

Democratic Governance & CBNRM, North East Caprivi, Namibia

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Overview

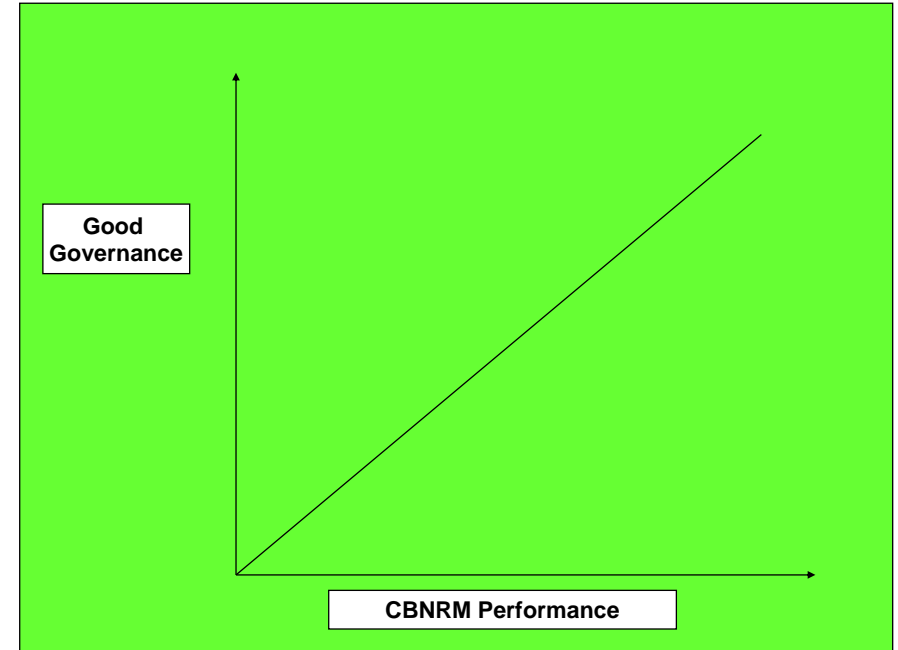
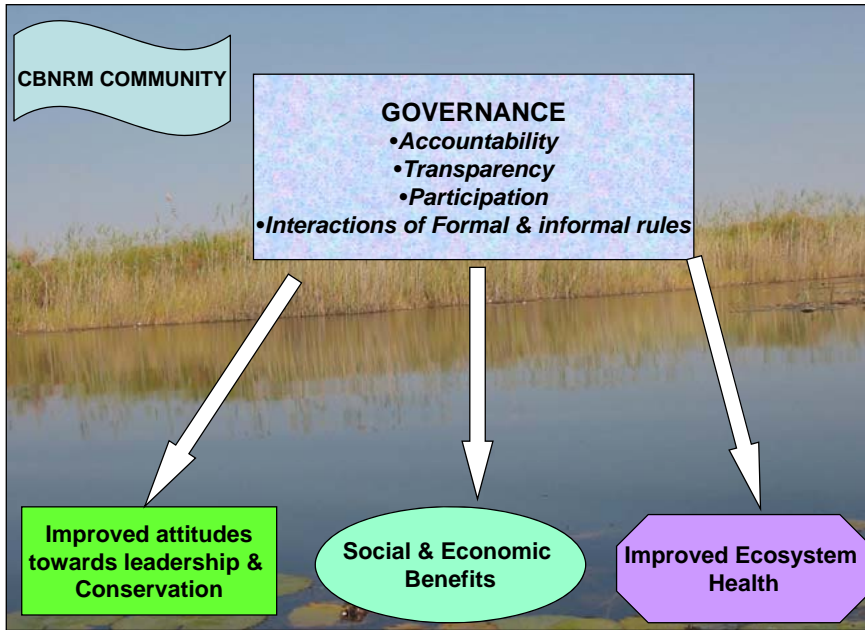
- Research Objective/ Research Question
- Decentralization & CBNRM: The rules change.
- Accountability & link to decentralization
- How do we measure accountability?
- The Namibia case study
- CBNRM in Namibia
- Results
- Observations & Conclusions

RESEARCH QUESTION

“How does democratic governance of decentralized natural resource management, affect the provision of social and economic benefits; the attitudinal change and improvement of ecosystem health in Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM)?”

