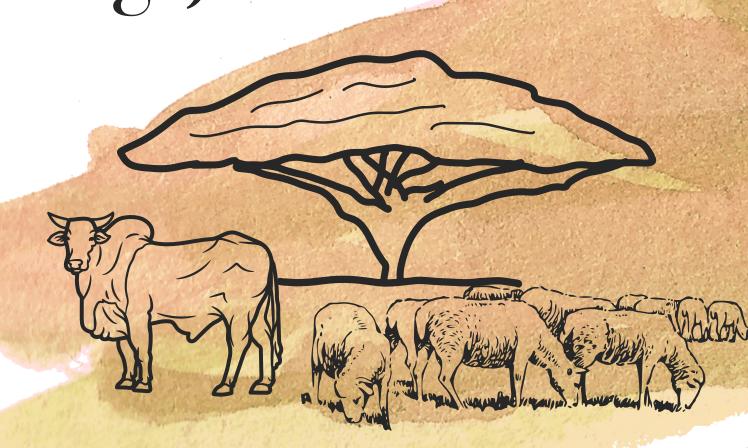
Cultural Keystone Species

A case study of the Inclusive Conservation Initiative in northern Kenya

Provides a "great cold shade"

for animals and people (good

for meetings)



Pods (sagaram) can help stimulate milk production in animals

During droughts, consumed by many wild animals and all livestock

> Used to make medicines and teas

> > People may be buried under the tree where it is common

Used in important cultural ceremonies, such as lbaa

Appear in many blessings, such as:

"taa oltepes aro oyengiyengareki lenkoitei " (may you grow to an old age and get many children anybody can run to)

'taa aro anaa oltepes" (may you be big like an acacia)

OLTEPES (VACHELLIA TORTILIS)

> Important plant in the diet of endemic and endangered species, such as reticulated giraffe and black rhinoceros

> > Used for fences, ropes, sewing needles (thorns) (historically)



