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Driven by science, focused on people

Letter from Executive Director

As I write this letter, the world is facing one of the greatest health threats of our generation, a pandemic whose impacts have been felt across the globe affecting all its citizens and economies. As the situation evolves, the safety of our team and the communities we serve is our number one priority. Like most sectors across the world, conservation has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic; lockdown measures have prevented many of our partners from reaching those who rely on their support, much work is on hold and funding is uncertain. At KWT, some of our field activities have been postponed or cancelled. Most of our work has shifted online and we have reassessed our programmatic work to fit into this new normal. Our thoughts remain with the communities and individuals, most deeply hit by COVID-19, and to the many more who have, and continue to be affected by the economic repercussions inflicted by this pandemic.

2019 was a year of progress for KWT; we reviewed our overall strategy highlighting four key priorities which will guide our programmes going forwards. These priorities are discussed further in this report. We further developed communications and fundraising strategies, and redesigned our website. The most significant outcome was the development of our

value proposition: ‘Driven by science, focused on people’, a statement that encompasses KWT’s values and main objective. At the end of 2019, a decision was made to close down our US registered charity; FoKWT (US). We have now partnered with Empowers Africa, a U.S. public charity under IRC Section 501(c)(3), who will work with KWT to provide a cost-effective and long-term solution to fundraising in the United States. This new development will make the donation process easier for you while allowing us to focus our efforts and energies on doing the work that matters most - conserving Kenya’s predators. We are grateful to our outgoing US Trustees* who have supported and championed KWT’s work over the past ten years.

The current pandemic has caused all of us to regroup and think about how conservation is run across the world. One thing is clear; it can never be business as usual. For wildlife to be secure and to thrive, it is imperative that the communities who coexist with this wildlife are resilient to external pressures that affect their livelihoods. KWT believes that local communities are the best stewards of their land and the wildlife which live on these lands. In 2020, we will pay particular focus on working with communities in the following ways; scaling up our conservation leadership programme and, developing sustainable livelihood

programmes that are complementary to wildlife conservation and which take into account the health of the ecosystems where we work.

2020 has been designated as the super year for nature and biodiversity. The current pandemic highlights the urgency to examine how humans interact with the natural world. In 2016, a United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report pointed out that 75% of all emerging infectious human diseases are zoonotic and that these zoonotic diseases are closely interlinked with the health of ecosystems. As we move past this crisis and look to the future, our promise to you, our supporters, is that we will continue to work with like-minded partners to ensure that conservation is managed in a way that ensures that nature thrives, so that humans thrive as well.

Best wishes,
Irene Amoke, PhD
Executive Director

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Letter from Chair of Board of Trustees

Dear Friends of the Kenya Wildlife Trust,

2020 was said to be a critical year for the world's nations to commit to preserving and restoring biodiversity, with China scheduled to host the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity in Kunming. 2020 was also supposed to provide an opportunity to ramp up the start of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021 – 2030), intended to massively scale up the restoration of degraded and destroyed ecosystems to fight the climate crisis and enhance food security, water supply and biodiversity. World Environment Day this year was scheduled to be hosted by Colombia, in partnership with Germany, with a focus on biodiversity.

Sadly, as we know, humans as a species are themselves struggling to survive in a deadly war with Covid-19. Nothing since the outbreak of "Spanish Flu" in 1918, after the end of World War 1, has threatened to destroy human lives and the global economy in such a devastating scale as Covid-19. Ironically, some pluses for the environment are already being noticed, like reduced carbon emissions and cleaner air, but these gains are likely to be short-lived without the collective will of nations to use the breathing space provided by the Corona virus crisis, to create a new blueprint to reverse Climate Change. At the same time as the planet is experiencing a pause in its exploitation, Covid-19 is threatening to unleash a new wave of destruction of the Earth's biodiversity, as people across the world look to wildlife poaching for food and commercial gain, illegal logging and charcoal burning, to provide them with the means to fend off starvation.

