

**AN EXAMINATION OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF CATTLE RUSTLING
IN NORTHERN KENYA KAPEDO AREA**

A CASE OF TURKANA COUNTY

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ABSTRACT

Cattle's rustling is an ancient practice of stealing either for economic gain or social gain. It is a practice that was reported even in the American Old West where it was considered a serious offense, and it did frequently result in lynching by vigilantes. Conflict over alleged rustling was a major issue in the Johnson County War in the U.S. state of Wyoming. The study establishes why a cattle rustling is rampant among pastoralist communities. The guiding objectives of the study were; to determine the economic activities of pastoralists, find out history of cattle rustling, establish the effects of cultural practices on cattle rustling and finally determine the effects of cattle rustling on the economic development. The significance of this study was to enable the community and researchers understand how cattle rustling affect economic development. The study also assisted in informing the government and other service providers to implement ways of curbing cattle rustling practice hence reduce crimes attributed to cattle rustling.