



# **Agriculture Investment Opportunities in Kenya**

Mango Production Investment Case

### **Executive Summary**



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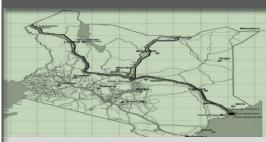
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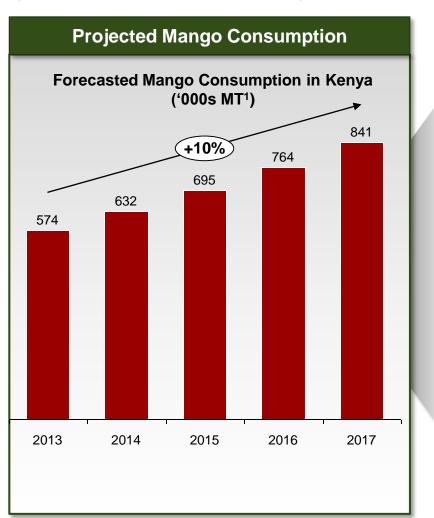
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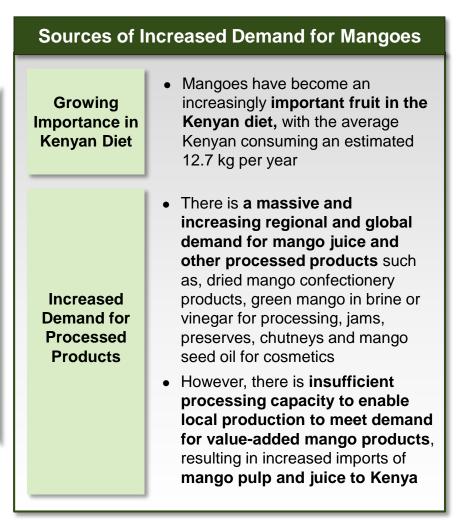
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### **Demand for Mangoes and Processed Products on the Rise**

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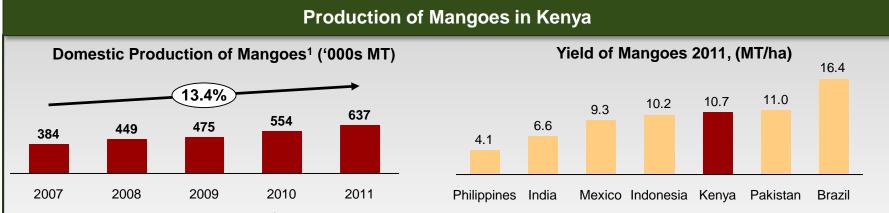


Note: <sup>1</sup>Assumes conservative annualized growth of 10% per year

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# Competitive Production, Limited Processing Capacity

Kenya has an abundant supply of mangoes and is the largest producer in the EAC, with a competitive advantage of having amongst the highest mango yields in the world



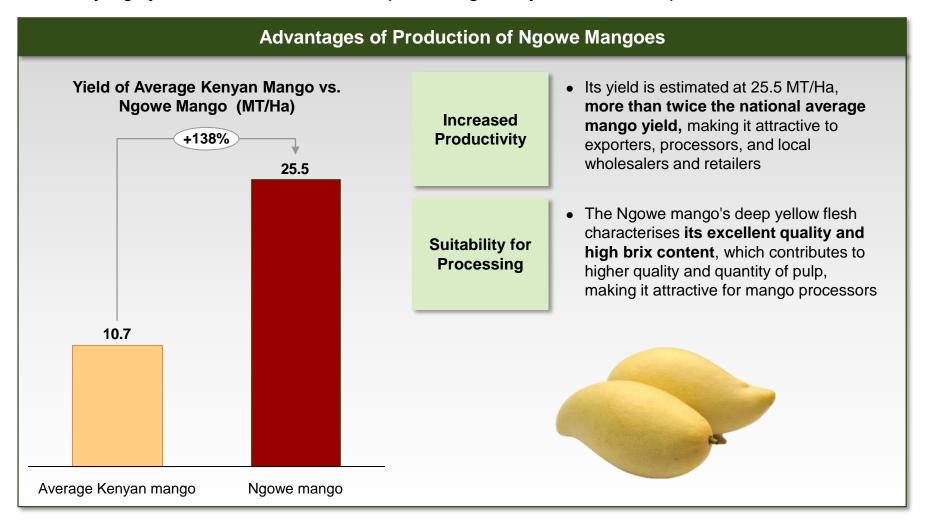
- Kenya is the largest producer of mangoes within the East African Community (EAC), experiencing significant growth of its production volumes while other countries within the region experienced minimal to no growth in production volumes
- The majority of mangoes are grown in the Coast (68%), followed by Eastern Province (17.5%) and Nyanza (5%)
- Kenya boasts among the highest mango productivity in the world, and can exploit its favorable agro-climatic conditions for mango cultivation
- Kenya's competitiveness in the mango export market significantly enhances from November to January, as mango production in Kenya during this season is high while production in other countries is low