Kenya, and the rest of Africa, is already going down this path, as its economy starts to falter, especially with the complete and sudden collapse of its tourism industry. The Tourism Industry in Kenya accounts for a full 10% of GDP, as well as employing 10% of the country's workforce. Well over 1 million breadwinners and their families are reliant on tourism for a living. There is no social security or other government safety net for those out of work. We, in KWT, have made it our goal to work with communities in the Greater Mara Ecosystem to conserve their most iconic animal, the lion, of which there are close to 500 adults and almost as many cubs and youngsters under one year. If the Greater Mara loses its lions (and other predators) to poaching, poisoning and snares, the community conservancies and the Maasai Mara National Reserve itself, will find it very difficult to pick itself up and attract tourists in the same numbers as it did Pre-Covid 19.

Our goal is to raise \$ 100,000 to make the **Mara Predator Conservation Programme** fully effective in 2020/2021 to save the **Lions of the Greater Mara**.

Will You Help, Please? If you love Kenya, you must love the Maasai Mara. If you love the Maasai Mara, you must love its sensational lions. Please help us to work with and enhance the efforts all the Mara stakeholders to save the Lions of the Greater Mara during this time of Covid-19 pandemic. Only KWT's Mara Predator Conservation Programme has the knowledge of the entire Greater Mara lion population AND the trust of the communities living in the Greater Mara, to lead and co-ordinate a successful all-out effort to conserve these magnificent lions.

With best wishes to you all in these troubled times,

Allan E. Earnshaw, Chairman.





In May 2019, Disney Conservation Fund supported the Wildlife Conservation Network (WCN) to convene a gathering of more than 80 leading conservation experts at the Lion Footprint Forum which was attended by KWT's Executive Director Dr Irene Amoke. A major outcome of the meeting was a **"Declaration to Recover Lions"** which aspires to galvanize the conservation community as a united front around a succinct suite of strategies for halting the lion crisis. KWT is committed to the declarations.



KWT is committed to this declaration and together with other conservation organizations will work to:

Stop the loss

We will protect lions, their prey and their landscapes.

Reduce the cost

We will minimise the burden on people in Africa who share landscapes with lions.

Unlock the value

We will uncover and magnify the cultural, economic and ecological benefits lions and their landscapes bring to communities, national economies and the global community.

OUR FOCUS



PREDATORS

KWT's vision is a Kenya where predator populations are a cornerstone of thriving ecosystems. To achieve this, we run and support predator conservation initiatives across Kenya's key predator strongholds: Greater Mara, Laikipia-Samburu and Amboseli-Tsavo ecosystems.

PEOPLE

Our predator conservation work is strongly anchored in working together with those communities living with wildlife. KWT works with and empowers local communities and educates all stakeholders about conservation and environmental stewardship.



PARTNERSHIPS

KWT believes in a target driven and collective approach will lead to much more effective work in the country's core ecosystems. To achieve this, we form strategic partnerships with like-minded individuals and organisations working together for collective impact.



Where we work and our partners

KWT is dedicated to three of Kenya's most important ecosystems: Greater Mara, Samburu-Laikipia and Amboseli-Tsavo. We **protect** vulnerable predator populations, **empower** local communities and **educate** communities and stakeholders about conservation and environmental stewardship. Our focus on Kenya offers us a profile with national policy decision-makers, unique knowledge of the country's wildlife areas and local communities and a clear understanding of the actors in the local and wider economy that have a stake in healthy ecosystems



Our Strategic Priorities

Mara Predator Conservation Programme

The Mara Predator Conservation Programme (MPCP) is KWT's flagship programme whose vision is to become a world-class conservation programme that provides evidence-based, practical conservation management recommendations, solutions and ideas developed through robust research and monitoring practices complemented by genuine community engagement.

One Mara Research Hub

KWT is leading a new initiative to drive 'collective impact' among the key network of stakeholders in the Greater Mara ecosystem. Our central objective is to create new efficiencies, core strategies and models for sharing and using information, so that together we can effect change at policy level and on the ground. In doing this, we aim to secure the long-term conservation and preservation of the Greater Mara Ecosystem for future generations.

Conservation Leadership in Kenya

KWT is recalibrating its successful scholarship program to ensure that the unique knowledge of young men and women in Greater Mara, Samburu and Amboseli-Tsavo ecosystems can be enhanced by a quality Higher Education degree. The new program will offer full funding to study wildlife conservation and community development courses at undergraduate level, at a group of selected universities in Kenya.

