INVESTIGATION INTO PROBLEMS EMANATING FROM ROAD DRAINAGE WITH SUGGESTED METHODOLOGY FOR PREVENTION IN MURANGA AND BARINGO DISTRICTS, KENYA"

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SUMMARY

The report describes an investigation into the problems of soil arosion which are associated with road design, construction and drainage. Although there are many advantages to be gained from a high density road network, there are frequently adverse effects due, first, to increased runoff, secondly, the interception of runoff from higher ground by road draine which disrupt the natural drainage pattern and thirdly, the discharge of concentrated runoff through pipe cross culverts.

For the purpose of the investigation, a detailed study was carried out at two sites where serious problems had arisen. The first site was in Kandara Division of Muranga District, which is characterised by a high rainfall and steep slopes which are densely settled. Here, the erosion problem was essociated with a class E road. The second site was in Eldama-Ravine Division of Baringo District which is characterised by a less humid climate and sparser population. The erosion problem was associated with a class E road.

The objectives of the study were to document the erosion problem which had occurred, to establish the causes and to make recommendations for control and future prevention methods.

The work undertaken included a ground survey with a telescopic level to determine the volume of soil eroded, measurement of catchment area and estimation of runoff. Observations on the design and

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construction of the present water disposal systems were made and oral interviews with government officers and farmers ware carried out.

The rain finding is that most erosion problems arise either from failure to design and construct road drains on angineering principles or from failure to provide proper outlets to carry water from culverts to the main water courses.

The damage being caused to farm land and the risk to valuable property caused by sell erosion is enormous. High level cooperation between the relevant agencies is required for the present control and future prevention of gully erosion associated with roads.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

L	-	Langth
mm	-	Millimeter
М	-	Mater
km		Kilometer
mm ²	-	Square millimeter
M ²	-	Square meter
ha	-	Hectare
V	-	Velocity m/s
0	-	Discharge m ³ /s
S	-	Sacond [time]
a	-	Area
A	-	International trunk road
8	-	National trunk road
С	-	Primary road
D	-	Secondary road
r	-	Minor road
B.M.	-	Bench mark
8.S.	-	Back sight
I.S.	-	Intermediate sight
f.s.	-	Foro sight
H.I.	-	Height of surveying instrument
R.L.	-	Reducad Level
Т.Р.	-	Turning point
к	-	Runoff coefficient
I	-	Intensity of rainfall in mm per hour

1.0. INTRODUCTION

While soil crosion has been an ancient activity which has been taking place naturally (reologic cresion) without being checked by man, soil and water conservation, is a relatively recent science on a global basis. The consciousness of the whole world regarding large scale soil erosion caused by deforestation, overgrazing and other causes has recently been markedly heightened by the increasing activity and commitment of the human race on the war against the rienaco. The approximate limits of the area of destructive rains are latitudes 10⁰ North and 40⁰ South (Hudson 1976). These are the areas associated with heavy storms, thus limiting soil erosion as a serious problem to tropical and sub-tropical countries, the majority of which are developing nations. These have erosive climatic conditions, rugged torrain and intensive land upo (Ounne and Ogweny 1976).

1.0.1. High rate of human and livestock population growth (Anon 1975, 1976), and high absolute population density have increased competition on the same land for each crops, food, fodder and fuel. This has resulted in poor land use management and the problems are heightened by demands from different sectors for expanding development and industrial activities on similar types of land. 1.0.2. A nation with a rapidly increasing human population like Kenya, requires an equally rapidly increasing economic development to be able to supply har people with the basic human needs. To achieve a sectorally balanced economic development, the Kenya government has had to employ the intergrated development approach techniques. This is an approach that requires full participation of almost all government ministries and departments, in a project in any one area. Apart from isolated cases like areas within urban centres, where the density of road natwork is high, the mation's road construction authority has always been charged with the highest responsibility of creating accessibility to rural areas. More proas ore being opened up for human settlement and farming activities to reduce population density on the more developed parts. The foregoing explains the need for an ever increasing density of road natwork.

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1.0.3. The construction of roads in certain arehas caused acute and in many cases chronic soil erosion. This experience has been shared by other developing countries, where roads are a major source of soi: erosion (F.A.O. Soils Bulletin 33). The surface erosion from road out banks triggers rills, gullies or slides and also blocks ditches along roads. These blocks ditches along roads. on road surfaces and lower fill banks (Sheng 1978). The main causes of accelerated erosion following road construction, which has been mainly observed in forested areas (Megahan 1977) are:

- Removal of protective cover
- Destruction or impairment of natural soil structure and fertility
- Inclused slope gradients created by construct tich of cut and fill slopes
- Decreased infiltration rates on parts of the road itself
- Interception of subsurface flow by the road cut slops
- Decreased shear strength, increased shear stress or both, on out and fill slopes
 Concentration of generated and intercepted water.

1.0.4. The chief purpose of this paper is to find out the main causes of road-related erosion in Kanya. look at the possibility of preventing the same during design and construction. Control measures which may be adopted for problem situations are also suggested. It considers the possibility of high level agency co-operation in reducing the menace of road-related grosion.

1.1. Objectives

The objectives of this study are:

i) To produce a document on information about the increasing problems associated with road dr-4ms

- 11) To attempt and matablish the causes of the problems smanating from road drains
- 111) To create awareness on the magnitude of the destructive nature of improperly designed road draine
- iv) To make recommendations for controlling roadside gullies where they have occured
- v) To find out the role of individuals and local authorities in road maintenance to see where responsibility lies
- vi) To suggest methods of preventing the problems associated with road drains.

2.0. N TERIALS HAD HETHOD

The full-wing method was edupted in order to meet the objectives listed in the previous section.

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A Durv.v was carried out in two problem are 0, one in Konders, Murenge District and the other in Eldema Anviru, Baringe District. The survey involved measurement of catchment are , stimution of peak discharge, survey of creation feature and calculation of the volume of sail lest.

b) Orri interviews with the fermure, government officials, unnocially Ministry of Transport and Communications personnel ware carried out.
 c) Gener: 1 observations on other problem store were also made.

