

# **TOURISM-BASED CONSERVATION IN EAST AFRICA**

**THE FAILURE TO  
ACHIEVE SOCIAL  
SUSTAINABILITY**

**WE NEED TO  
CHANGE  
DEFINITIONS**

**WHY??**

A grey bucket hat with a dark red interior band is shown from a slightly elevated, angled perspective. The hat is the central focus of the image, with its brim extending towards the bottom left and right. The background is plain white.

**WE MUST  
ESCAPE THE  
GRIP OF ITS  
ORIGINS**

**WHY??**

**THE ORIGIN OF  
OUR TOURISM IS  
BASED ON THE  
OPPRESSION OF  
LOCALS**





AFRICA  
HUNTING!



**THE PRACTICE  
OF OUR TOURISM  
TODAY IS STILL  
STEEPED IN  
RACISM**

**WHY??**























# Violent Evictions





















# **TripAdvisor...**

- ***Shompole Lodge was closed down until further notice in September 2014 pending an agreement with the local community on its future as well as that of the Shompole Wildlife Conservancy in which it is located.***





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A Heart-warming Photo Ess... x



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## A HEART-WARMING PHOTO ESSAY: KENYANS PROTECTING THEIR WILDLIFE

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# Mt Kenya to get electric fence to stop wildlife straying

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**Kenya's government is to inaugurate a project that will encircle much of the country's highest peak with an electric fence to stop wild animals straying.**

It is being designed to stop wildlife, particularly elephants, on Mt Kenya from destroying crops on nearby farms.

On completion it will be about 400km (250 miles) long, stand 2m (6ft 6in) high and extend a metre underground



Mt Kenya, at 5,199m, is Africa's second highest peak and a World Heritage site

# PEOPLE FENCE

- **Multiple strands**
- **High tension**
- **Mesh at the base (no livestock movement)**
- **Community Consultations on location of Gates?**





# **FENCING THE ENTIRE MT. KENYA FOREST?**

- 1. WHAT ABOUT HONEY PRODUCERS?**
- 2. WHAT ABOUT MEDICINAL PLANT GATHERING?**
- 3. WHAT ABOUT DRY SEASON GRAZING?**
- 4. WHAT ABOUT TRADITIONAL PRAYER SHRINES?**
- 5. INITIATION RITES?**



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# **TYPICAL CONSERVANCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- Small, high-end facilities...**
- Higher (> \$100) fees for 'premium' areas**
- Green 4x4 vehicles, etc etc**
- Strict grazing zonations**



























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INFRASTRUCTURE  
, BUSINESS/  
LIVELIHOODS







**NEGATIVE IMPACTS  
(POINT OF  
INTERVENTION!)**



**CONSERVATION HAPPENS! (NO  
'SAVIOURS', NO ACTIVISTS, NO  
DISENFRANCHISED LOCALS)**









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