

DONKEY SKIN TRADE: A GLOBAL ISSUE AND CRISIS IN KENYA

# **DONKEY SKIN TRADE**

Number of donkeys in Kenya in 2009 (KNBS)

Donkey population growth rate (between 2009 and 2016)

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donkey population as at 2016 by Ministry of Agriculture

### **DONKEYS REPORTED STOLEN**



donkeys were slaughtered in three vears (2016-2018)

### **DONKEY OWNERSHIP**



The draft National Livestock Policy (2019), donkeys categorised as emerging livestock due to inadequate information to support their production, lack of sufficient market channels, inadequate policy and legal framework or socio-cultural beliefs that preclude their utilization



# INVISIBLE LIVESTOCK

**DONKEYS SLAUGHTERED** 

\*projection/estimate

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2018\* MENTER REPORTED

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2016 RT

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300.000

450.000

600.000

# **EFFECTS OF THEFT**

## OF DONKEYS TO OWNERS (MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

Donkey owners have become poorer (77.7%)		
Reduced income for women	(19.2%)	
Increased labour for women	(35.6%)	
Children missing school	(15.8%)	
Loss of source of transport	(29.1%)	
Prices of donkeys now	Ksh12.000	

To many people, the donkey is a beast of burden, a provider, supporter and friend.

# THECONSTITUTION

In the 4th schedule of the Kenya constitution, part 1, section 22(b) Protection of **Animals** and Wildlife, 29. Agricultural Policy and 30 Veterinary Policy apply.

In article 46, 1, c, of the constitution 2010. protection of consumers health, safety and economic rights are guaranteed.

#### **SLAUGHTERHOUSES**

Licensed daily capacity		Estimated slaughter per day
Goldox Kenya Ltd	350	650
Star Brilliant Ltd	150	250
Silzha Ltd	100	150
Fuhai Machakos Trading	300	150
TOTAL	900	1,200

#### 16.544

tonnes of donkey meatand skin products that were exported between 2016 and 2018

#### KSH 8.460

Amount earned by labourers in the donkey abattoirs earn per month

#### KSH 11.390

Amount earned by a donkey owner per month from providing transportation services

#### **Turkana and Kajiado DONKEY THEFT CASES (2018)** reported the highest donkey theft cases Turkana 26% **Baringo Narok** 110/0 12% **Nakuru Kajiado** 40/0 **Kirinyaga Machakos** 30/0 30/0 Number of licensed slaughterhouses in Kenya are in Baringo, Machakos. Turkana and Naivasha.

**References:** Kenya Agriculture & Livestock Research Organisation report on status of donkey slaughter in Kenya and its implication on community livelihoods (KALRO 2019) The Emerging Trade in Donkey Hide: An Opportunity or a Threat for Communities in Kenya "Agricultural Sciences (2019) Alliance of Donkey Welfare Organizations in Kenya (FSK, KENDAT, CARITAS, KVA, SACK, APAD) Tanzania Alliance of Donkey Welfare Organizations, led by ASPA and Inades-Formation

CRISIS

The global issue of the donkey skin trade is now a crisis in Kenya.

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The skins are boiled to produce a gelatine used in Traditional Chinese Medicine

CHINA

Chinese government data: China's donkey population dropped from 11m in 1990 to 3m in 2017

Burkina Faso stopped donkey exports after 45,000 of its donkeys were slaughtered in six months from a total population of 1.4 million.

BURKINAFASO

Botswana, Ethiopia, Mali, Niger, and Senegal

have banned exports of donkey products

# **TANZANIA**

Has an active regulatory mechanism allowing slaughter of 40 donkeys per slaughter house per day.

Donkey Slaughter
Bans Across Africa

NIGERIA

Currently discussing a bill to prohibit the killing and exportation of donkeys or its carcasses out of Nigeria

UGANDA Donkey Smuggilng Routes

**KENYA** 

**ETHIOPIA** 

TANZANIA

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