



## Petition: Bedford Biofuels to plant jatropha in the Tana Delta

Press, 13 June 2011, by The Lower Tana Delta Conservation Trust

signatures: 557



signature goal: 10,000

Target: National Environment Management Authority  
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This petition is on behalf of the indigenous communities within the Tana Delta, specifically the Lower Tana Delta Conservation Trust. Bedford Biofuels, a Canadian Company, has had their EIA approved by the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) to begin a 10,000ha pilot

project planting jatropha for biofuel.

The Tana Delta is not only an ecologically unique area for flora and fauna, but is home to various indigenous communities, namely the Pokomo farmers and the Orma pastoralists who use the meanderings of the Tana River for their subsistence and have done so for hundreds of years. The land is being leased without their knowledge or consent by a select few who claim they 'own' the land when in fact they do not hold title deeds at all. The community have started their own petition and are ready to take this matter to court suing NEMA, Bedford Biofuels and those in the community leasing the land.

Jatropha is a poisonous plant, as numerous journals and papers attest to. Policies initiated in the EU and other Western countries concerning biofuels are responsible for this type of project starting in countries like Kenya, not to mention the tax breaks that Canada will receive for such a project. Planting Jatropha in the Delta will bring little if no positive effects for the local community, who have borne the brunt of many such 'development' projects before. This is a simple case of LAND GRABBING.... and the community need all the help they can possibly muster to take the matter to court, as this is of course a costly affair. PLEASE HELP by signing the petition- we are aiming for 1,000 signatures by the end of June... Every little helps!

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