The motorials used in the study of this project are:

- i) Quickset level
- 11) Quicks:t stand
- 111) Surveying staff
- iv) Steel meanuring tops
- v) Ont planimeter
- vi) Topographical maps of the respective study areas with scale of 1:50,000

2.0.1. The catchmont size for the res under study was estimate: with the help of the det planimeter using the topographical maps. First, walking through the patchment was done to locate the boundaries of the patchment or water divide. These boundaries were then transferred to the topographical map. The number of planimeter dots within the catchment were counted. Planimeter dots are separated from one another by 5 mm. On a scale of 1:50.000:

1 unit on mar\$0,000 units on the ground5 mm on map(5 x 50,000) mm on the ground(5x5)mm² on map(250,000 x 250,000)mm² on the ground25 mm² on map82500 m² on the ground6.25 he. on the ground(1)

Therefore one planimeter dot represente 6.25 ha. on the ground.

2.0.2. The emount of discharge (Qm³/s) was estimated using the Fational Formula:

where

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		Design peak diacharge m ³ /s
м	-	Runoff coefficient. It-is a function of infiltration rate, surface cover, surface retention and intensity of

surface cover, surface retention and intensity of rainfall. The value of K is usually considered dealing with a saturated top soil at beginning of rainfall. It is the fraction of rain that becomes runoff.

- Rainfall intensity for the design recurrence interval and for a duration equal to the time of concentration in mm. per hour.
- Catchment area in ha.

Source: Erosion on Agricultural Lands, Voetberg, K. S. 1970. (Symbols K. I. and a adopted by author).

The appropriate rainfall intensity (I) in mm. per hour to the area was estimated using appropriate Rainfall Intensity-Duration-Frequency curves for Muranga Water Supply Reservoir and Nakuru Airfield (See Figures 16.0 17.0). To enable use of these curves, the gathering time (T₀) was calculated using Braneby-Williams formula shown below:

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- where: T______ = Time required in hours for water to flow from the most remote point of the catchment area, to the outlet, once the soil has become saturated and minor depressions are filled. If rainfall duration is equal to this time of gathering. it is assumed peak flow is maximum.
 - Longest distance from outlat in km.
 - Diameter of a circle equal in area to the catchment size in km.

Actual catchment size in km²

F = Average fall of main watercourse in m per m

Appropriate runoff coefficients (K) were obtained using Table 50.

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2.0.3. The level of the peak discharge in the road drains (oulverts) was estimated from oral interview and deposited debris. The prose-sectional area of flow was computed and this in turn was used to establish the water velocities (m/s) obtained at the drains, using the continuity formula:

0 = Va (iv)
where: 0 = discharge (m³/m)
V = velocity (m/s)
a = cross-sectional area (m²)

These velocities were then compared with the recommended maximum flow velocities at the discharge channels. depending on the floor lining of the channels. The difference between the calculated and the recommended velocities, was considered to be causing the problem of gullying.

2.0.4. Profile levelling of the erosional features was done and the volume of soil lost, in cases where earth had been detatohed and transported away established. A number of cross sections were taken along the guily and average cross-sectional area obtained by writhmetical mean. The product of the everage cross-sectional area (m²) and the length (m) gave the volume of soil lost (m³). Any cultural features destroyed or threatened to be destroyed by the runoff were also documented. 2.0.5. Oral interviews with the farmers, Government officials, especially Ministry of Transport and Communications personnel, were carried out, in addition to field observations.

3.0. BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO STUDY AREA

3.1. Location

The project area in Muranga lies at 36°59' East and 0°54' South, 3 km. from Kandara township after orossing Thika River along class E road. On way to Kianjiru School. It is situated within Kihumbuini Location.

In Baringo Dietriot, # lies at 35⁰51' East and 0⁰0'. 40 km. from Nakuru town along the Nakuru-Eldama-Ravine Class C road. It is situated within Lembus Location.

3.2. Geology

Tertiery basic igneous rocks with quartzfeldspur gnoisses underly the soils in Kandara.

In Idama-Ravine, tertiary or older basic ignaous rocks with undifferentiated basement system lie beneath the soils.

3.3. Hydrology

The Kendere area is drained by the TMAE and Gathwarige rivers while Eldema-Revine is drained mainly by the Esegeri river and a number of ephemeral streams.

3.4. Climate

Kenders area receives bimodel rainfall with long rains falling between March-May and short rains during October-December. Exception lies with the tes zone whose long rains' period is followed by

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"Gatheno" rains from July-December. An average of

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1500 mm of rain are in receipt annually, which is considered adequate for most crops (See Table 3.0).

A monomodal rainfall is reserved in Eldama-Revine with most of the rain falling in Maroh-May. The average annual rainfall received is 720 mm. This emount is considered inadequate for intensive rainfed farming (See Table 4.0).

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3.5. Soils

Kandara has generally well drained, deep, dusky red to dark reddish brown, frieble clay, with inclusions of well drained, moderately deep, dark red to dark reddish brown frieble clay over rock.

Eldam* Ravine has well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark reddish brown to dark red, friebly clay loam to clay. In places it has a humic top soil or gravelly over soft rock. These soils are little weathered and structure has significant emount of weathereble primary minerals.

3.6. Veg. tation

Driginal vegetation is non-existent in Kendara, as the land has been put under intensive farming. Individual farmers have undertaken to plant treas and fruit trees for timber and fuel, apart from growing coffee, maize, beans and vegetables.

Some original vegetation of acadia species can be seen adstared in Eldama-Ravins. Even though. the original greases and shrubs have all been removed

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to allow growth of crops and regeneration of grass for livestock.

3.7. Topography

In Kandara, the area around the project site is heavily dit died with a number of ridges separated by valleys forming many steep slopes and creat lines. The general gradient, measured from topographical map, is above 20% (a drop of 20 a in every descent of 100 m). The altitude is 1620 m with the hills rising to 1700 m above sea level.

In Eldama Ravine, the small catchment for the study, has an average gradient of about 7% and the rest of the arca to the north has a general gradient of 3%. The average slope for the area is 5%.