Despite Kenya's competitive advantage in production and the presence of large scale fruit processors, there is insufficient local processing of mango products, due to limited cultivation of processing friendly varieties, such as the Ngowe Mango



# **Untapped Cultivation Potential of Ngowe Mangoes**

The Ngowe mango, in particular, provides Kenya with a significant competitive advantage given its extremely high yield and attractiveness as a processing variety for local and export markets



# Opportunities for Large Scale Ngowe Mango Producer



Currently, mango production is dominated by smallholder farmers, with no large commercial producers, presenting a viable production opportunity for a new entrant

#### **Opportunity for Large Scale Entrant Cultivating Ngowe Mangoes for Ready Markets**

- Most mango producers in Kenya are **smallholder farmers that produce under rain-fed conditions** with little mechanisation, with **no industrial-scale mango producers** currently operational in Kenya
- A new entrant can focus on large-scale production of the Ngowe variety in the short term, collaborating with existing smallholder farmers and contracting them into an outgrower scheme to target three growing customer segments who are looking for a larger producer of mangoes

# Ready Set of Buyers

#### Local Markets,

e.g. Wholesalers, retailers, open-air markets

#### **Mango Processors,**

e.g. Milly Fruits, Kiburi, Kevian, Sunny Processors, All Fruits

#### Fruit Exporters,

e.g. East African Growers, Kenyan Horticultural Exporters

Several agribusinesses have already noted that one large producer, guaranteeing consistent production, would allow them to scale up their processing or exporting operations

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### **Operational Highlights**



The opportunity identified requires investing in a series of mango nucleus farms with sourcing support from outgrowers

# Target Markets



 Mangoes will be sold in the Kenyan market to wholesalers, processors, and exporters

#### **Product**



 Fresh Ngowe mangoes, assuming that 15% will be of high-quality and sold to exporters, 50% of mediumquality and will be sold to processors, and 35% of lowerquality and will be sold to local markets; they will be packaged in 16 kg crates

#### **Price**



- \$360 per MT of high-quality mangoes to exporters
- \$216 per MT of medium-quality mangoes to processors
- \$144 per MT of lower-quality mangoes to wholesalers and retailers

#### **Channel**



- Local wholesalers, retailers, and markets to appeal to Kenyan consumers
- Kenyan mango processors in the Central and Coast provinces
- Horticultural exporters located in Nairobi

# Sourcing Model

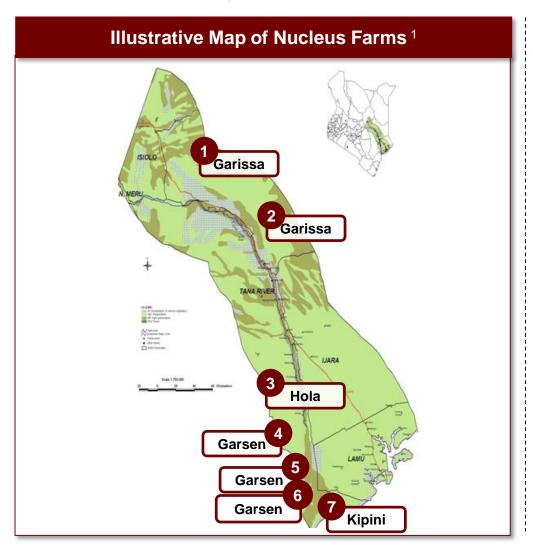


- Series of seven
   50-hectare
   nucleus farms,
   for a total of 350
   hectares, along
   the Tana River
   Delta
- Supply supported by contract arrangements with over 6,000 outgrowers

# **Nucleus Farm and Outgrower Scheme**



A series of seven nucleus farms and an outgrower scheme will together cultivate over 6,300 hectares by Year 5 of operations along the Tana River Delta from Garissa to Kipini