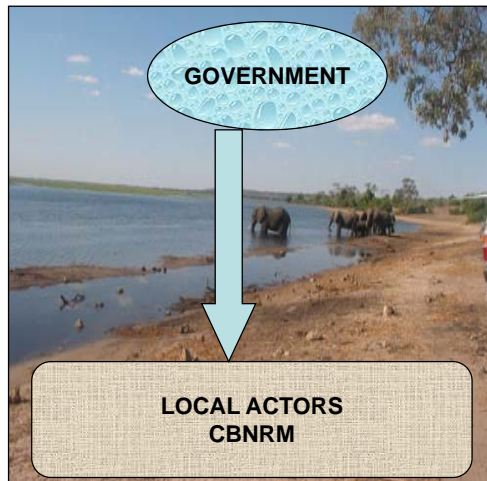
What is Good Governance?

- Its currently being advocated for at national Government levels in most Sub Saharan countries (UNDP, 1997; Grindle 2007; Hyden, 2004; DFID, 2001 & USAID, 2005).
- Definition:
“As the formation and stewardship of the formal & informal rules that regulate the public realm, the arena in which states as well as economic and societal actors interact to make decisions.”
Hyden et al, 2004.”



Decentralization & CBNRM

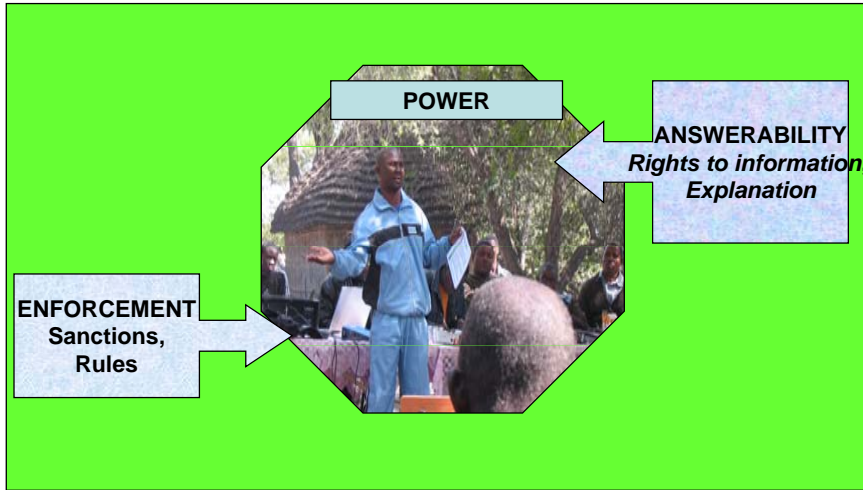
Decentralization of NRs reshape the institutional infrastructure on which future local natural resource management will depend.



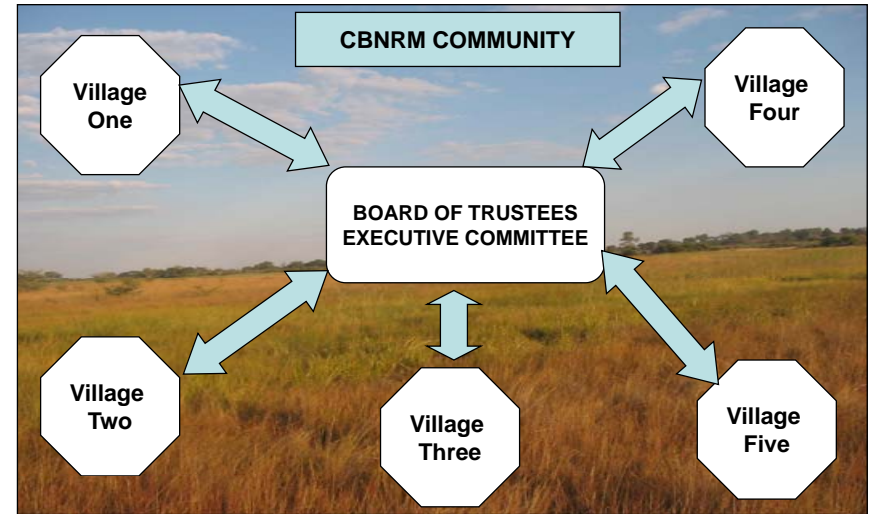
Accountability in Decentralization of NRs

Downwardly accountable or representative authorities are the basic institutional elements of decentralization that should lead to local efficiency, equity and development (Mawhood, 1983; Ribot 1996; Romeo, 1996; Agrawal & Ribot, 1999)