3.8. Ecological potential

The project site at Kanders falls within the transitional 4 s-coffue zone which has a good potential for most crope. The land is nutritionally exhausted due to intensive farming. The average farm size is 0.4 - 0.8 ha.

The area in Eldama-Ravine is semi-humid and mechanical farming is only possible during the wat months. Maize, buons, finger mill t, and sorghum are the common erons. More valuable crop production is possible with irrigation.

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4.0. LITERATURE REVIEW

Geological soil erosion has been going on for centuries and its impact has not been big enough to be reflected on national or regional economies. Man's widesor ad interference with the netural environment has cause accelerated soil erosion whose big impact on the economies, is causing much concern. It has led to the destruction of productive erose causing a decline and a fail in civilisation in Mesopotamia, China, Lobanon (Beasley 1973), just to mention a few.

4.1. Beasley (1973) notes that the problems associated with water erosion are enormous. The major ones being:

- Loss of soil which leads to reduction in production potential and nutritive value of orops.
- 2] Sedimentation which is in itself a major source of pollution.
- 3) Loss of water resulting from reduced infiltration rates and water holding capacity.
- Pollution resulting from the chemicals, fertilizers, stc. in the sediment.
- 5) Poor public health due to inferior food in terms of nutrition and direct intake of pollutants.
- Loss of human values. This results from reduced family income hance a low standard of living, causing the affacted people to depend on society.

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4.2. Warburton (1986) had an experimental readmide erosion control demonstration in the Shire of Cudgegong. He observed that readmide erosion in its various forms presents a serious problem in the construction and the maintenance of reads and highways. When it docurs as gullies alongside and encreaching on pavements or endangering culverts and read drainage it becomes an eyesore and a serious hazard to the travelling motorists. The same views are expressed by Good and Nebnuer (1976) in their studies on erosion control integrated with highway landscape in New South Wales. They noted that highway construction is capable of repidly disturbing the natural environment, especially if planning is not adequate.

In the past, epart from a low density of 4.3. road network in any one area, roads were built to suit the capabilitic, of the vohicle using them and provide for the needs of the road users, limited by the machinery available. This resulted in roads which followed land forms that least interfered with the natural environment. Good and Nebauer (1976) have observed that today, vehicle capability has increased. road user demands are greater and construction machinery has a higher capability. The result is much wider and straighter road pavements which conform less closely to original landform. In obtaining such design, the ratio of disturbed land to pavement width has increased. Reduction of road gradients demands extensive areas of cut and fill batters.

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4.4. In the Road Design Manual Part I (Anon. 1979). the Ministry of Transport and Communications has classified roads into A, B, C, D and E. The nonclassified roads belong to another category of "other roads". All the classified roads have a road reserve. which either remains as desirable or is reduced. depending on economic, financial or environmental ressons. The functions of such road reserves are:

- To accommodate future road connections or changes in alignment, road width or junction layout for existing roads.
- 2) To enhance the safety, operation and appearance of the roads (See Table 1.0)

Functional	Road resorve width (m)		
class	Deeirablo	Reduced	
A	60	412	
B	60	4 ()	
c	4 0	40	
D	25	25	
E	20	20	

Table 1.0. Road reserves applicable to the different road classes.

4.5. Hudson (1976) while carrying out some studies on increases in flood run-off, he found out that major roads, increased the catchment area. Major road construction changes the natural drainage patterns and the natural catchments. Several water courses belonging to several catchments may be closed, divert

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runoff along a road drain and add it to one water course, passing the increased flow through a culvert. This is more often done by construction firms, in an attempt to reduce expenses on having to install many cross oulverts. (See Fig. 1). All natural watercourses are at the state of metastable equilibrium (Hudson 1976). This means that the size, roughness, gradient and shape of channel are suitable for the flow volume it has to carry. A change is flow volume, is an external force that will force he channel to return to its equilibrium by widening, "a maning, increase is gradient of the floor, thus resulting into gully prosion.

4.6. Bennett (1939) in his studies on soil conservation found out that concentrated runoff from roads discharged over farmland caused huge gullies. Such gullies often out back and destroyed the roads themselves. Under such situations he suggested that the farmer and the highway maintenance agency may develop a joint outlet water course that serves the purpose of disposing off runoff from both terraces and the highway. In Kandars Division, one of the project areas, this had not been done and a huge gully has been confined along the berm and road reserve.

Lealie (1982), while carrying out a survey of agriculture and land use in Machakos District, observed that the highest order roads appeared to be responsible for a disproportionate amount of gullying. This means that the wide- and more compacted a road surface is,

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Fig. 1.0. Illustration of increased catchment area. In (i) a natural watercourse has been closed and runoff diverted to the pipe cross culvert at (ii).

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the more its presence will increase the local runoff, Increased runoff increases the discharge in a drainage channel making it more capable of eroding the channel into a guily.

4.8. Ayres in the carried out some studies on soil erosion and its control. He found out that among the factors which affoot the rate of wrosion were the highway embankments railway embankments and culverts. These divert water from the natural rainage into often poorly installed aulverts at unne and points. Almost the same views are expressed by Damba (1981) when he found out that partly, excessive concentrations of runoff from unicontrolled road drainage into badly designed waterways caused gullies.

4.9. While concentrated runoff from the roads has been found destructive, it can be put into some economical use in the arid and semi-arid regions of Kenye. Trials cerried out by Daringo Semi-Arid Area Project (1981) confirm that water harvesting techniques could be beneficial in terms of crop production, even in a season with above everage rainfall. Runoff from the road is collected in channels and led onto contour ridges where it is i counced. Sorghum orop yields more than doubled when planted on these ridges. This technique works best on farms adjacent to the road.

4.10. Constantinesco (1976), while carrying out studies on soil conservation for developing countries, concluded that the best and economical policy is to prevent gully

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formation since cost of reclaiming large gullies may exceed the returns thereof. Mechanical protection works (Hudson 1976) when properly designed to control gully erasion must be supplemented with good agronomic and cultural practices aspecially if catchment is farmland. When the source of concentrated runoff is farmland and the road itself (most common), then caution must taken to convey the flow safely into the stream. Foster (1985) recommended grassed waterways designed with return period of ten years and if commanent material is used, a return period of fifty years is used in design. However, Thomas (1982) is of the opinion that grassed waterways require a lot of land if they have to discharge reasonable runoff, thus becoming unaconomical in densely settled areas. The same view has been expressed by Greenland and Lal (1975). The reasons they give are that

 Grassel waterways require more land that could be used to produce valuable crops.

