## IW LEARN TRAINING WORKSHOP Water Funds

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Adapting the Water Fund Model – what does it involve? Colin Apse • Freshwater Program Director, Africa • The Nature Conservancy

### SESSION OVERVIEW

- The Water Fund model was developed in a specific context, what are key questions on adapting the model?
- Key opportunities and challenges in adapting the model to large river basins and transboundary contexts
- What are the relevant elements of existing Water Fund models?

## Adapting the Water Fund Model

Source Water Protection can and should also happen where:

- Urban water utility is not entry point, but private sector can engage
- A transboundary basin has clear ecosystem service values
- Okavango Basin as initial transboundary case, others not far behind



Sebou Basin, Morocco







# Question 1: What gaps do you see to reaching scale in your source water protection work?

- Difficultly mapping and engaging stakeholders in the transboundary context
- Limited funding availability to match the scale of source water protection need
- Knowledge gaps among both funders and implementers on replicable models linked to ecosystem services

### Question 2: What challenges do you see securing adequate financing?

- Low capacity and experience to engage the (overtaxed) private sector
- Quantifying benefits it is difficult to provide the needed financial information to convince a donor to support
- Mismatch between donor funding scale and the needs for source water protection funding

### <u>Question 3: What sorts of institutional models might support better source water</u> protection outcomes?

- The water fund model could be adapted, but needs to be proven out in the transboundary context
- Multi-stakeholder projects should make stakeholders aware of the risks to stakeholders of continuing with "business-as-usual". Mapping of stakeholder benefits necessary.
- Transboundary organizations should work with NGOs to build their capacity to implement source water protection

### General questions from participants:

- How do you convince downstream stakeholders to invest upstream?
- What is the institutional set up of Water Funds? How does the money flow?
- How exactly do you work with farmers (or others) to improve water quantity and quality?



## **Source Water Protection Mobilization**

#### IMPLEMENTATION

#### Grant Model

Where the design and implementation of conservation is carried out by a third party

### **Outsource Model**

Where the design of conservation is done by the Water Fund staff but implementation is carried out by a third party

### **Agency Model**

Where the design and implementation of conservation is done by Water Fund staff









## UPPER TANA-NAIROBI WATER FUND

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### **SESSION OVERVIEW**

- Giving a practical example of an established Water Fund in Africa
- How different benefits interlock to produce a winning formula
- Shed light on how key elements could be adapted to the transboundary basin context

### UPPER TANA-NAIROBI WATER FUND | Geography



### THE TANA

WATER 95% of supply to Nairobi

**POWER** 65% of Kenya's Hydropower

**COMMUNITY** 4 million people in Nairobi 5 million in watershed





**CHALLENGE:** Soil from 300,000 small-scale farms is washing into the Tana River and its tributaries while riparian irrigation expands- disrupting water supply, reducing farm productivity, and harming ecosystem health

#### **GOALS: 3Cs**

- Clean Water: Improve quality and increase quantity of water
- **C**ommunity Benefits: Increase income and other livelihood benefits for farming families.
- **C**onserve Nature: Reforest and improve the health of freshwater ecosystems.



## IMPACTS | business

Over **US\$600,000 increased annual revenue for KenGen** as a result of increased power generation and avoided shutdowns and spillages

Approximately US\$250,000 in cost savings a year for Nairobi City Water & Sewerage Company stemming from avoided filtration, lowered energy consumption, reduced sludge disposal costs and fewer shutdown days



## **IMPACTS** | farmers

More than 21,000 farmers are applying soil conservation and water-saving methods Up to **US\$3 million per year in increased agricultural yields** for smallholders and agricultural producers

8,500 coffee farmers jointly certified for **Rainforest Alliance** 

More than 18,000 farmers are enrolled in a **mobile data monitoring platform.** 









## IMPACTS | land & water

**27 million more liters** of water flowing into Nairobi each day

Over **50% reduction in sediment** concentration in rivers 2,000,000 trees planted in the watershed

120,000 acres are under **sustainable management** 







### PROJECT FUNDING, WHILE CAPITALIZING ENDOWMENT

## **Public Sector**

- Government of Kenya- GEF/ IFAD Resources
- 4 County governments support
- Kenya Water Resource Authority support
- Kenya Forest Service Support
- And growing....

## **Private Sector**

- Nairobi City Water & Sewerage Company
- Pentair Limited
- Frigoken Kenya Limited (IPS/ The Aga Khan)
- Coca-Cola
- Caterpillar Foundation
- UPS Foundation
- East Africa Breweries Ltd
- KenGen Corporate and Foundation
- Anonymous giver

#### And growing....





### **UPPER TANA: Situation in 2013**

- ISRIC: 10 year project to prove value of "Green Water" payments (one of many)
- KenGen (and other corporates) convinced of need for PES, but frustrated by lack of implementation
- Source water protection not targeted, transparent or monitored – led by government and corporates
- Counties not consulted, leads to further resentment
- Farmers with little extension support









### Water Fund Finance

- Most Water Funds, including Nairobi, are run on public funds
- Public funds are both bi/multi lateral donor and tariffs
- Corporate/private critical in early stages, including pilots
- TNC has managed funding initially, then thru Water Fund organization
- Interest on endowment generally minor early on
- Funding cycle is as key as the project cycle

## ENGAGING WITH FARMERS

Why Nairobi Water Fund

### Time to act

- Investing in necessary remedial measures in farmlands and adjacent forest
- Commitment to conservation and livelihood investments
- Governance, M & E, and technical support all long-term

### Means to act

- Pilot investments using private funds (early stage)
- Broad investment using public funds
- Endowment interest for O & M (long term)
- Engage directly with extension agents

### **Impact**

 Increased incomes make interventions largely self sustaining







### GREATER CAPE TOWN WATER FUND BUSINESS CASE: Assessing the Return on Investment for Ecological Infrastructure Restoration

### GCTWF | 55 Billion Liters of Water a Year is Lost to Alien Plant Invasion





### GCTWF | 100 Billion Liters of Water Lost in 20 Years If "No Action"





### GCTWF | Seven Priority Sub-Catchments Identified for Delivering Highest ROI





#### TIMELINE OF ANNUAL COSTS AND WATER YIELD BENEFITS







#### TIMELINE OF ANNUAL COSTS, WATER YIELD BENEFITS, AND JOBS CREATED



## **CATCHMENT RESTORATION INCREASES WATER** SUPPLY AT THE LOWEST UNIT COST Desalination

