

Field Practicum in Public Health and Environment in Kenya

**BUSPH - IH 707** 

2014 Summer Program



#### THE SCHOOL FOR FIELD STUDIES Environmental Field Studies Abroad

### About SFS



# SFS is the country's largest undergraduate environmental study abroad program.

- Community-based model
- Five Year Research Plans
- Field-based learning
- Transferable skills





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#### Join us in the Field



Australia – Tropical Rainforest Studies

Cambodia & Vietnam – The Living Mekong NEW

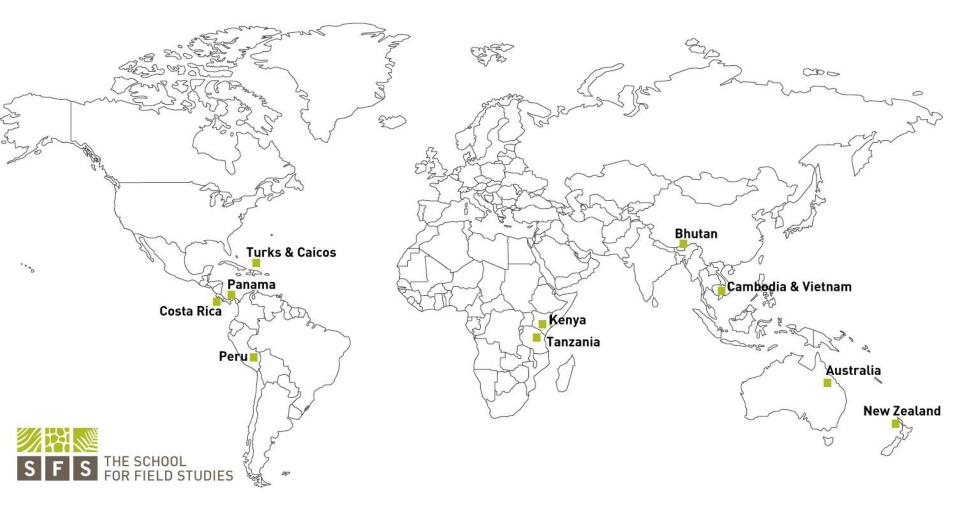
**Costa Rica** – Sustainable Development Studies

Kenya & Tanzania – Wildlife Management Studies and Public Health

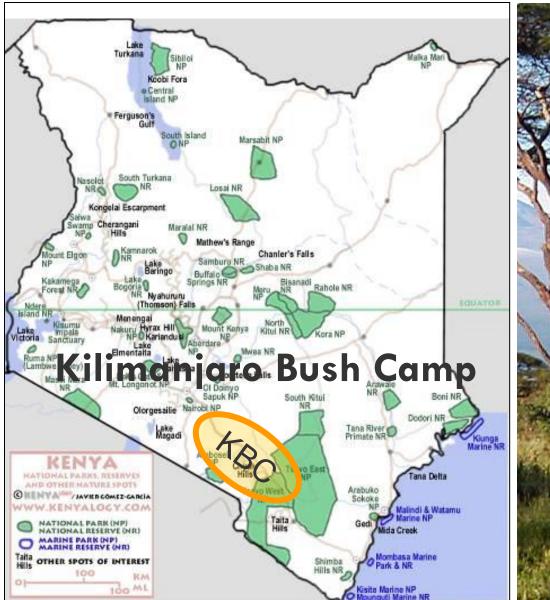
Turks & Caicos Islands – Marine Resource Management Studies

**Panama** – Tropical Island Biodiversity and Conservation Studies

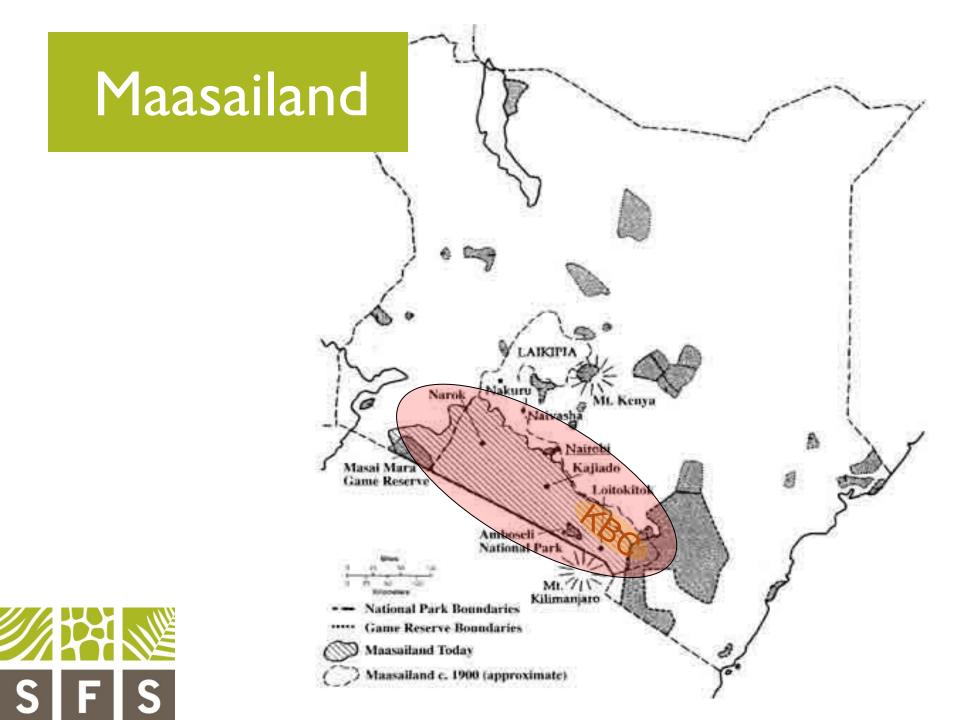
**Peru** – Biodiversity and Development in the Amazon **NEW** 



