



Introduction



- ➤ Uganda's natural resource base is one of the richest and most diverse in Africa, resulting in the country's economy relying heavily on goods and services therein.
- ➤ For example, estimates show that gross returns to the national economy from biodiversity are as high as US\$ 63.9 Billion per year.
- ➤ As such environmental resources, if used properly, can contribute significantly to Uganda's national economic development.



Introduction



- ➤ Uganda's Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) subprogramme is responsible for ensuring rational and sustainable utilization, development and effective management of the environment and natural resources for the socio-economic development of the country.
- The sub-programme is composed of
 - Forestry,
 - Wetland Resources Management,
 - Meteorology,
 - Environmental management, and
 - Climate Change.



Introduction



During the NSDS 2021, communities were asked about the;

- changes in their environment and ecosystem,
- the causes and impacts these changes have on their existence.

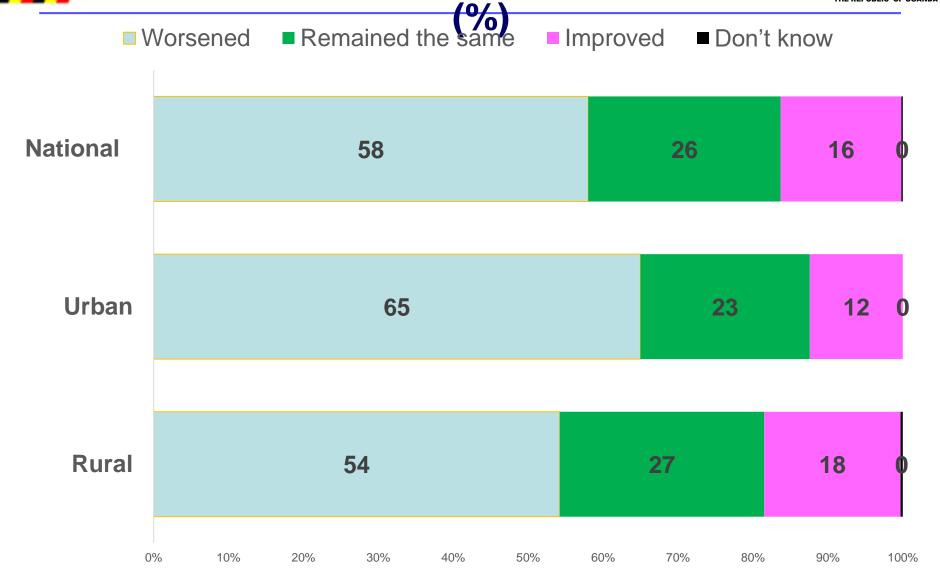
This Presentation provides key findings on environmental management issues as reported by respondents at both District and community levels.

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Perceptions on changes in the environment since 2000 – Communities





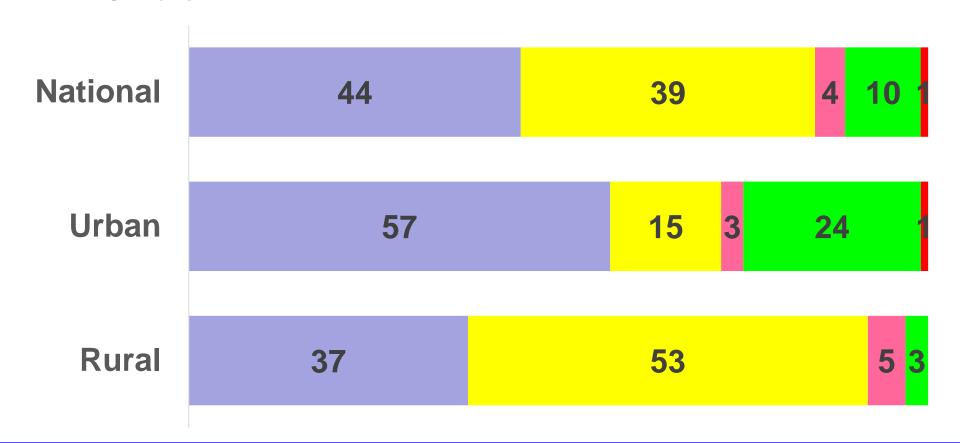


Most Degraded Environmental Component, (%)



- Wetlands
- Hilltops
- Others

- Forests
- Garbage disposal/Kaveera





Causes of Environmental Degradation in the Community, (%)



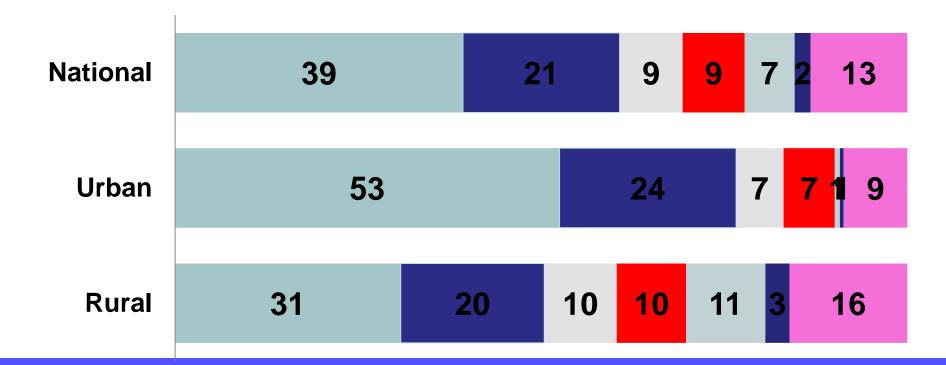
■ Pop. Pressure

- Weak enforcement
- Ineffective policies/laws
- Ignorance

■ Climate change

Politics

Others





Summary of findings



➤ 58 % of the respondents stated that the changes in the environment had worsened since 2000, 16 % indicated that it had improved and 26 % indicated that it had remained the same.

- ➤ Wetlands (44%) and forests (39 %) were the most degraded environmental components.
- ➤ 34 % of communities sighted drought as the most evident impact of environmental degradation in the communities; followed by floods (22 %).



Summary of findings



- ➤ 39 % of the communities stated that population pressure was the highest cause of degradation within the communities.
- > 52 % of the communities reported inadequate sources as the major constraint to accessing natural resources.
- ➤ Water was reported by the highest proportion of communities (71%) as the most extracted product from the environment, followed by firewood (61%) and medicine/Grass (57% each).



Summary of findings



➤ Wetlands (43%) were the most identified sources of eco-system service in 2021 which was an increase from 25 % in 2015.

➤ By sub-region, 81 % of the communities in the Bukedi sub region reported wetlands as the main source of eco-system service followed by Teso with the lowest in Bunyoro sub region





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