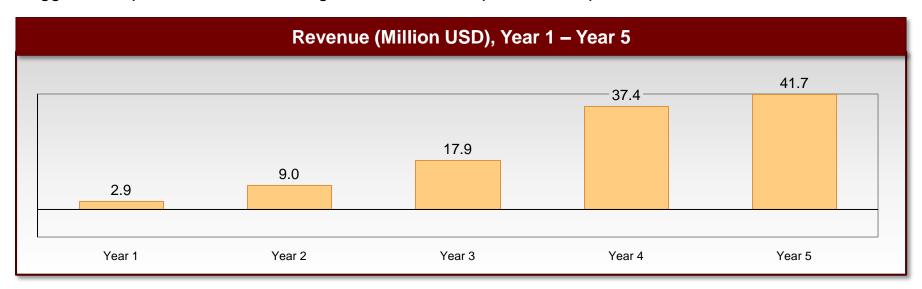
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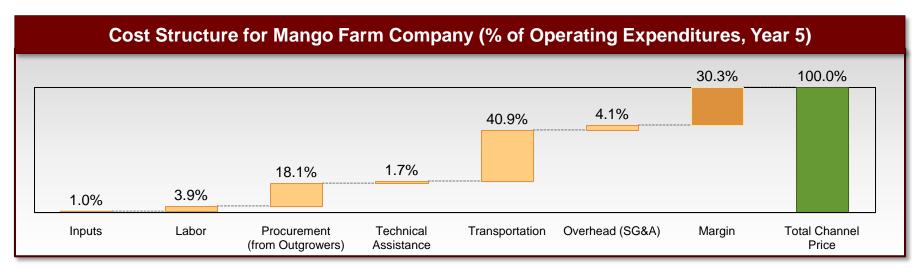
- The investment opportunity identified is a mango farm company, comprising seven greenfield 50 Ha nucleus farms for a total of 350 Ha of land
  - The seven farms are spread out along the Tana River Delta to reflect the distribution of mango farmers in the region to ensure cost-effective transportation
- The opportunity will also include an outgrower scheme that is forecast to start at 669 Ha in Year 1 of the investment and eventually grow to 6,022 Ha by Year
- ~60 collection centers will be set up, one for ~100 outgrowers, which will be dispersed evenly along the Tana River Delta to mitigate transportation and storage challenges





Revenues have been conservatively forecast to ramp up over the first five years, while cost assumptions suggest transportation will be the largest contributor to operational expenditures





### **Capital Investment and Forecast Returns**



An initial investment of \$30.2M with a 40% debt ratio is forecast to deliver an IRR of 20.7% and ROIC of 51.8% after five years of operations and be cash positive by Year 4

Investment <sup>1</sup>		
Debt Investment	\$12.0M	
Equity Investment	\$18.2M	
Total Investment Required <sup>2</sup>	\$30.2M	
Land	\$170,351	
Buildings	\$2.9M	
Equipment <sup>3</sup>	\$2.7M	
Total Fixed Assets	\$5.7M	

Expected Returns	
NPV	\$19.5M
Internal Rate of Return (IRR)	20.7%
ROIC (Year 5)	51.8%
EBITDA Return (Year 5)	\$12.6M
Net Profit Margin (Year 5)	20.3%
Operating Revenue (Year 5)	\$41.7M
Net Income (Year 5)	\$8.5M



Notes: <sup>1</sup>The assumption that all capital investment will take place in Year Zero is conservative, and investment can be staggered over the initial business setup phase; Year Zero consists of a three-year grace period where land clearing and initial harvesting will occur; this grace period was suggested by PKF Kenya; <sup>2</sup> A debt:equity ratio of 40%:60% is assumed; <sup>3</sup> Equipment costs include the costs of clearing of land and the water license; <sup>4</sup> Nominal cash flows were assessed in this model Source: Industry Interviews

# **Potential Ancillary Business Opportunities**



Several opportunities exist that could help enhance the mango production opportunity in the future to increase mango supply to exporters, processors, and local markets

# Expansion of Nucleus Farms

- By Year 5 the farm company will cultivate 350 Ha of land and have an outgrower scheme that extends beyond 6,000 Ha
- The farm company could consider expanding its cultivated area in the longer term to increase its share of mango production
- Expansion of nucleus farms will help guarantee large deliveries of mango inputs to buyers such as exporters and mango processors

# Intercropping with Other Fruits and Vegetables

- Irrigation expands cultivated possibility for intercropping with passion fruit, banana, pineapples, vegetables, and papaya
- The farm company can achieve economies of scale by engaging in efficient intercropping to generate additional revenues from cultivated land

#### Semi-Processing of Mangoes

- Increased mango production can open new opportunities for semi-processing, which would incorporate the handling, slicing, and freeze-drying of mangoes
- A semi-processing business would target local and foreign mango processors who would use the freezedried mangoes for pulp and juice production

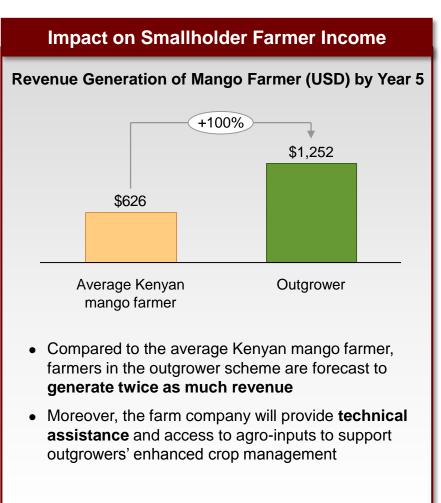
### **Positive Social Impact**



Execution of the mango production investment opportunity will result in several development benefits, notably job creation and increased smallholder farmer incomes



