

DEAL #1363

Location



Location #1

Spatial accuracy level
Location

Administrative region
Garsen, Kenya

Target country
Comment on location

Kenya
Tana River Delta. Heading north on the B8 highway, which connects the Kenyan port city of Mombasa to Garissa Town close to the Somali border, a small white signboard marks a turning onto a dirt road.

General info



Land area

Intended size (in ha)
Size under contract (leased or purchased area, in ha)
Size in operation (production, in ha)
Comment on land area

160000
[2009] 160000
[2013] 10000
60000ha for jatropha (other data sources state 64000ha), 100000 for traditional purposes. Possibility of acquiring an additional 200 000 hectares. 160 000ha lies across seven ranches in Tana River County in Kenya. Another report states total area acquired is 93 337ha.

Intention of investment

Intention of the investment
Comment on intention of investment

Biofuels, Food crops, Livestock
Jatropha is the main crop which is to be grown under the project. Intercrop with food crops for residents of surrounding communities.

Nature of the deal

Nature of the deal
Comment on nature of the deal

Lease
Option to extend the lease. Securing leases directly from ranch owners.

Negotiation status

Negotiation status
Comment on negotiation status

[2009] Concluded (Contract signed)
Uncertainty around the environmental licensing process for this project- the region in which the company operates is high in biodiversity and home to various endangered species.

Implementation status

Implementation status
Comment on implementation status

[2009] In operation (production)
[2013] Project abandoned
Only 10 000 hectare pilot project has been planted. The project was abandoned due to

local resistance when the community refused to move off the land as they were concerned about their grazing rights. Company declared bankruptcy in 2013.

Contract farming

Contract farming No
Comment on contract farming considering outgrower system

Contracts

Contract #1

Duration of the agreement (in years) 45

Employment

Number of domestic jobs created

Jobs created (domestic) Yes
Current number of employees (domestic) [2012] 7
Comment on jobs created (domestic) Bedford promised jobs would be made available--- would employ 3000 people. Bedford only employed seven full-time local employees, all working as security staff. The company employed seasonal workers for three months and after planting they told them to go back where they were from. There are many people who are very disappointed.

Investor info

Operating company

Operating company Unknown (Bedford Biofuels, in Kenya, 39950)
Comment on investment chain (#39950)
One source states that the Kenyan government aimed to gain 35% of the shares in the project.

Network of parent companies and tertiary investors/lenders. Please right-click the nodes to get more details.

Legend

- ← Is parent company of
- ← Is tertiary investor/lender of
- Left-click to reveal related parent companies and tertiary investors/lenders.
- Right-click on investors to get more information.
Left-click to hide related parent companies and tertiary investors/lenders.

Data sources

Data source #1

Data source type Media report
URL <http://edmontonjournal.com/business/local-business/edmonton-businessman-accused-of-illegally-raising-16-million-for-failed-kenyan-oilseed-project>
File 
Date 2016-05-13
Comment on data source Edmonton businessman accused of illegally raising \$16 million for failed Kenyan oilseed project

Data source #2

Data source type Other (Please specify in comment field)
URL <http://arochakenya.wildlifedirect.org/tag/bedford-biofuels/>

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Date
Comment on data source

Data source #3

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Data source #4

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Comment on data source


Data source #9


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Date

Data source #10

Data source type
URL
File
Comment on data source



2011-07-19
A Rocha Kenya, Christians Working in Practical
Community Orientated Conservation- blog


Media report
[http://articles.latimes.com/2013/jun/22/world/la-
fg-kenya-biofuel-20130622](http://articles.latimes.com/2013/jun/22/world/la-
fg-kenya-biofuel-20130622)

2013-06-22
LA Times- Biofuel project in Kenya ignites land,
environmental disputes


Media report
[http://www.qf.org.qa/content/think/g8-special-
issue/the-bitter-taste-of-biofuels](http://www.qf.org.qa/content/think/g8-special-
issue/the-bitter-taste-of-biofuels)

2013-06-16
Qatar Foundation- The Bitter Taste Of Biofuels


Research Paper / Policy Report
<http://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/6/5/2736/pdf>

2014-05-08
Sustainability: Putting a Spin on Jatropa: How
Conservationist Rhetoric Drove Bedford
Biofuels out of Tana Delta-Kenya, Froukje
Krijtenburg and Sandra J. T. M. Evers.

