

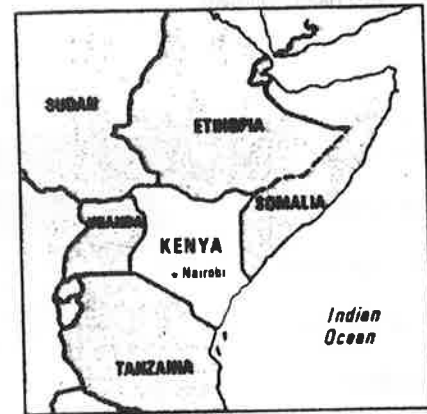
**KENYA**

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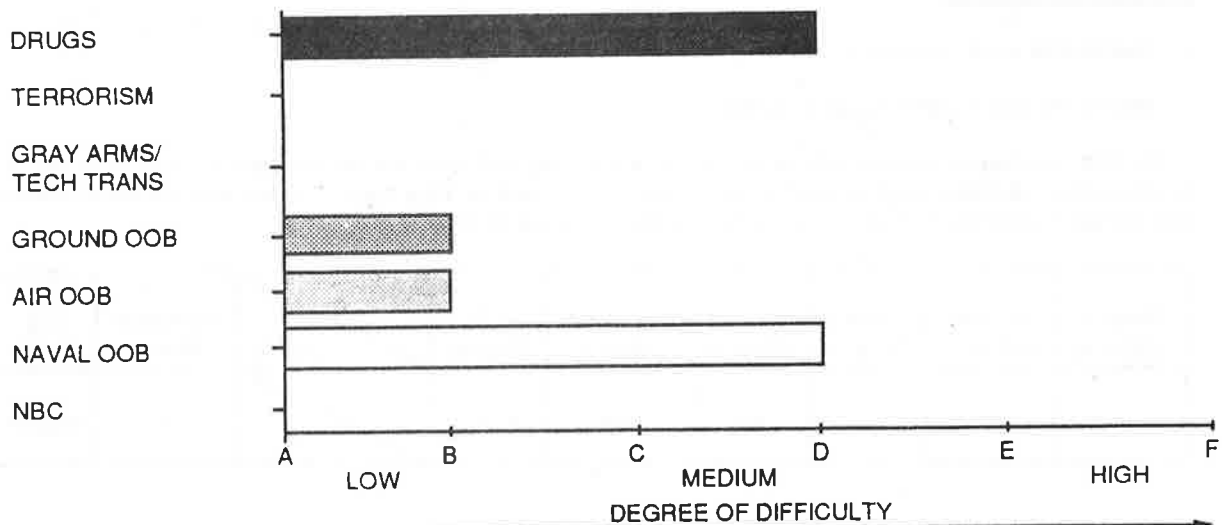


**SUMMARY**

Kenya is bounded by Somalia, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Uganda, Tanzania, and the Indian Ocean. The U.S. and Kenya maintain cordial relations, and overall U.S. equity is moderate. More than 140 U.S. firms are represented in Kenya and U.S. business interests amount to about \$350 million. Over 9,000 U.S. citizens reside in the country. Kenya has become a transit point for southwest Asian heroin enroute to west Africa, Europe, and the U.S. Use of heroin in Kenya is growing and small amounts of marijuana are grown and consumed locally. The military services are small, with a total strength of about 16,000 members. The army is the dominant service with about 13,000 personnel, followed by the air force, and navy. Although the Kenyan military has strong ties to the United Kingdom, Kenya also looks to the U.S., Canada, Israel, France, Germany, India, and Pakistan for military equipment and technical training.

