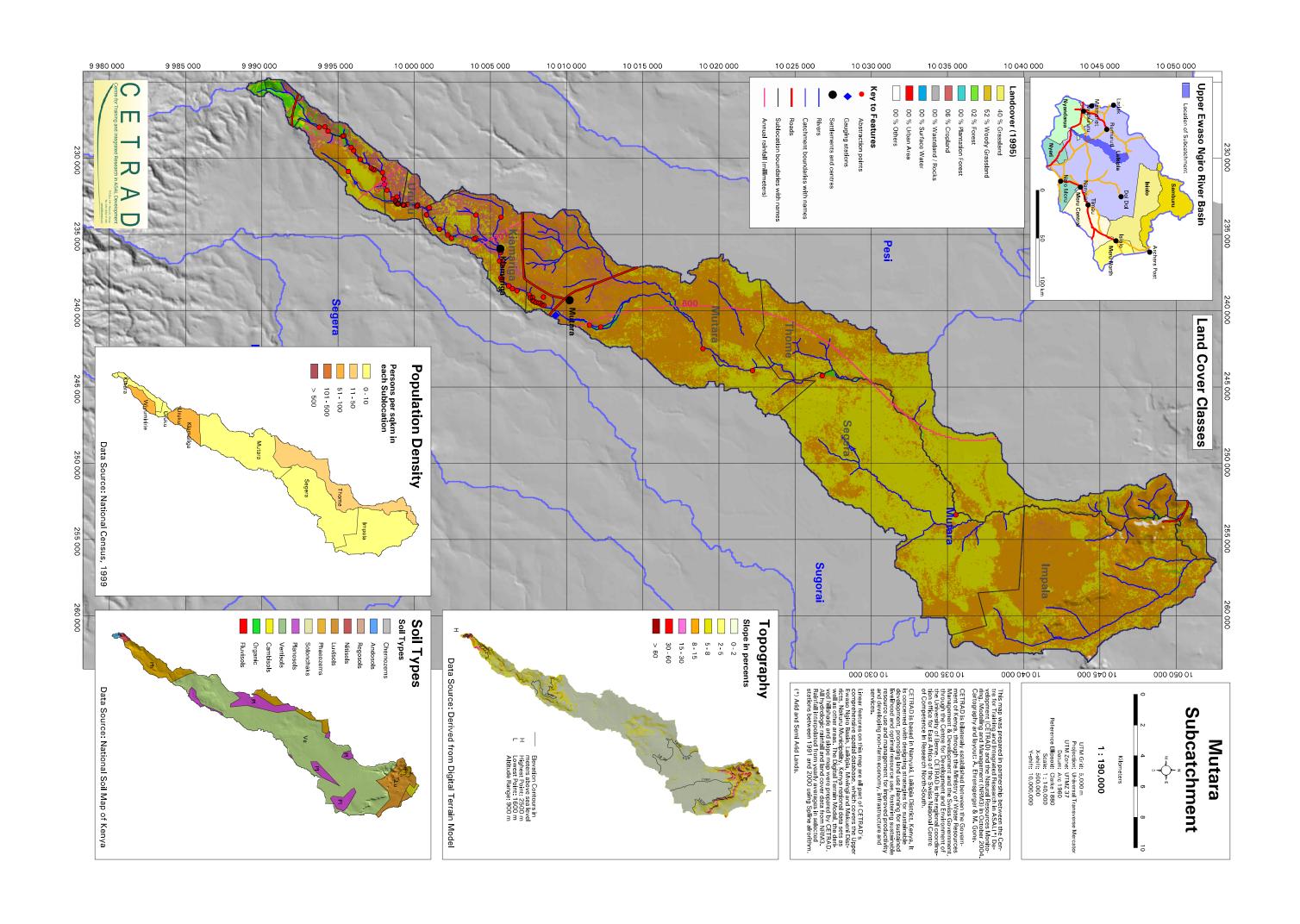
The black areas in the figure to the right (7.5 km²) show the areas of Mutara catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2002. The dark grey areas (1 km²) were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest loss for the period 1995 – 2002 is 6.5 km² (average annual forest loss = 0.9 km²). Should this deforestation rate remain constant, the catchment will be without forest cover around the year 2005.

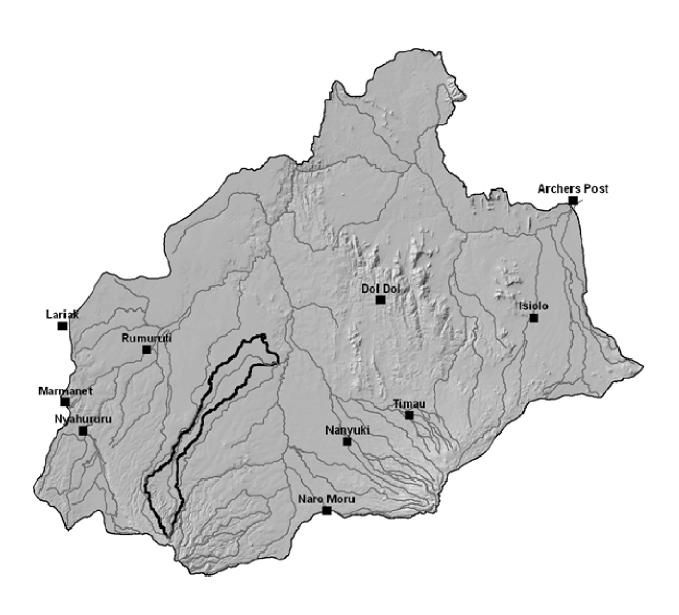
The light grey area represents various protected forest areas (see labels) as defined in the Kifcon database; the continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.

Forest classification for the year 1995 carried out by NRM3 (P. Niederer) Forest classification for the year 2002 carried out by CETRAD (S. Mumuli) Both classifications on the basis of Landsat ETM satellite images

(\*) This catchment is located at the boundary between two satellite images. The one to the East being of the year 2002 and the one to the West being of the year 2000. As approximately 80% of the catchment is located on the Eastern image, the year 2002 was taken as a temporal benchmark.







## **Suguroi Subcatchment**

#### **Fact Sheet**

#### Status of data: June 2004

#### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area	399 km²
Perimeter	229 km
Area to perimeter ratio	1.74
Highest point	3370 m
Lowest point	1700 m
Average altitude	2090 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point)	1670 m

**Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 279,300,000 m<sup>3</sup>

Average annual rainfall in catchment area
Location with highest annual rainfall 980 mm
Location with lowest annual rainfall 520 mm

**Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total approx. length of main river 90 km
Total approx. length of all rivers in catchment 364 km
Number of gauging stations 0
Number of recorded abstraction points 45
Water User Association No

Socio - economy

Population -

Urban centres Kiriogo, Laya, Mukurweini, Wiyumiririe

**Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to).

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
	Control	Cogoro	Impala
	Central	Segera	Segera
Laikinia	Lomurio	Ngobit	Wiyumiririe
Laikipia	Lamuria	Sirima	Withari
	Dumuruti	Mutara	Kiamariga
	Rumuruti	Mutara	Mutara
Nyandarua			Kariki
	Ndorogue	Kahutha	Kiriogo
	Ndaragwa		Uruku
		Kanyagia	Kihara
National Park		National Park	National Park

#### Land Cover in 1995

 Grassland
 43 % =  $171.5 \text{ km}^2$  

 Woody grassland
 31 % =  $123.7 \text{ km}^2$  

 Forest
 18 % =  $71.8 \text{ km}^2$  

 Cropland
 08 % =  $31.9 \text{ km}^2$ 

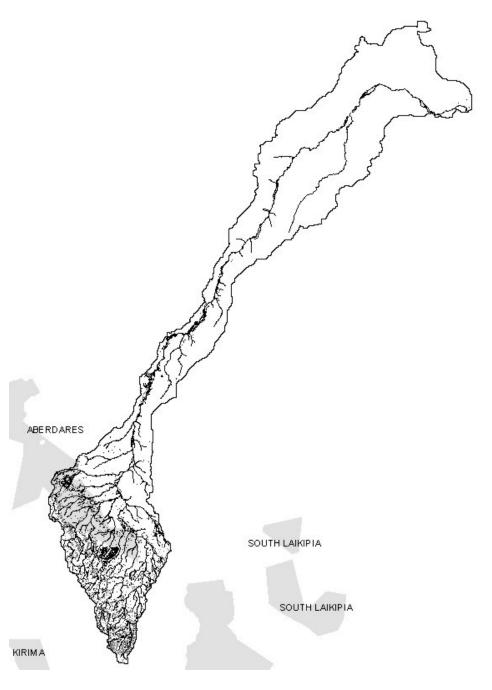
#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002 (\*)

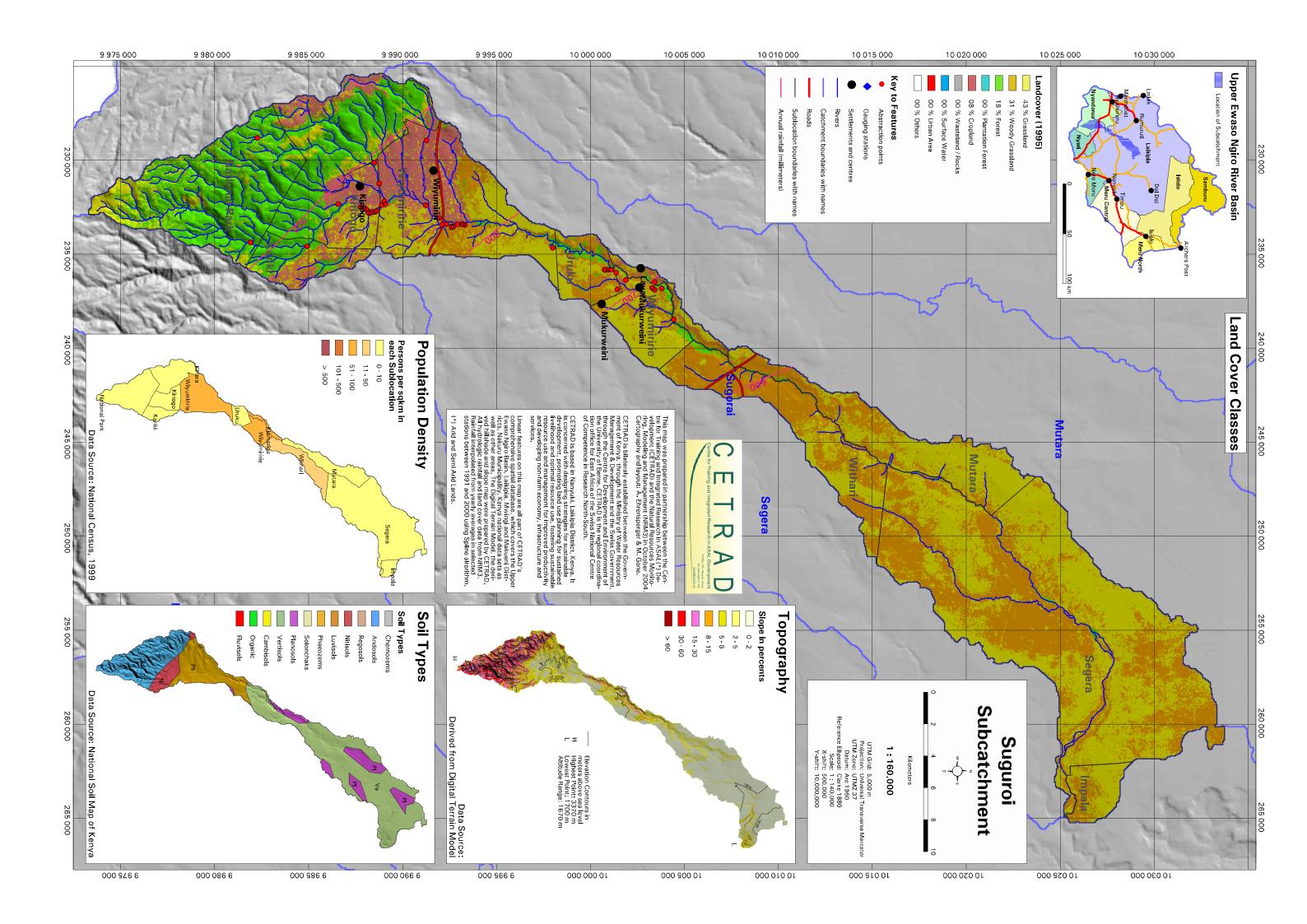
The black areas in the figure to the right  $(16.5 \text{ km}^2)$  show the areas of Suguroi catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2002. The dark grey areas  $(11.3 \text{ km}^2)$  were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest loss for the period 1995 – 2002 is 5.2 km² (average annual forest loss =  $0.7 \text{ km}^2$ ). Should this deforestation rate remain constant, the catchment will be without forest cover around the year 2100.

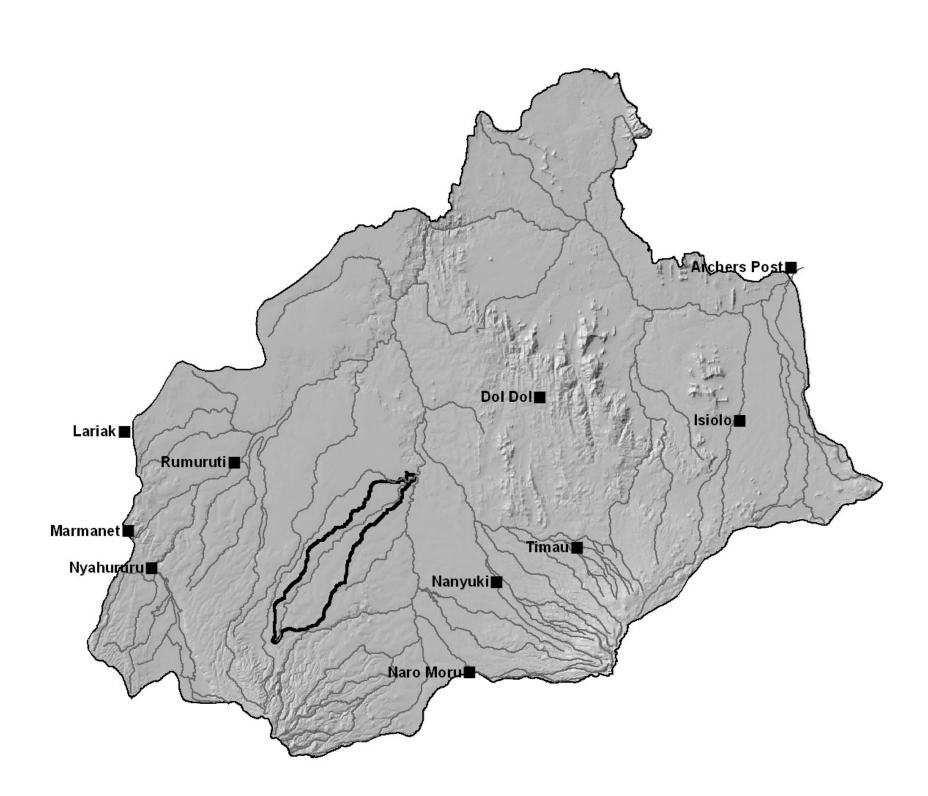
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Forest classification for the year 1995 carried out by NRM3 (P. Niederer) Forest classification for the year 2002 carried out by CETRAD (S. Mumuli) Both classifications on the basis of Landsat ETM satellite images

(\*) This catchment is located at the boundary between two satellite images; the one to the East being of the year 2002 and the one to the West being of the year 2000. As approximately 80% of the catchment is located on the Eastern image, the year 2000 was taken as a temporal benchmark.







### **Segera Subcatchment**

#### **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

#### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area	313 km <sup>2</sup>
Perimeter	148 km
Area to perimeter ratio	2.11
Highest point	2280 m
Lowest point	1680 m
Average altitude	1940 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point)	600 m

#### **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 187,800,000 m³

Average annual rainfall in catchment area
Location with highest annual rainfall 850 mm
Location with lowest annual rainfall 490 mm

#### Hydrology (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total length of main river

Total approx. length of all rivers in catchment

Number of gauging stations

Number of recorded abstraction points

Water User Association

68 km

220 km

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Number of recorded abstraction points

No

#### Socio – economy

Population --

Urban centres Makutano, Segera, Sugorai 2, Sugorai 3, Wamura

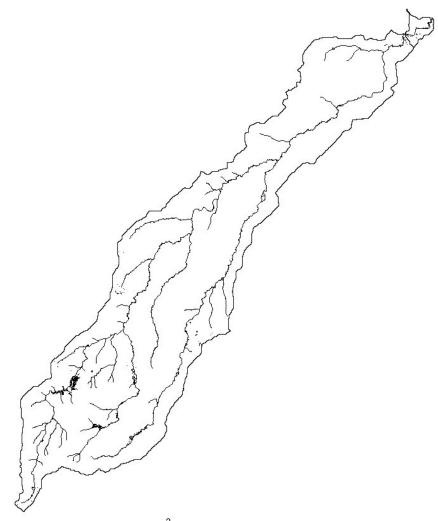
**Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to).

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
Laikipia	Central	Sogora	Impala
		Segera	Segera
	Lamuria	Lamuria	Lamuria
		Ngobit	Kariguini
			Wiyumiririe
		Sirima	Withari
Nyandarua	Ndaragwa	Kahuthua	Kariki
ivyanuarua		Natiuttiua	Uruku

#### Land Cover in 1995

Grassland 47 % =  $147.1 \text{ km}^2$ Woody grassland 51 % =  $160 \text{ km}^2$ Forest 0.6 % =  $1.8 \text{ km}^2$ Cropland 01 % =  $3 \text{ km}^2$ 

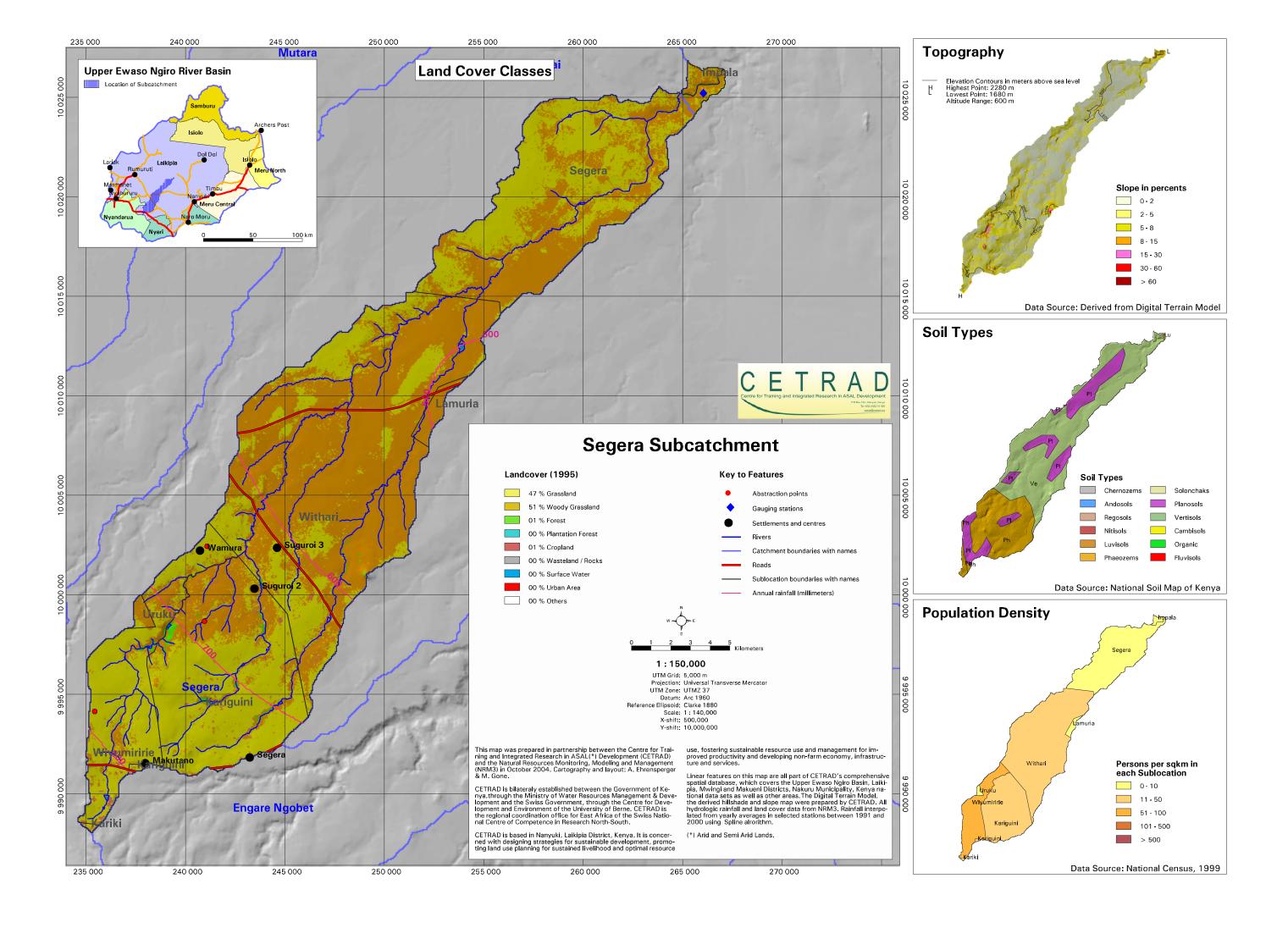
#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002

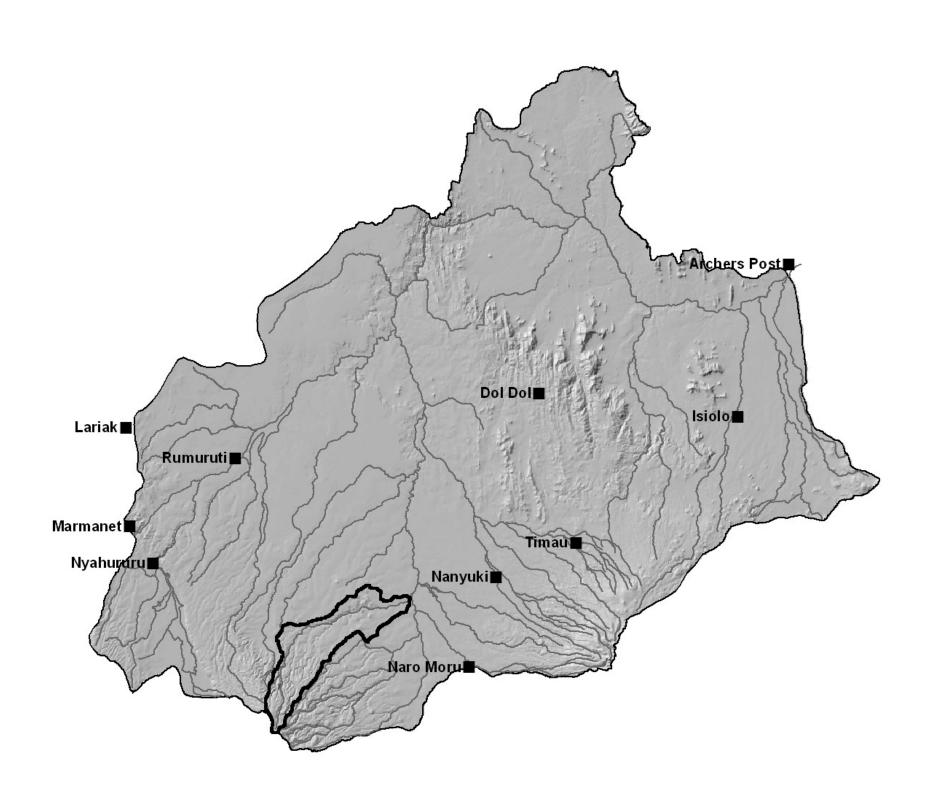


The black areas in the figure to the right  $(1.8 \text{ km}^2)$  show the areas of Segera catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2002. The dark grey areas  $(0 \text{ km}^2)$  were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest loss for the period 1995 – 2002 is  $1.8 \text{ km}^2$  (average annual forest loss =  $0.25 \text{ km}^2$ ). By 2002 the forest cover in this catchment had almost disappeared (0.07 km² remaining).

The continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.

Forest classification for the year 1995 carried out by NRM3 (P. Niederer) Forest classification for the year 2002 carried out by CETRAD (S. Mumuli) Both classifications on the basis of Landsat ETM satellite images





### **Engare Ngobit Subcatchment**

#### **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

#### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area	359 km <sup>2</sup>
Perimeter	155 km
Area to perimeter ratio	2.32
Highest point	3,970 m
Lowest point	1,780 m
Average altitude	2,300 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point)	2,190 m

#### **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 278,616,120 m³
Average annual rainfall in catchment area
Location with highest annual rainfall 970 mm
Location with lowest annual rainfall 560 mm

#### **Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total length of main river (Engare Ngobet River) 68 km
Total length of all rivers in catchment 478 km
Number of gauging stations 1
Number of recorded abstraction points 133
Water User Association No

#### Socio – economy

Population -

Urban centres Gwakaniki, Mugunda, Nairutia, New Mutaro, Ngobit, Ruai,

Rutunguru, Wihare

# **Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to)

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
Laikipia	Lamuria	Lamuria	Lamuria
		Ngobit	Kariugini
			Wiyumiririe
		Sirima	Muhonia
			Withari
Nyeri	Kieni West	Gatarakwa	Kamariki
		Mugunda	Kamiruri
			Karemeno
			Nairutia
	Aberdares Forest	Aberdares Forest	Aberdares Forest
Nyandarua	Ndaragwa	Kahutha	Kariki
· ·	Aberdares National Park	Aberdares National Park	Aberdares National Park

#### Land Cover (1995)

Grassland	27 %	=	97 km²
Woody grassland	19 %	=	69 km²
Forest	33 %	=	118 km²
Cropland	21 %	=	75 km²

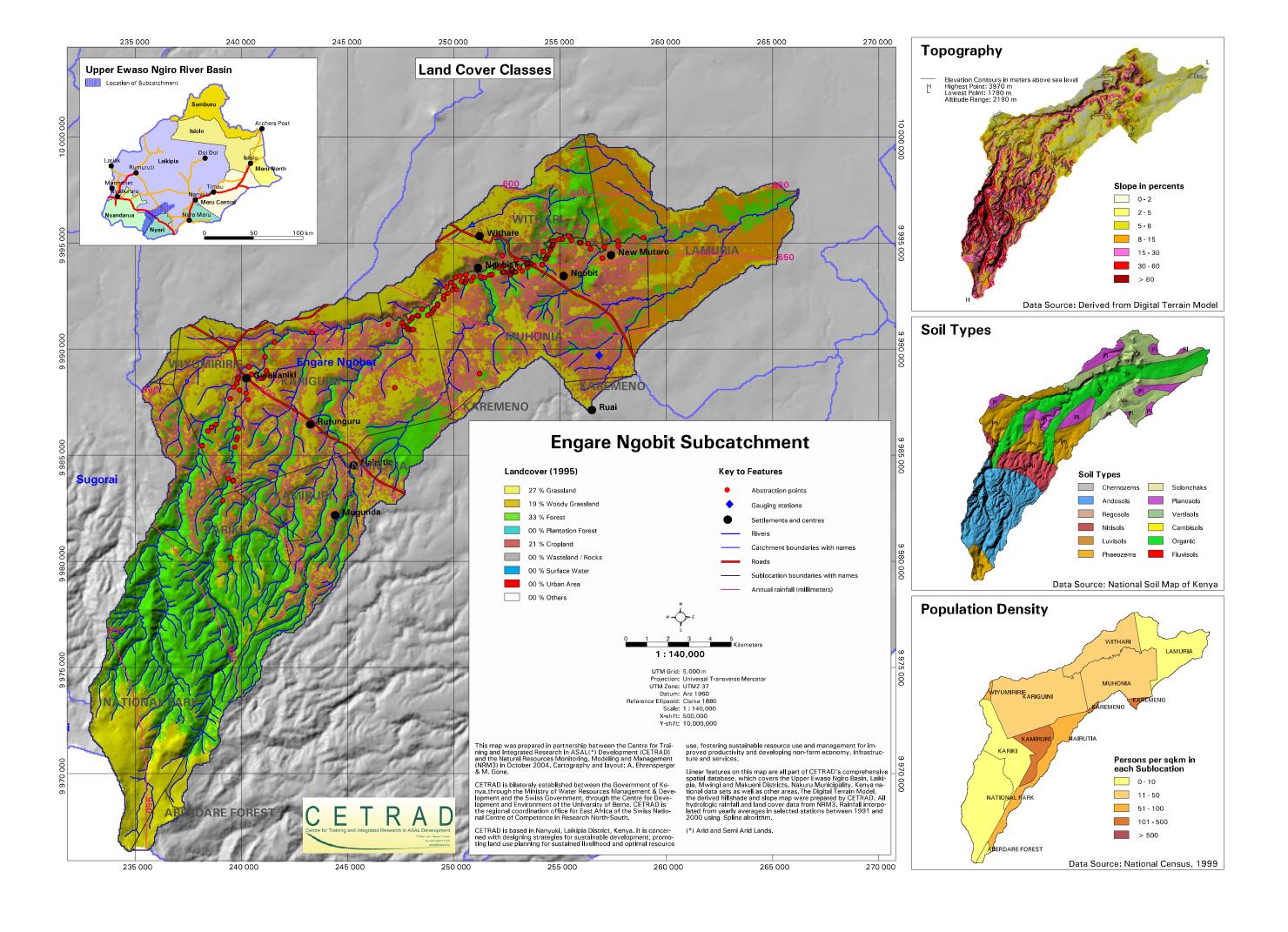
#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002

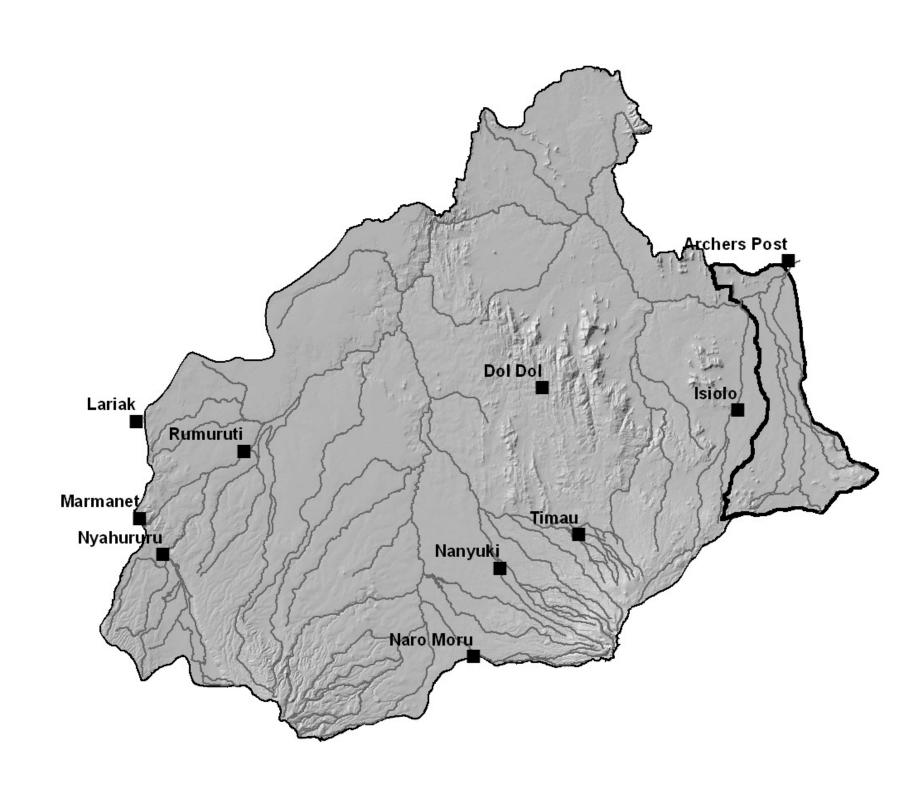


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The continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.

Forest classification for the year 1995 carried out by NRM3 (P. Niederer) Forest classification for the year 2002 carried out by CETRAD (S. Mumuli) Both classifications on the basis of Landsat ETM satellite images.





#### Ewaso Ngiro East Subcatchment

#### Fact Sheet

Status of data: June 2004

#### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area 433 km²
Perimeter 141 km
Area to perimeter ratio 3.07
Highest point 3,890 m
Lowest point 1,810 m
Average altitude 2,380 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point) 2,080 m

**Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 346,400,000 m<sup>3</sup>

Average annual rainfall in catchment area
Location with highest annual rainfall
Location with lowest annual rainfall
690 mm

**Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total length of main river (Ewaso East River)
Total length of all rivers in catchment
Number of gauging stations
Number of recorded abstraction points
Water User Association:

60 km
635 km
0
310

Socio - economy

Population ---

Urban centres Karemeno, Kiawara, Lamuria 1 and 2, Muhonia, Muringa, Muthangira, New City, Ruirii, Tanyai

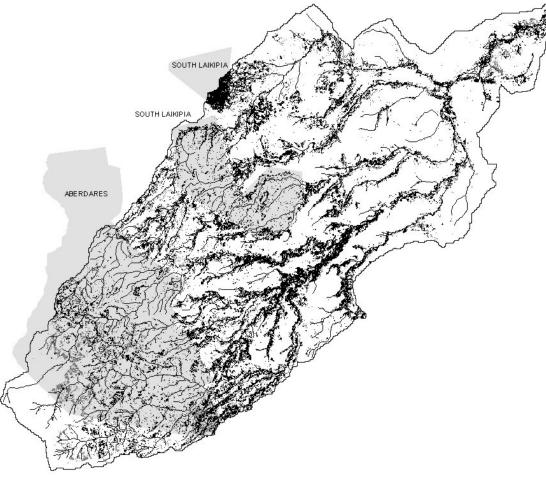
**Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to).

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
		Lamuria	Lamuria
Laikipia	Lamuria	Sirima	Muthonia
		Tigithi	Matanya
			Charity
		Endarasha	Endarasha
			Gakanga
	Kieni West		Embaringo
		Gatarakwa	Kamariki
Nyeri		Galalakwa	Lamuria
			Watuka
			Karemeno
		Mugunda	Nairutia
			Ruirie
		Mwiyongo	Kabati
		Wiwiyongo	Muthuini
	Aberdares Forest	Aberdares Forest	Aberdares Forest

#### Land Cover (1995)

Grassland	21 %	=	91 km <sup>2</sup>
Woody grassland			$74 \text{ km}^2$
Forest	41 %	=	$177  \mathrm{km}^2$
Cropland	21 %	=	91 km <sup>2</sup>

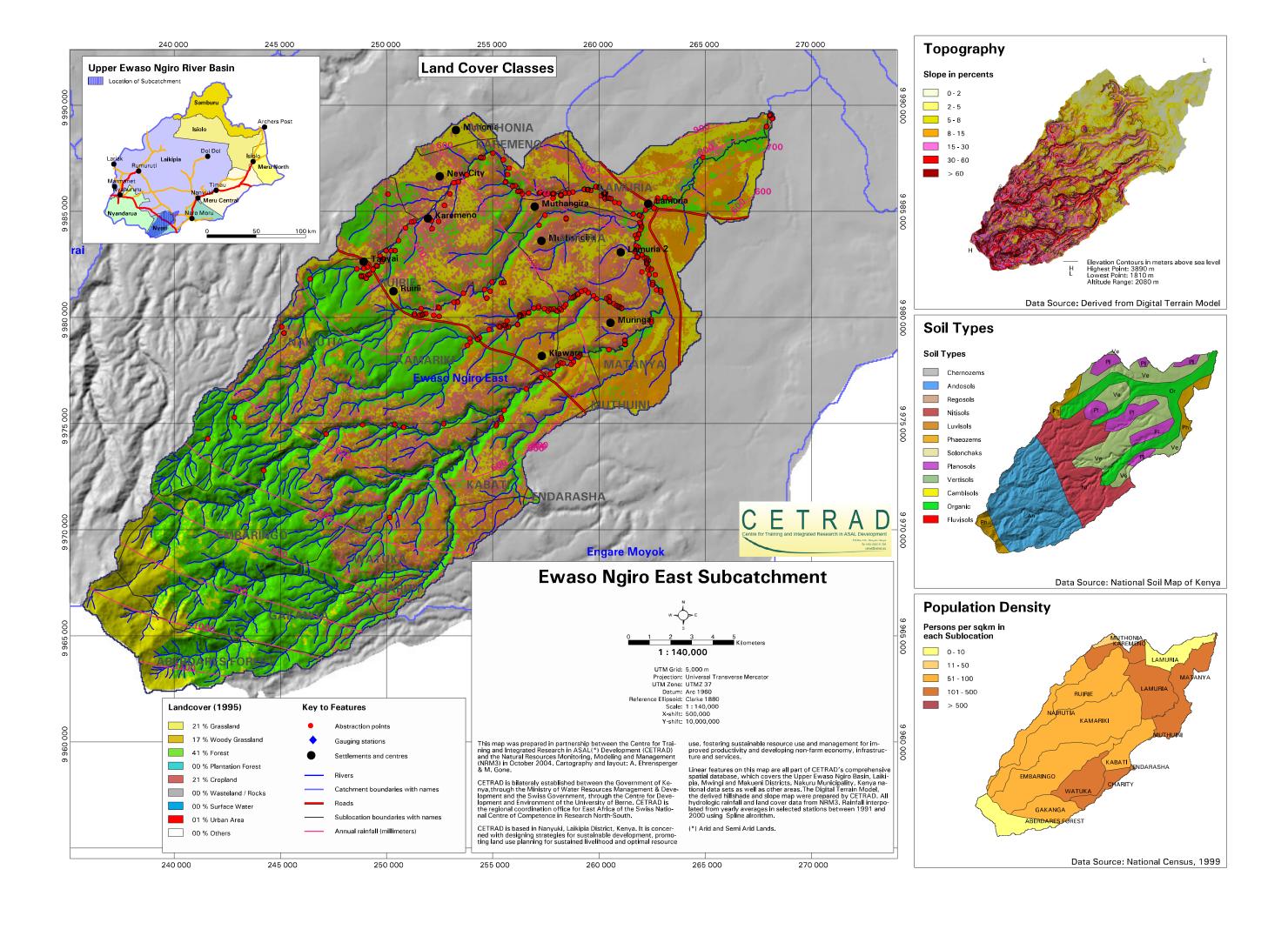
#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002

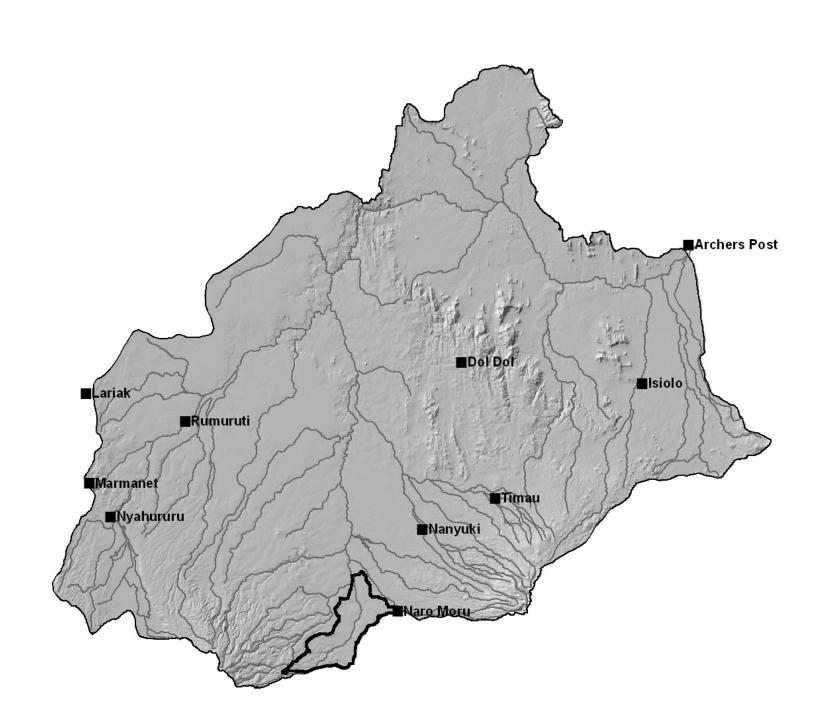


The black areas in the figure above (65 km²) show the areas of Ewaso Ngiro East catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2002. The dark grey areas (12 km²) were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest loss for the period 1995 – 2002 is 53 km² (average annual forest loss = 7.6 km²). **Should this deforestation rate remain constant, the catchment will be without forest cover around the year 2018**.

The light grey area represents various protected forest areas (see labels) as defined in the Kifcon database; the continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.

