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## FOREST POLITICS IN KENYA'S TUGEN HILLS

Conservation Beyond Natural Resources  
in the Katimok Forest

LÉA LACAN

Explores the ways in which human and forest futures are interdependent, as well as the need for practitioners and others to recognize the multiple meanings the forest has for its populations, equally with its wealth of natural resources, when managing it.

### Description

This book explores human-sylvan relations in the Katimok forest, Baringo highlands, Kenya, and asks us to rethink the forest beyond questions of access and control of natural resources, as a habitat where forest politics and human lives are inextricably intertwined. The author shows how - as with many forests in Africa - it has become constructed as a category and territory of nature under state control: an area both to be protected and turned into exploitable resources.

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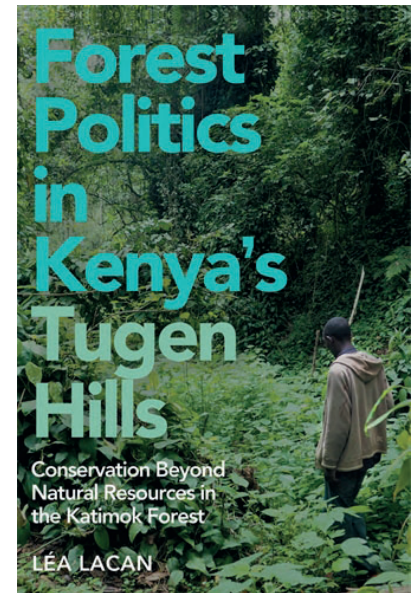
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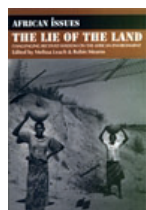
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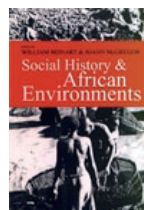


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