## SFS Field Station in Kenya







# Bush Camp Living

#### **Communal Living**

- Shared living quarters
- Wash your own dishes
- Cook Crew
- Manager on duty
- RAP daily meetings (Reflections, Announcements, Presentations)

#### **Protected Camp**

- Askaris and fenced perimeter
- Wildlife in and around the camp grounds

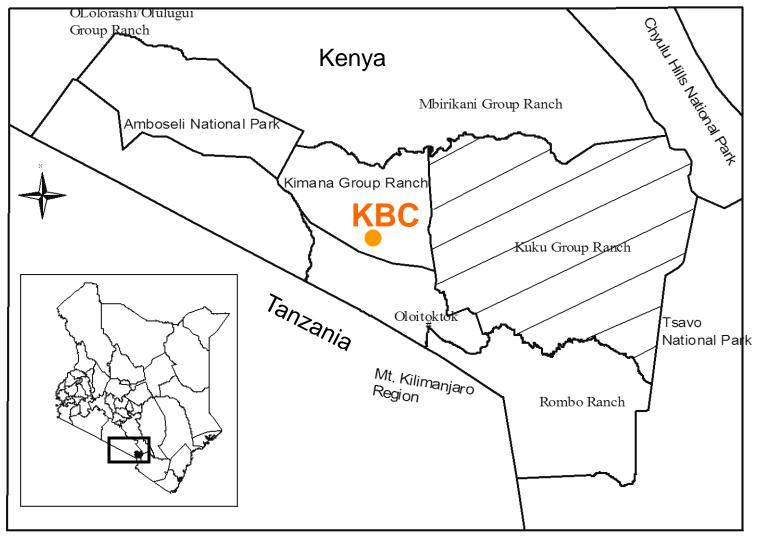
#### **Limited downtime**

Busy and full schedule



### **Course Location**





30 0 30 Kilometers

## Local Context



- Semi-arid environment
- Savanna ecosystem
- Water from Kilimanjaro
- Maasai group ranches
- Pastoralists (herders)
- Wildlife dispersal area
- Conservation areas





# Local Challenges

### Challenges

- Land tenure changes
- Nomadic pastoral → sedentary agro-pastoral lifestyle
- Influx of non-Maasai immigrants
- Land use  $\Delta$ : savanna  $\rightarrow$  agriculture

#### Consequences

- Water scarcity, competition
- Water quality decline
- High rates of disease
- Malnutrition (mother, infant, child)
- HIV/AIDS increasing







### **Course Elements**



- 1. International field practicum for students
- 2. Orientation to local culture and community outreach
- 3. Monitoring and Evaluation project of the Community Health Strategy
- 4. Students design M&E project
- 5. Provide recommendations to stakeholders



## Course Design



Pre-departure Preparation
Fridays, 8 – 10am\*
Orientation - April 11
Swahili Greetings - April 18
Pre-Departure Assignments - April 25

#### Five weeks in Kenya

Local context
Field practicum
Kenyan faculty
BU faculty
BU SPH grad students

•Kenyan grad students





## Logistics & Costs

#### **Tuition and Expenses:**

- •\$8,304 (tuition & registration fee) for 6 Credits
- •\$1,500 (room & board fee)
- •\$3,000 Santander Fellowship (for first 25 students)

•Airfare, visa, pupil pass, park entrance fees, and travel insurance not included.

May 26 – June 30, 2014 (5 weeks)
Open to BUSPH students
Flights, group airfare options





## **Admissions Information**

#### **Application includes:**

- SFS Info Sheet & Essay Questions
- Acknowledgement of Risk & SFS Contract
- Copy of your unofficial transcript
- Color scan of your passport
- Complete the online application form (<u>http://www.bu.edu/ihblast/ih-practicum/kenya-app/</u>)

#### **Application Deadlines:**

- Application will be accepted from Dec. 6, 2013 until February 14, 2014
- (applying early is highly encouraged!)

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