Company sources
[http://www.smallcapconference.ca/images/Bedford-
Profile-Oct10V.pdf](http://www.smallcapconference.ca/images/Bedford-
Profile-Oct10V.pdf)

Bedford Biofuels-- Tana Delta Phase 1
Investment Corporation Product Summary

Other (Please specify in comment field)
[http://www.commercialpressuresonland.org/press/petition-
bedford-biofuels-plant-jatropha-tana-delta](http://www.commercialpressuresonland.org/press/petition-
bedford-biofuels-plant-jatropha-tana-delta)

2011-06-13
Petition: Bedford Biofuels to plant jatropha in
the Tana Delta

Research Paper / Policy Report
http://www.sfoap.net/fileadmin/user_upload/sfoap/KB/docs/Report%20of%20Land

2010-01-01
Land Grab in Kenya: Implications for Small-
holder Farmers

Media report
[http://www.fortmcmurraytoday.com/2010/08/12/natural-
oil-discovered-in-diesel-tree](http://www.fortmcmurraytoday.com/2010/08/12/natural-
oil-discovered-in-diesel-tree)

2010-08-12

Research Paper / Policy Report
[http://www.ccic.ca/_files/en/working_groups/2013-
08-
21_canada_and_the_global_land_rush_fspg_april_2013.pdf](http://www.ccic.ca/_files/en/working_groups/2013-
08-
21_canada_and_the_global_land_rush_fspg_april_2013.pdf)

Canada and the global land rush: Analysis of
Canadian involvement in large-scale
agricultural land acquisition in the Southern

Hemisphere, April 2013

Data source #11

Data source type
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File
Date
Comment on data source

Media report
<http://www.biofuelsdigest.com/bdigest/2013/06/24/bedford-biofuels-pulls-out-of-kenyan-biofuels-project/>
2013-06-24
Biofuels Digest- Bedford Biofuels pulls out of Kenyan biofuels project

Data source #12

Data source type
URL
File
Date
Comment on data source

Other (Please specify in comment field)
<http://ejatlas.org/conflict/bedford-biofuels-jatropha-tana-delta-kenya>
2014-09-02
Environmental Justice Atlas website- Bedford Biofuels Jatropha, Tana Delta, Kenya

Data source #13

Data source type
URL
File
Comment on data source

Media report
http://ourlandourbusiness.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Kenya_factsheet_hirez.pdf
Our land Our business- World bank's bad business in Kenya

Data source #14

Data source type
URL
File
Date
Comment on data source

Media report
<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2011/jul/02/biofuels-land-grab-kenya-delta>
2011-07-02
The Guardian- Biofuels land grab in Kenya's Tana Delta fuels talk of war

Data source #15

Data source type
URL
File
Comment on data source

Company sources
<http://www.bedfordbiofuels.com/>
Company website no longer works

Data source #16

Data source type
URL
Publication title

Research Paper / Policy Report
<https://doi.org/10.1080/03066150.2012.686491>
Large-scale land deals from the inside out: findings from Kenya's Tana Delta

Local communities / indigenous peoples



Consultation of local community

Community consultation

Limited consultation

How did the community react?

Community reaction

Rejection

Presence of land conflicts

Presence of land conflicts
Comment on presence of land conflicts

Yes
local resistance when the community refused to move off the land as they were concerned about their grazing rights.

Displacement of people

Displacement of people
Comment on displacement of people

Yes
One data source states 80 000- 100 000 people.

Negative impacts for local communities

Negative impacts for local communities

Eviction

Comment on negative impacts for local communities

Displacement
Threat of eviction

Promised or received compensation

Received compensation (e.g. for damages or resettlements)

Community members did not received the compensation that was promised.

Promised benefits for local communities

Promised benefits for local communities

Health
Education
Other
Jobs, health facilities, schools. Bedford promised to invest \$3.6 million into community projects such as schools and clinics for every 10,000 hectares of land. Social responsibility projects have not taken off.

Comment on promised benefits for local communities

Former use

Former land owner (not by constitution)

Former land owner
Comment on former land owner

Community
The ranches-- the title deeds of which are held collectively by groups of locals

Former land use

Former land use

Smallholder agriculture
Pastoralism

Former land cover

Former land cover

Cropland
Marginal land

Produce info

Detailed crop, animal and mineral information

Crops area
Livestock area

Jatropha, Food crops (unspecified)
Cattle

Use of produce

Has domestic use
Has export
Comment on use of produce

Yes
Yes
Biofuel for the European Market, food crops for the local market

In country processing of produce

In country processing of produce
Comment on in country processing of produce

Yes
AGF (Agrofuel production)- Jatropha Processed into Crude Jatropha Oil

Water

Water extraction envisaged

Water extraction envisaged
Comment on water extraction envisaged

Yes
Another report states no irrigation planned.

Overall Comment

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ESIA partly approved in May 2011.

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