Grassroots Grant Making

KWT's data-driven approach is complemented by grant making to strengthen grassroots organisations, many of whom know about the realities of these ecosystems than anyone. KWT places faith in the capacity of trusted local organizations to drive change. Our grant making portfolio includes organisations focusing on protection of Big Cats, as well as community health and education projects. Their major goal is to promote coexistence between people and carnivores by reducing human-wildlife conflict, working with different groups of stakeholders, including warriors, women, children and tour guides, to take ownership of conservation efforts and gather valuable local data on lions.



PREDATORS

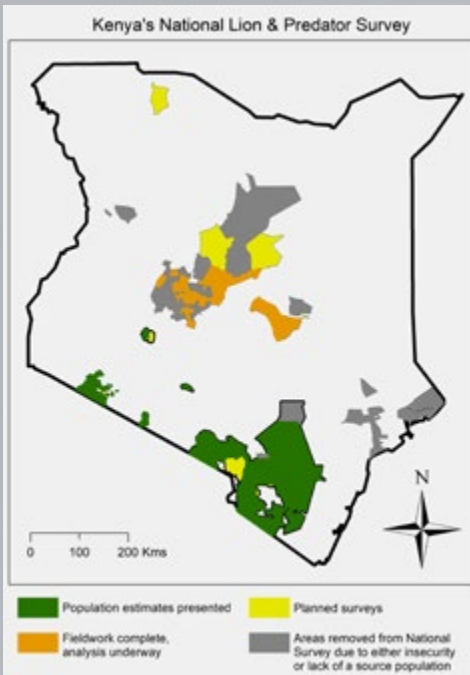
National Lion & Predator Survey - “Wapi Simba?”

For endangered species, such as the African lion, assessing numbers and distribution is fundamental to their conservation, from designing conservation strategies, to gathering support, to measuring conservation success.

As such, the Kenya Wildlife Service has been working together with the Kenya Wildlife Trust and other partners to assess the country’s current population of lions and other carnivores. Large carnivores such as lions are notoriously difficult

to count but Kenya is the first African country to undertake such an ambitious survey using the best methods available. The aims of the country-wide survey are twofold:

1) Estimate the number of lions that reside in what are believed to be breeding areas. This is based on individually identifying each lion (over the age of one year) that has been sighted. The method used to estimate lion numbers was developed in the Maasai Mara in 2014 by KWT’s Scientific associates Drs. Nic Elliot and Femke Broekhuis and Arjun Gopaldaswamy from the Indian Statistical Institute and has been adopted by the Kenya Wildlife Service as the standardised method for the current and future surveys.



“If we cannot measure them, we cannot manage them, for how can we conserve what we do not know?”

~ Dr. John Waithaka,
Kenya Wildlife Service Board Chairman.

2) Determine where in Kenya lions, cheetahs, wild dogs, leopards and hyaenas can be found. This is based on information collected through interviews conducted with local herders, researchers, chiefs and others who have a good knowledge of carnivore presence in their area.

The survey was also presented to international audiences during the KWS Annual Carnivore Conference, the African Lion Working Group meeting in Laikipia and the National Geographic Spotlight event at the National Museums of Kenya.

The achievements in 2019 would not have been possible without the financial support from the Lion Recovery Fund, National Geographic, the Liz Claiborne and Art Ortenberg Foundation, the African Wildlife Foundation and WWF-Kenya.

2019 Lion & Predator survey highlights



300
People involved
in data collection



20
Participating
organizations



1,200
Interviews conducted to help
map the distribution of large
carnivores across Kenya



45,425
Kilometers driven in
search of carnivores
during the survey



4 Conservation areas covered during the survey
including Tsavo, Laikipia, Samburu-Isiolo & Meru
conservation areas.



Photo © Nic Elliot

PREDATORS

Mara Predator Conservation Programme

KWT's Mara Predator Conservation Programme (MPCP) continues to be a model of predator conservation in Kenya. The overall goal of MPCP is to support stable, healthy predator populations in the Greater Mara Ecosystem by providing scientific evidence for conservation action. The programme is strongly guided by our value proposition of being driven by science and focused on people.