Kenya's population is quite varied. Traditional herders, Arab Muslims, and cosmopolitan residents of Nairobi all contribute to the culture, which is different from that of the U.S. Kenya has a striking topographical diversity. In the west there is the Great Rift Valley, significant mountains such as Mount Kenya (17,040 feet), and high, sweeping plateaus. The northern three-fifths is arid, consisting mainly of semidesert. About 85 percent of the population and almost all of the economic activity is found in the southern two-fifths of the country. The climate on the coast and immediate interior is tropical, but becomes more temperate at the higher elevations. Much of Kenya is generally suited for cross-country movement of vehicles and the average standoff distance for engagement by line of sight weapons (intervisibility) normally ranges between 1,000 and 2,000 meters. NGF platforms are limited by the hydrography in their ability to approach the coast and deliver support. A shortfall for ground operations is the absence of 1:50,000 scale map coverage. A major port and four airfields are available and key installations are situated in and around the principal cities. The Pacific ARG with its embarked MEU would require four to six days to reach Kenya. Due to the over 9,000 potential evacuees, and the 235 nautical miles distance to Nairobi, NEO conducted by a MEU would be difficult.

**KENYA - THREAT SUMMARY**

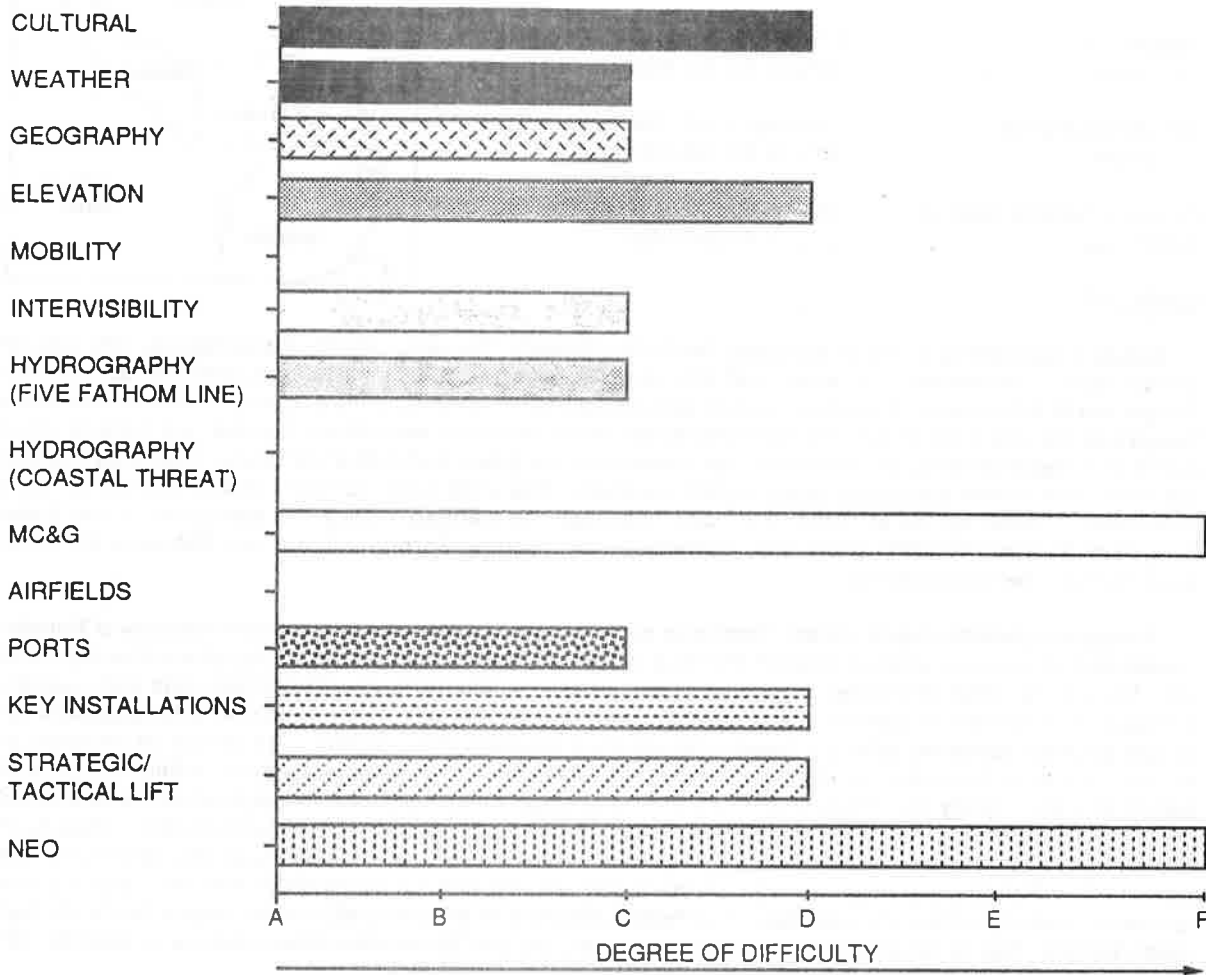


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## KENYA - TERRAIN AND LOGISTICS SUMMARY



### U.S. Equities in Kenya

- Overall U.S. equity is moderate.
- Over 9,000 U.S. citizens reside in Kenya.

The U.S. and Kenya enjoy cordial relations. More than 140 U.S. firms are represented in this country and U.S. business interests totals roughly \$350 million, primarily in commerce, light manufacturing, and the tourist industry. U.S. annual assistance from all sources to Kenya has amounted to about \$53 million.

Direct Inv (Mil of \$)	Exports (Mil of \$)	Imports (Mil of \$)	U.S. Aid (Mil of \$)	Total Equity (Mil of \$)	U.S. Citizens	\$ Rating Rating	Total Numerical Rating	Overall U.S. Equity
350	-	-	53	403	9,115	1 5	6	Medium

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## Drug Threat