Forest classification for the year 1995 carried out by NRM3 (P. Niederer) Forest classification for the year 2002 carried out by CETRAD (S. Mumuli) Both classifications on the basis of Landsat ETM satellite images





### **Engare Moyok Subcatchment**

#### **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

#### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area 243 km²
Perimeter 126 km
Area to perimeter ratio 1.93
Highest point 2,620 m
Lowest point 1,810 m
Average altitude 1,970 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point) 810 m

#### **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 172,600,000 m<sup>3</sup>

Average annual rainfall in catchment area

Location with highest annual rainfall 810 mm

Location with lowest annual rainfall 660 mm

#### Hydrology (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total length of main river (Engare Moyok River) 41 km
Total length of all rivers in catchment 195 km
Number of gauging stations 0
Number of recorded abstraction points 2
Water User Association No

#### Socio - economy

Population ---

Urban centres Naro Moru

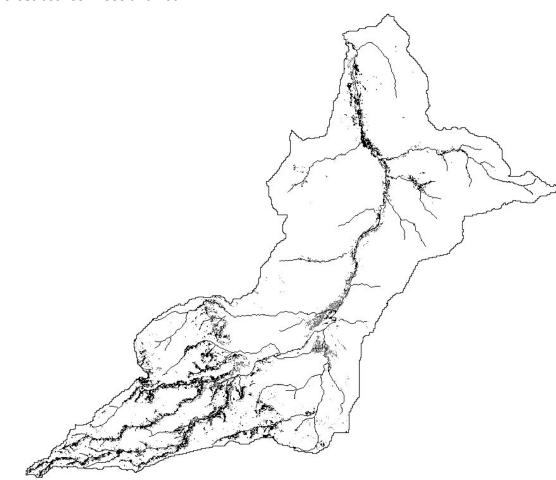
## **Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to)

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
Laikipia	Lamuria	Tigithi	Matanya
Nyeri	Kieni East	Naro Moru	Naro Moru
			Charity
		Endarasha	Endarasha
			Mitero
	Kieni West		Kabati
		Mwiyongo	Labura
		Wwwyorigo	Muthuini
			Mwiyogo

#### Land Cover in 1995

Grassland	27 %	=	66 km <sup>2</sup>
Woody grassland	53 %	=	129 km²
Forest	6 %	=	14 km <sup>2</sup>
Cropland	14 %	=	33 km <sup>2</sup>

#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002

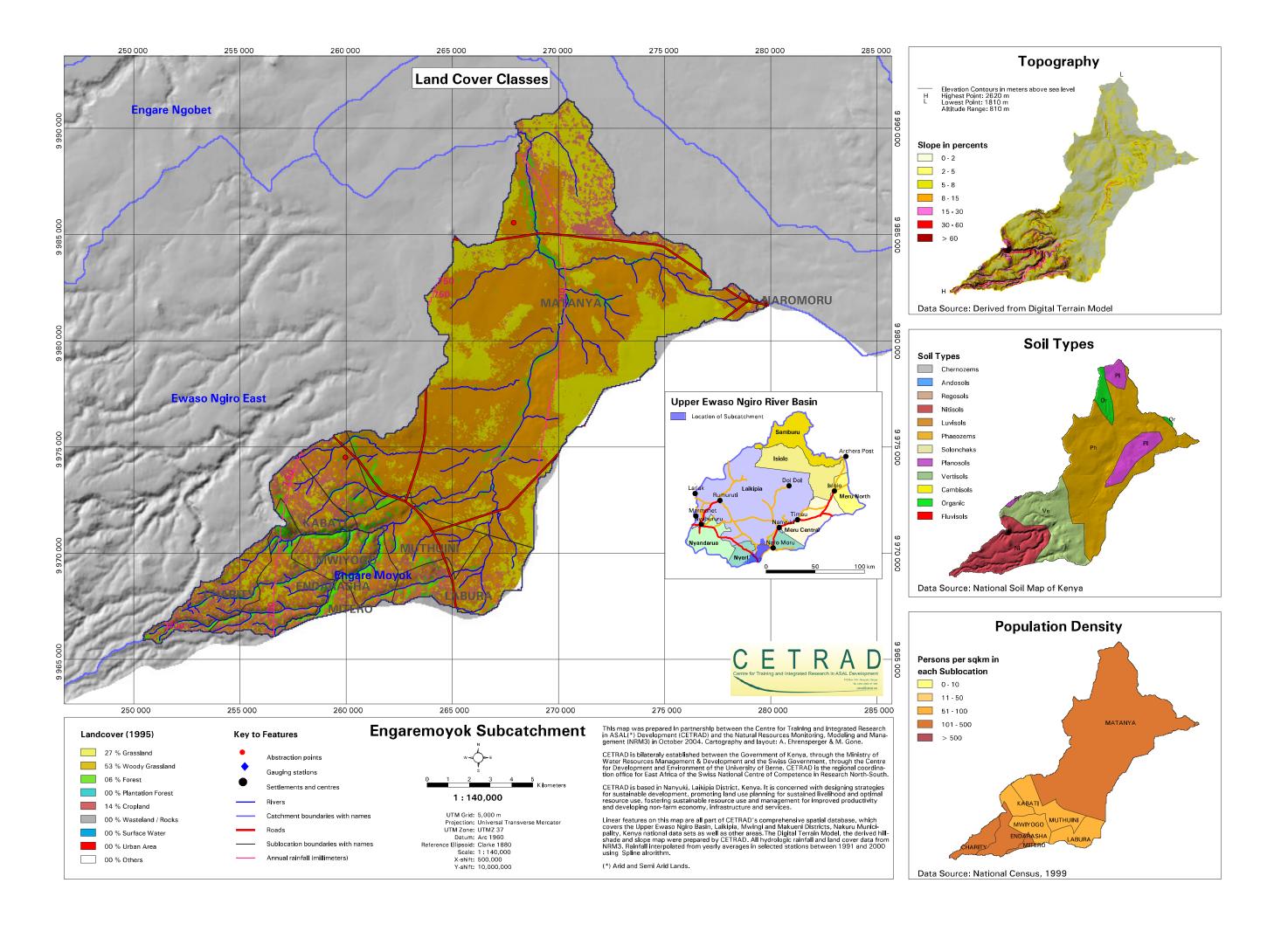


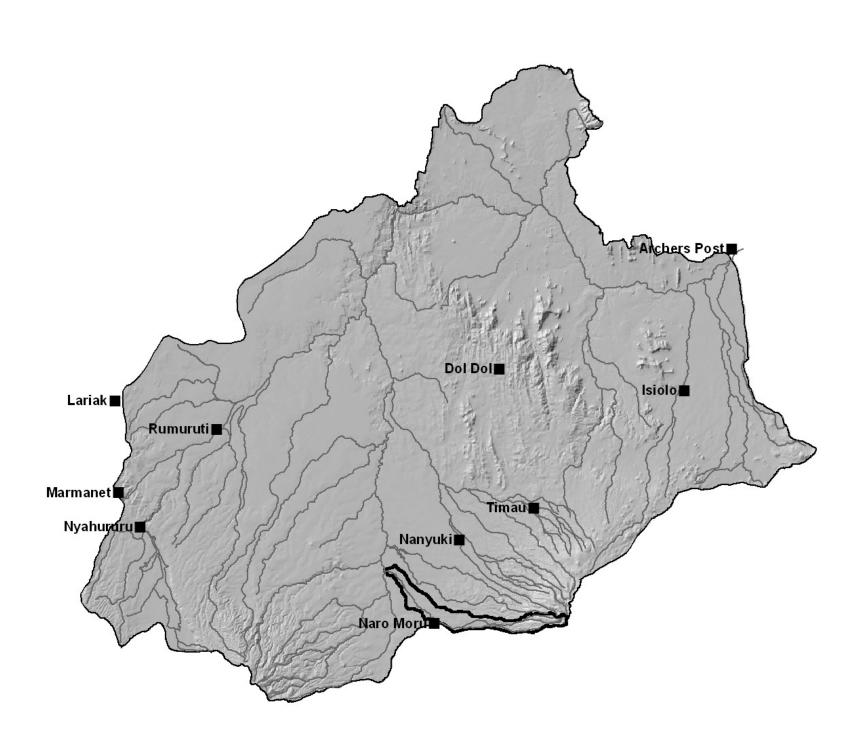
The black areas in the figure above ( $10.8 \text{ km}^2$ ) show the areas of Engare Moyok catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2002. The dark grey areas ( $4.5 \text{ km}^2$ ) were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest loss for the period 1995 - 2002 is  $6.3 \text{ km}^2$  (average annual forest loss =  $0.9 \text{ km}^2$ ). Should this deforestation rate remain constant, the catchment will be without forest cover around the year 2010.

The continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.

Forest classification for the year 1995 carried out by NRM3 (P. Niederer) Forest classification for the year 2002 carried out by CETRAD (S. Mumuli)







## **Naro Moru Subcatchment**

## **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area	167 km²
Perimeter	143 km
Area to perimeter ratio	1.17
Highest point	5,120 m
Lowest point	1,800 m
Average altitude	2,490 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point)	3,320 m

## **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 150,300,000 m³

Average annual rainfall in catchment area
Location with highest annual rainfall 900 mm

Location with lowest annual rainfall 620 mm

### Hydrology (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total length of main river 68 km
Total length of all rivers in catchment 235 km
Number of gauging stations 6
Number of recorded abstraction points 66

Water User Association Yes (see following page)

#### Socio - economy

Population

Urban centres Kihato, Matanya, Olechugu, Tigithi 1

# **Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to).

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
Laikipia	Lamuria	Tigithi	Matanya
•		Gakawa	Githima
			Gikamba
Nyeri		Kin mathana	Kabendera
		Kiamathage	Miricho
	Kieni East		Tigithi
			Kamburaini
		Naro Moru	Naromoru
			Ndiriti
			Rongai
	Mount Kenya Forest	Mount Kenya Forest	Mount Kenya Forest

#### Land Cover (1995)

Grassland			40 km <sup>2</sup>
Woody grassland			38.4 km <sup>2</sup>
Forest			55.1 km <sup>2</sup>
Plantation forest	05 %	=	8.4 km <sup>2</sup>
Cropland	15 %	=	25.1 km <sup>2</sup>

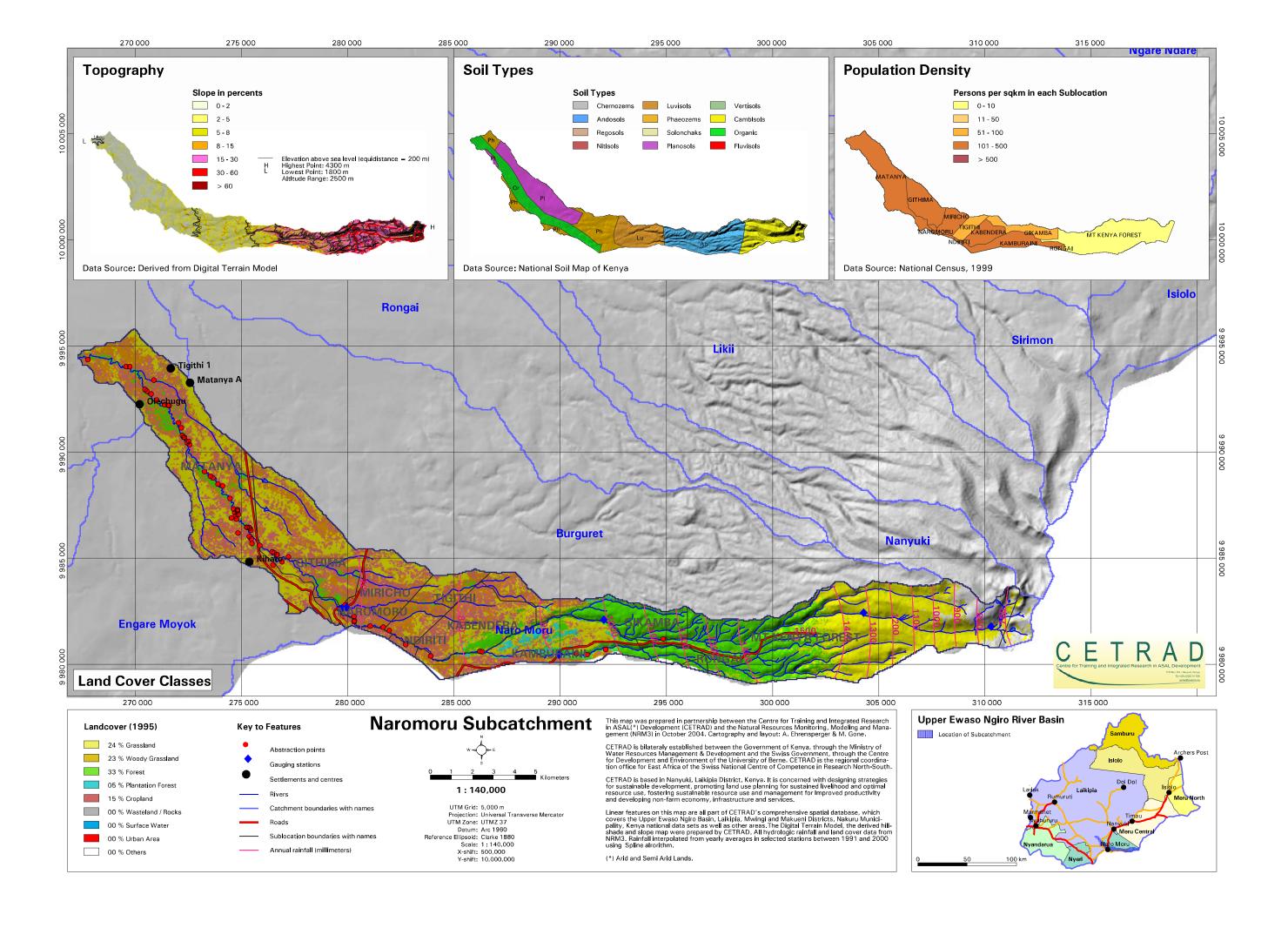
#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002

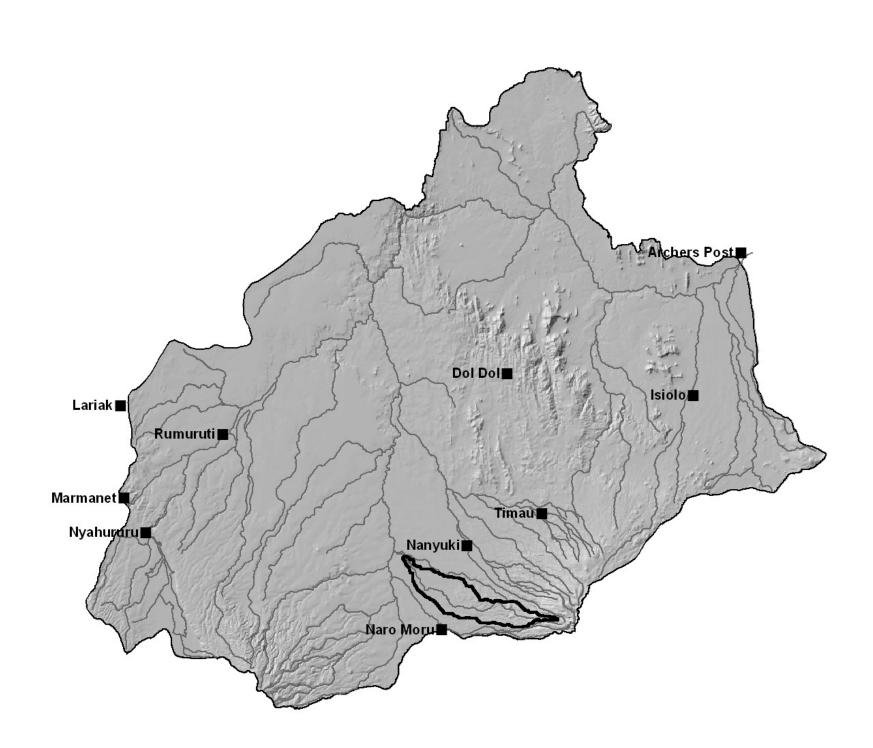


The black areas in the figure above  $(7.8 \text{ km}^2)$  show the areas of Naro Moru catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2002. The dark grey areas  $(7.4 \text{ km}^2)$  were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest loss for the period 1995 - 2002 is  $0.4 \text{ km}^2$  (average annual forest loss =  $0.06 \text{ km}^2$ ). Should this deforestation rate remain constant, the catchment will be without forest cover around the year 2567.

The light grey area represents the Mt Kenya protected forest as defined in the Kifcon database; the continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.

Name	Naro Moru River Water User Association
Contact	Mr. Robert Wahome, Chairman, Thome
	Mr. Julius Mwaniki, Secretary, Gathiuru, 0733 274 828
In existence since	2003
Registered as	Association. Registered in Laikipia District in the Ministry of Gender, Sports and Cultural Activities but want to register with the Attorney General's Chamber.
Trigger of formation	Constant water conflicts, water shortage problems, water catchment destruction. Want to be a forum for fund rising.
Objectives	By-laws: promote legal abstraction, efficient and proper use of water. Promote soil and water conservation. Conserve water quality. Promote situation in which available water is reasonably shared between environment, wildlife, livestock and all the communities according to following priority ranking: domestic, livestock, environment, wildlife and fishes, irrigation, recreation, manufacturing industry, others. Provide a forum to discuss, prevent and resolve conflicts. Promote dialogue in regard to water policy and enforcement of water act. New abstractions have to be approved. Transparent and fair management practices.
Availability of sanctioning system	Yes: By-laws
Role of horticulture farms	All (2) are member. They gave moral support for the founding of the WUA, but do not participate in its running. The WUA could operate without them as they have vested their interests elsewhere and do not concentrate on this venture. Their influence is therefore weak as compared to other users.
Sources of conflicts	Non-equitable distribution of water, catchment destruction, illegal abstractions, water shortage.
Problems forwarded to the WUA	Non-equitable distribution of water.
Unexpressed conflicts	River banks destruction. People feel that the trees belong to them.
Availability of conflict guidelines	Yes: Article 9 of by-laws, drafted by members, assisted by the district water officer. Consensus was achieved by voting. The guidelines are effective for water conflict resolution.
Concrete way of solving conflicts	Any conflict is channelled through the committee.
Cases of conflicts dealt with	3 cases brought to them by individual members and downstream users: Downstream water shortage; member cutting trees along the river; illegal car wash contaminating the river. The cases have been dealt with: the tree cutter was arrested and the upstream and downstream communities are now talking together.
Other activities the WUA is engaging in	Soliciting funds for patrolling, educating the community on several conservation activities. Untapped potentials include: Alleviating poverty in the community, lobbying for good markets for their products, acquiring assets (motorbikes, cars) to man the source.
Achievements	Minimising water use conflicts in the catchment
Hindrances	Lack of transport and communication facilities, poor security because of wildlife, financial constraints, ignorance on conservation issues, don't care attitude.
Advices to others	





## **Burguret Subcatchment**

## **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area	206 km <sup>2</sup>
Perimeter	122 km
Area to perimeter ratio	1.69
Highest point	4300 m
Lowest point	1800 m
Average altitude	2200 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point)	2500 m

#### **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 184,000,000 m³

Average annual rainfall in catchment area
Location with highest annual rainfall 1490 mm
Location with lowest annual rainfall 580 mm

#### Hydrology (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total length of main river (Burguret River) 53.3 km
Total length of all rivers in catchment 238 km
Number of gauging stations 1
Number of recorded abstraction points 63

Water User Association Yes (see following page)

Socio – economy

Population -

Urban centres Bantu, Burguret 1, Burguret 2, Mureru

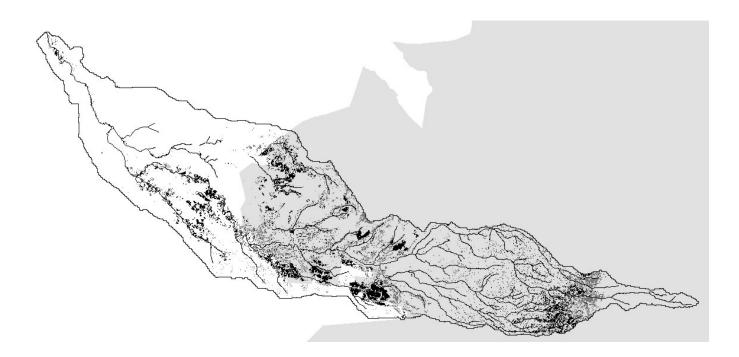
# **Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to).