The work of MPCP is implemented by two teams: Research team & Community team. The research team focuses on the science part while the community team acts as a link between the science and the people who live with predators. The two teams work closely with an end goal of promoting co-existence of people and predators within the Greater Mara ecosystem. The findings of the research team inform the interventions of the community team in reducing instances of human-predator conflict.

Research updates

In 2019, the research team carried out one intensive monitoring session which was aligned to the ongoing National Lion & Predator Survey.

During the intensive monitoring period which ran from 01 August - 31 October, the team drove for a total of **8,952 km**. 249 lion sightings and 89 cheetah sightings were recorded across the Mara during the three-month period.

Through the use of the spatially-explicit capture recapture method MPCP was able to gain insight into lion and cheetah densities. The latest figures indicate that the predator densities are **17 lions per 100km²** and **1.3 cheetahs per 100km²** in Mara.

Significant progress was made on the wild dog study. The research team documented wild dogs *Lycaon pictus* denning, breeding and raising puppies in the Mara.

MPCP received new predator collaring permits and will be collaring lions and wild dogs in 2020 which will be a great boost in their efforts to gain more insight into predator spatial ecology.



Community updates

The work of the community team is aimed at increasing the understanding and appreciation of the roles of predators in the Mara ecosystem and closely working with communities to design and implement human wildlife conflict mitigation strategies.

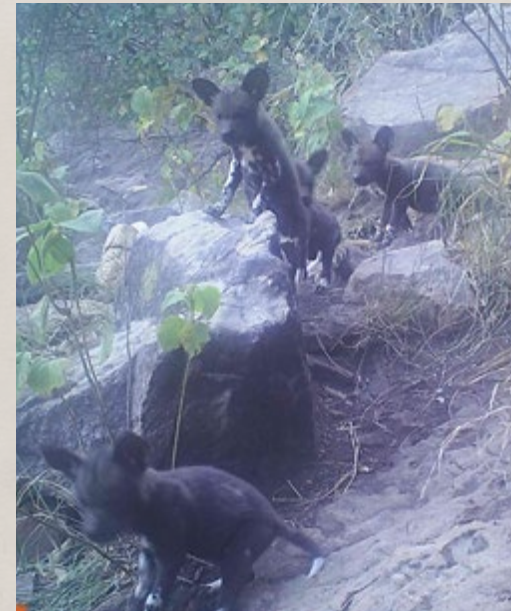
In their continued efforts of reducing the instances of human wildlife conflict, the community team built an additional four Recycled Plastic Predator-Proof Bomas in areas that had been identified as conflict hot-spots. The team also carried out anti-poisoning campaigns in 14 markets spreading the message about the dangers of wildlife poisoning.

The wildlife clubs supported by the community team made significant achievements in 2019. The number of schools supported increased from six to nine. For the first time ever, the team organised a Wildlife Clubs' open day where all the club members were brought together to celebrate the achievements of the clubs for the past five years. The club members had an opportunity to make presentations and share their experiences on wildlife conservation.

As part of imparting conservation education beyond the classroom level, MPCP organized a trip to Lewa Wildlife Conservancy for 45 members of the wildlife clubs from the nine schools. The children were accompanied by their club patrons and MPCP's Community Outreach Officer. The trip gave the learners an opportunity to learn about how conservation works in the north of Kenya while at the same time seeing some of the wildlife species that are not found in Mara.



