

## IOM Country profile:

# KENYA



WHO 2008: Population: 36533,000  
Number of dentistry personnel: 1340  
Dentistry personnel per 10,000 population: <1

### Published literature:

1995: Report of a strong belief among the rural Maasai that diarrhoea, vomiting and fevers of childhood are caused by the swelling over the canine region, thought to contain “worms”.

Removal of deciduous canine tooth buds in Kenyan rural Maasai  
East African Medical Journal 1995 Vol 72:4 207-209  
Hassanali J, Amwayi P, Muriithi A

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