

GARBATULLA COMMUNITY

27TH AUG 2021

THE HON. ABDI KOROPU TEPO
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT – ISIOLO SOUTH



Dear Sir,

RE: CONCERN COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONSERVANCY AT GARBATULLA COMMUNITY LAND

It is our sincere hope that we all shall survive this respiratory attacking virus and normally resume as usual. May the virus disappear sooner than it appeared.

Sir, The Kenya Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013 recognizes the establishment of the conservation in Kenya.

Similarly, the Conservation on Biological Diversity (CBD) has protected area as, a geographically defined area which is designated or regulated and managed to achieve specific conservation objectives. More specifically, indigenous peoples' and community conserved territories and areas (ICCA) are also recognized under natural or modified ecosystems containing significant biodiversity values and ecological services voluntarily conserved by indigenous and local communities through customary laws or other effective means. Additionally good way staining conservatory discussions is by gaining consensus among land owners and communities on the future use of the land as a conservancy including zones for settlements, grazing, farming, tourism, etc.

By doing this a clear way of defining boundary of the conservancy is achieved. Therefore in the current undergoing establishment of the conservancy at Garbatulla Community land, the following Actions are brought to your attention.

- i. That our land is community (public) land and Northern Rangeland Trust (NRT) is a private entity that any partnership decision should be done in line with public – private partnership guidelines, contrary to your action.
- ii. That defining the conservation area is best done through participatory mapping where stakeholders identify and map land ownership and key features of the landscape either on a printed base map or by creating hand drawn map. In this regards neither of the consultation, with wider community awareness nor the map was seen. This should be sensitized properly.
- iii. That a very critical stage of establishing conservancy is to engage all owners of the land and (community) allowing them to discuss how conservancy may affect, building capacity, enhances responsibility and provides opportunities. Thus your undertakings are very premature and missing public participation.

