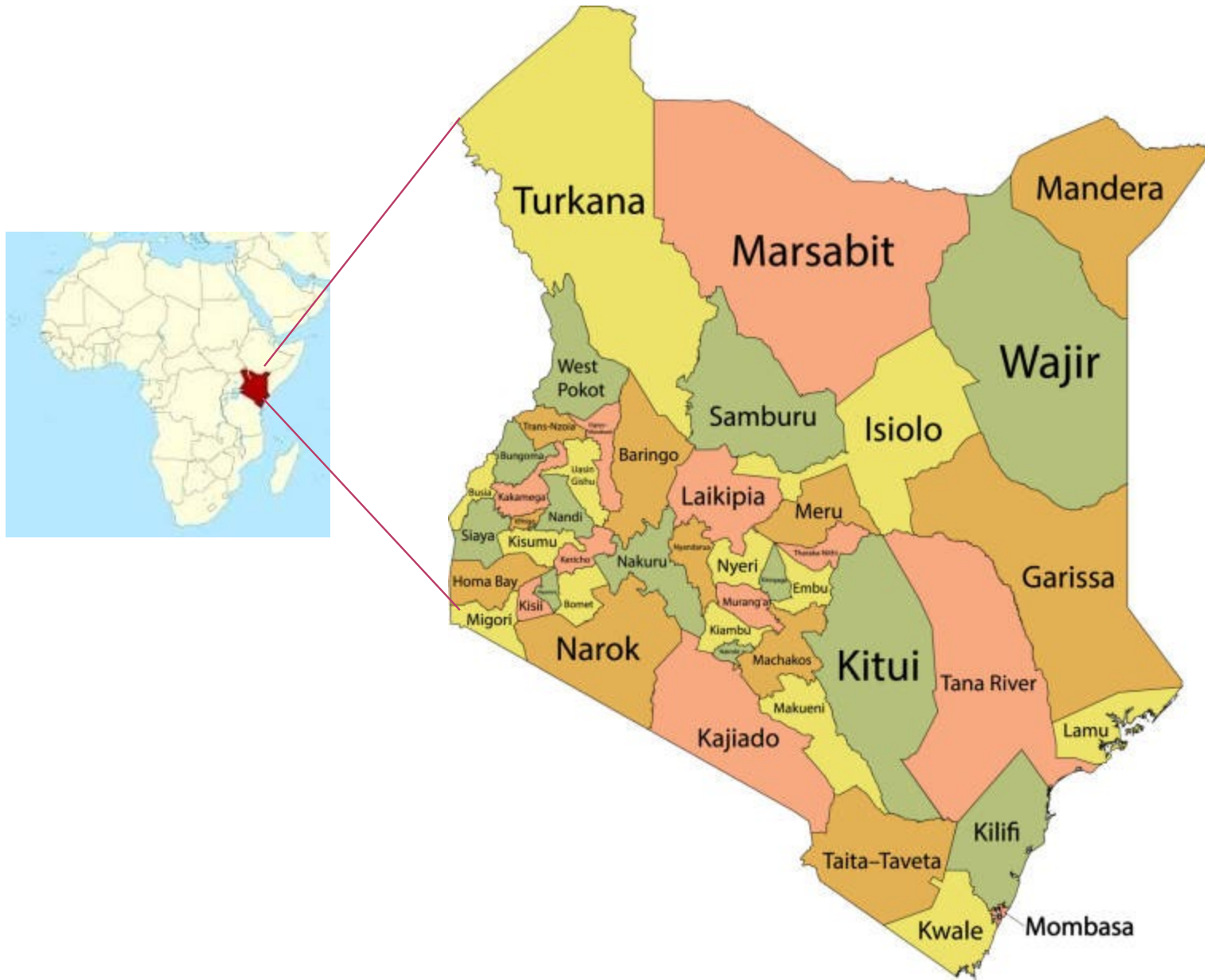


*THE RESILIENCE OF CAMEL KEEPERS  
THROUGH IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY IN  
MANDERA COUNTY OF NORTHERN KENYA*

