

Brooke Action for Working Horses and Donkeys



The donkey hide trade and its impact on animals and livelihoods in Africa:
Think Global, Act Local

Intergroup, November 2018, Petra Ingram CEO, <https://www.thebrooke.org/>

Overview of Brooke

- An iNGO with a global board of trustees including representation from programme countries; UK HQ
- Substantial presence in country
 - Asia – India, Pakistan, Nepal*, Afghanistan*
 - Africa – West (Senegal), East (Kenya), Ethiopia
 - Middle East – Egypt
 - Central America – Nicaragua, Guatemala*
- Plus smaller partnerships led by country/regional teams
- We influence at all levels from local ministries to institutions: AUIBAR, OIE, UN FAO*, UN ECOSOC*

*Strategic long term partners



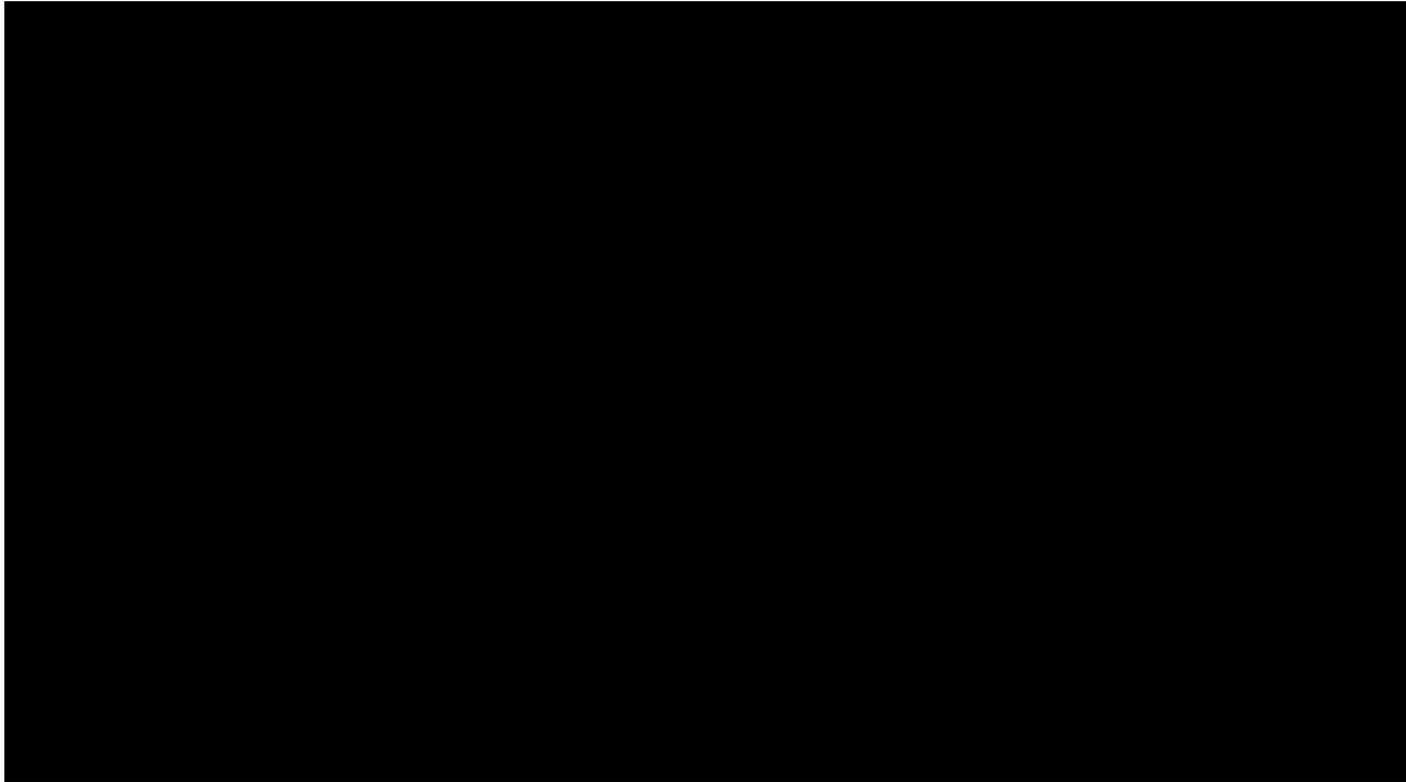
Role of the Donkey: spotlight on Kenya

“A donkey is a valuable asset that provides multiple functions to a household”



