



**BEAN- A NEW INITIATIVE
ADDRESSING
UNSUSTAINABLE BUSHMEAT
EXPLOITATION IN EASTERN
AFRICA**

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Project countries



BEAN today



- A partnership of stakeholders working collaboratively
- Emerging from the MENTOR Program
- A cooperative agreement

BEAN Purpose

- Support to ongoing conservation efforts by working collaboratively to:
 - share information,
 - set priorities,
 - mobilize resources, and
 - develop and apply innovative solutions to unsustainable bushmeat exploitation

Why is increased effort necessary? – problem is huge



- Limited awareness about the problem & WL values
- Lack of alternatives & poverty
- Human-wildlife conflict
- The perception that wildlife is limitless
- The perception that wildlife is free
- Strong cultural values attached to wild meat
- Non-bushmeat focus of conservation effort
- Insufficient law enforcement (crime detection – punishment)
- Lack of the relevant policies, laws, regulations
- Availability of modern weaponry, lack of political will

Strategies



- Awareness raising
- Model projects on alternatives
- Support to ongoing programs
- Bridging critical information gaps





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