2) They slow down farm operations thus increasing their cost.

3) Cost of maintaining them is high.

With the ressons given above, underground outlets are becoming popular even though expensive initially. These are conduits made of clay, st-el, plastic, concrete, aluminium, iron or any other material substantial enough to withstand wei -1 of earth above it.

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All sources seem to agree that road construction increases catchment area for runoff and concentrates the same runof through cross oulverts. While the material of the culverts and their size may have been constructed according to the civil engineering requirements, there seems to have been little attention given to the waterways discharging such runoff beyond the road remerve. This is the case most commonly observed on the Kenyan roads.

5.0. RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION

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- 5.1. Kandara
- 5.1.1. Area of watershed

The wet rehed (catchment) area was made up of two different 1 nd surfaces, both of which contributed to the runoff into the road drains. One was the road pavement itself and the other, the land surface beyond the shoulders of the road. Though the former surface was very small to pared to the latter surface, its contribution towards runoff was thought to be significant. (See fig. 2.0(a) % (b)).

The watershed area was divided into I and II (See Fig. 2.0(a)). Area I was taken to be responsible for the initiation and development of the gully while area I and II were both responsible for the enlargement of the same gully. Their discharge points were a pipe cross-culvert and end of gully respectively.

Area I

This rea was represented by two (2) planimeter dots and each dot represents 0.25 a on the ground.

2 x b.25 - 12.5 ha

0.125 km (refer to equation (1))

Area I and II

Number	04	planimeter dots		8
Number	of	ha. on ground		6 x 8.25
				37.5 ha
			ž	0.375 km ²

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Scale: 1:50,000.



Fig. 2.0.(b).

Sketch map of the project site at Kandara, showing position of cross culverts, wooden bridges and gully








5.1.2. Longest path of flow for runoff (km)

This was determined for each catchment by walking, following the channels made by surface runoff. " Area had 0.75 km Area I and II had 1.20 km

5.1.3. <u>Discharge level of each cross-culvert</u> The result of oral interviews and observation of the debric were: Area I cross culvert flows at full capacity

during peak discharge. Area I and II gully and flows at half (0.5) capacity during peak discharge.

5.1.4. Gradient or average fall of the path of runoff (m/m) This was computed from the topographical maps

using the formula:

- V.I. H.D. - slope (m/m)
- where V.I. vertical interval (m) H.C. - horizontal distance (m) Area I had a slope of 0.05 Area I and II had a slope of 0.08

5.1.5. Time of concentration T (hours)

T is computed using the formula in equation (111) (see 2.0.2).

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Arsa II	L	- 0.75 km
	٥	= 0.4 km (from the empirical formula for area of a circle = πr^2)
	m	- 0,125 km ²
	F	- 0,05
	τ _o	- 0.75 (1.5)0.4 (0.125) ²

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From the Intensity-Duration-Frequency curve for Muranga, using a 50-yr return period (proferable for permanent structures), the appropriate intensity (I) is 85 mm/hr. The same formule was applied for area I and II.

> T = 1.30 hours C Intensity (1) = 58 mm/hr

In this situation a return period of 10 years was used because the gully floor was not a permanent structure.

5.1.6. Estimate of discharge and velocity at outlet

The peak runoff from each catchment area was estimated using the rational formula (see equation (ii)).

Area I

Assumptions. It was estimated that 85% of rainfall on the road pavement becomes runoff and that the pavement

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contributes 20% of the total runoff. Fermland contributes 80% of total runoff and 40° of the rainfall becomes runoff.

K = $\left\{\frac{20}{100} \times 0.65\right\} \cdot \left\{\frac{40}{100} \times 0.4\right\}$ = 0.49 (the runoff coefficient) 1 = 85 mm/hr = 12.5 ha = 0.43 \times 85 \times 12.5 Q = $\frac{0.43 \times 85 \times 12.5}{360}$ = 1.45 m³/a

Using continuity equation (see equation (iv)):

0 • Va $V_{(\pi/\pi)}$ • Va $\frac{0}{a}$ but $a = \pm r^2 = (3.14)(0.9\pi)^2$. since diameter of culvert is 0.9 m. $\frac{1.45}{0.836}$ = 2.28 m/s

The same formular were used to estimate the peak discharge and velocity for Aros 1 and II. The assumptions made in this situation ware: the road cut slopss, pavement and berm contributed 25% of total runoff and 85% of the rainfall became runoff. Farmland contributed 75% of total runoff and 40% became runoff. The weighted runoff coefficient was 0.51.

Q_{(m}³/a) 2.98

V(m/s)

1.97 but a = 1.5 m² since gully outlet cross-sectional area is 3.0 m² and level of flow at peak discharge is half (0.5).

5.1.7. Volume of soil last (m²)

The volume was estimated by computing the product of the arithmetic mean of the area of the cross-sections surveyed alon the gully and the longth of the long profile survey carried out on the same gully

1 cm on the graph	-	0.5m ² on the ground (see Fig. 4.0)
Total cross sectional area	-	50.75 m ²
Arithmetic mean	-	50.75 + 10
	11	5 m ²
Length of gully surveyed		585 m
Volume of soil lost	-	(585 x 5) m ³
		2825 m ³

5.2. Eldama-Ravine

5.2.1. Area of watershed

Runoff from the oatchment was drained by two cross culverts. Considering the shone of the catchment. it was assumed that 40% of the runoff was drained by the first doubl, pips concrete cross culvert and 80% by the second crrugated galvanised iron cross culvert (See Fig. 5.0.(b) and Fig. 8.0.(a).(b)).

