

Collaboration across borders

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The project

- Participatory ecotourism development in Dunga, Kisumu.
- Initiated in 2012
- Transdisciplinary project
- Practical implementations
- Academic contributions





The TD setup

- Collaboration across countries
- Collaboration between different disciplines and faculties
- Between universities
- Between academia and practice...
- and between academia, residents and organisations in Dunga





GOLIP – KLIP collaboration

Marketplaces and ecotourism

PhD core group in ecotourism:

Joshua Wanga, Frankline Otiende (JOOUST)

Helena Kraff and Eva Maria Jernsand (University of Gothenburg)

- arranging joint workshops in Dunga
- conducting joint fieldtrips etc





Academia - society collaboration

- Joint interest in ecotourism
- practical implementations
- joint knowledge creation
- academic contributions in various disciplines



From idea generation...







...to implementation



Guide trainings –graphic profile – uniforms – development of guided tours – infrastructure improvement – cultural day – cultural museum....



...to implementation



Integration of women – County wide association to support local guides





Time as an issue of power

Who has time or is given time in TD research

How is time related to aspects such as gender?

Are there certain types of individuals or groups that risk ending up in the space between engaged citizens and project partners?





Inequalites between academic stakeholders

We can devote the majority of our time to field studies, courses, writing and attending conferences ...

....whilst our Kenyan colleageus often feel that they need to chase time.

Different research processes between universities.





Unequal access to knowledge

The focus on joint knowledge production in TD research becomes problematic when considering that the practitioners from Kisumu have little access to the global knowledge arena, whereas we as researchers can move easily between the local and the global.



Reinforcing and upscaling tourism development initiatives

How can successful upscaling of community-based tourism initiatives be designed and sustained?

What structures and types of support are needed in order to reach equal, gender sensitive and transformative tourism development?

