

# Grasslands, rangelands, pastoralists - what do we mean?

## Glossary of socio-institutional terms

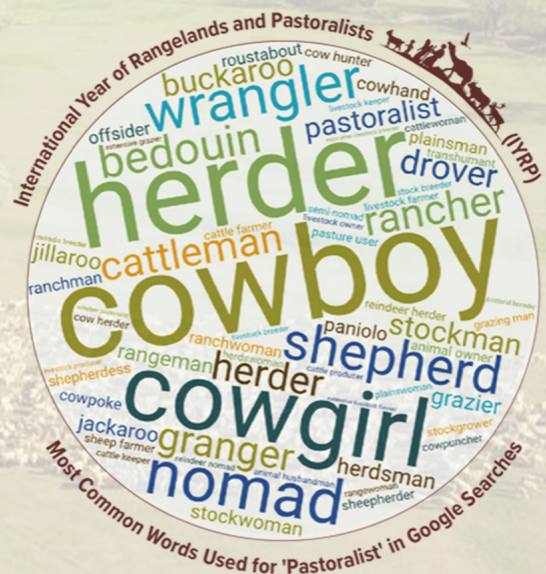


This glossary aims to clarify the meaning of “people” terms: social, economic, institutional and policy aspects of pastoralism, rangelands and grasslands. The definitions are intended for practitioners, government policymakers, students and media. Over 90 definitions have been developed about land tenure, property & ownership of land, land rights, governance and management of land.

**PASTORALISTS** are defined as livestock keepers, who graze domesticated and semi-domesticated animals on predominantly natural or semi-natural grasslands and rangelands. Pastoralist groups differ considerably in terms of the size of their herds, their management strategies (such as mobility), and forms of land tenure. Livelihoods are created by taking advantage of highly variable environments that require considerable knowledge, skills and social organisation.

**COMMUNITY PROTECTED AREAS** are geographic areas set aside by a community holding communal rights for the specific purposes of conserving biodiversity and other values, and sustainably managing natural resources. Wildlife conservation and livestock management are often integrated, but with different goals, sometimes with tourism as the primary focus.

**CUSTOMARY LAND RIGHTS** are defined Rights to use land that arises through customary unwritten practice, administered in accordance with locally agreed customs rather than through statutory law. These are context-specific and would qualify as “legitimate tenure rights”.



**COMMON POOL RESOURCES** are resources or resource systems, regardless of the property rights involved, in which exclusion of potential beneficiaries is difficult and exploitation by one user may reduce resource availability for others. Typical CPRs include large areas of land (e.g. rangeland), water (e.g. lake, river, ocean), forest or migratory wildlife populations.

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