Number dots	of	plar	1100	iter		18
Number	o f	ha.	٥n	ground	•	18 x 8.25
						112.5 he
					:	1.125 km ²

Fig. 5.01a). Map of Eldama Ravine showing the project site, road networs, centres and drainage system.

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Fig. 5.0.(b). Sketch map of project site at Eldama Ravine showing position of cross culverts and beginning of Lembus Gully.











- 5.2.2. Longest path of flow for runoff (km) Determined as in 5.1.2. Total catchment had 2.10 km
- 5.2.3. Discharge 1.vel of each cross culvert Determined as in 5.1.3.

The double size concrete cross culvert and the corrugated galvanised iron orose culvert. flow at three quarters [75%] capacity during peak discharge.

5.2.4. <u>Gradient or average fall of the path of runoff</u> (m/m) Computed as in 5.1.4.. Total catchment had a slope of 0.10.

5.2.5. Time of concentration T_ [hours]

Computad as in 5.1.5. A return period of 50 years was preferred because the cross culverts were considered to be permanant structures.

> T = 1.90 hours C = 40 mm/hr., from fig. 17.0

5.2.6. Estimate of discharge and velocity at outlet of read drains

The park discharge was estimated using the rational formula as in 5.1.8.

Assumptions: 100% of the reinfall on the termac pavement becomes runoff and that the road contributes 10% of the total runoff. The remaining catchment contributes 80% of the total runoff and 50% of the rainfall becomes runoff. The weighted runoff coefficient (x) = $\left\{\frac{10}{100} \times 1.0\right\}$ + 100 × 0.5 . 0,55 = 0.55 x 40 x 112.5 $Q_{(m^3/m)}$ - 6.675 m³/s.(a) 40% of total discharge flows i rough the double pipe concrete cross culvert (refer to 5.2.1.). The discharge at this - (6.875 x 0.4) m³/a culverti $= 2.75 \text{ m}^3/\text{m}$ The cross-sectional area of the double culverts discharging at 75% capacity is given by: $= \pi r^2$ (2) (0.75) Δ..... - 3,14 (0.45)².2.(0.75) = 0.954 m² Applying the continuity equation (refer to equation (iv)): $V_{(m/2)} = \frac{0}{a}$ $=\frac{2.75}{0.954}$ 2.88 m/s, (b) corrugated galvanised . iron cross culvert: Q_(m³/s) - 6.875 - 2.75 $-4.125 m^3/a$ Cross-sectional area of this culvert, discharging at 75% capacity (refer to 5.2.3.) is given by:

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 $= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(0.75)}$ $= 3.14 (0.55)^{2} (0.75)$ $= 0.712 m^{2}$

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Using the continuity equation:

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$$V_{(m/s)} = \frac{0}{s}$$

= $\frac{4.125}{0.715}$
= 5.79 m/1

5.2.7. Volume of soil lost (m³)

area		111.5 m
Arithmetic mean		(111.5 i 5) m ²
		22 m ²
Length of gully surveyed	•	300 m
Volume of soil lost	-	(300 x 22) m ³
	à.	6600 m ³

Site	Watershed Area (ha)	Concentration Time (T_] hrs C	Peak Discharge m ³ /s	Culvert Floor meterial	Culvert Outlet structure	Water Velocities attained (m/s)	Soil Lost (n ³)
1	12.5	C.99	1.45	concrete	1000	2 ?8	46.16
1 and II	37.5	1.30	2.98	gully and	N.A.	1.97	2023
Eldama-	112.5	1.90	Culvert I 2.75	concrete	gabion matress	2,88	6600
Ravine			Culvert I 4.13	galvanis:1 iron	energy dissipator	6.88	eoQU

Table 2.0. Summary of results



(b)

- Fig. 8.0.(a). 0.9 m. double pipe concrete cross culvert, with gabion at the outlet.
 - (b). 1.01 m. single corrugated galvanized iron cross culvert with energy dissipating device and gabion at outlet.

Both contribute to gully formation further down (see Fig. 9.0_{\star}).



Fig. 9.0. Gully 1, resulting from a 0.9 m. diameter double pipe concrete cross culvert, drops 3 m. before joining with gully 2, resulting from a minute pipe 1.01 m. diameter corrugated galvanized iron cross culvert. The two gullies, (3), contribute towards the formation of a complex digitate gully farther down. (Lembus, Eldama Ravine) (See Fig. 10.0).



Fig. 10.0. Digitate gully at Lembus, Eldama-Ravine.

It is 12 m. wide and 10 m. deep. The gully forms a boundary between two adjacent farms. However, the farms themselves are being "eaten" by the gully. Reclamation costs may be too high.



Fig. 11.0. An active young gully resulting from 0.9 m. pipe concrete cross culvert at Kihumbuini, Kandara. The dotted arrow line indicates a position of a nonfunctional pipe cross culvert that is meant to collect flow along the left side of the road into this cross culvert that provides entry road to a village. The gully which is threatening the village huildings is 2.0 m. deep, 2.4 m. top width and 0.6 m. bottom width.

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Fig. 12.0. The pipe cross culvert where the more than half kilometer long gully at Kihumbuini, Kandara, starts. The gully is confined to the road reserve even though the adjacent farms' crops are in danger of being washed away.



Fig. 13.0. One among the five bridges (made of wood) which have been constructed by the villagers, to enable them connect the road. It is no longer easy to walk across the gully.

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0.0. DISCUSSION

8.0.1. The artificial causes of gullying in the two problem situations investigated may be summarised as:

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8.1.1. Kandara

- i) Poor installation of pipe cross culverts. The ulverts iid not have energy dissipators at the cullet.
- ii) Concentration of runoff from the catchment into the pipe cross culverts.
- 111) Lack of scour checks and or drop structures along the roadside drainage chennel.
- iv) Properly designed and con tructed waterway to discharge runoff into the natural drainage system was lacking.
- v) Look of mitre draine
- vi) Cooperation among the road construction agancy, local leaders and farmers in order to arrive at a lasting solution regarding the disposal of the runoff was lacking.

8.1.2. Eldama-Ravine

- Concentration of runoff from the catchment into the pipe cross culverts.
- 11) Lack of properly designed and constructed waterway to discharge runoff into the natural drainage system.
- iii) There are no scour checks along the runoff disponal channel.