Drug Production	Drug Processing	Precursor Chemicals	Money Laundering	Transit Point
				X

**Kenya** is of increasing importance as a transit point for southwest Asian heroin enroute to west Africa, Europe, and the U.S. Local consumption of heroin is increasing. Small amounts of marijuana are cultivated and consumed locally.

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## General Ground OOB

Infantry	Tank OOB	Artillery	Army Size (Thousands)	Quality	Total Capability Value	Rating
Reg/TR	LAV	Howitzers	13	6	89	B

Ground OOB consists of 13,000 regular troops. **Kenya** has a mutual training program with the **U.K.** Up to five British battalions train in **Kenya** each year and provide instruction to the **Kenyan** army. Some **Kenyan** officers attend schools in the **U.K.** Tanks: Vickers Mk 3; Artillery: M-109.

## General Air OOB

Air OOB	Close Air	AAW (IAD)	Air Force Size (Thousands)	Quality	Total Capability Value	Rating
Day/VFR Jets	Day Jet Atk	Early AAA	3	6	59	B

Fighter Aircraft: F-5E/F; Close Air: Hawk, Strikemaster; Air Defense: AA guns. **Kenya** is reportedly developing an air defense system which will integrate data from 4 ground air surveillance radars. **Kenya** may also be in the process of acquiring the Rapier SAM system.

## General Naval OOB

Naval OOB	S/S Missiles	Patrol Craft	Navy Size (Thousands)	Quality	Total Capability Value	Rating
Small Surface	Counter-measures	ASUW/Anti-air	Negligible	6	96	D

Ships: none; SSMs: Otomat, Gabriel II; Patrol Craft: 3 Fast Attack Craft-Missile with SSMs, guns, countermeasures, fire control, and radars; 5 Large Patrol Craft.

## Culture (Language and Religion)

Primary language - Swahili (English, Arabic)  
Primary religion - Protestant

There is a significant cultural difference between **Kenya** and the **U.S.**

Weather

Average Temperature (Degrees Fahrenheit)	Average Relative Humidity (Percent)	Average Annual Rainfall (Inches)	Rating
55-81	51	5-70	Mixed

On the coast and immediate interior, the climate is hot and humid. Elsewhere, due to the altitude, the weather is generally cool and invigorating. **Nairobi**, the capital, is temperate year round at an altitude of 5,400 feet. **Kenya** has two rainy seasons, from April to June, and from October to December.

