

# Wichi Wetland

## Participatory and integrated engagement for wetland-watershed rehabilitation and livelihood improvement

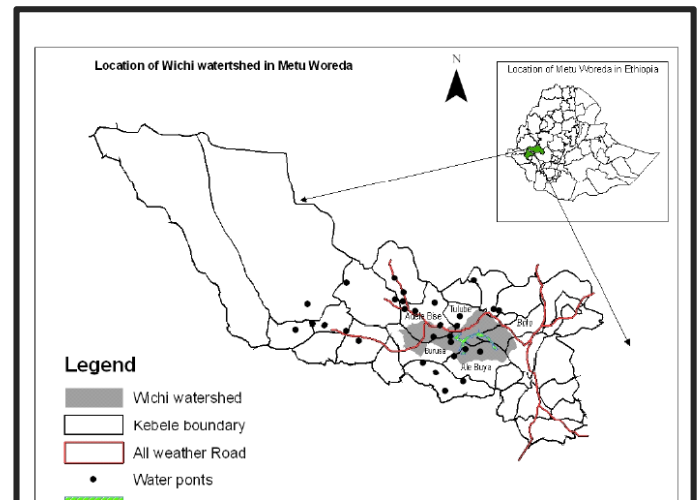
### Actors:

**Initiative (2005):** Ethio-Wetland and Natural Resource Association (2005)

**Current:** Community Watershed Committee, Kebele Administration, Wereda Sector Offices (Administration, Agriculture, Health, Cooperatives), IDIR, PHE, EWNRA

### Issues and achievements

- beginning: degradation of wetland and associated problems
- Current: sustaining the wetland, reducing soil erosion from the farmland, increasing production and improving the livelihood of inhabitants



### Capacities

- Woreda legal body
- Watershed Committee
- bylaws Integrated with customary rule of IDIR
- Saving and Credit Association

### Challenges

- Weak inter-sectoral Collaboration at Woreda
- Poor market linkage
- Plantation forest (Eucalyptus) is increasing
- Conflict of interest between NRM and free grazing during dry months

### Ways forward

- Strengthening inter-sectoral collaboration
- Establishing water users association
- Creating market linkage for Vetiver clump & fruits
- Enhancing leadership skill of watershed committee
- Develop and implement Land use plan