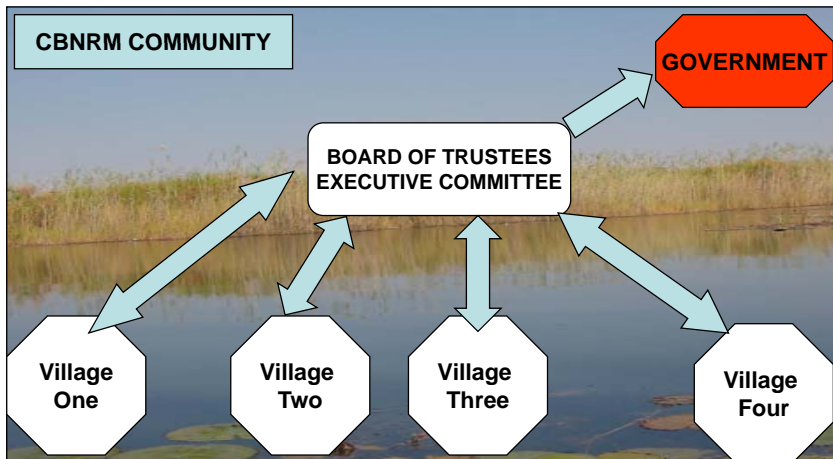
Conceptualizing Accountability



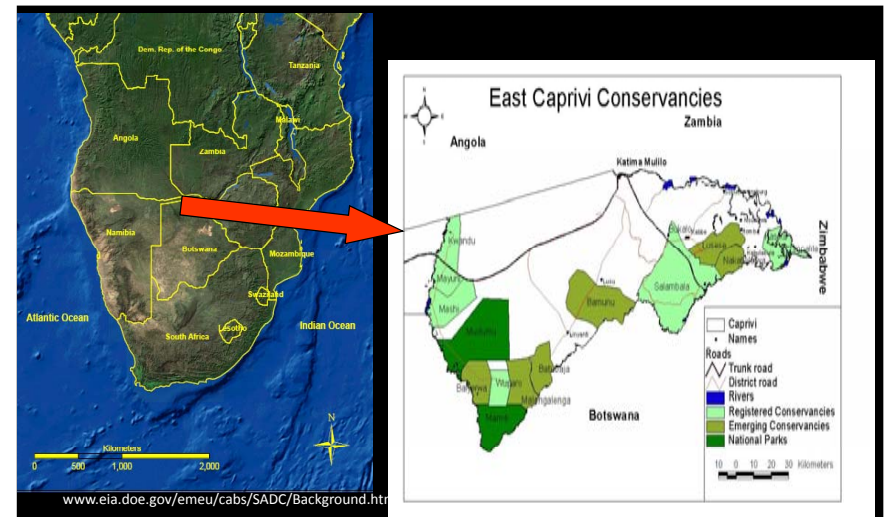
Horizontal Accountability



Vertical Accountability



CBNRM & Democratic Governance: North East Caprivi Namibia



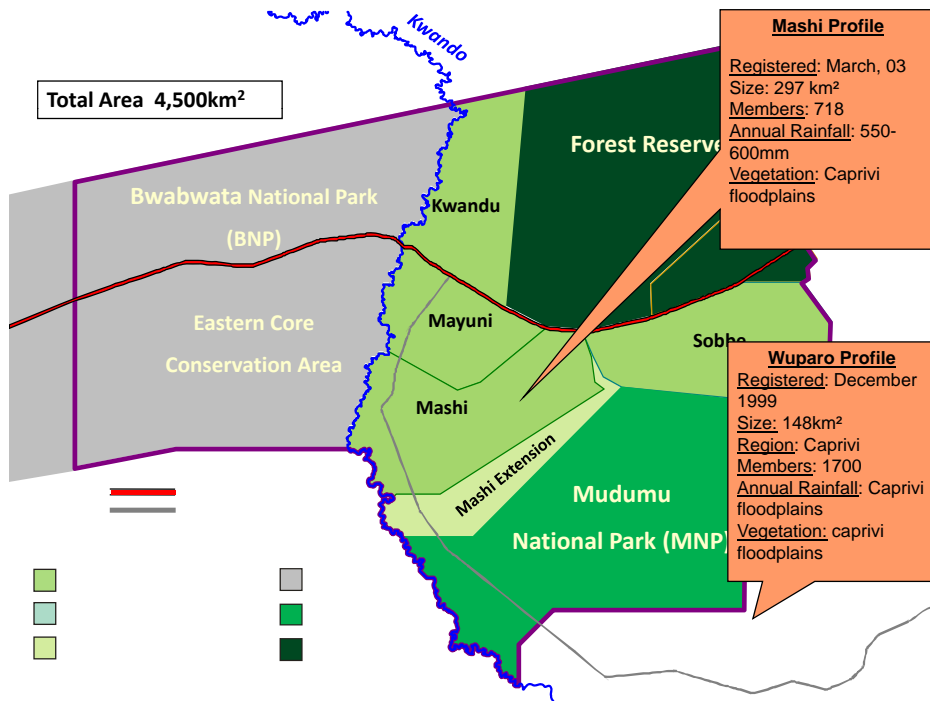
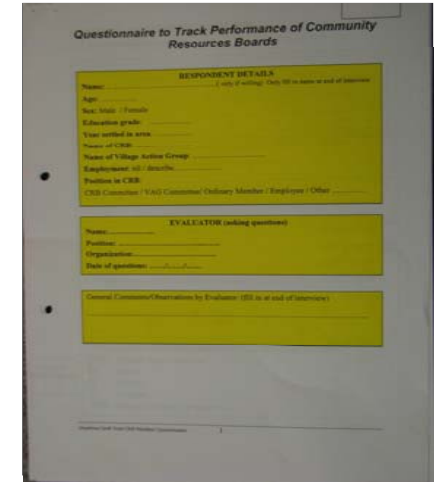
CBNRM in Namibia

