

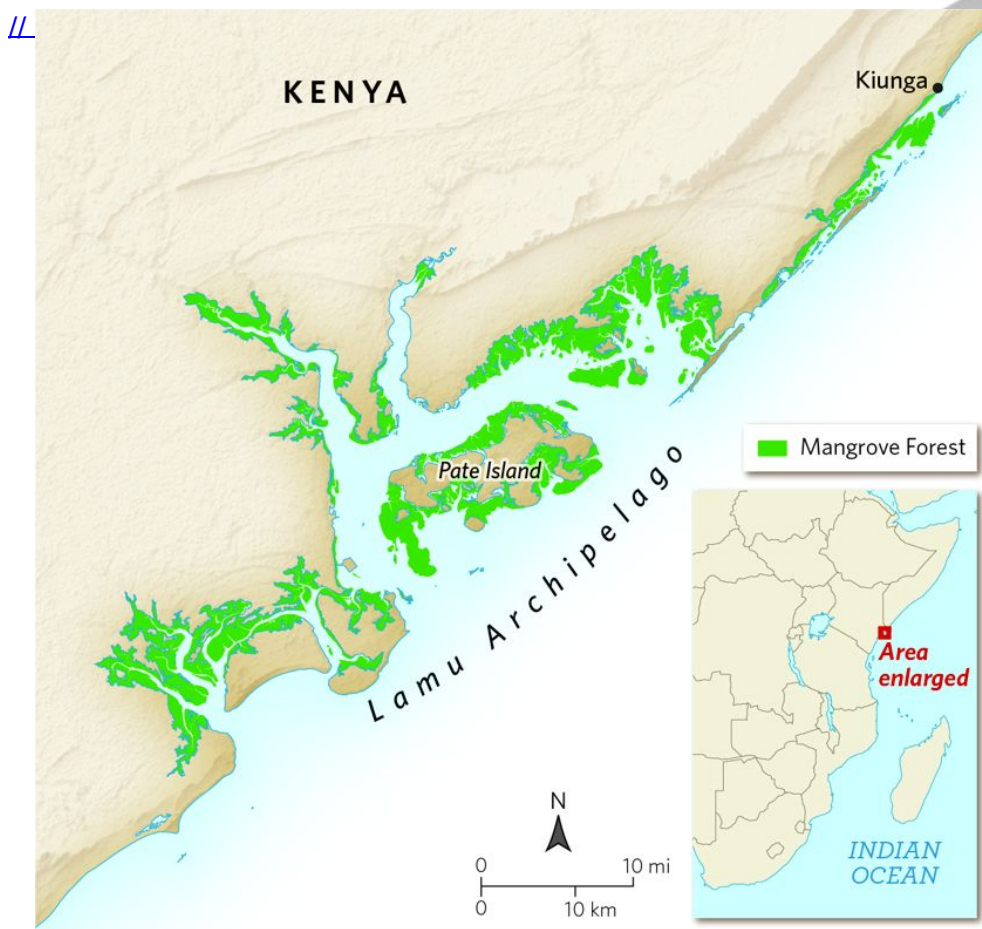


## India-Kenya Ties

### Why in News?

India recently handed over **100 nautical charts** to [Kenya](#), the result of a collaborative survey between the navies of both countries of the coastal area near the [Lamu Archipelago](#).

- From India, the survey was conducted by the **Indian Navy's National Hydrography Office**.



### What are the Key Points Related to Kenya?

- Kenya is located in East Africa. Its terrain rises from a **low coastal plain on the [Indian Ocean](#)** to mountains and plateaus at its centre.
- Kenya's location between the **Indian Ocean and Lake Victoria** means that people from all over **Africa and the Middle East** have travelled and traded across it for centuries.
  - This has created a **diverse culture with many ethnic groups and languages**.
- Scientists think **Northern Kenya and Tanzania** may have been the **original birthplace of humans**.

- The bones of one of the **earliest human ancestors** ever found were discovered in **Kenya's Turkana Basin**.
  - **Lake Turkana, the world's largest desert lake**, is part of the Omo-Turkana basin, which stretches into four countries: **Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda**.
- **UN-Habitat** maintains its **headquarters at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, Kenya**.

## How are India's Relations with Kenya?

- **India and Kenya** have historical linkages rooted in the **well-documented trade in spices**.
  - In addition to being **India's maritime neighbour**, it is also a significant stakeholder in **determining the geopolitics of the Western Indian Ocean**.
- India has a long-established connection with the **African Union** of which **Kenya is an active member**.
  - The Kenyan government in 2017, recognized the **Indian descent as the 44<sup>th</sup> tribe in the country**.
- Also, till date, a **total of 14 Kenyan personnel** has undergone courses at the **National Institute of Hydrography, Goa** under the **Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) scheme**.

## What is the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme?

- ITEC is the **leading capacity building platform of the Ministry Of External Affairs, Government of India**.
- Instituted in 1964, **ITEC is one of the oldest institutionalised arrangements** for international capacity building having trained more than 200,000 officials from 160+ countries in both the civilian and in the defence sector.
- EC offers nearly **10,000 fully-funded** in-person training opportunities through nearly **400 courses** offered at **100+ eminent institutes** in India each year.

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