General Geographic Conditions

URBAN	DESERT	JUNGLE	MOUNTAINOUS
	X		

Operational Elevation

<2,000 FT	<4,000 FT	<6,000 FT	>6,000 FT	>9,000 FT	>12,000 FT
			X		

**Kenya** is a country of striking topographical variety. The northern three-fifths is arid, much of it semidesert, and inhabited only by nomadic tribes. About 85 percent of the population and almost all of the economic activity is located in the southern two-fifths of the country. In the west is the **Great Rift Valley**, joining significant mountains, and high, sweeping plateaus.

General Cross-Country Mobility

- Most of **Kenya** is generally suited for cross-country vehicular movement.

Cross-country movement for tracked and wheeled vehicles is feasible throughout most of the country. In eastern **Kenya**, movement would be generally unrestricted and facilitate the movement of tracked and wheeled vehicles. In western and north central **Kenya**, vehicular movement would be limited due to isolated mountains, steep hills, and dissected areas.

Intervisibility (Line of Sight)

- Restricted, with line of sight distances ranging between 1,000 and 2,000 meters in over half of the country.

The northern part of **Kenya**, forming three-fifths of the country, is arid and of semidesert character. These conditions also apply in the southeast. The southwest consists of broken terrain and a high plateau where most of the population resides. The coastal regions have coconut trees, mangrove swamps, and rain forest while the vast hinterland has grass, low bushes, and scrub. It is estimated that line of sight visibility would range between 1,000 and 2,000 meters in over half of this country.

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## Hydrography (Five Fathom Line)

- NGF platforms are able to approach the coast to provide limited support for operations ashore.

DMA Chart #	5 Fathom Line from Shore (Meters)	NFG Rating
61210/61211	15,295	Fair

## Hydrography (Coastal Threat)

- Limited coastal threat.

Maximum Capability Coastal Defense Weapon	Maximum Range of Weapon (Meters)	Rating (Compared with 5"/54-cal)
155 mm M-109	18,000	U.S. NGF Advantage

## MC&G Shortfalls

- 1:50,000 scale map coverage for **Kenya** is not available.

1:50 New	1:50 Old	Some 1:50	MSI Avail	1:250 New	None
			X		

## Airfields

- Highly accessible by air, with more than one airfield that can handle C-5 aircraft.

Number of Airfields	Type Aircraft (C-5, C-141B, C-130) Accommodated	Airfield Utility (Unconstrained/Constrained)	Rating
4	2 C-5 2 C-141B	2/2	>1/C-5

Airfields	Type Aircraft	Comments
Jomo Kenyatta International (Nairobi) Laikipia Air Base (Nanyuki) Moi International (Port Reitz, Mombasa) Nairobi/Eastleigh	C-5, C-141B, C-130 C-141B, C-130 C-5, C-141B, C-130 C-141B, C-130	- Daylight/VFR only. - Daylight/VFR only.

**Ports**

- One major port with good capabilities is available to receive strategic sealift.

Major Ports	Harbor Size	Channel/Anchorage Depths (Feet)	Cargo Pier Depth (Feet)	Cranes
Mombasa	Small	41-45/41-45	31-35	Yes

**Key Installations**

Kenya has some of the most well developed communication, transportation, and industrial facilities in Africa.

U.S. Embassy	Communications	Highways	Railroads	Major Ports	Primary Airfields	Pipeline	Oil Field	NBC
Nairobi	- One of the best telecomm systems in Africa - 15 Radio stations - 4 TV stations - 2 Satellite stations	64,590 km	2,040 km	1	4	- Refined products	None (oil refining)	None

**Strategic and Tactical Lift**

The Pacific ARG with its embarked MEU could reach Kenya in between four to six days. The AAF/ACB can arrive within 24 hours but these elements do not possess a forcible entry capability.

**NEO**

- Due to the over 9,000 potential evacuees, and the 235 nautical miles distance to the probable evacuation site (Nairobi), NEO conducted by a MEU under normal conditions would be very difficult.

Embassy Staff	Evacuees	Inland Objective (nm)	Rating
200	9,115	235 (Nairobi)	F

Note: In Kenya, the following factors are of little significance:

- Terrorism
- Gray Arms/Technology Transfer
- NBC

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