- Nature Conservation Amendment Act of 1996, Rules changed
- Communities provided with conditional proprietorship of wildlife areas
- CBNRM goals:
 - NRM & conservation;
 - Rural development &
 - Empowerment & capacity building program



The Community Dashboard

- Approach: Participatory Action Research.
- Instrument: "Community Dashboard"
- Variables of measure:
- Participation
 - Membership
 - Accountability
 - Transparency



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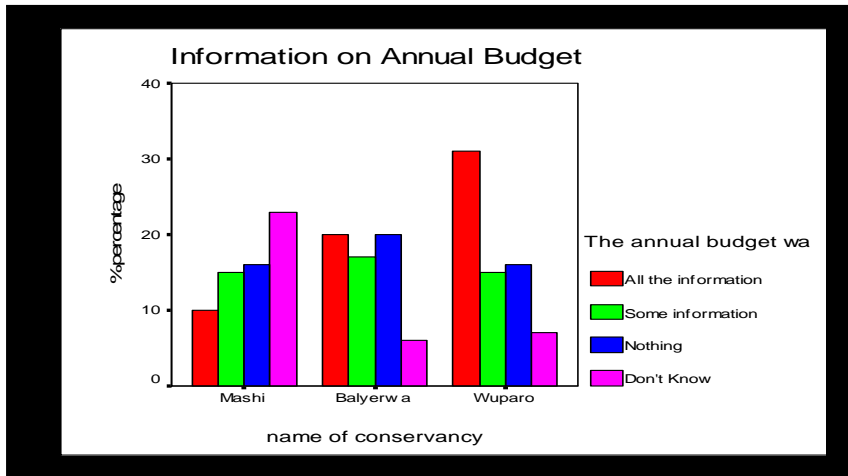
Financial Information

- Annual Budget.
- Source & amount of money.
- How money was spent.