MPCP 2019 Pictorial



Wild dog puppies captured on a camera trap



One of the Recycled Plastic Poles Bomas built by MPCP



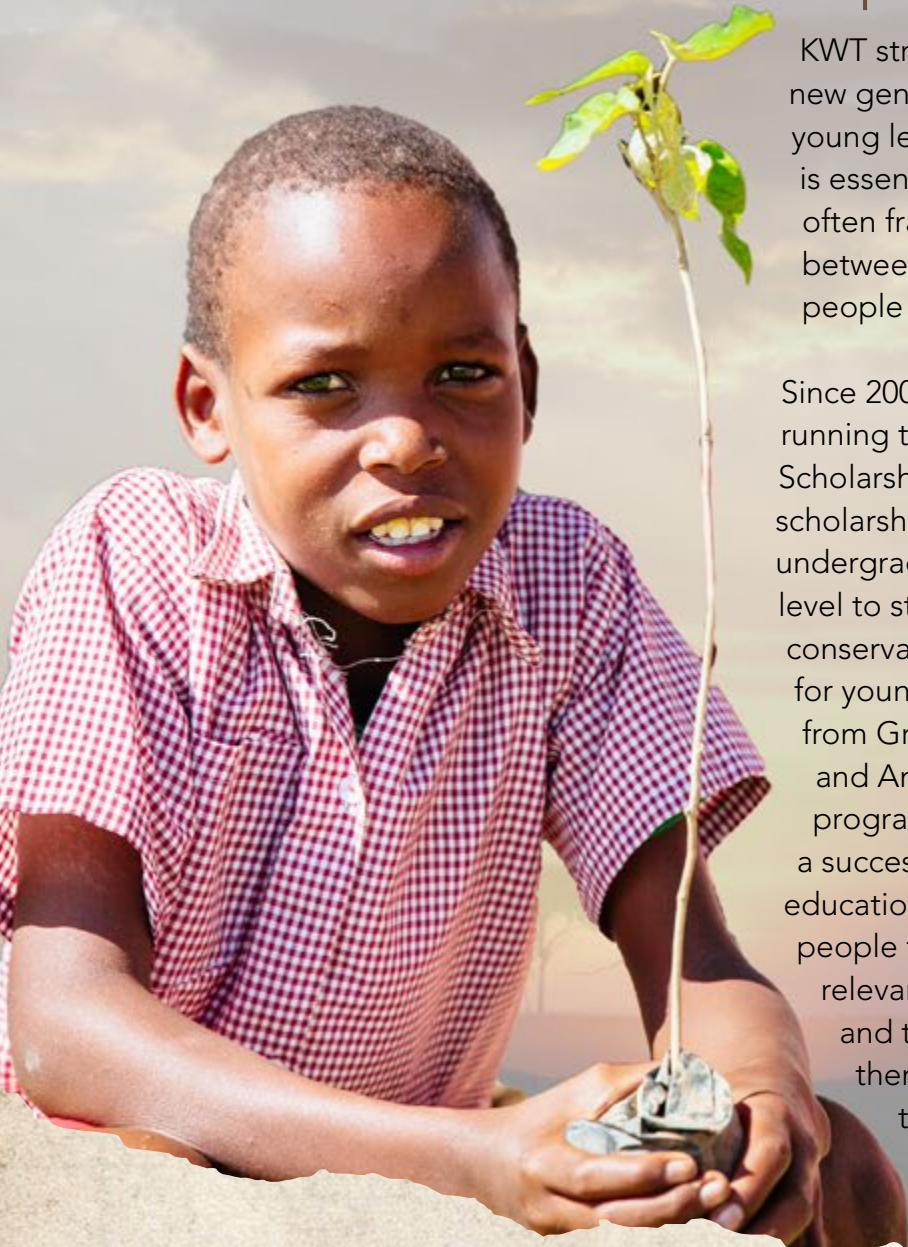
Wildlife Club members during their visit to Lewa Wildlife Conservancy



Information panels at the Tony Lapham Predator Hub made from recycled plastic.

PEOPLE

Justice Ole Keiwua Scholarship Programme



KWT strongly believes that a new generation of educated young leaders in conservation is essential to harmonizing the often fractious relationship between Big Cats and the people who live with them.

Since 2005, KWT has been running the Justice Ole Keiwua Scholarship program, offering scholarship opportunities, at undergraduate and diploma level to study wildlife and conservation related courses, for young men and women from Greater Mara, Samburu and Amboseli. This programme has proved a success in using higher education as a means to allow people to attain decent work relevant to their community and their lives, offering them a proper voice in their county's future.

In 2020, KWT has recalibrated its program to scale it for growth and to set higher ambitions to focus on enhanced outcomes for driving inclusive development and systemic change. The new program will offer full funding to study wildlife conservation and community development courses at undergraduate level, at a group of selected universities in Kenya. Mentors will be appointed from our network for each scholar and regular workshops run in areas like study skills and workplace preparation in collaboration with strategic partners to help the scholars' complete their degrees and take up decent work in local communities.

