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Influence of papyrus density on the distribution of invertebrates around Lake Naivasha (2000)

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A comparison of floral visits on indigenous and exotic flowers at Elsamere Field Study Centre, Kenya (2004)

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Variation in allocation of mechanical defence resources in *Acacia drepanalobium* at different foraging regimes around Hell's Gate National Park, Kenya (2007)

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