8.0.2. The design of the pipe cross culverts is based on peak runoff computed using a five (5) minute rainfall storm and two (2) year return period (Anon, 1979). This results in undersize culverts. Since these are - r enent structures, a return period of more than two years (ten years, preferably fifty years) should be used to obtain an appropriate size of culvert to discharge the peak volume of runoff. The Transport Road Research Laboratory (TARL) method uses only approximate peak discharge of small catchments (less 15 m⁻) thus leaving out large catchments of netural drainage systems.

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5.0.3. The concentration of runoff into the pipe cross culverts increases the mass and velocity hance the capacity and competency of the flowing water. The velocities attained at the discharge mouth of the culverts (Tabl. 2.0.) both in Kandara and Eldama Ravine, are eate only for the floor lining material of these culverts. The velocities are more than the safe maximum velocities, recommended for the bare soil discharge channels beyond the reserve area (Table 6.0.). Unless adequate provention methods are employed during design and construction of roads, these velocities are capable of causing scouring in the disposel channels.

B.O.4. Observations made alsowhere in Kenya have shown that often runoff is carried in road side ditches, for long distances due to lack of suitable natural drainage channel into which to discharge it. Scour check and gabion dams, which are used to prevent scouring, in such cases are inadequately planned. The creat of the mid-spillway of each successful check dam does not correspond to the lowest point of the precessing check dam. This leaves some wrodible bod which will not be filled by sudiment deposition. Scour check dams should be closely spaced, adequate spillway provided in the middle and an erosion resistant apron on down-slope side.

5.0.5. In some densely populated areas like Kandara, the value of land is so high that farmers are not willing to have artificial waterways constructed through their small farms. The Kihumbuini gully is confined to the road reserve though the gully is widening and threatening boundary fences and farms. This resulted from the farmers blocking the mitre drains and returning the water to flow along the road reserve. If drainage problem would we been thought out carlier, properly designed disposed channels would have involved the farmer and a soil row restion engineer.

6.0.6. The number of causes of gullying in the two problem situations are not the same. The gully in Kandara is associated with class 2 road and runs along the road while the one in Eldama avine is associated with class 2 road, with termsc pavement and runs perpendicular to the road. In both situations there was a clear failure to design and construct a proper water disposal channel for the concentrated flow, into the natural drainage system.

7.0. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1. Bontrol

7.1.1. The side slopes of the gully if too steep (greater than SC³) should be bettered and gentle slopes, which can be liched and grass seeded obtained. The gentle slope encourages volunteer species, then perennial grasses like Kikuyu grass (Pennisetum clandeetinum) can be planted. This is followed by an appropriate series of scour check dams in the side ditches. Depending on the severity of the erosion, and the class of the road, the dams can be temporary or permenent, so long as they can hold back sediment.

7.1.2. Wherever possible, the gully should be lined with properly placed riprep. This will prevent the floor from scouring and should continue into the natural stream.

7.1.3. In some cases, it may be necessary to line the gully floor with hard core to provent further gully floor erosion. It is more expensive but will definitely control the gully floor erosion.

7.1.4. Under special circumstances, where cost is not prohibitive and on major roads, construction of an underground conduit should be done. In this case, special energy dissipating devices should be built at the outlet to eccommodate the high water pressures developed. This is expensive but may form a small percentage of the cost of constructing high class roads.

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Such drainage device should be included in the tender document.

7.2. Prevention

Gully : evention in the design and construction of roads is the best and most sconomical policy since the cost of roalsiming large gullies, once formed, may exceed the returns.

7.2.1. Where nucsible, all roads should be designed to follow creat lines of the natural terrain. This will reduce the flow in the side drains since there will be no higher land draining into them.

7.2.2. All cut slopes, should be provided with a diversion ditch (outoff drain) to divert flow into suitable culvert thus, avoiding the steep erodible slopes (See Fig. 15.0.).

7.2.3. The fill alopse should inevitably be seeded or planted with suitable grasses.

7.2.4. Drop inters and head spillways on the upper and of cross culverts should be provided. This will prevent gully formation on side ditches and adjacent agricultural land. Drop outlet structures should be provided at lower and of discharge to lower the flow to a stable gradient.

7.2.5. The number of mitre drains should be increased so that the volume being discharged by a single mitre drain is reduced . The momentum of such water flow

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will not be capable of detatching and transporting soil particules.

7.2.6. Where it is absolutely necessary that catchment area must be increased by concentrating surface runoff into one cross culvert, weter spreading channels should be provided at the lower end of the culvert. These will share the discharge through the culvert. The momentum and erosive velocities which are destructive will be reduced. The system may be applicable to places where aconomics of land allow (See Fig. 14). The spacing of the channels will play a major role in achieving the non-erosive momentum and water velocities.

7.2.7. The "Public Roads and Roads of Access Act" should be amended to give responsibility in whole or part to the local road construction authority over poorly designed water disposal channels. This will enable the authority to be keen on water discharge channels before such water reaches a natural stream or river. More often, disposal channels from road drains do not follow the original natural water courses.

7.2.8. In semi humid areas like idema-Revine, surface water runoff may be stored in properly designed surface dams. Such water can be useful for livestock consumption and even some limited irrigation for kitchen gardening. after the rains have stopped.

7.2.9. There is absolute need to design road drains based on anticipated velocities. Everything possible

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Pig. 14.0. Spreading channels

should be done to reduce concentration of runoff. design road drains which will not scour either by means of drop structures or hard core lining if grass alone is not adequate. Any good design must satisfy the continuity. (equation (iv)) and Manning's (equation (v)) equations:

wherei	R	-	hydraulic radius m	
	S	-	bodelops of channel m/s	1
	n		roughness coeffient	

7.2.10. Erosion problems should be reflected in the planning and design of a road so that necessary measures to conserve the soil is stipulated in the drawings and instructions in the tender documentation. The consultants charged with the tender documentation should seek advice of a soil conservation ongineer, who must be equipped with knowledge of agriculture.