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
Laikipia	Lamuria	Tigithi	Matanya
		Gakawa	Gathiuru
Nyeri		Gakawa	Githima
	Kieni East		Gikamba
		Kiamathage	Miricho
			Tigithi
	Mount Kenya Forest	Mount Kenya Forest	Mount Kenya Forest

#### Land Cover in 1995

Grassland	24 %	=	49.5 km <sup>2</sup>
Woody grassland	23 %	=	47.4 km <sup>2</sup>
Forest	33 %	=	68.0 km <sup>2</sup>
Plantation forest	05 %	=	10.3 km <sup>2</sup>
Cropland	15 %	=	30.9 km <sup>2</sup>

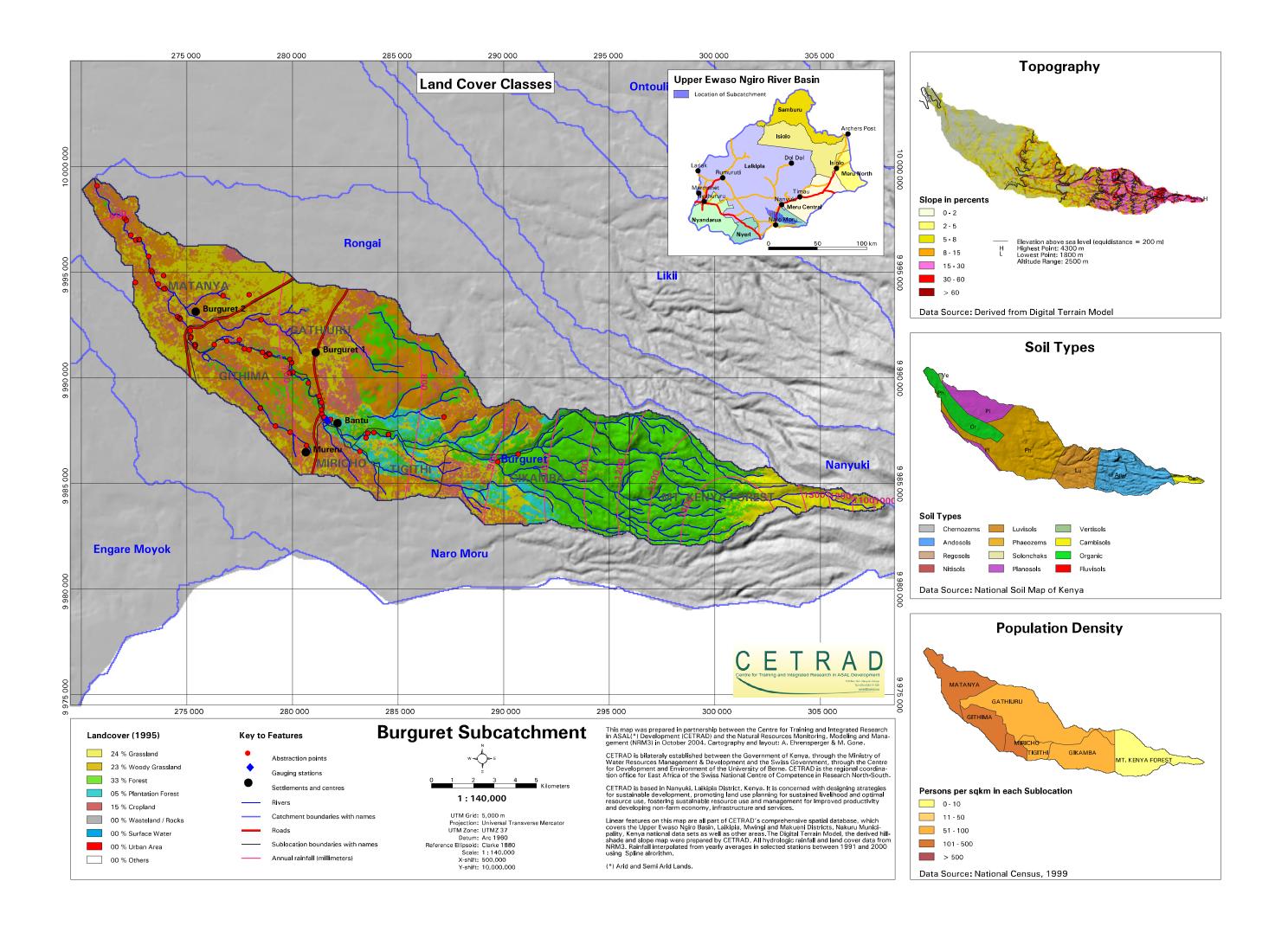
#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002

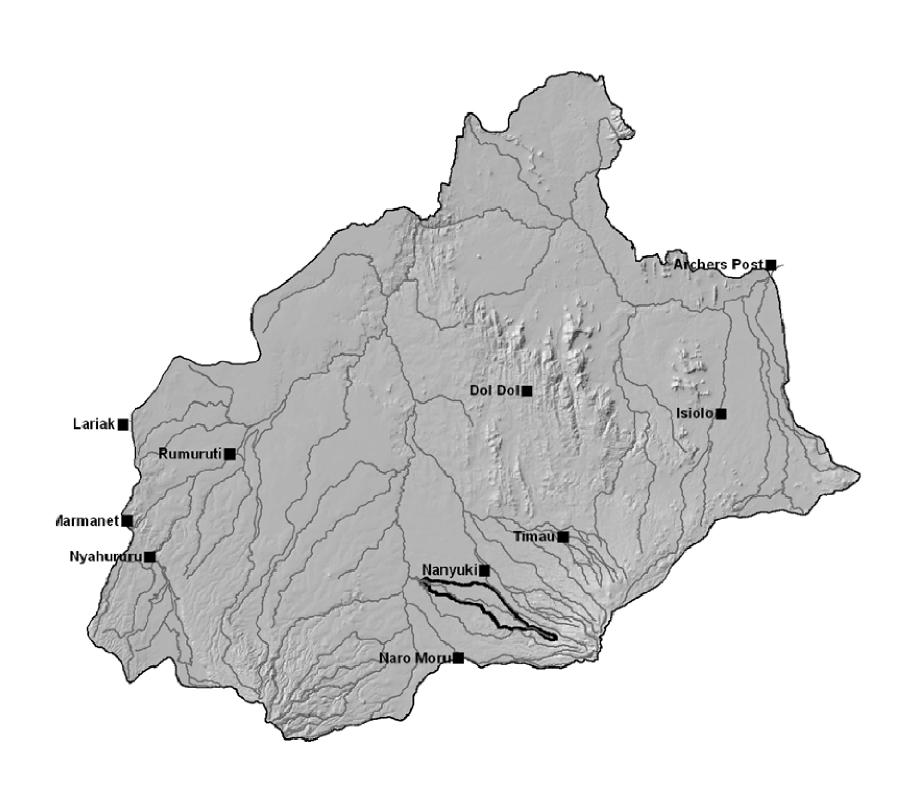


The black areas in the figure above  $(13.7 \text{ km}^2)$  show the areas of Burguret catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2002. The dark grey areas  $(8.6 \text{ km}^2)$  were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest loss for the period 1995 - 2002 is  $5.1 \text{ km}^2$  (average annual forest loss =  $0.7 \text{ km}^2$ ). Should this deforestation rate remain constant, the catchment will be without forest cover around the year 2107.

The light grey area represents the Mt Kenya protected forest as defined in the Kifcon database; the continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.

Name	Burguret River Water User Association
Contact	Mr. Mike Thomas, Chairman, Rural Focus Ltd. Mr. Njonjo, Secretary, Tamtrout
In existence since	1999
Registered as	CBO. Registered at the Ministry of Cultural and Social Services. Applied for registration at the Attorney General's Chamber
Trigger of formation	Conflicts pertaining to water use
Objectives	Promote legal water abstraction, efficient and proper water use and sustainable abstraction. Soil and water conservation. Conserve water quality. Equitable sharing of river water. Be a forum for discussion, prevention and solving of conflicts. Promoting dialogue between water users and government. Transparency and fair management practices.
Availability of sanctioning system	Yes: Elected chairmen, by their by-laws and with the authority of the WUA can enact it.
Role of horticulture farms	All (2) farms are members of the WUA (Turi Farm, Tambuzi Limited). Tambuzi was the initiator of the WUA, conveyed meetings together with the ministry of water. They help in providing resources (transport), in collecting and disseminating data and in providing office space. The WUA could not work without them because they contribute much. Their influence is comparable to the one of other users.
Sources of conflicts	Low flows in the dry season, lack of rains, abstractors blocking the whole river (breaking the law).
Problems forwarded to the WUA	Small scale farmers using pumps, illegal abstractors cutting furrows, big projects rationing water (members complain of lack of water), blocking of pipes, cutting of pipes, malice by non-members
Unexpressed conflicts	Misuse of finances, theft of material (e.g. pipes), project which contributed but is not yet established, hence complaint by members.
Availability of conflict guidelines	Yes (by-laws), drafted by members. There is consensus on them achieved through practical implementation of the guidelines. Some problems are beyond the power of the WUA (arresting, suing, getting permits). Involvement of government officers necessary.
Concrete way of solving conflicts	Through discussions between representatives (chairman, zone representative) and the committee. If they can't solve it, they involve the whole WUA. If the conflict is beyond the WUA capabilities, government officials are involved.
Cases of conflicts dealt with	Five cases brought to them by members, representatives and non- members concerning over-abstraction, cutting of furrows, pollution, destruction of abstractions, irrigation issues. Four cases were addressed, one is pending in court.
Other activities the WUA is engaging in	Educating people on catchment conservation, replanting indigenous trees, preventing farming on river banks, soil conservation and awareness creation on water pollution. Untapped potentials are: Reaching people on the ground to disseminate information, returning unused water to the river.
Achievements	Conflict solving, rationing of water during the dry season.
Hindrances	Large area, communication problems, lack of resources, bad transportation, lack of tree seedlings.
Advices to others	





## **Rongai Subcatchment**

## **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area	107 km²
Perimeter	103 km
Area to perimeter ratio	1.04
Highest point	3,400 m
Lowest point	1,790 m
Average altitude	2,060 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point)	1,610 m

#### **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 87,762,100 m³
Average annual rainfall in catchment area 817 mm
Location with highest annual rainfall 570 mm
Location with lowest annual rainfall 1380 mm

## **Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total length of main river (Rongai River)

Total length of all rivers in catchment

36 km (not including subterranean parts)

86 km (not including subterranean parts)

Number of gauging stations 0

Number of recorded abstraction points 27

Water User Association Yes (see following page)

#### Socio - economy

Population -

Urban and rural centres Chuma, Ichuga 2, Toll, Sweetwater

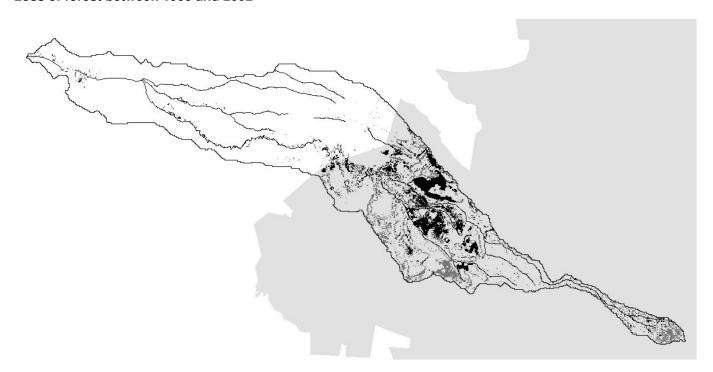
## **Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to)

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
	Control	Marura	Marura
Laikipia	Central Segera Lamuria Tigithi	Ngarengiro	
	Lamuria	Tigithi	Matanya
	Kieni East	Gakawa	Gathiuru
Nyeri	Klelli East	Ganawa	Kahurura
	Mt Kenya Forest	Mt Kenya Forest	Mt Kenya Forest

#### Land Cover (1995)

Grassland			42 km <sup>2</sup>
Woody grassland	19 %	=	20 km <sup>2</sup>
Forest			16 km <sup>2</sup>
Plantation forest	11 %	=	12 km <sup>2</sup>
Cropland	16 %	=	17 km <sup>2</sup>

#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002

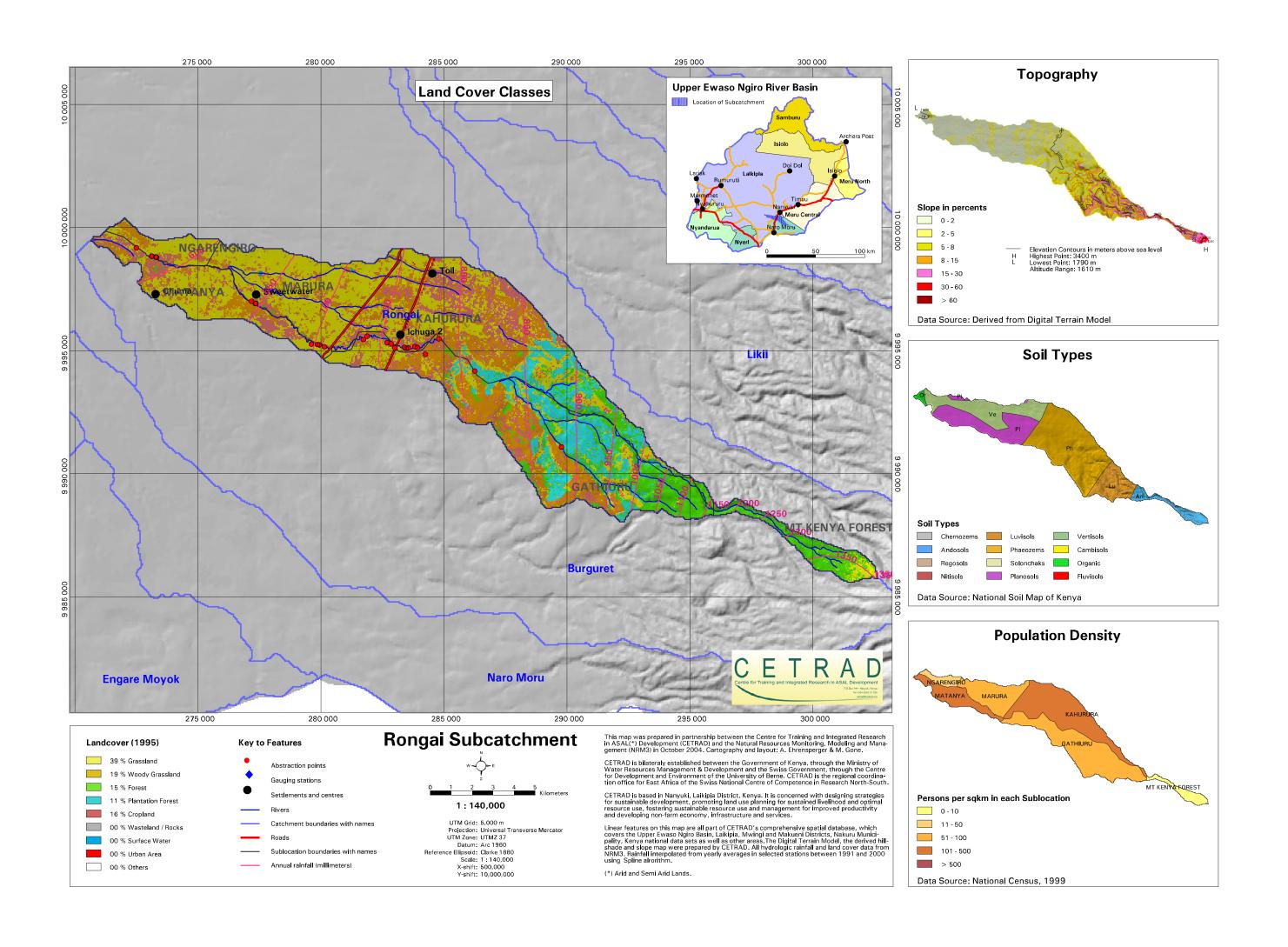


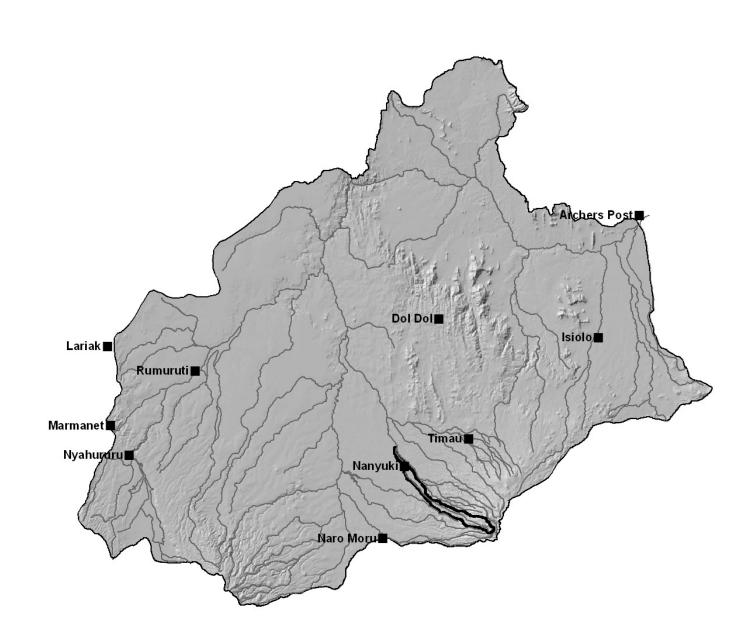
The black areas in the figure above  $(7.0 \text{ km}^2)$  show the areas of Rongai catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2002. The dark grey areas  $(4.6 \text{ km}^2)$  were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest loss for the period 1995 – 2002 is  $2.4 \text{ km}^2$  (average annual forest loss =  $0.3 \text{ km}^2$ ). Should this deforestation rate remain constant, the catchment will be without forest cover around the year 2086.

The light grey area represents the Mt Kenya protected forest as defined in the Kifcon database; the continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.

Name	Rongai River Valley Development Promoters (RIVADEP)
Contact	Mr. Karuku Macheru, Patron, Mahon Shop, Nanyuki, 0721 217 409 Mr. Joseph Mathenge, Secretary, Opposite Ichuga sawing mill
In existence since	2003
Registered as	Association
Trigger of formation	Constant water related conflicts, destruction of catchment, severe water shortages.
Objectives	By-laws: Promoting legal abstraction and sustainable water use, water management and development. Promote soil and water conservation. Promote integrated development of people in the catchment. Promote self-help to reduce poverty and improve environment. Promote reasonable sharing of water. Promote water pans, roof water harvesting, dams. Provide a forum to discuss catchment protection and conflict resolution. Promote dialogue between water users. Promote biodiversity conservation. Raise, mobilise and disburse funds for promotion of the objectives. To network, collaborate or partner with other institutions. To be involved in emergencies (food distribution, etc.). Promote credit schemes.
Availability of sanctioning system	No sanctioning system
Role of horticulture farms	None
Sources of conflicts	Shortages, some users are not following the law, too many people want to use water, and people are not ready to share water.
Problems forwarded to the WUA	Downstream users think that upstream users are over-using the water. Riverine forest destruction.
Unexpressed conflicts	Catchment destruction, Illegal river water diversion
Availability of conflict guidelines	No guidelines
Concrete way of solving conflicts	Created 3 tree nurseries and planted indigenous trees. Closely relating with all users. Training members on the importance of water conservation. Encouraging people to look for alternative water sources (water pan, rain water harvesting, dam construction)
Cases of conflicts dealt with	None
Other activities the WUA is engaging in	Presently: Education, tree nurseries, water conservation, storage improvement, biodiversity conservation, (indigenous trees), food security improvement. Would like to venture into: credit facilities for members, full-time commercial farming, eliminating food related problems, poverty alleviation, improve livestock farming, purchasing movable and non-movable assets.
Achievements	Awareness creation to members on conservation. Reduction of conflicts. Establishment of tree nursery.
Hindrances	Lack of funds. Low level of literacy. Lack of skilled personnel to run the activities of the association.
Advices to others	Form the WUA directly as an association. Be conversant with new water act. Work closely with all stakeholders.







## Nanyuki Subcatchment

## **Fact Sheet**

#### Status of data: June 2004

### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area	74 km²
Perimeter	111 km
Area to perimeter ratio	0.66
Highest point	4,870 m
Lowest point	1,850 m
Average altitude	2,860 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point)	3,020 m

### **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 76,600,000 m³

Average annual rainfall in catchment area
Location with highest annual rainfall 1,350 mm

#### **Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total length of main river (Nanyuki River)

Total length of all rivers in catchment

Number of gauging stations

Number of recorded abstraction points

42 km

107 km

1 34

Water User Association Yes (see following page)

Socio – economy

Population

Urban centres Nanyuki

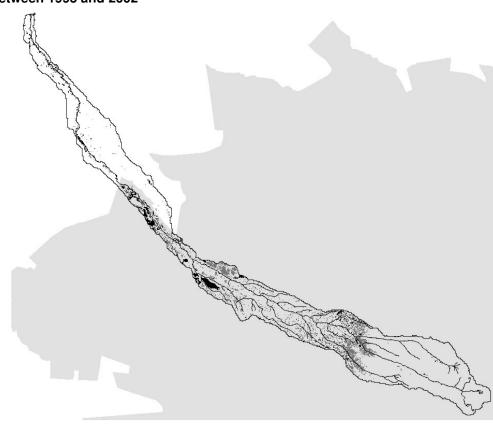
# **Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to)

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
	Central	Daiga	Naibor
		Marura	Marura
Laikipia		Nonyadsi	Majengo
		Nanyuki	Thingithu
		Nitranalaran	Likii
		Nturukuma	Nturukuma
Meru Central	Mt Kenya National Park	Mt Kenya National Park	Mt Kenya National Park
NI	Kieni East	Gakawa	Kahurura
Nyeri	Mt Kenya Forest	Mt Kenya Forest	Mt Kenya Forest

#### Land Cover (1995)

Grassland	45 %	=	33 km²
Woody grassland	05 %	=	$4 \text{ km}^2$
Forest	30 %	=	22 km <sup>2</sup>
Plantation forest	04 %	=	$3  \mathrm{km}^2$
Cropland	11 %	=	$8  \mathrm{km}^2$
Wasteland / rocks	04 %	=	$3  \mathrm{km}^2$
Urban areas	01 %	=	1 km <sup>2</sup>