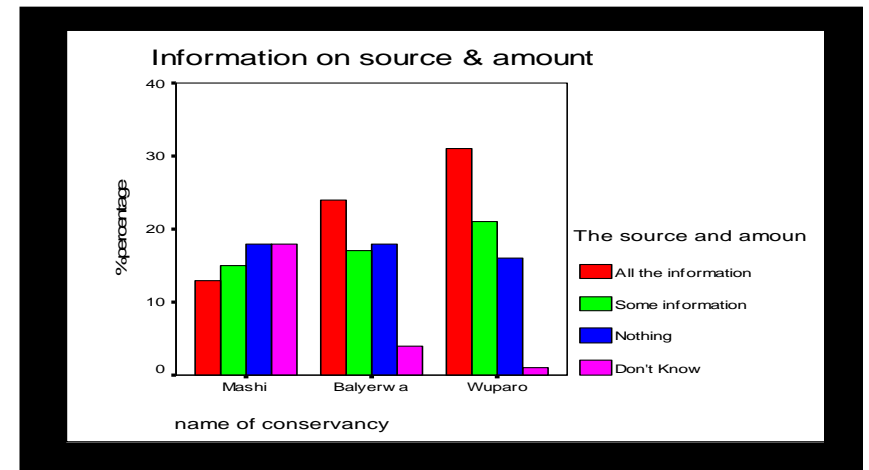
NRM information

- Hunting quotas.
- Price of Animals

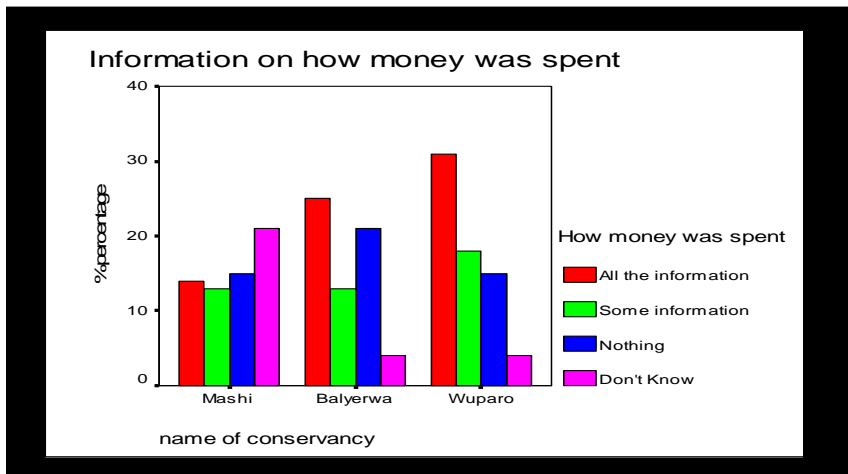
Results – Financial Information



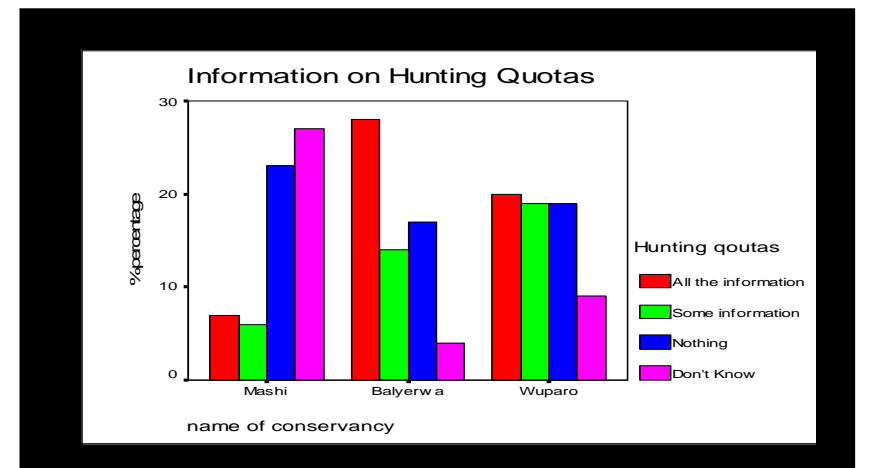
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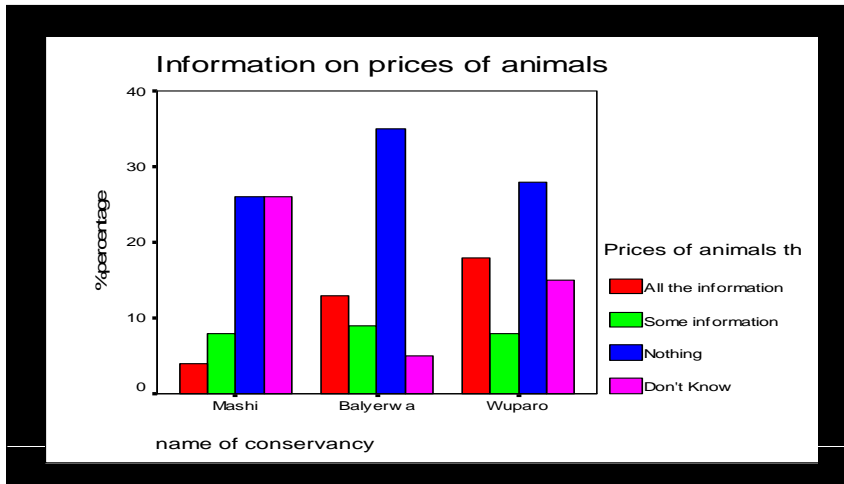
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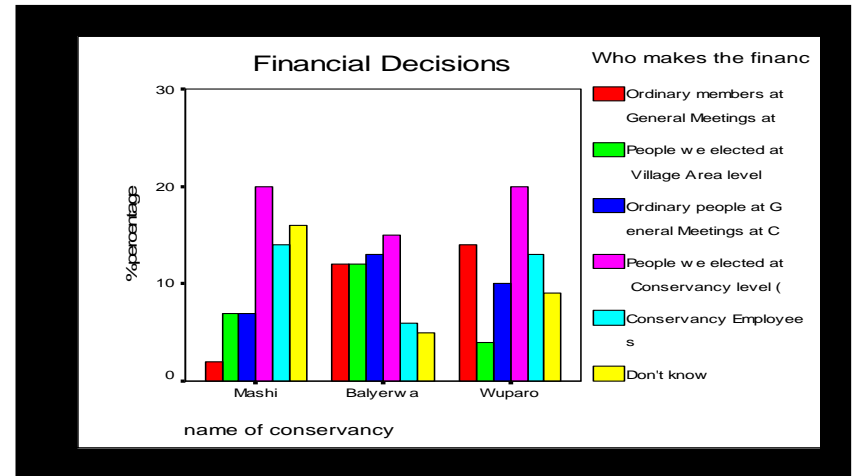
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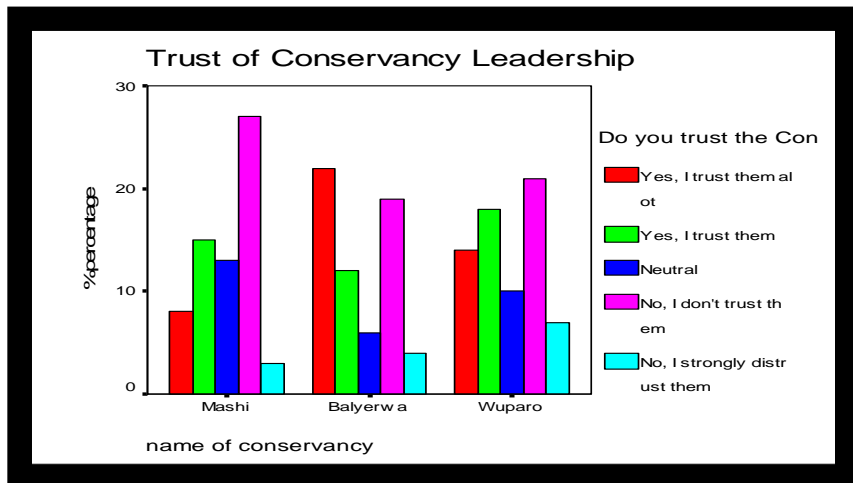