7.2.11. A high level of cooperation is essential during planning and designing of a road if erosion problems resulting from road drains are to be reduced. The local administration, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Water Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Water Development, Ministry of Livestook Development, Agricultural Engineering Department of the University of Neirobi, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and the farmers have a big role to play in roducing the problems.

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8.0. CONCLUSION

8.0.1. Adequate water drainage from the road pavement is an intogral part of an engineering design of a good road. Water being drained from the road pavement causes some soil erosion at the outlets of the road drains. Every affort should be made to control the emount of erosion.

8.0.2. Further work could be carried out to give the apacifications and ascertain the cost of implementing some of the control and prevention methods suggested in specified problem areas.

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Fig. 15.0. Cross section of a road

KEY

- 1 Construction width
- 2 Road width
- 3 Carriageway
- 4 Verge
- 5 Cut-off ditch
- 6 Berm
- 7 Back slope or slope of cutting
- 8 Side ditch
- 9 Shoulder
- 10 Shoulder
- 11 Side slope or slope of embaniment
- 12 Borm
- 13 Side ditch
- 14 Original ground surface



Fig. 16.

Rainfall Intensity - Duration - Frequency Relationships for Muranga Water Supply Reservoir.





Rainfall Intensity - Duration - Frequency Relationships for Nakuru Airfield.

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3.0. Annual Rainfall data for Handara Division

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Table 3.1. Kariara Station 1980 and 1981

Table 3.2. Ruche Station 1980 and 1981 (below)

Year	1960		1961	
Month	Quantity (mm)	Daye	Guantity (mm)	Days
t	150.05	8	40.64	3
F	10.00	2	25.80	5
M	98.50	8	251,10	16
A	171.50	11	426,50	22
M	382.50	22	383.50	26
J	75.00	5	33.60	7
J	10.00	3	29.40	10
A	65.00	9	38.10	10
S	50,80	1	13,10	1
٥	91,25	7	137.70	12
N	530,86	10	74.90	14
٥	144.78	8	129.70	a
Total	1701.14	112	1584.24	136
. J	111.25	11	15.24	1
#	11.25	1	18.51	2
м	81.25	5	285.43	15
A	104.14	θ	232.40	16
M	222.25	15	382.80	20
J	41.25	4	49.53	5
J	25.40	4	62.23	12
A	86.90	- 11	53.24	8
S	29.70	2	21.59	4
0	138.52	9	207.01	11
N	207.31	20	138.43	13
D	44,45	6	137.16	6
Total	1094.94	38	1581.57	115

Source: Divisional Extension Office, Kandara

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Year	1 380		1981	
Month	Quantity (nm)	Oaya	Quantity (mm)	Daya
J F M A J J A S	24.50 0.00 40.30 127.60 173.50 51.40 C.00 54.20 24.00	5 - 4 11 16 6 - 5 2	0.00 30.00 140.00 132.00 159.70 55.40 80.00 61.00 40.00	1 10 12 7 4 6 6
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Total	621.20	54	630.10	59
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Total	405.40	59	1001.10	105

Source: Divisional 'xtension Office, Eldame-Ravina

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Table 5.0. Value_ of runoff coefficient (K) for use in rational formula

	Type of catchment	Large	Small and steep
1.	Rocky and impermeable	0,3	1.0
2.	Slightly permemble, bare Slightly permemble, partly sultivated on covered with	0.6	0.8
	veretation	0,4	0.8
4.	Cultivated absorbent soil	0.3	0.4
5.	Sandy absorbant soil	0.2	0.3
6.	Heavy forest	0,1	0.2

Source: Water Development Division, 1970

Table 6.0. Maximum safe velocities in bare channels

	Type of floor material	Valocity (m/s)
1.	Vory light silt send	0.30
2.	Light loose sand	0.50
3.	Coarse and	0.75
4.	Sandy scil	0.75
5.	Firm play loam	1.00
6.	Stiff clay or stiff gravelly soil	1.50
<u>,</u>	Coarse gravels	1.50
Ē.	Shale h rdp soft rock uto	1.80
9.	Hard percented congromerates	2.50
10.	Hard rock	3.00
11.	Masonry	3.00
12.	Concrote	3,00

Source: Hudson, . (1976) Soil Consurvation * Road Design Manual, M.O.T.C. (1979)

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8.0. Long profile survey of land surface of Kihumbuini Golly, Kandara

Station	Distance (m)	8.S. (m)	1.S. (m)	f.9. (m)	H.I. (m)	R.L. (m)	Remarks
	-	0.83			100.63	100.00	On B.M.
1	00		2.80			98,03	
2	15	2.30		4.80	98.33	98.03	T.P.1
3	30		9,44			94.89	
4	45	1.91		5,70	94.53	92,63	T.P.2
5	60		4.05			90.48	
6	75	1.5		5,25	80,85	89,27	T.P.3
1	100		3,42			87,43	
8	115	1.60		5,41	87.24	85.44	T.P.4
9	130		3,75			81.69	
10	145	0.50		4.65	83.09	82.59	T.P.5
11	160		2,34			80.75	
12	175	2.81		4,75	81,25	76,34	T.P.8
13	190	2,55		4.88	78,92	76.37	T.P.7
14	205	3.14		5.12	76.94	73.80	T.P.8
15	220		4,47			72.47	
16	235		5.42			71.52	
17	250	1.69		6,37	72.25	70,57	T.P.9
16	265		3,67			68.58	
19	280	0,35		5.48	67,12	66.77	T.P.10
20	285		2,28			64.84	
21	310		3.65	_		63,47	
22	325	0,10		5.87	61.35	61.25	T.P.11
23	3-10		1.30			80,50	
24	355		2,91			58,44	
25	370		4,48			58,89	
26	385	3.78		6.40	58.73	54.85	T.P.12
27	400	2,23		6,08	54,88	52.65	T.P.13
28	415	1.89		4.54	52.23	50,34	T.P.14
29	430	2,06		4,29	50.60	47.94	T.P.15
30	445	-	4.35			48,25	
31	460	2.12		5.20	47,97	15.40	T.P.18
3Z	475		3/11			44.56	
33	490		2128			43,39	
34	505	2.57		6,65	19.88	61.32	T.P.17
35	520		3,93			39,98	
38	535	1,59		5,20	10.28	36.69	T.P.18
37	550 565	2. 1	8.00	3.69	38,83	36,59 32.03	T.P.19
		90.77		106 34		32.02	
Check		401		100.34		-100.00	
LUBCK	-	67.07				- 67.07	

The erithmetic clack: .S.) = E(F.S.) Last R.L. - First R.L.