#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002

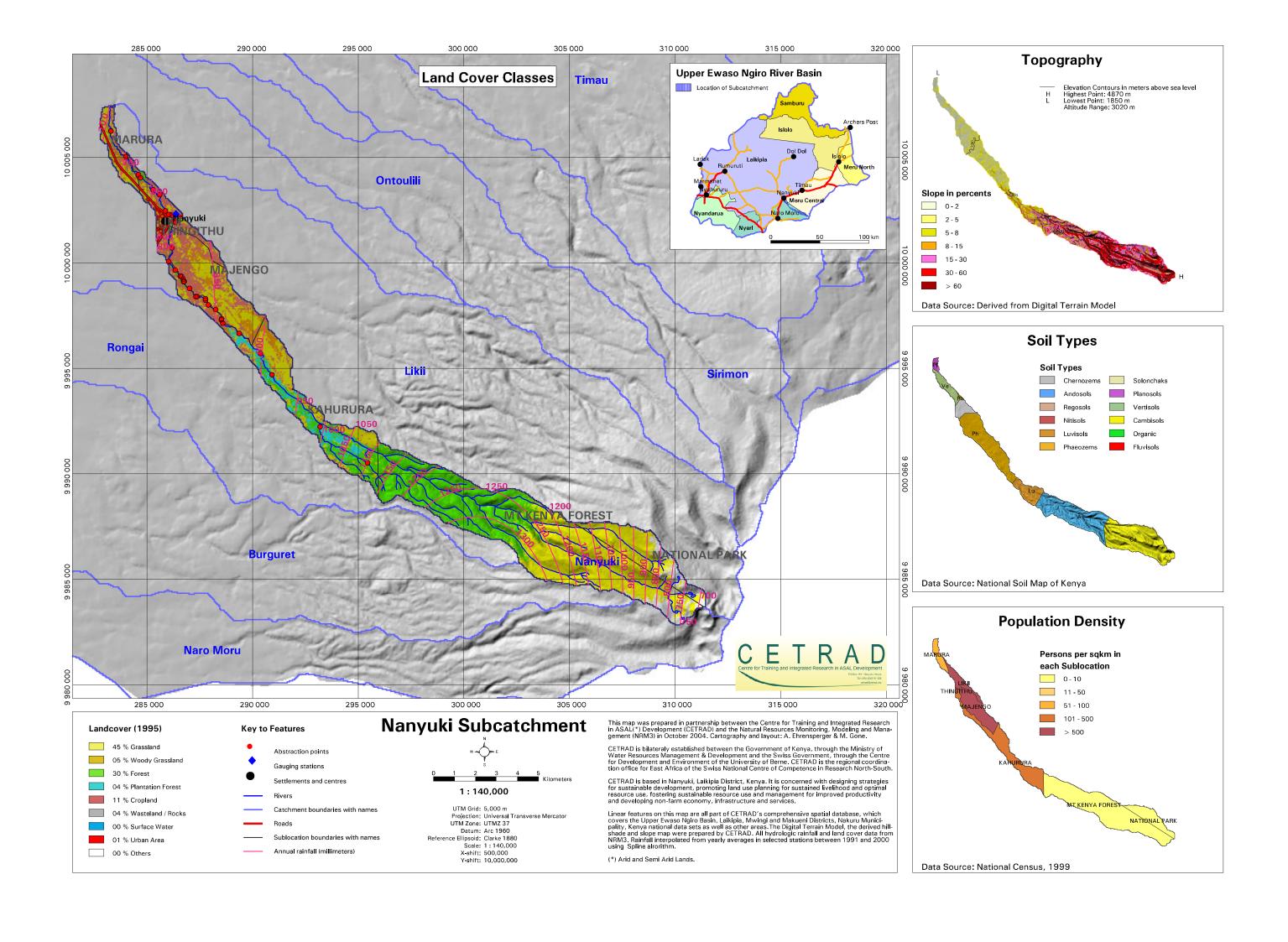


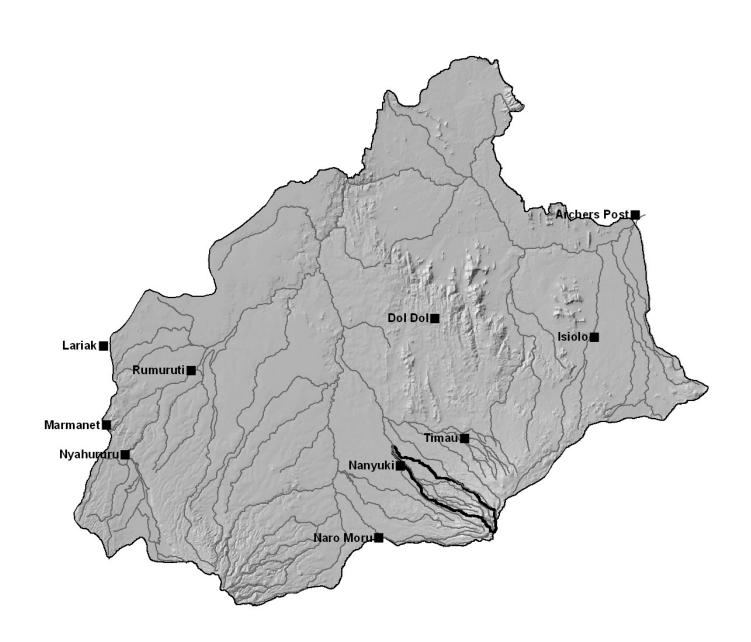
The black areas in the figure above  $(3.5 \text{ km}^2)$  show the areas of Nanyuki catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2002. The dark grey areas  $(3.8 \text{ km}^2)$  were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest gain for the period 1995 – 2002 is  $0.3 \text{ km}^2$  (average annual forest gain =  $0.04 \text{ km}^2$ ). This is one of the few analyzed catchment with a net forest increase according to the two classifications.

The light grey area represents the Mt Kenya protected forest as defined in the Kifcon database; the continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.

Name	Nanyuki River Water User Association (NRWUA)
Contact	Kassim Hammed, Chairman
In existence since	2001
Registered as	Association (registered at Attorney General's Office)
Trigger of formation	Everybody was handling on their own. People in the middle and lower stretches were not getting water.
Objectives	Share water equitably, minimise conflicts, protect environment along the river, minimise pollution, soil erosion control, management of water matters.
Availability of sanctioning system	Yes: Officials summon culprit, or report him to the relevant authority.
Role of horticulture farms	None
Sources of conflicts	Water shortages, low water quality, lack of adhering to water laws by some users
Problems forwarded to the WUA	Excessive abstraction by upper users, water pollution upstream, cutting of trees along the river, quarrying activities along the river
Unexpressed conflicts	None
Availability of conflict guidelines	Yes: In the by-laws. Drafted by officials and members. Approval by all members. There was a consensus on them through general meeting of all members. Guidelines are effective in solving conflicts.
Concrete way of solving conflicts	Visiting affected sites. Issuance of directives on how and when to use water. Big conflicts are forwarded to relevant government authorities.
Cases of conflicts dealt with	Essentially water shortage and scarcity problems during the dry spell brought to them by individual members. Cases dealt with successfully (timing abstraction between upstream and downstream areas, e.g. day – night, or half-day – half-night). No case pending.
Other activities the WUA is engaging in	None so far but plan to start tree nurseries and plant trees along river banks. Have potential to engage in environmental protection, construction of dams, etc.
Achievements	Creation of awareness among users on water use and conservation
Hindrances	Financial limitations, shortage of trained manpower, communication media between different projects and individual users.
Advices to others	Approach relevant authorities for guidance on procedures. There needs to be cooperation, understanding and consensus building. Self-sacrifice. Seek advice from experts. Exercise transparency.







## Likii Subcatchment

## **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area	184 km
Perimeter	114 km
Area to perimeter ratio	1.61
Highest point	5,120 m
Lowest point	1,850 m
Average altitude	2,740 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point)	3,270 m

## **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 178,234,360 m³

Average annual rainfall in catchment area
Location with highest annual rainfall 1,250 mm

Location with lowest annual rainfall 620 mm

### **Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total length of main river (Likii Central River)

Total length of all rivers in catchment

Number of gauging stations

Number of recorded abstraction points

46 km

256 km

1

1

Water User Association Yes (see following page)

Socio – economy

Population -

Urban and rural centres Nturukuma

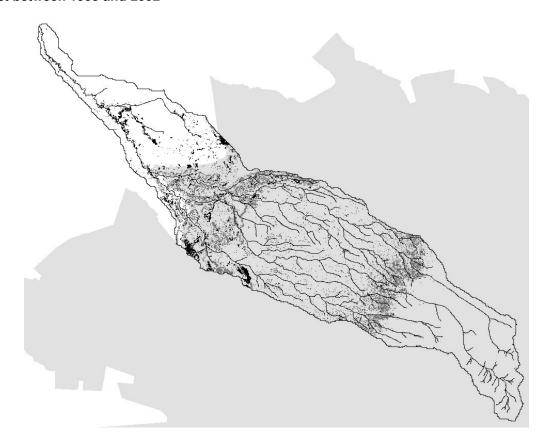
# **Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to)

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
		Daiga	Naibor
	Central	Marura	Marura
Laikipia		Nanyuki	Majengo
		Nturukuma	Likii
			Nturukuma
	Timau	Ontulili	Kangaita
Meru Central	Tilliau	Ontuill	Katheri
	Mt Kenya Forest	Mt Kenya Forest	Mt Kenya Forest
	Mt Kenya National Park	Mt Kenya National Park	Mt Kenya National Park

#### Land Cover (1995)

Grassland	34 %	=	63 km <sup>2</sup>
Woody grassland			$7  \mathrm{km}^2$
Forest	40 %	=	74 km <sup>2</sup>
Plantation forest			9 km <sup>2</sup>
Cropland	14 %	=	26 km <sup>2</sup>
Wasteland / rocks	3 %	=	$5  \mathrm{km}^2$

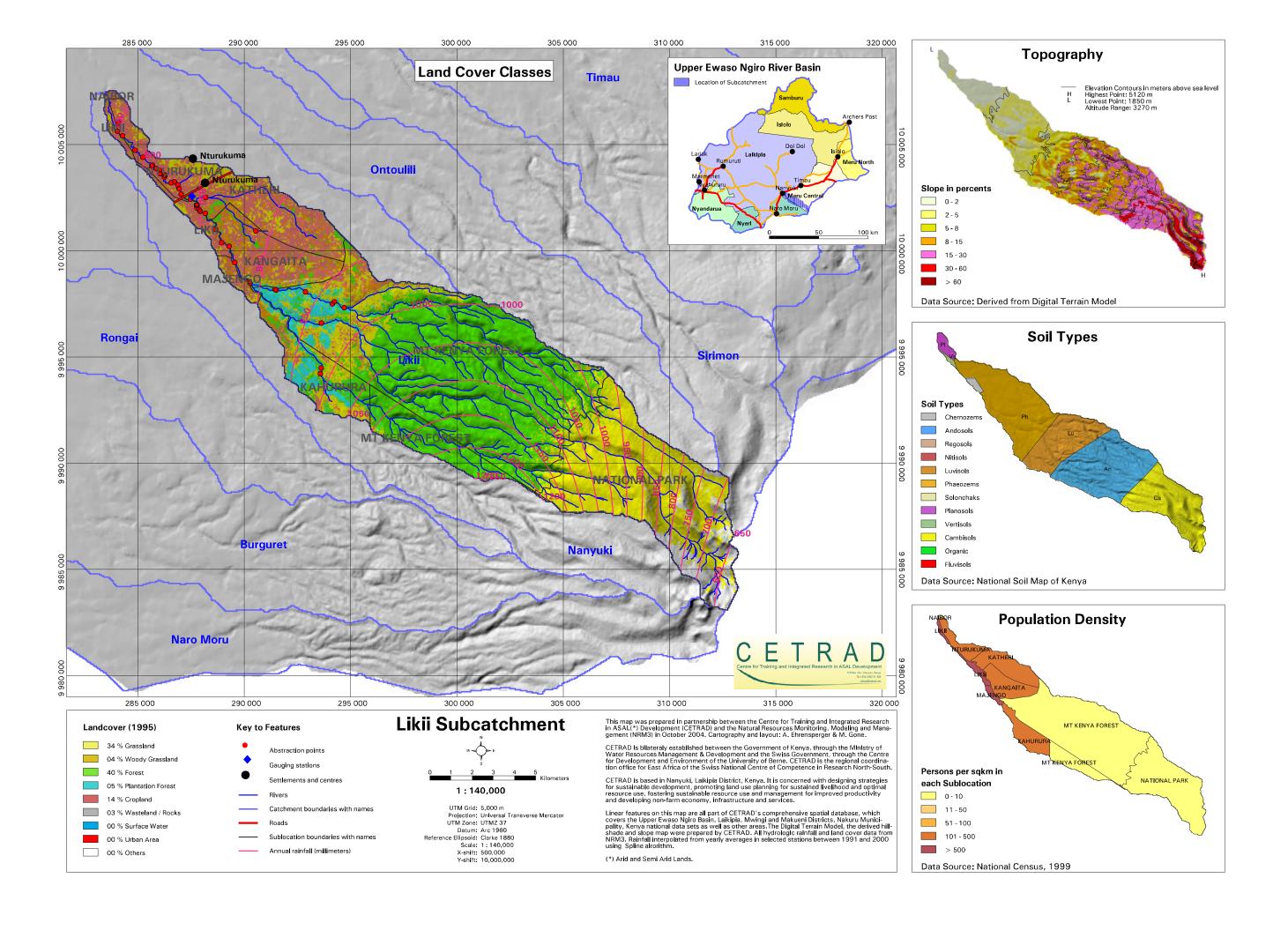
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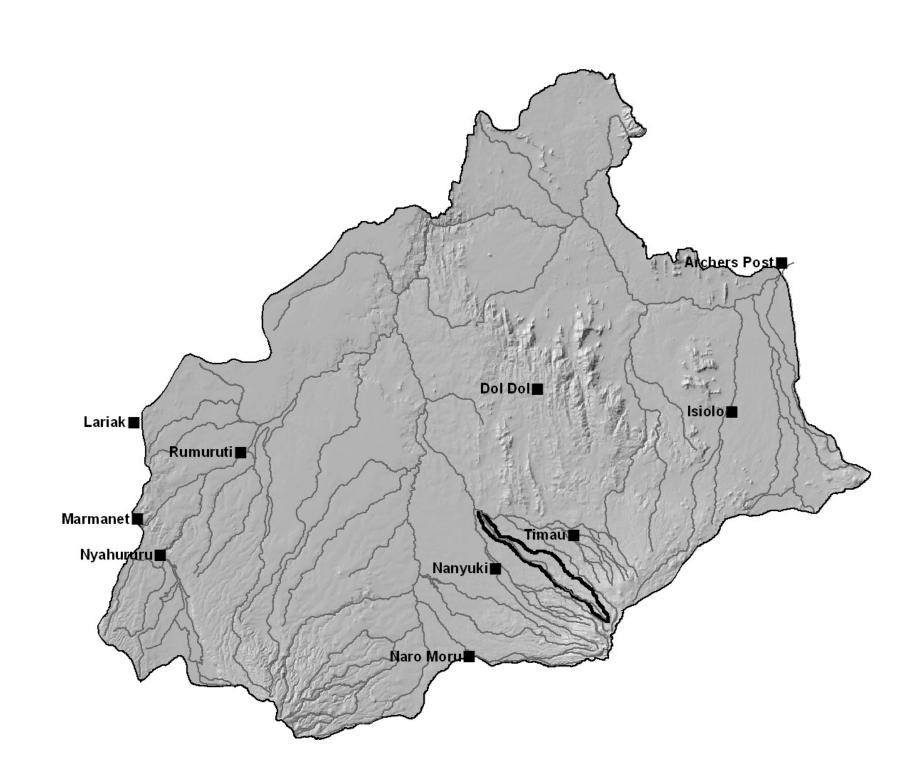


The black areas in the figure above  $(7.2 \text{ km}^2)$  show the areas of Likii catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2002. The dark grey areas  $(11.2 \text{ km}^2)$  were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest gain for the period 1995 – 2002 is 4 km<sup>2</sup> (average annual forest gain = 0.6 km<sup>2</sup>). This is one of the few analyzed catchment with a net forest increase according to the two classifications.

The light grey area represents the Mt Kenya protected forest as defined in the Kifcon database; the continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.

Name	Likii River Water User Association
Contact	Mr. Fernandez – Chairman – Kangaita Flower Farm.
In existence since	2002
Registered as	Association
Trigger of formation	Result of private activities, e.g. irrigation projects.
Objectives	(not yet availed)
Availability of sanctioning system	No case of failure to adhere to the by-laws was ever reported
Role of horticulture farms	All (2) farms are member of the WUA. They were involved in the formation through financial help, fixing of legal protocols, soliciting support from all stakeholders and users, arranging for initial meetings prior to registration. Help in running WUA both financially and at the management level. WUA could not work without them because of financial hindrances, lack of qualified manpower for managing the WUA, coordination and communication hindrances. The role of the horticultural farms is therefore very dominant.
Sources of conflicts	Water shortages
Problems forwarded to the WUA	No conflicts have been reported to the WUA so far
Unexpressed conflicts	Water shortage related conflicts, bans by the ministry. Who, when and how should stop abstracting water?
Availability of conflict guidelines	No
Concrete way of solving conflicts	None has arisen so far
Cases of conflicts dealt with	None so far
Other activities the WUA is engaging in	Promoting drip irrigation, educating masses, improving water storage Untapped potentials include: Improved water storage, widespread promotion of drip irrigation, training and educating users.
Achievements	Forming of the association in its own, i.e. succeeding in bringing users together.
Hindrances	Financial hindrances, ill-equipped personnel to run WUA, time constraints.
Advices to others	To be willing to form the WUA, get support (financially and logistics) from e.g. ministry. Make stakeholders aware of existing problems.





## **Ontulili Subcatchment**

## **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area	107 km²
Perimeter	116 km
Area to perimeter ratio	0.92
Highest point	4,250 m
Lowest point	1,770 m
Average altitude	2,450 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point)	2,480 m

## Meteorology (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 94,800,000 m³

Average annual rainfall in catchment area
Location with highest annual rainfall 1020 mm
Location with lowest annual rainfall 640 mm

## **Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total length of main river (Ontulili River) 44 km
Total length of all rivers in catchment 124 km
Number of gauging stations 1
Number of recorded abstraction points 15

Water User Association Yes (see following page)

Socio – economy

Population

Urban centres Githuchi, Mathagiro, Nyariginu

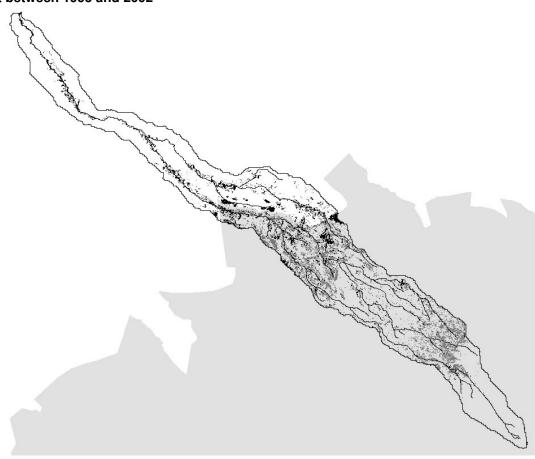
## **Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to)

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
		Doigo	Naibor
Laikipia Central		Daiga	Umande
		Nturukuma	Nturukuma
	Timau	Ontulili	Antubamwitu
Meru Central	Mt Kenya Forest	Mt Kenya Forest	Mt Kenya Forest
	Mt Kenya National Park	Mt Kenya National Park	Mt Kenya National Park

## Land Cover (1995)

Grassland			35 km <sup>2</sup>
Woody grassland			13 km <sup>2</sup>
Forest			32 km <sup>2</sup>
Plantation forest			$05  \mathrm{km}^2$
Cropland			20 km <sup>2</sup>
Wasteland / rocks	01 %	=	01 km <sup>2</sup>