Meet KWT Scholar, Billy Kaitet

Billy previously worked as the caretaker at our Tony Lapham Predator Hub in Mara. After expressing an interest in pursuing further studies, he joined the Kenya Wildlife Service Training Institute (KWSTI) and has successfully completed a certificate programme in wildlife management through our scholarship programme



“ I have done many jobs but conservation of African species in my community gives me great satisfaction personally and professionally. I thank KWT for this opportunity and I hope to sensitize and motivate the local community on how to co-exist with wildlife while solving the wildlife problems by using resources available as taught in the program at KWSTI. This course will change my life for I now have the skills to follow my passion. I hope to further my education to get a diploma in the future. ”

Billy Kaitet

PEOPLE

Communities Health Africa Trust

KWT recognizes the impacts of healthy ecosystems in the success of conservation efforts. Since 2013, KWT has been supporting Communities Health Africa Trust (CHAT) in their efforts to empower communities to make healthy choices that in turn, help protect habitats and wildlife.

Through its holistic approach of “Population-Health-Environment” (PHE), CHAT reaches thirteen counties in Kenya focusing on ecosystems that are fragile and communities that are most under-served.

KWT’s grant in 2019 helped CHAT cover some of its core operational costs enabling them to provide various interventions to over 110,000 people. Their innovative strategies which include use of camels, public transport and even going on foot ensured that they reached even those in very remote areas. CHAT provided family planning, TB treatment and contact tracing and basic curative treatment integrated with HIV/AIDS services.



Photo © CHAT

Kitirua Conservancy (Amboseli) and Enonkishu Conservancy (Mara)

Rabies is a life-threatening zoonotic disease that affects both human and animals (both domestic & wild). While it is 99% lethal if untreated, it is 100% preventable through vaccination of domestic dogs and cats which are the primary carriers of the rabies virus. The Government of Kenya has a strategy in place for the elimination of dog-mediated rabies by 2030. Elimination is achievable through mass dog vaccination because dogs are responsible for transmission of over 98% of all human rabies.

Kitirua Conservancy: In 2019, with support from The Original Ker & Downey Safaris and International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), we ran the second and final phase of a rabies vaccination campaign that started in late 2018 in Kitirua Conservancy. The vaccination which was carried out by veterinarians from Vétérinaires sans Frontières Germany (VSFG), reached 341 homesteads vaccinating 519 dogs and cats.

Enonkishu Conservancy: For the second year, KWT supported Enonkishu Conservancy’s rabies vaccination campaign. The exercise, carried out by thirteen veterinarians on 547 dogs targeted areas around Enonkishu, Ol Chorro and Lemek conservancies.

Ngararambuni Nursery School - Amboseli

Ngararambuni pre-school was established in 2003 by the community around Kitirua Conservancy to serve the young children from the area. The school currently caters for 120 children from pre-primary to grade 2. Through funds raised by the Original Ker & Downey Safaris in 2019, KWT was able to support the school by paying full salaries for four teachers and providing books and stationery for the students.

PARTNERSHIPS

Ewaso Lions: Wildlife Conservation Symposium

Ewaso Lions and KWT have been long standing partners through a shared goal of promoting co-existence between people and predators

In 2019, KWT supported and participated in Ewaso Lions' first university conservation symposium. The symposium was held at University of Nairobi's Chiromo Campus and attracted 250 students studying various disciplines from 10 local universities across Kenya. The disciplines represented included: architecture, construction management, maths and quantity survey

The symposium's aim was to engage students in current conservation affairs while giving them an opportunity to listen to thought leaders in the conservation sector.



Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association: Conservation Communication Forum

KWT supported an initiative by the Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association (KWCA) to establish a Conservation Communication Forum. In 2018, KWCA commissioned a rapid media and social media assessment on wildlife conservation issues in Kenya. The rapid media assessment was to ascertain how wildlife conservation issues are covered to inform communication practitioners in conservation how to improve and harmonize their communication messages. The forum which was launched in March 2019 brought together communication practitioners working for conservation organizations in Kenya. The goal of the forum was to provide a platform allowing communication practitioners to create synergized and coordinated messaging on conservation. During the launch, the participants discussed the dynamics of conservation communication and developed a cohesive messaging plan for Kenya's conservation sector. The communication practitioners agreed to work together to produce more people-oriented stories on conservation that are packaged for the different target audiences.



