

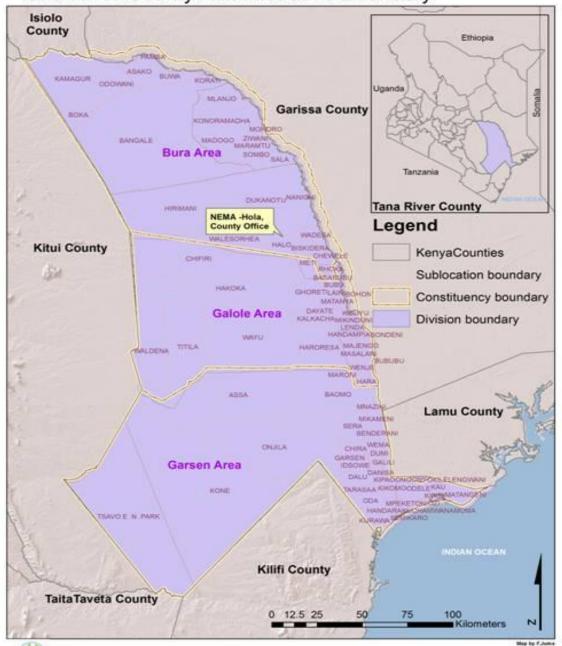
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Tana River County Administrative Boundary



Location & Size

- One of the 6 counties in Coast Region
- * Borders:
- Kitui County to the west
- Garissa County to the North East
- Isiolo County to the North
- Lamu County to the South East
- Kilifi County to the South
- * Total area = 38,862 Km²
- Has a coastal strip of 35 km potential for fishing

Administrative & Political Units

- * 3 sub-counties:
 - Tana Delta (16 Km²)
 - Bura (13.2 Km²)
 - Galole (9.7 Km²)

- Population densities = Av. 6pp/Km²
- * 3 Consituencies: Galole; Bura & Garsen
- * 15 Electoral wards

Ecological & Climatic Conditions

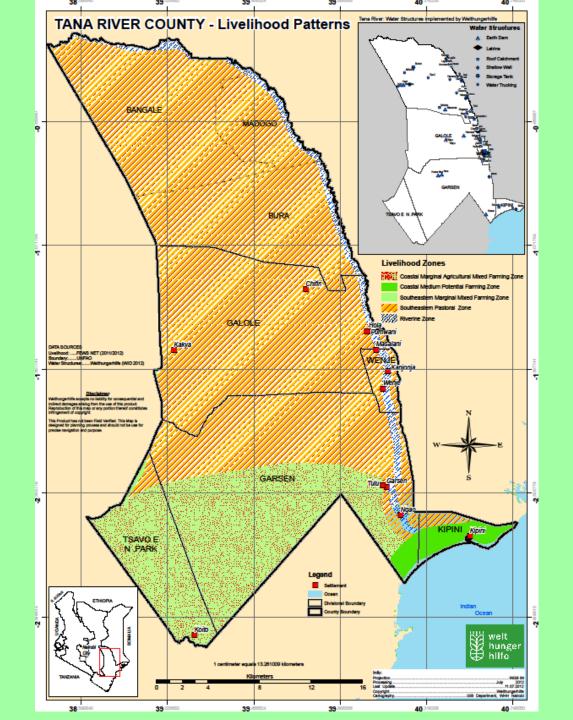
- * Divided into 4 agro-ecological zone
 - CL3: Coconut & cassava zone (non-ASAL)
 - CL4: Cashew nuts & cassava zone, peasantry mixed farming
 - CL5: Lowland livestock zone
 - CL6: Lowland ranching zone, pastoral activities
- * Hot and dry climate (Av. 30°C)
- * Bimodal and erratic low rainfall (200mm-900mm)
- * Long rains (April-May); short rains (Oct-Nov)

Population Characteristics

- * 240,000 pple (with slightly more females)
- * 76.9% of the popn living in absolute poverty
- * High popn growth rate = 3% (impact on food, water, health, etc)
- * Two urban centres: Hola (17,000 pple) & Madogo (16,000 pple)
- * 3 major ethnic groups: Pokomo (farmers); Orma & Wardey (nomadic)

Economic Activities

- * Farming: largely rain-fed agriculture, maize in irrigation schemes (others = mangoes, cowpeas, banana, green grams)
- * Pastoralism
- * Mining: sand (Bura); Gypsum (Bura)
- * Tourism: Kora National Reserve; Arawale National Reserve; & Tana Primate National Reserve
- * Fishing: 3 fish landing sites



Other Key Development Indicators

- * 3,000km of road network (=300km tarmac)
- * 152 primary schools; 13 secondary schools
- * 4% of land with title deeds (90% trust or govt land)
- * No industries
- High unemployment level
- * 2 level four hospitals in Hola and Ngao; 6 doctors
- * 66% illiteracy level
- * 79% food insecure
- * Largely non-arable land (32,000km² out of the 39,000km² total land) (arable land = 3,000km²)