- Every day a donkey earns users and owners in Kenya between US \$ 5-12
- Their total contribution to Kenya’s economy is estimated to be up to \$4.8million
- Loss of a donkey can result in a 35% increase in daily labour for women who have access to donkeys
- Hence, donkeys contribute to poverty reduction (SDG1)

Voices from the field: video



<https://youtu.be/2uvhqR3anlw>

Community perspectives: media



Mr Joseph Aliaulo, the Farming Systems Kenya chief executive officer, said: “According to the 2009 census, there were about 1.8 million donkeys. But the numbers have dropped alarmingly since the opening of the Goldox donkey slaughterhouse in Mogotio and Naivasha.”

Source: <https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001229999/residents-of-narok-north-protest-at-killing-of-donkeys>

Community impact: research

Research findings, Brooklyn Economic Consulting Group, 2018 (Brooke commissioned) – draft initial findings:

- Main livelihood source: farming was the majority (81%) of respondent's source of livelihood
- Main use of donkeys: across all five counties, carrying water was reported as the primary use of donkeys (71-93%)
- Effect on household income: in three of the counties (Narok, Bungoma, Nyandarua) the majority of respondents reported a decrease in income due to the donkey hide trade
- A reduction in available donkeys has been detrimental to women, children and vulnerable groups (particularly elderly and people with disabilities)

Based on these early findings, Brooke believe that the lifetime value of donkeys and their contribution to livelihoods is worth more than being slaughtered for their meat or hides

Think global, act local: Brooke's approach

- Local – working with governments:
 - Lobbying: equids are now included as livestock species in policy in Senegal
 - Community work: Brooke work with local communities in Kenya to try and protect donkeys
- Regional – AUIBAR
 - Input into a survey on the trade to Chief Veterinary Officers throughout Africa
 - Input to African Platform on Animal Welfare (APAW)
- Global – Raising the profile of working animals:
 - EU level (Intergroup, today!)
 - UN level (FAO, ECOSOC)
 - The Donkey Network

"Integrating the Welfare Interests of Human and Animals in Africa"

ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY FOR AFRICA (AWSA)

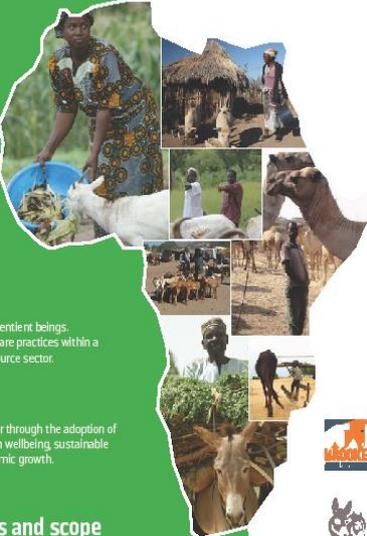
Vision
An Africa where animals are treated as sentient beings. A leading continent for good animal welfare practices within a competitive and sustainable animal resource sector.

Goal
To transform the animal resources sector through the adoption of good animal welfare practices for human wellbeing, sustainable livelihoods, poverty reduction and economic growth.

Priority areas of focus and scope of the Action Plan

- Build a complete picture of animal welfare in Africa
- Pursue development in line with One Health and One Welfare principles
- Embed animal welfare in policies, legislation, strategies and programmes
- Develop a comprehensive communication strategy on animal welfare

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Our asks: collaboration for sustainable change