 By employing its seven nucleus farms and expanding its outgrower scheme, the mango farm company is forecast to create over 7,700 jobs by Year 5





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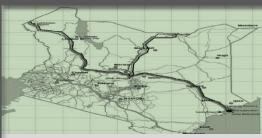
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The Government of Kenya facilitates the activities of three public sector organisations to support and develop the horticultural industry, which impacts the mango sector

#### **Public Sector Support**

Horticultural Crops
Development
Authority (HCDA)

- Regulates the horticulture industry and provides advisory and marketing services to industry stakeholders
- Develops, promotes, and facilitates growth through appropriate policy and technology
  - HCDA recently introduced low bark grafting technology of mango fruit seedlings to support disease management for mangoes

Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI)

- Conducts research programs to support improved productivity for food, horticultural, and industrial crops
- Conducts soil suitability surveys and feasibility studies to test cultivation potential for crops

Agricultural Sector Coordination Unit (ASCU)  Coordinates activities of the several Ministries and other stakeholders that are engaged in the agricultural sector and helps provide a "one-stop shop" for agricultural activities

### **Policy Reforms to Enhance Horticulture Production**



The Government of Kenya is implementing a number of policy reforms to create an enabling environment for competitive horticultural production

#### **Production Land**

- Fast tracking the implementation of the land policy and the completion of the land-use policy
- Partnering with industry stakeholders to enhance soil fertility management
- Facilitating public—private partnerships in adopting appropriate technologies such as greenhouses to exploit untapped potential in the high- and mediumpotential areas and in arid and semi arid lands

#### **Planting Material and Inputs**

- Enhancing the capacity of public research institutions through increased funding
- Encouraging local breeders to undertake breeding through partnerships and collaboration with regional and international research institutions
- Enhancing the accessibility of inputs to farmers

Horticulture Policy Interventions

#### **Crop Management Practices**

- Promoting the adoption of modern technologies through improved provision of advisory services by the public and private sector extension service providers.
- Enhancing compliance with standards and product safety through sensitisation
- Promoting the use of integrated pest and disease management
- Facilitating the development of long-term plans and suitability maps/profiles for various eco-zones

# Resource Mapping and Development of Special Economic Zones

- Fast tracking the development of the national spatial plan and land use policy
- Conducting comprehensive resource mapping to delineate and exploit resources for horticultural development.
- Establishing special horticultural economic zones and provide incentives for investment

Source: Interviews with the Horticultural Crops Development Authority, National Horticulture Policy

### Government of Kenya Initiatives



To create a favourable environment for investors, the Kenyan Government is considering several interventions to drive and encourage investment in mangoes

# Existing Initiatives

- To **create an attractive business environment**, the Government of Kenya has implemented a number of strategies, including:
  - Increasing the country's political stability through more equitable land distribution
  - Prioritising the construction and development of roads in the Tana River Delta to facilitate more cost-effective transportation
  - Conducting a suitability assessment on the irrigation potential in the Tana River Delta to aid in future planning of cultivation
  - Reducing import tariffs, revoking export duties, and simplifying business license through the Investment Promotion Act of 2004

# Further Considerations

- To facilitate this mango production investment, the Government of Kenya is considering the following strategies:
  - Aiding in the land acquisition process to assure the investor seven 50 Ha plots of land
  - Supporting the community sensitisation process to enable the investor to help assist in the recruitment of smallholder farmers into the outgrower scheme
  - Engaging with discussions with the Treasury to provide investors with tax holidays on revenue and continuing to provide a tax break on capital investments
  - Working with the Kenya Road Authority to discuss high priority rural roads and create a plan for adequate maintenance





ASCU	Agricultural Sector Coordination Unit
Bn	Billion
CAGR	Compound Annual Growth Rate
cogs	Cost of Goods Sold
EAC	East African Community
EBITDA	Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FAOSTAT	Food and Agriculture Organization Corporate Statistical Database
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GoK	Government of Kenya
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (the German Society for International Cooperation)
ha	Hectare
HCDA	Horticultural Crops Development Authority
IRR	Internal Rate of Return

KARI	Kenyan Agricultural Research Institute
kg	Kilogram
M	Million
MT	Metric Ton
NPV	Net Present Value
ROIC	Return On Invested Capital
SG&A	Selling, General, and Administrative Costs
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USD	US Dollar