#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002

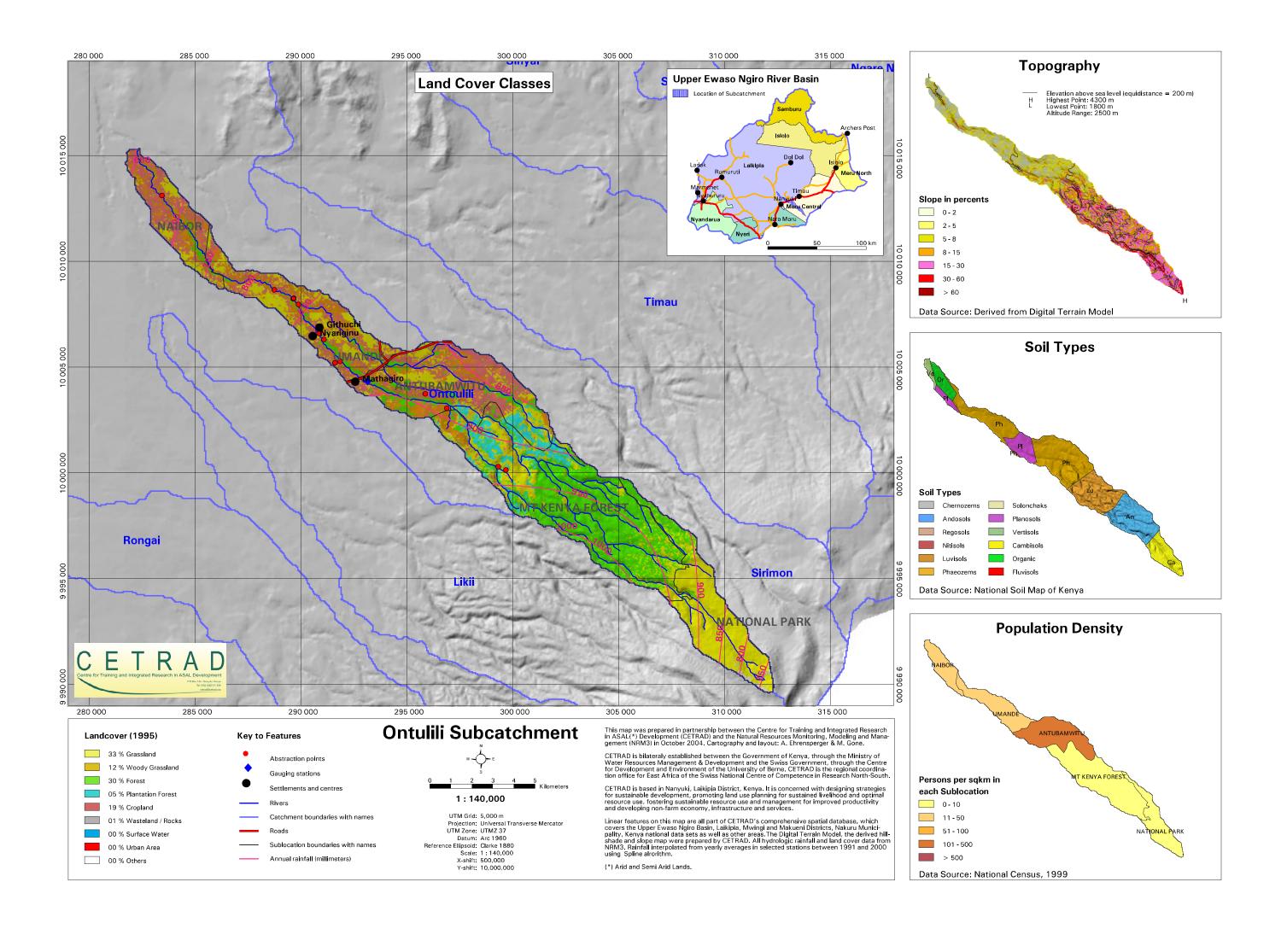


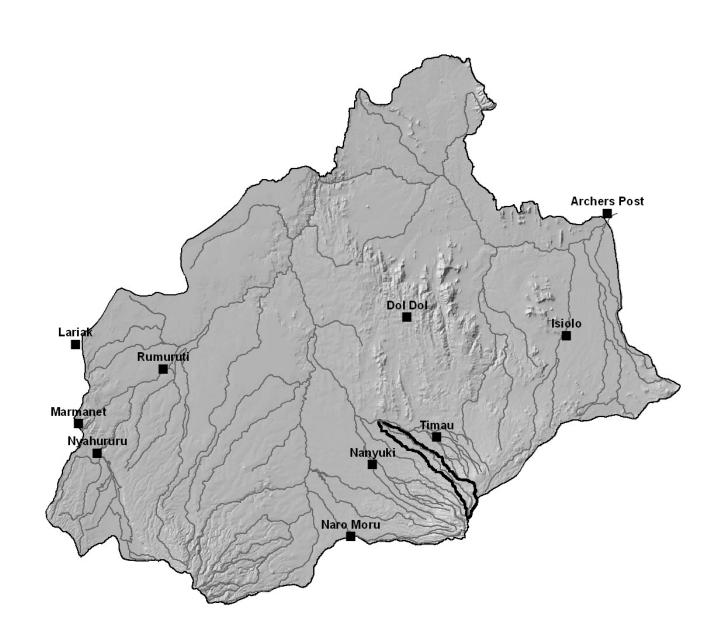
The black areas in the figure above  $(5.9 \text{ km}^2)$  show the areas of Ontoulili catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2002. The dark grey areas  $(9.3 \text{ km}^2)$  were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest gain for the period 1995 – 2002 is  $3.4 \text{ km}^2$  (average annual forest gain =  $0.5 \text{ km}^2$ ). This is one of the few analyzed catchment with a net forest increase according to the two classifications.

The light grey area represents the Mt Kenya protected forest as defined in the Kifcon database; the continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.

Name	Ontulili River Water User Association
Contact	Mr. Mwangi Mahindu, Committee member, Turaco Farm, 0734 751 196
	Mr. Mathagiro, Committee member, Mathagiro Centre, 0721 559 921
In existence since	2003
Registered as	Not yet. Intend to register it as an association
Trigger of formation	The new water act stating that each river should have a WUA
Objectives	Reforestation of catchment, especially along the river. Water conservation through dams. Secure water for domestic and irrigation use. Maintenance of rivers and watershed management. Promote economic use of water.
Availability of sanctioning system	No sanctioning system.
Role of horticulture farms	All (3) are members. Homegrown participated in the formation by arranging meetings and offering management personnel. The WUA can not work without them, as they assist in the coordination. Their influence is comparable to other members
Sources of conflicts	Shortages, catchment destruction, people do not share water, or do not follow the law.
Problems forwarded to the WUA	Catchment destruction, artificial shortages caused by over-abstraction upstream.
Unexpressed conflicts	Population pressure, leading to higher demand, while resource dwindles.
Availability of conflict guidelines	None.
Concrete way of solving conflicts	Talk with upstream users to reduce abstraction. Talk with inhabitants to curb catchment destruction. Create awareness on the need for good water management
Cases of conflicts dealt with	Two cases on over-abstraction and on catchment destruction. Cases brought to them from users through the district water office. Cases were successfully addressed.
Other activities the WUA is engaging in	None. They would like to help enhancing the economic status of the people in the catchment.
Achievements	Reduction of water conflicts.
Hindrances	Registration, lack of legal backing as stipulated in the water act.
Advices to others	







## **Sirimon Subcatchment**

## **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

#### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Perimeter 117 k Area to perimeter ratio 0.99	m
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Highest point 4,520	m
Lowest point 1,830	m
Average altitude 2,770	m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point) 2,690	m

#### **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume)	94,400,000 m <sup>3</sup>
Average annual rainfall in catchment area	809 mm
Location with highest annual rainfall	640 mm
Location with lowest annual rainfall	920 mm

#### **Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total length of main river (Sirimon River)

Total length of all rivers in catchment

Number of gauging stations

Number of recorded abstraction points

Water User Association

46 km

112 km

119 km

No

#### Socio – economy

Population

Urban centres Kalalu, Maili Tisa, Gitugi, Kwa George, Umande

# **Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to)

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
Laikipia	Central	Daiga	Ethi
Laikipia	Central Daiga		Umande
	Timau	Kirimara	Kithithina
Meru Central	Timau	Ontulili	Antubamwitu
Meru Central	Mt Kenya Forest	Mt Kenya Forest	Mt Kenya Forest
	Mt Kenya National Park	Mt Kenya National Park	Mt Kenya National Park

## Land Cover (1995)

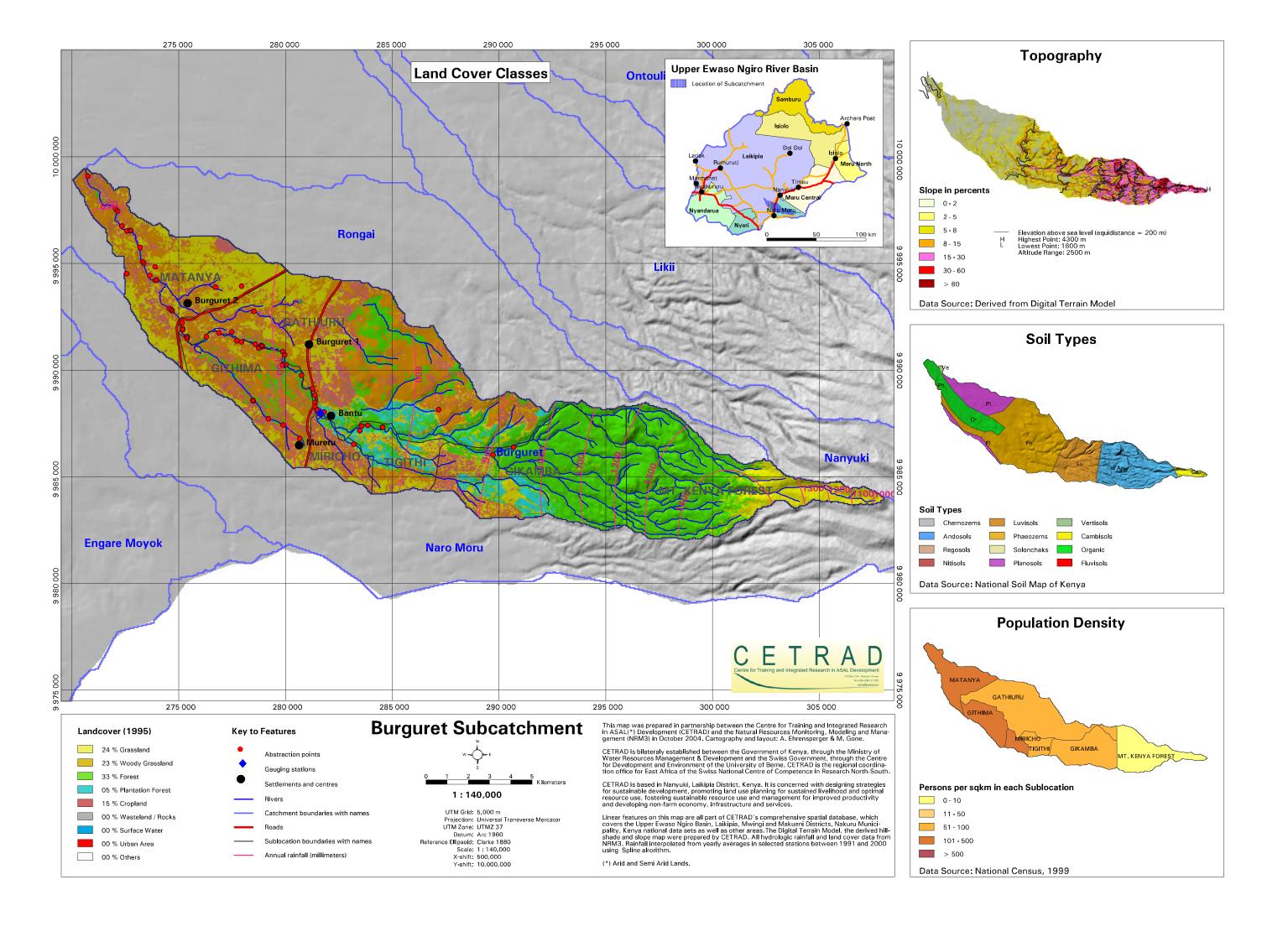
Grassland			57 km <sup>2</sup>
Woody grassland			10 km <sup>2</sup>
Forest			26 km <sup>2</sup>
Cropland	17 %	=	20 km <sup>2</sup>
Wasteland / rocks	3 %	=	$3  \text{km}^2$

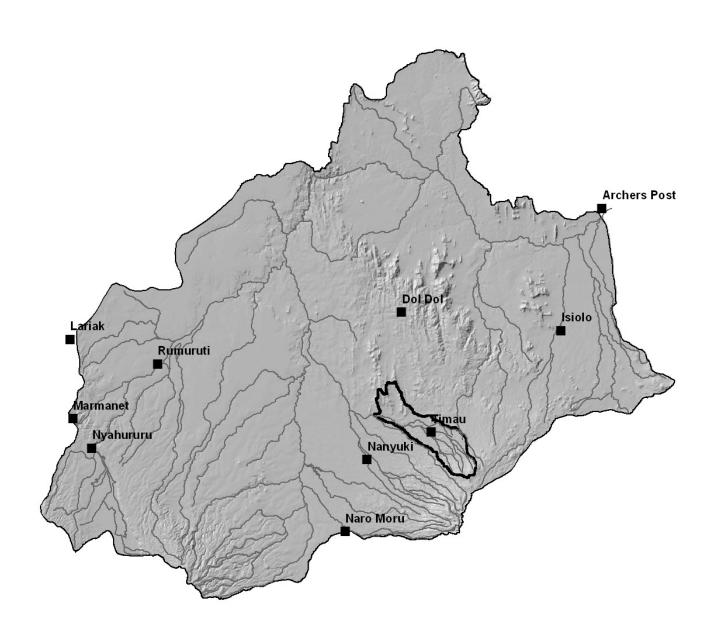
#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002



The black areas in the figure above  $(6.2 \text{ km}^2)$  show the areas of Sirimon catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2002. The dark grey areas  $(4 \text{ km}^2)$  were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest loss for the period 1995 – 2002 is 2.2 km² (average annual forest loss =  $0.4 \text{ km}^2$ ). Should this deforestation rate remain constant, the catchment will be without forest cover around the year 2060.

The light grey area represents the Mt Kenya protected forest as defined in the Kifcon database; the continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.





## **Timau Subcatchment**

## **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

#### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area	268 km <sup>2</sup>
Perimeter	128 km
Area to perimeter ratio	2.09
Highest point	3,850 m
Lowest point	1,830 m
Average altitude	2,370 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point)	2,020 m

### **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 199,000,000 m³

Average annual rainfall in catchment area
Location with highest annual rainfall 600 mm
Location with lowest annual rainfall 880 mm

#### **Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total length of main river (Timau River)

Total length of all rivers in catchment

Number of gauging stations

Number of recorded abstraction points

77

Water User Association Yes (see following page)

Socio – economy

Population

Urban and rural centres Kwa Mumero, Mia Moja 1, Mia Moja 2, New Ngenia, Ngusishi, Old

Ngenia, Timau

# **Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to)

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
Laikinia	Control	Deige	Ethi
Laikipia Central Daiga		Umande	
		Kiring and	Kiambogo
Meru Central	Time	Kirimara	Kithithina
	Timau	Neverialsi	Maritati
		Ngusishi	Mutarakwa
	Mt Kenya Forest	Mt Kenya Forest	Mt Kenya Forest
	Mt Kenya National Park	Mt Kenya National Park	Mt Kenya National Park

#### Land Cover in 1995

Grassland			94 km <sup>2</sup>
Woody grassland			64 km <sup>2</sup>
Forest	14 %	=	38 km <sup>2</sup>
Cropland	26 %	=	69 km <sup>2</sup>
Wasteland / rocks	1 %	=	$3  \text{km}^2$

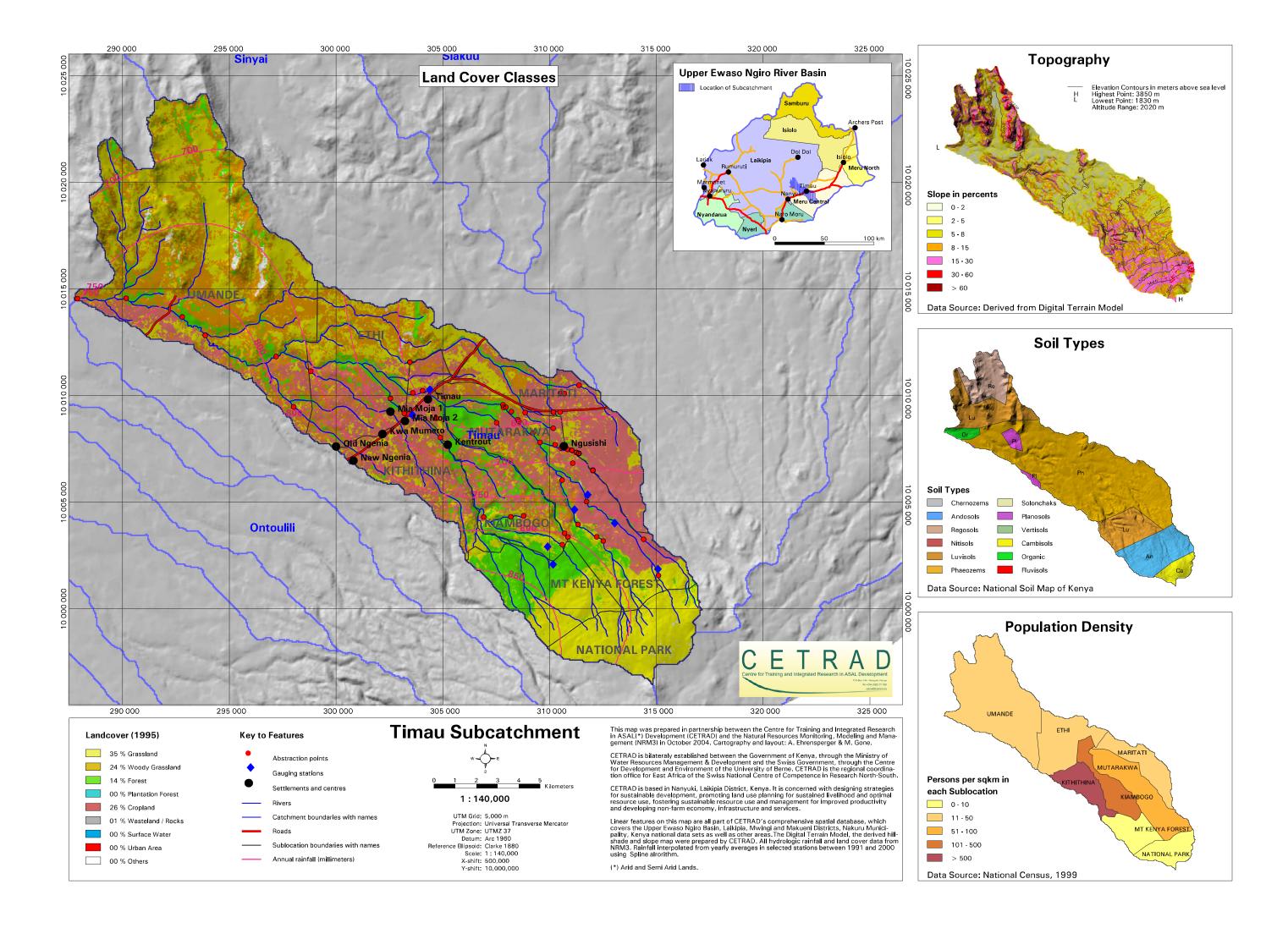
#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002

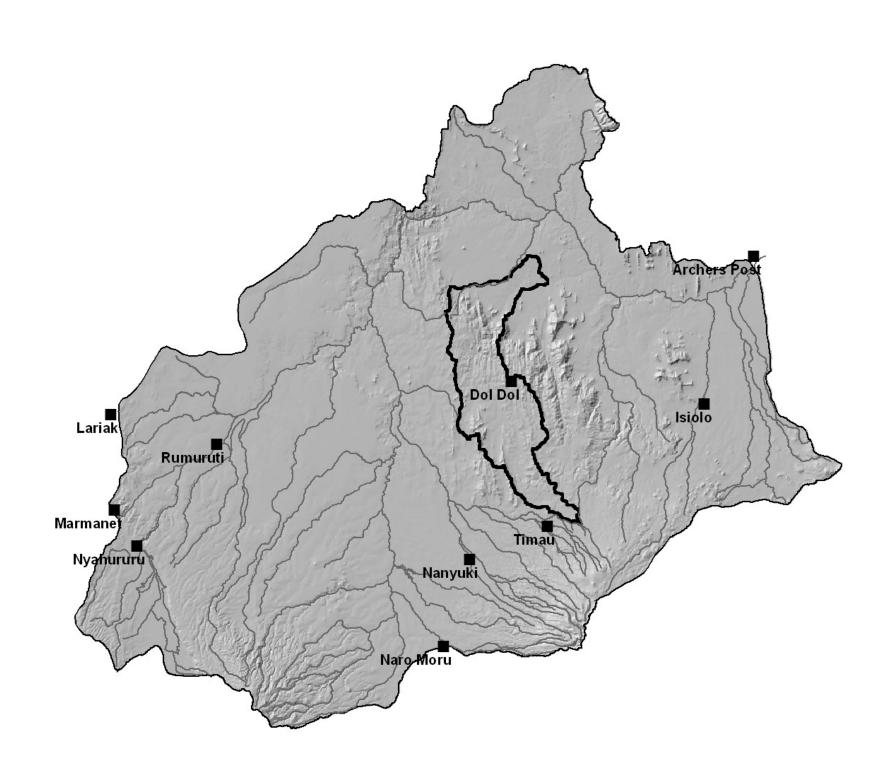


The black areas in the figure above (22 km²) show the areas of Timau catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2002. The dark grey areas (5.2 km²) were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest loss for the period 1995 – 2002 is 16.8 km² (average annual forest loss = 2.4 km²). Should this deforestation rate remain constant, the catchment will be without forest cover around the year 2011.

The light grey area represents the Mt Kenya protected forest as defined in the Kifcon database; the continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.

Name	Mount Kenya East Water User Association (Timau)
Contact	Mr. Daniel, Chairman, Ngusishi
In existence since	2002
Registered as	Community Based Organisation and Association. Registered at the Attorney General's Office and at the Ministry of Culture and Social Services.
Trigger of formation	By the community because of conflicts between a big farm and the community. The farm did not want the community to lay their pipes through that farm. Destruction of the catchment.
Objectives	Conservation of the catchment, manage river by issuing permits, construction of dams to increase water reserves, development of the catchment area.
Availability of sanctioning system	Yes
Role of horticulture farms	Some (4) are members (Daisa Farm, Timau Gardens, Homegrown, Batian Flowers). They did not participate in founding the WUA and do not help in the running of the WUA (just pay membership fees). The WUA could run without them, as their influence is comparable to the one of other users. But the WUA would run better if they would involve themselves fully, as they have resources, which the others don't have.
Sources of conflicts	Too many people want to use water, water shortages in some months and during extended drought.
Problems forwarded to the WUA	Between projects, concerning sharing of water. Problems on where to get water: Some get authorizations, while other intakes have dried up. Non members abstracting more water than required. Illegal abstraction.
Unexpressed conflicts	Harassment of members by management. Favouritism in distribution (officials favour their relatives and friends).
Availability of conflict guidelines	Yes, in the by-laws and the constitution, drafted by members and approved by district authorities.
Concrete way of solving conflicts	Weigh the magnitude of the problem when it is brought to them; call a full management committee under chairmanship of the DO. If they can't solve it, they call for a general meeting.
Cases of conflicts dealt with	4 cases brought to them by members of the projects: Between two projects; case of well serving 3000 families and being grabbed by an individual; Mirimani Junior Water Project versus Mirimani B; Timau Garden versus Mirimani B. The well grabbing was solved well: They communicated with the district water engineer and the well was returned to the community within less than 7 days. Two cases still persist (splinter groups, person denying the WUA to lay water pipes), due to lack of information and poor community involvement. One case is still in court.
Other activities the WUA is engaging in	Want to start a tree nursery. Untapped potentials include: Tapping other water sources, rehabilitation of catchment area.
Achievements	Solving conflicts, contributed funds to start a tree nursery
Hindrances	Lack of office space for meetings and plots for nurseries, lack of guidance on catchment rehabilitation, lack of funds.
Advices to others	Wildlife should be given first priority. Get legal advice from the relevant authorities.