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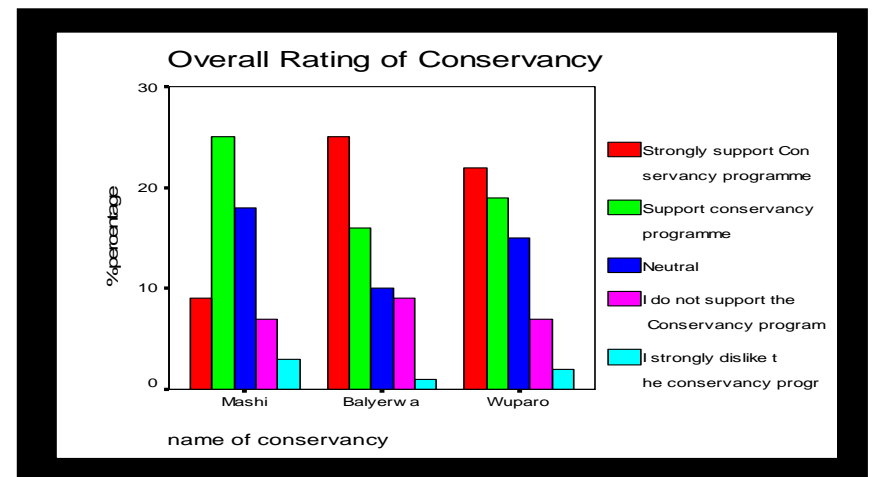
Financial Transparency



Trust of Conservancy Leadership



Overall Rating of Conservancy Program



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Conclusions

- Governance important to monitor & continuously evaluate in CBNRM
- Conceptualizing governance in CBNRM important
- Measures of Governance e.g. Accountability, Participation, Locus of decision making defined in local context.
- Both formal & informal institutions in NRM important.

