

Resource Use and Management in Communal Grasslands by Pastoralists of Tranzania*

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ABSTRACT Tanzania has a vast grassland resource, which is used communally. Livestock keeping is the most important occupation in these areas, but production of livestock product is very low. This resource has been in constant use by agropastoralists and pastoralists over the years but it is gradually shrinking mainly because of its conversion to cropland, leaving pastoralists vulnerable to environmental extremes. The deterioration of communal grassland and livestock health is a matter of concern. This paper presents the prevalent systems of range use and management by pastoralists. The strengths and weaknesses of the systems are highlighted. Future areas for research and development activities are described.