## Sinyai Subcatchment

## **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

## **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

793 km <sup>2</sup>
264 km
3.00
2440 m
1020 m
1750 m
1420 m

## **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 467,870,000 m<sup>3</sup>

Average annual rainfall in catchment area
Location with highest annual rainfall 740 mm
Location with lowest annual rainfall 490 mm

## **Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total approx. length of main river 93 km
Total approx. length of all rivers in catchment 1009 km
Number of gauging stations 0
Number of recorded abstraction points 0
Water User Association No

## Socio – economy

Population --Urban centres ---

## **Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to).

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
Isiolo	Oldonyiro	Kipsing	Kipsing
			Lenguruma
		Oldonyiro	Lonkopito
Laikipia		Daiga	Ethi
	Central		Naibor
			Umande
		Ildigiri	Tura
	Mukagada	Ilpolei	Ilpolei
	Mukogodo	Makurian	Aljojo
		ivianullali	Makurian

			Kurikuri
		Mumonyot	Mumonyot
			Seek
		Oloibosoit	Ewaso
Meru Central	Timau	Ngusishi	Maritati

#### Land Cover in 1995

 Grassland
 32 % =  $253.8 \text{ km}^2$  

 Woody grassland
 60 % =  $475.8 \text{ km}^2$  

 Forest
 04 % =  $31.7 \text{ km}^2$  

 Cropland
 01 % =  $7.9 \text{ km}^2$  

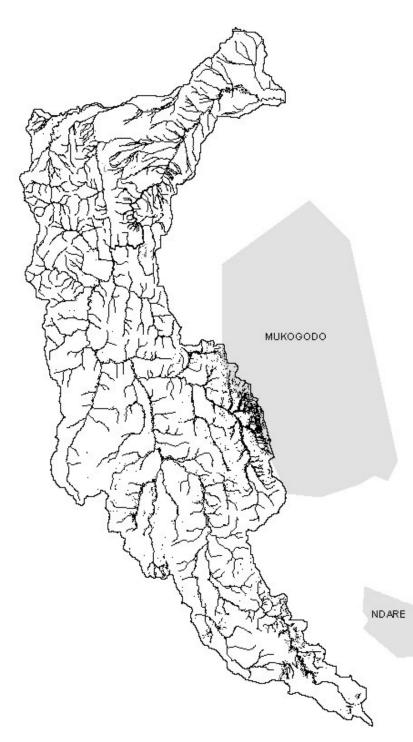
 Wasteland / Rocks
 03 % =  $23.8 \text{ km}^2$ 

#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002

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The light grey area represents various catchment.

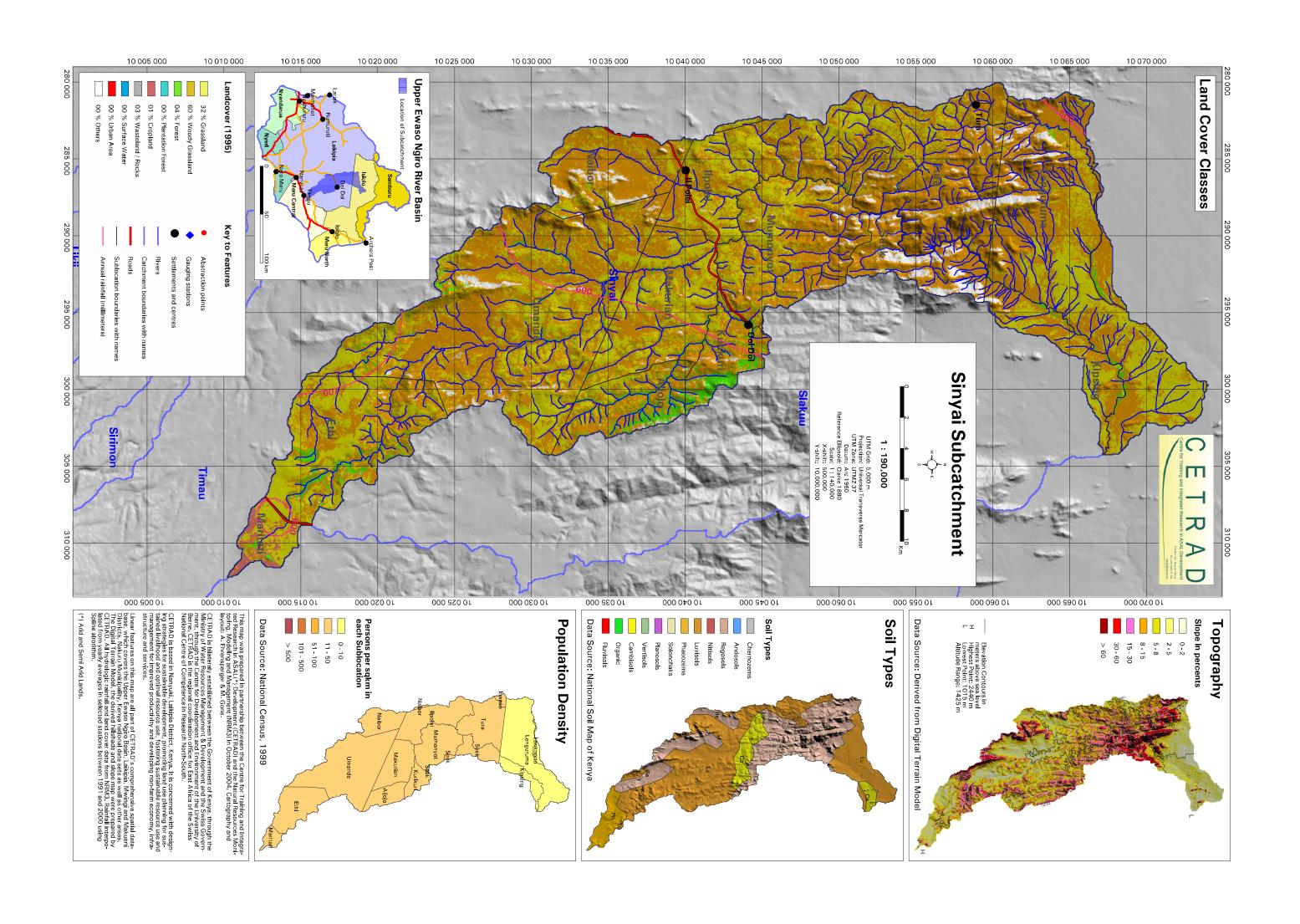
Forest classification for the year 1995 Forest classification for the year 2002 Both classifications on the basis of

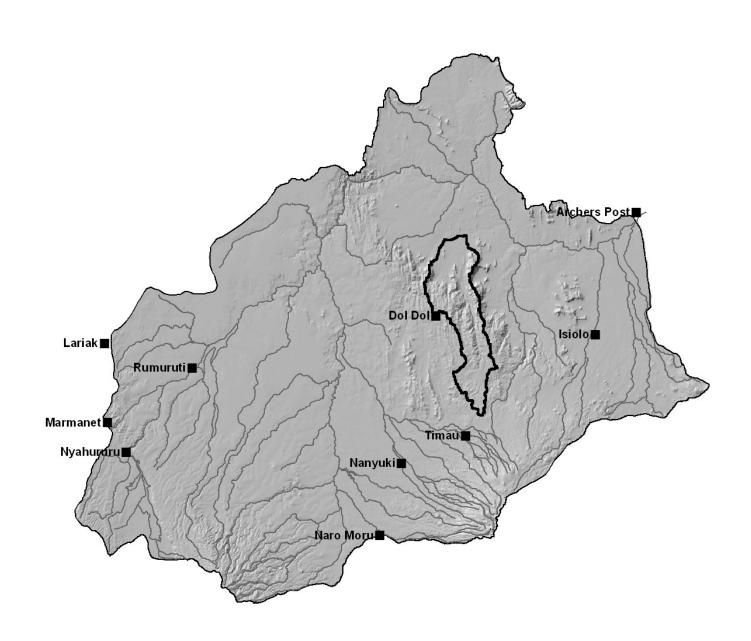


(23.9 km²) show the areas of Sinyai catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in areas (1.3 km²) were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest loss for (average annual forest loss = 3.2 km²). **Should this deforestation rate remain constant, the catchment will be without** 

protected forest areas (see labels) as defined in the Kifcon database; the continuous thin lines show the rivers within the

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## Siakuu Subcatchment

## **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

## **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area	477 km
Perimeter	184 km
Area to perimeter ratio	2.6
Highest point	2,300 m
Lowest point	1,020 m
Average altitude	1,650 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point)	1,280 m

## **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 300,000,000 m³

Average annual rainfall in catchment area
Location with highest annual rainfall 710 mm
Location with lowest annual rainfall 550 mm

#### **Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total length of main river 67 km
Total length of all rivers in catchment 550 km
Number of gauging stations 0
Number of recorded abstraction points 0
Water User Association no

#### Socio – economy

Population --Urban centres Aljiju

# **Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to).

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
Isiolo	Oldonyiro	Kipsing	Kipsing
	-	Ilgwesi	Ngarendare
		Makurian	Aljojo
	Mulsanada	Mukogodo	Kurikuri
Latticata	Mukogodo	Mumonyot	Mumonyot
Laikipia			Seek
		Sieku	Sieku
	Control	Doigo	Ethi
	Central	Daiga	Umande
Meru Central	Timau	Ngusishi	Maritati

#### Land Cover (1995)

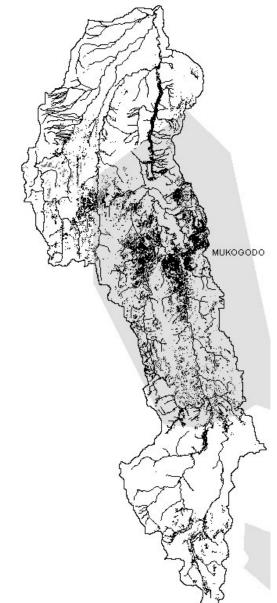
Grassland			95 km <sup>2</sup>
Woody grassland	45 %	=	215 km <sup>2</sup>
Forest	29 %	=	138 km <sup>2</sup>
Cropland	1%	=	5 km <sup>2</sup>
Wasteland / rocks	5%	=	24 km <sup>2</sup>

#### Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002

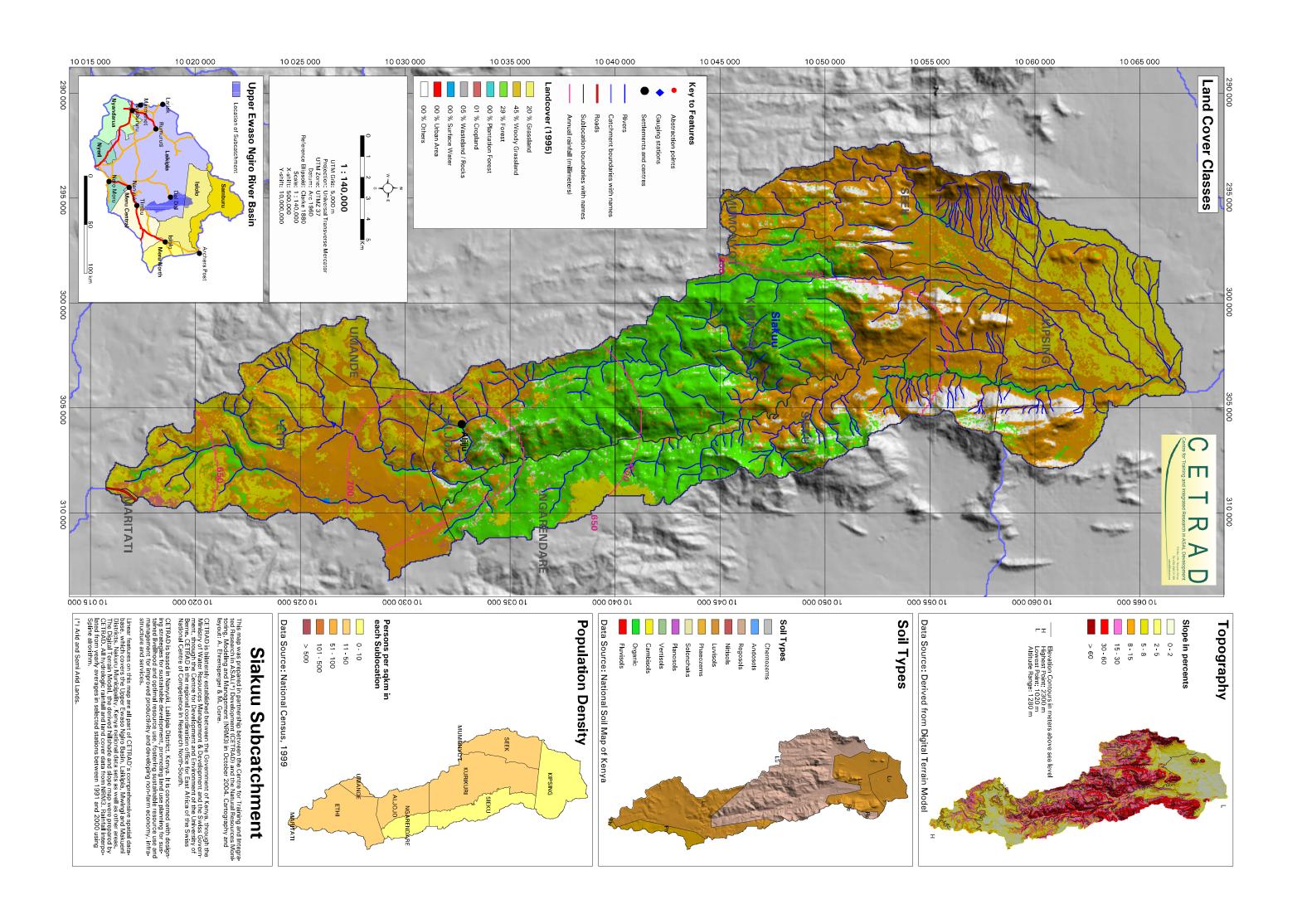
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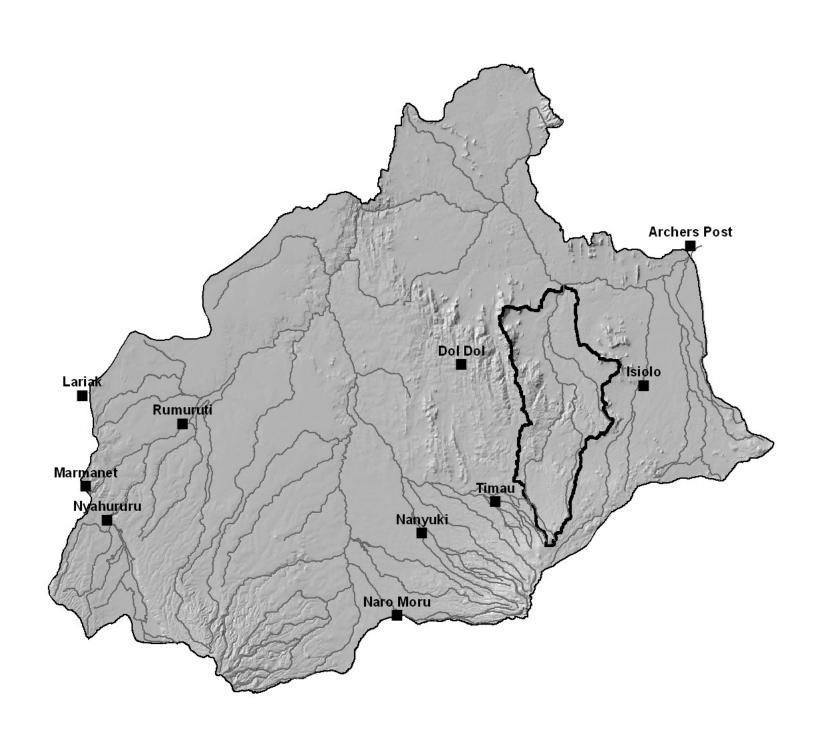
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Forest classification for the year 1995 carried out by Forest classification for the year 2002 carried out by CETRAD (S. Mumuli) Both classifications on the basis of Landsat ETM satellite images.



NRM3 (P. Niederer)





## **Ngarendare Subcatchment**

## **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

#### **Topography** (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area 1012 km²
Perimeter 243 km
Area to perimeter ratio 4.16
Highest point 3580 m
Lowest point 900 m
Average altitude 1600 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point) 2680 m

## **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume) 66,426,559,000 m<sup>3</sup>

Average annual rainfall in catchment area
Location with highest annual rainfall
Location with lowest annual rainfall
470 mm

## **Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total length of main river 82.5 km

Total length of all rivers in catchment 1057 km

Number of gauging stations 0

Number of recorded abstraction points 10

Water User Association Yes (see following page)

Socio – economy

Population --

Urban centres Anandaguru, Ethi, Kisima, Lorangai, Ngare Ndare

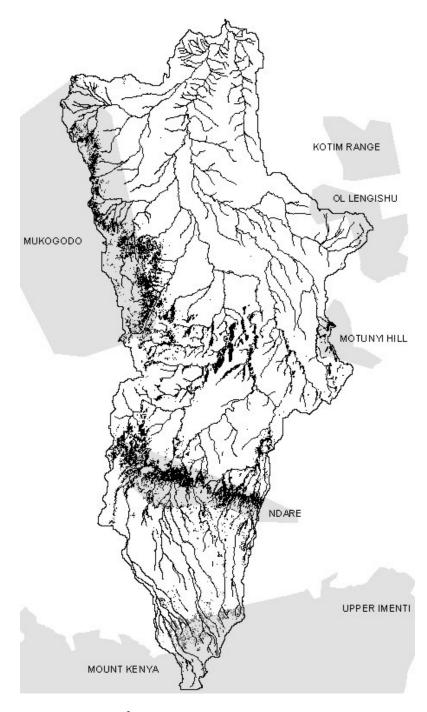
## **Administration** (bold administrative units are located completely within the catchment)

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
	Central	laiala Maat	Burat
Isiolo		Isiolo West	Isiolo West
	Oldonyiro	Kipsing	Kipsing
	Central	Daiga	Ethi
Laikinia			Ngarendare
Laikipia	Mukogodo	Ilgwesi	Sangaa
		Sieku	Sieku
			Buuri
	Kisima		Mutonyi
Meru Central	Timau		Ngare Ndare
		Ngusishi	Maritati
		Ngusisiii	Mutarakwa
	National Park	National Park	National Park

#### Land Cover (1995)

Grassland			149.3 km <sup>2</sup>
Woody grassland			602.6 km <sup>2</sup>
Forest			122.3 km <sup>2</sup>
Cropland	13 %	=	135.0 km <sup>2</sup>

## Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002



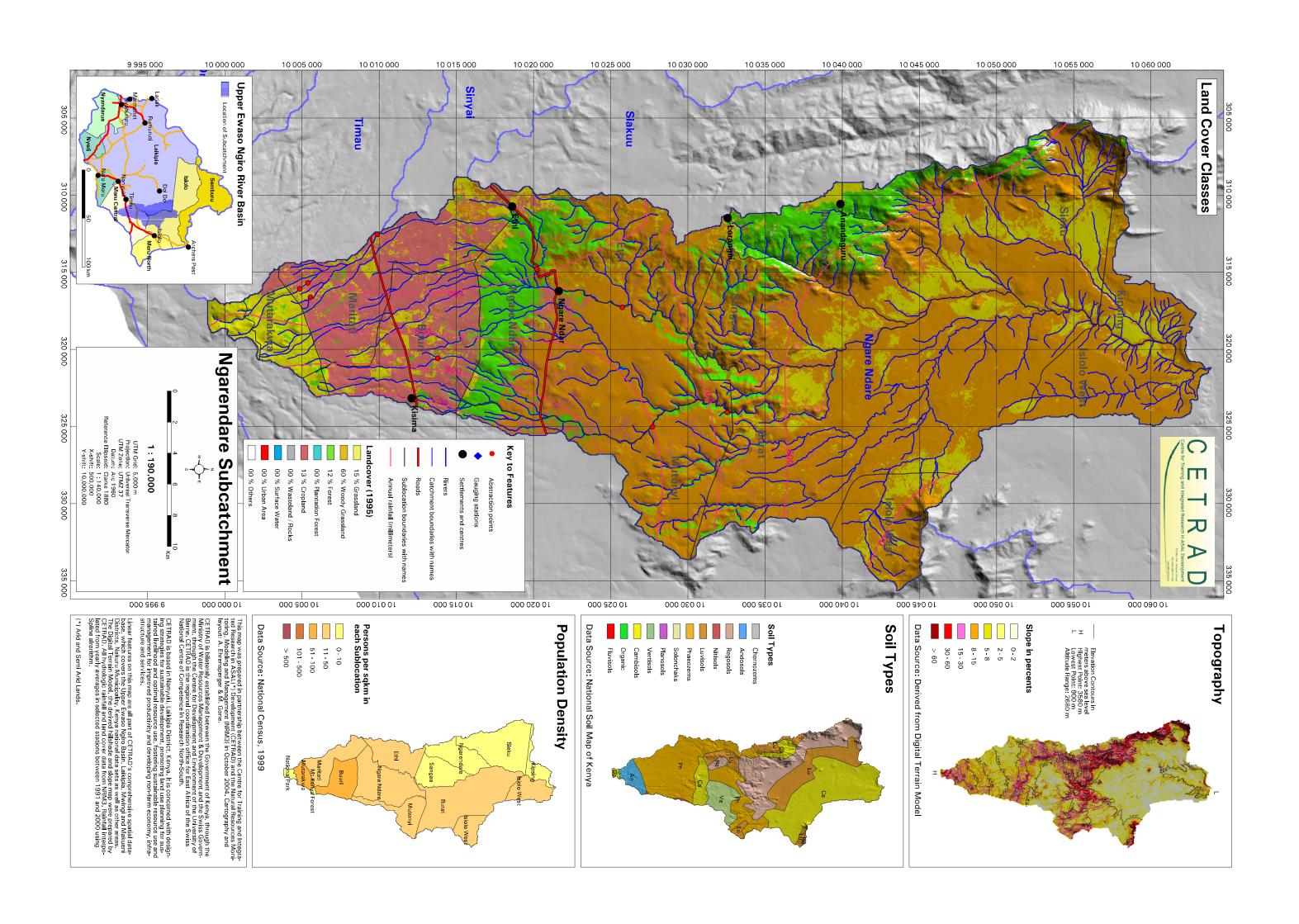
The black areas in the figure above  $(75.5 \text{ km}^2)$  show the areas of Burguret catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2002. The dark grey areas  $(8.5 \text{ km}^2)$  were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest loss for the period 1995 – 2002 is  $67 \text{ km}^2$  (average annual forest loss =9.6 km²). Should this deforestation rate remain constant, the catchment will be without forest cover around the year 2008.

