What is East Coast Fever?
• It is a disease of cattle that causes high death rates in affected animals

How is it transmitted?
• It is transmitted by the brown ear tick

How do you recognize it?
• The animal has enlarged lymph nodes
• Laboured breathing
• Frothing from nostrils and mouth
• Severe drop in milk production
How do you control East Coast Fever?

1. By use of acaricides through dipping and spraying to kill the ticks at least once every week.

2. By treatment of sick animals. A variety of drugs for treatment are available commercially.

3. Failure to control the disease causes death.
Can cattle be vaccinated against East Coast Fever (ECF)?

Kenya Agricultural Research Institute together with other development partners has developed a vaccine against ECF.

- The immunity is lifelong if there is continual challenge

- In areas where heartwater does not occur, dipping can be extended to once every two to three weeks

ECF vaccine is available here – vaccinate your cattle today!