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## WWF SIGHT Tool Training Report

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## Introduction

WWF-SIGHT is an online mapping platform which integrates key development (e.g., extractives, infrastructure, agriculture and forestry) and environmental datasets. The tool enables a user to quickly generate maps of specific areas showing certain preselected features, for instance, administrative boundaries, ecological areas and oil and gas demarcated blocks.

The tool enables a researcher to generate visual maps which can be incorporated in reports and advocacy material, this makes it easier for readers to understand the specific impacts and concepts being proposed.

The training was held at the Maanzoni Lodge between 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016. It was facilitated by WWF Kenya. The Community Action for Nature Conservation (CANCO), Kenya Oil and Gas Working Group, Kituo Cha Sheria Strathmore University were represented at the training alongside participants from WWF- Kenya.

## Structure

The training was done in two parts.

- **Training:** Participants were taken through a step by step process on how to use the tool. This involved orientation on how to generate different maps, overlay different categories and how to generate maps with different backgrounds and ledger keys.
- **Research:** The training also involved selection of specific Oil Blocks in Kenya for participants to conduct their research and analyse the various ecological challenges that might be faced by exploration and production activities in the selected blocks. Participants were expected to generate maps using the SIGHT Tool and base their reports on the same.

## Training.

The training further involved participants learning how to navigate the tool and create different types of maps.

Participants were shown resources where they could obtain data from and upload it onto the tool and use it to generate maps with personalised information, this can be used in research on specific areas and visualising data which in turn can be used for advocacy and policy work.

The SIGHT tool is still being developed. Participants were encouraged to report any disparities noted or additions that could be made to the tool.

This excerpt from WWF- SIGHT Africa website explains the tool in more detail:

*WWF-SIGHT is an online mapping platform which integrates key development (e.g., extractives, infrastructure, agriculture and forestry) and environmental datasets. Uniquely, WWF-SIGHT provides*

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*an up to date and reliable means of visually comparing development projects and activities against key social and environmental metrics almost anywhere on Earth.*

*WWF-SIGHT enables governments, companies, investors and civil society to understand the potential environmental and social impacts of human development. Its ultimate goal is to protect the natural world by **managing risk and guiding sustainable land use planning, policy and investment.***

(Source: WWF SIGHT Africa

<http://panda.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=60a950752d3049aab9a23c2af6fe1ed1> )

### Research:

Participants were divided into groups of five and were asked to pick an Oil Block in Kenya and analyse its ecological structure and the possible impacts that oil exploration and production would have on them and possible measures to mitigate the negative impacts.

The research was to be informed by the data generated from the WWF SIGHT tool and then participants were encouraged to incorporate external research in order to generate a conclusive report.

### Action Points for ICES

- **Evidence-Based Reports:** Using WWF SIGHT Tool: ICES shall now be able to generate maps to accompany and collaborate its reports and publications.
- **Mapping Projects:** The SIGHT Tool shall be used specifically in research for ongoing projects in Kenya, as part of revamping the new ICES platform.
- **Mapping Potential Conflict Areas;** Through the use of indicators one will be able to visually map Priority Landscapes, Key Ecological Regions and Infrastructural routes, for instance, the SGR, LAPPSET, and current and proposed pipelines and power transmission lines among other developments.

### Resources:

1. *WWF SIGHT Tool Overview:*  
[http://assets.wwf.org.uk/downloads/2016\\_wwf\\_sight\\_mapping\\_platform\\_1.pdf?\\_ga=1.197909865.713505666.1483818312](http://assets.wwf.org.uk/downloads/2016_wwf_sight_mapping_platform_1.pdf?_ga=1.197909865.713505666.1483818312)
2. *Block 14T Research Report:* This is a report generated by one of the groups at the SIGHT Tool training