

Abstract

This paper discusses the relationship between people's perception about conservation and their potential or actual commitment to soil conservation in Kenya. In cases where knowledge about the basic needs of conservation is limited, it seems that local self-help groups might be the best channels for upgrading people's knowledge. It is also shown that, although people may perceive effective approaches to conservation, they are often limited by economic resources. Where limitations stem from a lack of resources government assistance is most needed in terms of tools and planting materials