Inst. Stn.	Staff Stn,	Distance (a)	B,9. (m)	1.9. (m)	F.S. (m)	H.I. (m)	A.L. (m)	Remarks
4	a1 a2 a3 a4 a5	0.0 0.8 1.4 1.7 1.8	0.25	0.60 0.93 0.85	6.63	100.25	100.00 99.56 99.32 99.40 99,62	8.M.
b	61 62 63 64 65 66	0.0 7.90 1.4 2.0 3.0 3.5	0.48	2.58 2.18 1.96 1.33	0.23	100,48	100.00 97.90 98.30 98.50 99.15 100.25	8.M.
c	c1 c2 c3 c4 c5 c8 c7	0.00 0.5 1.0 2.0 3.5 4.5 5.2	0.60	1.15 1.50 1.05 0.85 0.85	0.21	100.60	100.00 99.45 99.10 99.55 99.75 99.80 100.39	B.M.
d	d1 d2 d3 d4 d5 d8	0.0 0.8 1.3 2.0 2.5 3.0	0.15	1.35 2.40 2.10 1.75	0.20	100,15	100.00 98.80 97.75 98.05 98.40 98.95	B.M.
	e1 e2 e3 e4 e5 e6	0.0 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 4.5	0.80	2.80 1.70 1.44 0.95	0.70	100.80	100.00 96.20 99.10 99.36 99.85 100.10	8.M.
	f1 f2 f3 f4 f5 f6 f7	0.0 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 5.0	0,98	9.08 3.18 2.33 1.98 1.53	1.10	100.98	100.00 97.90 97.80 98.65 99.00 98.45 99.88	8.M.
g	1 22 23 85	0,0 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0	0.22	2.47 1.62 0.82	0.30	100.22	100.00 97.75 98.60 99.40	B.M.

Table 7.1. Cross-section survey of Kihumbuini Gully, Kandara

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Table 7.1. cont.

Inst. Stn.	Staff Stn.	Cistance (m)	B.S. (m)	I.S. (m)	F.S. (m)	H.I. (m)	R.L. (m)	Remarks
h	h1 h2 h3 h4 h5 h6	0.00 1.5 3.0 4.5 5.5 6.5	0.31	2.61 2.63 1.83 1.19	0.27	100.31	100.00 97.70 97.68 98.48 99.12 100.04	B.H.
i	11 12 13 14 15 16	0.00 1.0 1.8 3.0 4.5 6.0	0.39	2.44 3.19 2.70 2.39	0.21	100.39	100.00 97.95 97.20 97.60 98.00 100.18	8.M.
3	11 12 13 14 15	J.0 1.0 1.4 2.5 3.0 3.7	1.22	2.87 3.07 2.32 1.87	1,00	101.22	100.00 98.35 98.15 98.90 99.35 100.22	ð.M.

Table	8.0.	Long profile	BUTVEY	of.	land	BURFACE	at	Lembus	Gully,	
		Eldama Ravino	a							

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Station	Distance (m)	8.5. (n.)	1.S. (m)	F.S. (m)	H.I. (m)	R.L. (m)	Remarks
-	-	0.55			100.95	100.00	On 6.M.
4	00		0.73			100,22	
2	15		2.24			98,71	
3	30		2.76			98.19	
4	45		3.57			97,38	
5	60	2.17		4,88	98.54	98,07	T.P.1
8	75		z.76			95.78	
7	90		3.67			94,84	
8	105		4,17			94.37	
9	120	1.96		4.40	96.10	94.14	T.P.2
10	135		2.23			93.87	
11	150		2.46			93.64	
12	165		2.67			93.23	
13	180	1.59		2.99	94.70	93,11	T.P.3
14	195		5,20			69.50	
15	210		5.69			89.01	
16	225	2.08		8.11	90.67	88.59	T.P.4
17	240		2.56			86,11	
18	255		3,89			86,78	
19	270		6.90			83.77	
20	285		8,90			81.77	
21	300			10.00		80.67	
Check		3.05		28.38		80.67	
CURCK		-15,33				- 19.33	

The arithmetic check: Σ (6.5.) - Σ (F.S.) - Lost R.L. - First R.L.

Inst. Stn.	Staff Stn.	Distance (m)	8.6. (m)	1.S. (m)	P.5. (m)	H. I . (m)	R.L. (m)	Remarks
a	a1 a2 a3 a4 a5 a6	0.0 1.0 2.0 4.0 5.0 6.0	0.24	1.04 1.24 0.89 0.74	0.13	100.24	100.00 99.20 99.00 99.35 99.50 100.11	8.M.
ь	61 62 63 64 65 68 68 67	0.0 1.0 2.9 4.0 9.0 7.0 7.4	0.17	1.43 1.67 1.05 2.17 2.17	0.45	100,17	100.00 98.74 98.50 98.12 98.00 98.00 99.72	B.M.
C	c1 c2 c3 c4 c5	0.00 0.5 1.0 2.5 2.8	1.62	2.42 2.97 2.32	1.43	101.62	100.00 99.20 98.65 99.30 100.19	B.M.
d	ପୀ ପ2 ପ3 ପ5 ପନ	0.0 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.2	0.79	1.39 4.19 2.99 1.69	0.55	100.79	100.00 98.60 95.60 97.60 99.10 100.21	0,M.
•	e1 e2 e3 e4 e5 e6	0.0 2.0 6.0 8.0 11.0 12.0	0.61	12.31 12.31 8.81 5.81	1.21	100.81	100.00 68.50 68.00 92.00 95.00	9 8.M.

Table 8.1. Cross-section survey of Lembus Gully, Eldema Ravins

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