The light grey area represents various protected forest areas (see labels) as defined in the Kifcon database; the continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.

Forest classification for the year 1995 carried out by NRM3 (P. Niederer)
Forest classification for the year 2002 carried out by CETRAD (S. Mumuli)
Both classifications on the basis of Landsat ETM satellite images.

Name	Ngare Ndare River Water Users Self Help Project	
Contact	Mr. John Horsey, Chairman, Borana Farm	

	Mr. Mugambi, Secretary, Ngare Ndare Centre
In existence since	2001
Registered as	As a self help project. A registration problem arose, such that they decided to register it as an association but they got a self help project certificate. They intend to change the registration documents.
Trigger of formation	The current chairman, because of constant water use conflicts, water shortages and dwindling water levels.
Objectives	Safeguard the river, raise awareness in the community.
Availability of sanctioning system	No sanctioning system. There has never been any defaulting.
Role of horticulture farms	All (4) are members (Cinnabar Green Farm, Kintari Farm, Borana Ranch, Ill-Ngwesi Ranch). Were also involved in the forming of the WUA (fixing financial problems, logistic support, organising seminars with experts, paying for registration fees), keeping documentation, and organising meetings. WUA could not work without them as the local community does not have the necessary funds to work out logistics. Their influence is comparable to the one of others.
Sources of conflicts	Competition and rivalry because of water shortages in some months, cutting of trees in the catchment and along river banks.
Problems forwarded to the WUA	None has been reported so far.
Unexpressed conflicts	By-passing of association's decisions by some users who go directly to the ministry to seek permits for water abstraction.
Availability of conflict guidelines	No guidelines. Want to finalise such guidelines in a meeting on August 19 <sup>th</sup> 2003.
Concrete way of solving conflicts	Strictly enforced water rationing programme. All abstraction must be permitted by the WUA. Ensuring that members do not cut trees in the catchment and along the river banks.
Cases of conflicts dealt with	None so far.
Other activities the WUA is engaging in	Educating community on the need to manage water resources. Untapped potentials include: Planting of trees, building of livestock watering points, developing a profile water supply line to all member farms. Building big water storage facilities that can last the community longer.
Achievements	All conflicts have ceased since the formation of the WUA.
Hindrances	Lack of finances, lack of skilled manpower, lack of information related to proper water management and conservation.
Advices to others	Build consensus first. Be ready to protect the catchment area. No one will help the community apart from themselves. Seek more information and knowledge from the ministry of water resources management and development.





## Topography (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area 7	<sup>7</sup> 70 km²
Perimeter 2	256 km
Area to perimeter ratio	3.00
Highest point 3	3960 m
Lowest point 8	350 m
Average altitude 1	1630 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point)	3110 m

## **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume)	577,500,000 m
Average annual rainfall in catchment area	750 mm
Location with highest annual rainfall	1360 mm
Location with lowest annual rainfall	400 mm

## **Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Total length of main river	95 km
Total length of all rivers in catchment	670 km
Number of gauging stations	0
Number of recorded abstraction points	12

Water User Association Yes (see following page)

## Socio – economy

Population --Urban centres Isiolo

## Land Cover in 1995

Grassland	20 %	=	154 km²
Noody grassland	52 %	=	400.4 km <sup>2</sup>
Forest	06 %	=	46.2 km <sup>2</sup>
Cropland	22 %	=	169.4 km <sup>2</sup>

## Isiolo Subcatchment

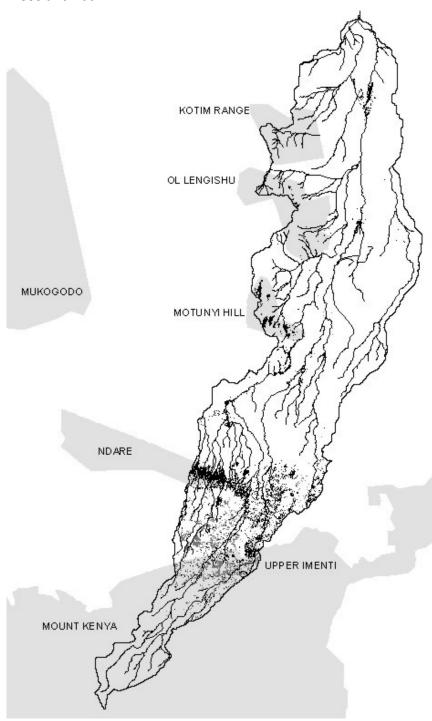
## **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

**Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to).

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
		Central	Bulla Pesa
		Central	Kampi Odha
		Isiolo East	Kiwanjani
Isiolo	Central	ISIOIO East	Wabera
		Isiolo West	Burat
		ISIOIO West	Isiolo West
		Ngare Mara	Ngare Mara
		Kiamiogo	Kiamiogo
		Kibirichia	Kimbo
	Abothuguchi West	Ntugi	Mboroga
		Ntumburi	Kamarete
			Thiira
		Kiirua	Kithima
		Killua	Nkando
Meru Central	Buuri	Kisima	Ntirimiti
		Rwarera	Kirwiro
		Tiwarera	Mugae
		Kisima	Buuri
	Timau		Mutonyi
		Ngusishi	Mutarakwa
	Mt Kenya Forest	Mt Kenya Forest	Mt Kenya Forest
	National Park	National Park	National Park
	Akithi	Akithi	Thinyaine
Meru North	Tigania North	Buuri	Nturingwi
	Tigania West	Mituntu	Mumui

## Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002

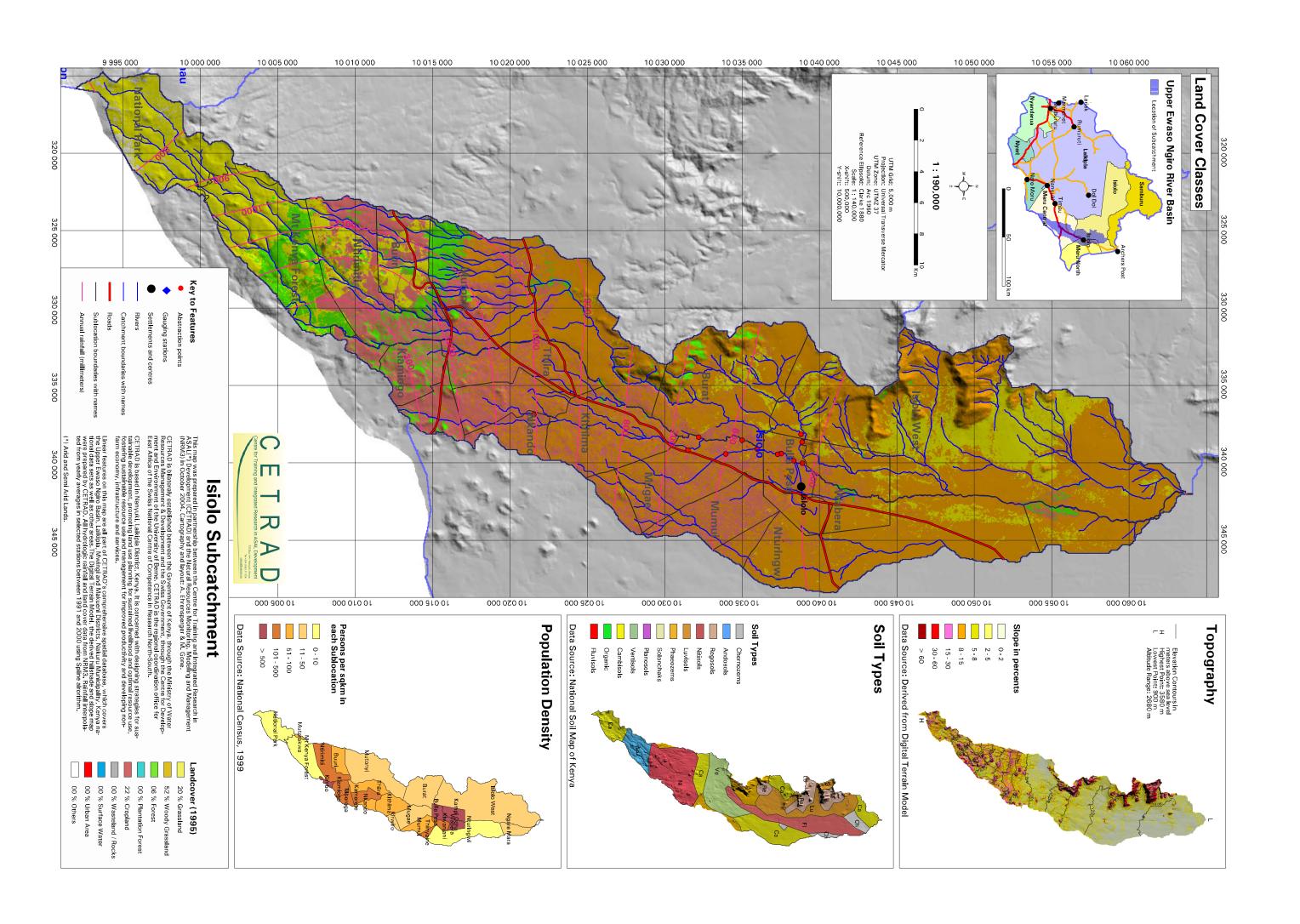


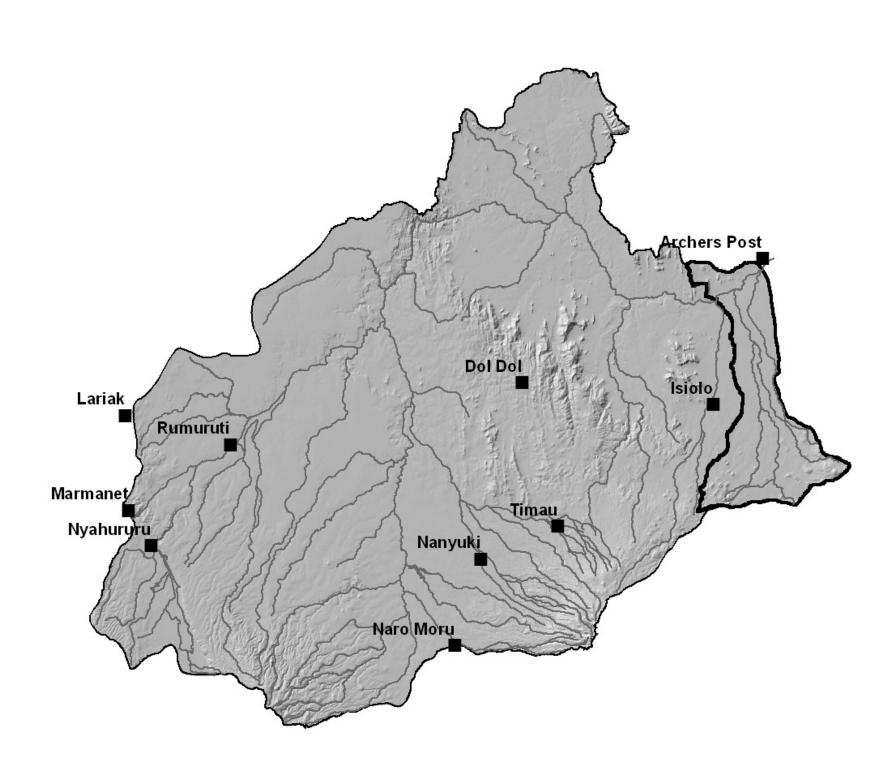
The black areas in the figure above  $(29.1 \text{ km}^2)$  show the areas of Isiolo catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2002. The dark grey areas  $(14.1 \text{ km}^2)$  were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest loss for the period 1995 – 2002 is  $15 \text{ km}^2$  (average annual forest loss =  $2.1 \text{ km}^2$ ). Should this deforestation rate remain constant, the catchment will be without forest cover around the year 2018.

The light grey area represents various protected forest areas (see labels) as defined in the Kifcon database; the continuous thin lines show the rivers within the catchment.

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Name	Isiolo River Water User Association
Contact	Mr. Mbae, Chairman, Maili Saba (Isiolo)
In existence since	2003
Registered as	Association
Trigger of formation	Claims and counter-claims between upstream and downstream users. Recurrent conflicts during dry spell. Too much pressure on local water office. Current water act stipulates that each river should have a WUA.
Objectives	Initially: Catchment conservation, tree planting along the river, economic use of water and solving of water related conflicts. New: Reduce grazing along river banks, prevent tree cutting along river.
Availability of sanctioning system	Yes: Committee is called and asked to deliberate and to recommend action to be taken.
Role of horticulture farms	None
Sources of conflicts	Shortages during dry season. Lack of water. Bad water quality. High competition for water. Depletion of riverine forest. Wanton destruction of catchment area. Upstream water pollution.
Problems forwarded to the WUA	Inadequate water. Water rationing, blocking of river. Water pollution through car wash.
Unexpressed conflicts	Selective piped water supply in the different water projects, where only officials are benefiting. This is a potentially explosive issue.
Availability of conflict guidelines	Yes, drafted by all officials and committee members. Consensus achieved through visiting of the 5 zones by the officials after drafting the guidelines, reading them, making alterations.
Concrete way of solving conflicts	Committee members and officials meet and deliberate on the course of action to take (e.g. water storage facilities, rationing, sharing, adjusting hours for abstraction, etc.). Cases beyond their jurisdiction are forwarded to the relevant authorities. Awareness campaigns are bearing fruits, as conflicts are going down.
Cases of conflicts dealt with	3 cases, all of them pending. Were brought to them by members as complains. They have not been addressed and concern wasteful water use (2 cases); cutting of indigenous trees; selective water supply. There are logistic problems to bring the officials and the committee together to decide on action. As the job is voluntary, people lack incentive to fully participate. There is also internal wrangling between members who are antagonistic.
Other activities the WUA is engaging in	Education, awareness creation. Building water storage facilities. Helping in planning water projects. Untapped potentials include: provision of piped water to all users, introduction of levy, education on proper water use (e.g. making field visits to other successful projects), doing own plumbing and reticulation.
Achievements	Raised level of awareness, established indigenous tree nurseries, built livestock watering points, planted trees around water springs
Hindrances	Lack of funds
Advices to others	Plant trees along the rivers and in catchment area. First instil awareness among the community to pave the way for smooth running. WUA should not be managed in an amateurish way; there is need for professional management.





# **Ewaso Ngiro Subcatchment**

## **Fact Sheet**

Status of data: June 2004

## Topography (all topographic figures derived from Digital Terrain Model)

Area	940 km'
Perimeter	217 km
Area to perimeter ratio	4.33
Highest point	2300 m
Lowest point 8	320 m
Average altitude	1214 m
Altitude range (highest point – lowest point)	1480 m

## **Meteorology** (rainfall interpolated from data of selected stations over the period 1991 – 2000)

Annual rainfall quantity (volume)	data incomplete
Average annual rainfall in catchment area	data incomplete
Location with highest annual rainfall	data incomplete
Location with lowest annual rainfall	data incomplete

## **Hydrology** (abstraction points and gauging stations from NRM database)

Approx. total length of main river	74 km
Total length of all rivers in catchment	660 km
Number of gauging stations	1
Number of recorded abstraction points	1
Water User Association	No

## Socio – economy

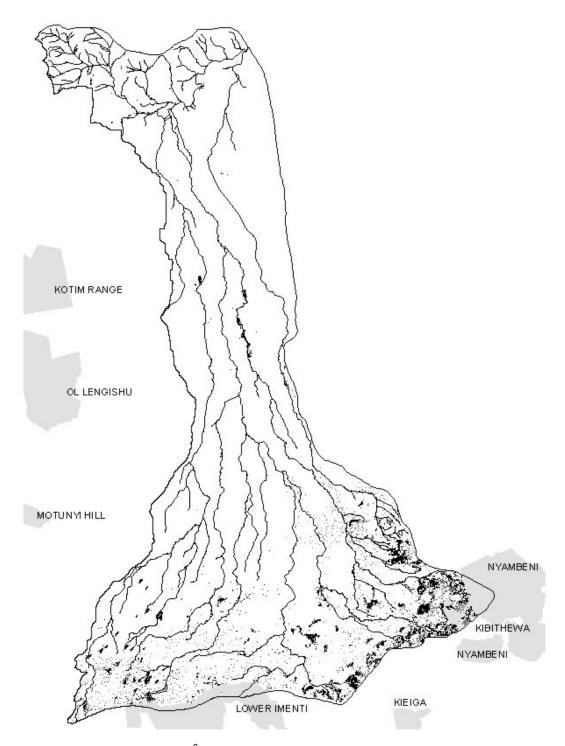
## Land Cover in 1995

Grassland			47 km <sup>2</sup>
Woody grassland	58 %	=	545.2 km <sup>2</sup>
Forest	04 %	=	37.6 km <sup>2</sup>
Cropland	32 %	=	300.8 km <sup>2</sup>
Wasteland / Rocks	01 %	=	9.4 km <sup>2</sup>

**Administration** (Sublocations located partly or completely within the catchment and the higher administrative units they belong to).

Districts	Divisions	Locations	Sublocations
Isiolo	Central	Ngare Mara	Ngare Mara
	Abothuguchi West	Ntugi	Mboroga
			Kiirua
Meru Central		Kiirua	Kithima
			Nkando
			Kamutune
	Buuri	Ruiri	Mutuma
			Ncoroiboro
			Kathewene
		Rwarera	Kirwiro
			Mworoga
	Imenti Forest	Imenti Forest	Imenti Forest
			Athwana
	Akithi	Akithi	Ncooro
			Thinyaine
	Jaamba North	Mikinyanga	Laikumu Kumu
	Igembe North	Nkinyanga	Liliaba
	Tigania Central	Micii Mikuru	Micii Mikuru
		Antuanduru	Antuanduru
			Lailuba
		Buuri	Lanjiru
		Buuri	Maburwa
Maru North	Tigania North		Nturingwi
Meru North		Karama	Mbaranga
		Karama	Urru
		Muthara	Athanja
		Mulliara	Kitharene
			Mumi
		Mitundu	Thau
	Tigonia Woot		Mitundu
	Tigania West	Kianjai	Nairiri
		Manjai	Kianjai
		Miathene	Miathene
	Uringu	Nkomo	Kilenchune
Samburu	Waso	Waso East	Archer's Post

## Loss of forest between 1995 and 2002



The black areas in the figure above  $(29.5 \text{ km}^2)$  show the areas of Ewaso Ngiro catchment, which were classified as forests (natural and plantation forest combined) in 1995 and not in 2002. The dark grey areas  $(12.3 \text{ km}^2)$  were classified as forests in 2002 but not in 1995. According to these two classifications, the net forest loss for the period 1995 – 2002 is  $17.2 \text{ km}^2$  (average annual forest loss =  $2.5 \text{ km}^2$ ). Should this deforestation rate remain constant, the catchment will be without forest cover around the year 2009.

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