TOURISM-BASED CONSERVATION IN EAST AFRICA

THE FAILURE TO ACHIEVE SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY
WE NEED TO CHANGE DEFINITIONS

WHY??
WE MUST ESCAPE THE GRIP OF ITS ORIGINS

WHY??
THE ORIGIN OF OUR TOURISM IS BASED ON THE OPPRESSION OF LOCALS
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.
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.
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?
CONSERVATION IN E-S. AFRICA TODAY IS STILL STEEPED IN RACISM

WHY??
• Small, high-end facilities...
• Higher (> $100) fees for 'premium' areas
• Green 4x4 vehicles, etc etc
• Strict grazing zonations
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TOURISM INDUSTRY

IGNORANT PUBLIC, COMMUNITIES
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KWS ➔ Gate Fees, Lease Fees

Tourism Industry ➔ Ignorant Public, Communities

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Tourism Industry

Gate Fees, Lease Fees

Ignorant Public, Ignorant Clients, Disenfranchised Communities

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NEGATIVE IMPACTS
(POINT OF INTERVENTION!)
CONSERVATION HAPPENS! (NO ‘SAVIOURS’, NO ACTIVISTS, NO DISENFRANCHISED LOCALS)
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