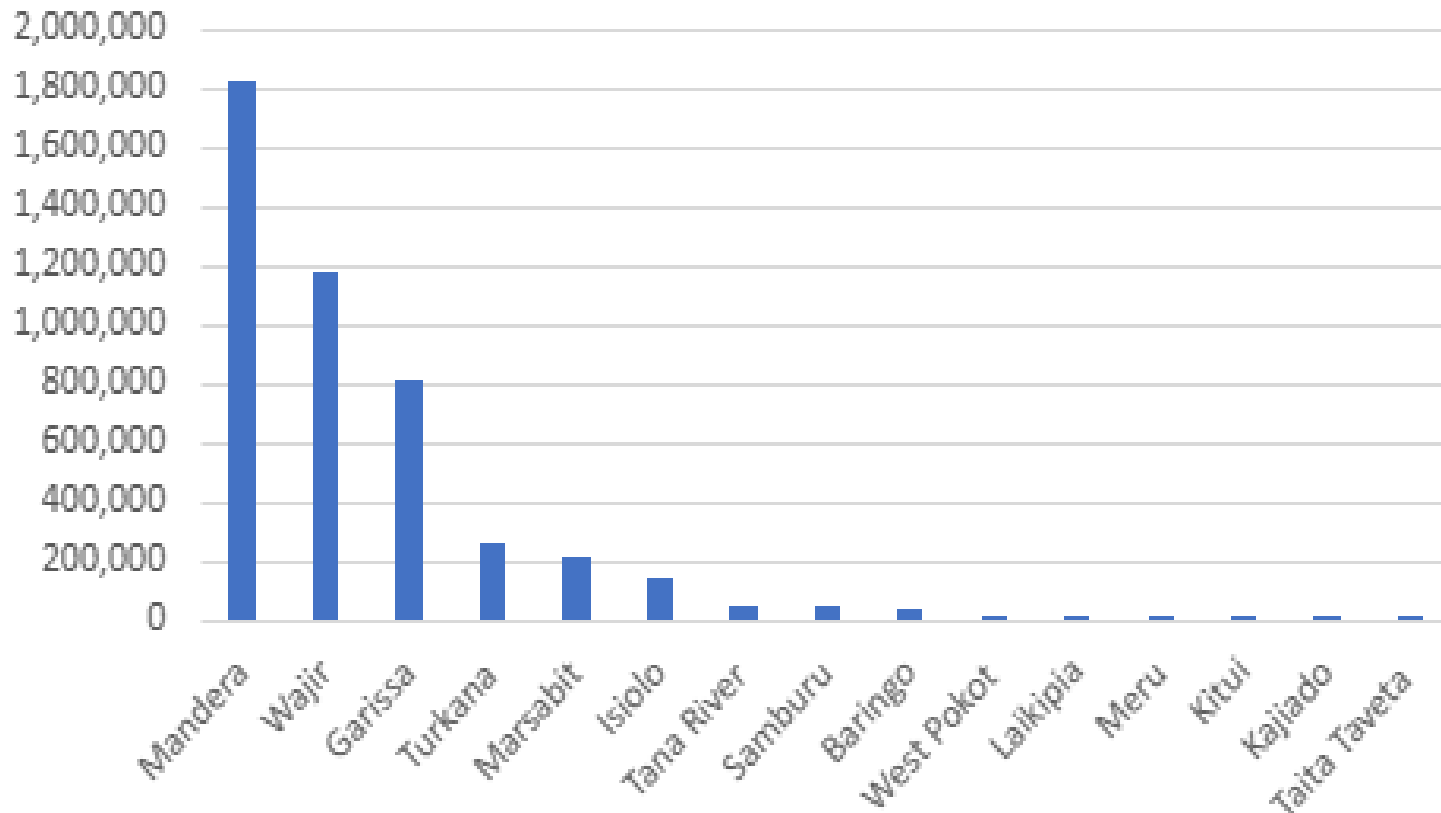
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# MAP OF KENYA BY COUNTIES



## Camel Population In Kenya



- The first six counties are traditionally camel-keeping
- The rest are recent adaptors (community or individuals)



Watering Camel Herds in Northern Kenya

# JUSTIFICATION

- Traditionally, **milk** and **meat** is a staple food and consumed by all
- Milk and Meat are prepared in different forms for specific seasons and situations. Example: Nyirinyiri (meat is fried and salted) and *Suusa* (fermented milk)
- Due to changing times and migration by pastoralists to urban centers demand for food increased specifically traditional ones (camel milk and meat).
- These calls for the commercialization of products into acceptable safety, hygiene and quality for consumer protection

# MANDRA EAST CAMEL MILK SELLERS COOPERATIVE



- ◉ Started operating as a community-based organization
- ◉ Later in 2016 changed to a cooperative composed of 4 CBOs.
- ◉ Composed of 100 women members.
- ◉ Receives between 2000-3000 litres of camel milk depending on the season (dry and wet)



- The whole batch is consumed fresh or as Suusa in Mandera
- It is also processed into local yoghurt and “Vaseline”
- The prices of fresh milk vary; dry season 1 litre is \$2 and wet season \$1.5

# MILK ATM



Members of MCMS Association with their Milk ATM



# DRYING MEAT IN THE SUN



- Consumed at household and sold locally.
- There is now a market in Nairobi on order (*after creating awareness through the Annual County Government Summit*)



# OTHER CAMEL VALUES IN KENYA



**TOURISM/LEISURE**



**PEACE BUILDING**

# FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

- ◉ Huge potential for value-added products (quality, hygiene and large quantity)
- ◉ Need skill development in food processing
- ◉ More infrastructural and equipment support
- ◉ 24 ASAL counties now support the development of camel products value chain (Milk and Meat)
- ◉ Need support in the development of public/private partnership

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***THANK YOU***