



MIKIA

KENYA



ABOUT US

My Indigenous Knowledge In Action (MIKIA) is an Indigenous-led organization in Kenya that is working with and for Indigenous Peoples. The term “MIKIA” comes from the Indigenous Maasai language (Maa), meaning “don’t take me away,” highlighting the importance of protecting Indigenous heritage and passing it on to future generations. Indigenous heritage forms the basis of:

- Land stewardship
- Biodiversity conservation
- Cultural preservation
- Sustainable livelihoods



OUR GOALS

Documenting Indigenous Knowledge (IK) to:

1. Establish Indigenous-led Cultural Learning Centers
2. Facilitate intergenerational knowledge transfer
3. Promote human-wildlife coexistence
4. Strengthen resilience through research-driven livelihoods

OUR MISSION

To operationalize Indigenous Knowledge across landscapes and generations, preserving and honoring cultural heritage.

OUR VISION

A secure future for Indigenous heritage.

OUR AUDIENCE

Indigenous Peoples within their spaces of existence, prioritizing IK documentation, preservation and knowledge transfer with ownership and consent from Indigenous Peoples and project stakeholders.

OUR PROGRAMS

1. INTERGENERATIONAL LEARNING

MIKIA is committed to regenerating IK through the establishment of Cultural Learning Centers aimed at preserving and transmitting traditional skills/knowledge across generations.

2. TENEBO O NG'WESI

MIKIA acknowledges the occurrence of human-wildlife conflicts (HWC) and recognizes the invaluable knowledge amassed by Indigenous Peoples in coexisting with nature. MIKIA aims to address HWC based on community guidance and landscape-documented knowledge.

3. ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

By supporting sustainable agriculture production, traditional food practices, seed conservation, cultural enterprises and eco-tourism, MIKIA strengthens dignified livelihoods that honor cultural heritage.



4. RESEARCH & DOCUMENTATION

MIKIA is dedicated to conducting in-depth participatory research that documents IK systems, skills, practices and cultural heritage, while reporting findings to inform policy making and sustainable community development.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

MIKIA is founded on the belief that IK belongs to the Indigenous Peoples. By documenting IK and communicating it to the society which it belongs to, MIKIA employs viable communication tools to ensure IK is preserved for the future.



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