

NbS Examples Submitted by IBON Africa to the Intergovernmental Consultations on Nature-based Solutions

Good Practice

In Meru County in Kenya, there is a group of elderly women who are mostly aged between 50 and 90 years. They have organized themselves into a formal group where they meet twice a month to discuss environmental issues and concerns. The group has seedbeds where they grow tree seedlings and donate to schools and their local community for re-afforestation during rainy seasons. The group was recognized for its contribution to community development and awareness raising on issues of conservation by the Late Prof Wangari Maathai, the first African woman to win the Nobel prize (Nobel Peace Prize winner 2004).

Bad Practice

In 2022, Tanzanian government demarcated areas of community land for Game Reserves, in the name of conservation. The areas are said to be used for commercial, safari tourism, and the hunting of wildlife. Communities and civil society say these primarily benefit corporations investing in these economic activities, while forcing local communities to vacate their ancestral lands.