MAU FORESTS COMPLEX

Threats and way forward

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Government’s phased approach

5 phases approach:
- Phase I
- Phase II
- Phase III
- Phase IV
- Phase V
Government’s phased approach

Phase I

Forestland not parceled / unoccupied
- Excised in 2001
- Not parceled / unoccupied
- Near / on the summit of the Mau escarpment

- Likia Extension (530 ha)
- LR 25148 (1,050 ha)
- Mariashoni (2,950 ha)
Government’s phased approach: Phase I

Forestland excised but unparceled or unoccupied

- Likia Extension (530 ha)
  - Regazettement process initiated;
  - Boundary plan prepared;
  - Establishment of enforcement outpost by end of December.

- LR 25148 (1,050 ha)
  - Regazettement process initiated;
  - Boundary plan prepared.

- Mariashoni (2,950 ha)
  - Occupied by few Ogiek;
  - Committee on Ogiek Matters being established to advise on this matter.
Government’s phased approach

Phase II

Encroachment in gazetted forest reserve

- No title deeds issued
- Illegal squatters with no documentation
- Forest gazetted and not set aside for settlement

South Western Mau FR (19,000 ha)
Government’s phased approach: Phase II

Relocation of illegal squatters from South Western Mau Forest Reserve

- Relocation of illegal squatters with no documentation encroaching into 19,000 ha of South Western Mau Forest Reserve. No title deeds issued.

- Pursuant to the recommendations of the Mau Task Force approved by the Cabinet (30 July 09) and the Parliament (15 Sept. 09):
  
  “Encroachers should be removed from the forests immediately”

- There is no provision in the Mau Task Force report for compensation of illegal squatters.

- Relocation of illegal squatters started on Monday 16 November, under the coordination of the Provincial Commissioner, Rift Valley.

- Support from various Ministries are mobilized, including Forestry and Wildlife, Provincial Administration and Internal Security, Water and Irrigation, Special Programmes, Education as well as National Youth Service.
Government’s phased approach: *Phase II*

Relocation of illegal squatters from South Western Mau Forest Reserve

- Humane relocation process:
  - **Peaceful process:** with no violence, destruction of properties.
  - **Security** provided to the squatters.
  - **Transportation** for the squatters and their property to be returned to their original homes.
  - **Food items:** maize (330 bags), beans (150 bags of 50 kg), cooking fat (150 cartons) in Bureti, Kuresoi and Bomet.
  - **Water:** 3 collapsible tanks, 6 tanks of 10,000 litres and a water boozer.
  - **Health:** arrangements made with the local health centres at Olengurone and Keringet to assist.
Government’s phased approach: *Phase II*

Humane relocation: *KFS guards providing water to children at Kapkembo camp*
Government’s phased approach: *Phase II*

Humane relocation: *KFS guards providing water and sharing their dry rations at Kapkembo camp*
Government’s phased approach: *Phase II*

Humane relocation: *KFS guards providing transportation to women and children in Chematich area*
Government’s phased approach: *Phase II*

Humane relocation: *Deputy Commandant, KFS ENCOM, addressing squatters at Kipkongoro camp*
Government’s phased approach: *Phase II*

**Relocation of illegal squatters from South Western Mau Forest Reserve**

- No disruption of schooling:
  - Only **three non-registered seasonal primary schools** in the forest (Langam, Chesigar and Siratet) comprising a total of 213 pupils.
  - **No KCPE/KCSE candidates** in the schools in the forest. The exercise started only after completion of the examinations.
  - Schools bordering the forest are operating at 75 per cent capacity and have the ability to absorb additional pupils.
  - Steps taken by Ministry of Education to admit relocated pupils once schooling resume in January 2010.
Government’s phased approach

Settlements in protected forests

- Forest **not** set aside for settlement
- Title deeds issued

- **Maasai Mau** (20,400 ha)
- **Ol Pusimoru FR** (2,900 ha)
Government’s phased approach

Phase IV

Critical water catchments in 2001 excisions
- Title deeds issued
- Critical water catchments

- 2001 excisions (61,587 ha)

Way forward
Government’s phased approach

- **Phase V**
  - Critical water catchments in adjudicated areas in gazetted forest reserve
    - Gazetted forest reserve
    - Partially adjudicated
    - Title deeds issued

- Ol Pusimoru FR
  - (20,155 ha)