PARTNERSHIPS

One Mara Research Hub



Currently housed by KWT, The One Mara Research Hub is a new initiative that seeks to drive 'collective impact' among the key network of stakeholders in the Greater Mara Ecosystem. The Hub brings together National and local government agencies (Kenya Wildlife Service and Narok County Government), researchers and academic institutions working in the Mara, development partners including business and NGOs and Mara Wildlife Conservancies Community representatives.

The Hub's central objective is to create new efficiencies, core strategies and models for sharing and using information, so that together, change can be effected at policy level and on the ground.

In 2019, the One Mara Research Hub held two consultative meetings that brought together the stakeholders.

Fencing in the Mara: A meeting of minds. In June, the Hub hosted 61 researchers and conservationists from 29 institutions, representing eight countries with an interest in the increased fencing across the Mara. The drivers and resulting impacts of fencing in the Mara were discussed in length and at the end, there was a proposal for the development of a policy brief providing recommendations on how to address the negative impacts of fencing on the ecosystem.

Narok County spatial plan meeting. In November, the Research Hub hosted a researchers' workshop which brought together representatives from the county and national government, key researchers and community members. The workshop participants agreed to share datasets as well as support the technical team working on the Narok County Spatial Plan. A County Spatial Plan in a 10-year land-use plan that is legally binding and can prove to be a critical tool towards enhanced conservation and environmental protection. The researcher's workshop was followed by a stakeholder engagement meeting which brought together 30 participants from 20 organizations. The aim of the stakeholder engagement meeting was to gather views on the best interventions for conservation of the GME as relates to land-use planning as well as to build awareness of the Hub and its activities in the ecosystem.

Next steps for the One Mara Research Hub

In order to efficiently communicate with researchers and other stakeholders from the ecosystem and beyond, the One Mara Research Hub in collaboration with ESRI, the world's leading Geo-Information System's software company, will develop a portal (ArcGIS Hub) that will allow researchers to centrally collate, share and disseminate their data and research findings. The ArcGIS Hub will also allow researchers to build custom data collection applications.

Strategic partnerships

Since 2007, KWT has cultivated and nurtured partnerships with like-minded organizations.

In 2019: KWT signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with the following organisations:

A three year MoU with Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS). Under this MoU, KWT will work with KWS to carry out joint research and monitoring of large carnivores in Kenya and to jointly provide a platform for education, outreach and mentorship to interested parties.

We also signed MoUs with our long-term donor partners, The Original Ker & Downey Safaris and Asilia Africa. The Original Ker & Downey Safaris were the founding partners of KWT and have been very instrumental in supporting our work especially in Amboseli. Asilia Africa has been supporting our scholarship programme and also collaborating with our Mara Predator Conservation Programme in supporting the wildlife club activities.

KWT further established new strategic partnerships with:

1) Kicheche Camps: Under our new partnership, Kicheche Camps supported the development of information panels at the Tony Lapham Predator Hub (photos on the MPCP section of this report)

2) Monkey Adventures: Outfits safari for clients to destinations in East Africa and one of the locations they visit is Maasai Mara. Under the new partnership, Monkey Adventures will support our Mara Predator Conservation



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*Thanks to Kosiom Keiwua & Kelvin Koinet for their work as Research Assistants at Mara Predator Conservation Programme in 2019.

Note from KWT Ambassadors



The Covid-19 pandemic has brought life sharply in to focus. It has forced us to isolate ourselves from our normal existence, one where most people are so busy and stressed that they can barely think. This is time for reflection and gratitude for what we have - rather than what we lack. Time to live more mindfully as we consider what is most important. It is time to put the natural environment - Nature - back at the centre and at the heart of our consciousness. The stark truth is that many people have become disconnected from Nature. Nearly 60% of the world's 7.5 billion people are

now crowded in to cities and urban areas. Under those circumstances it is all too easy to draw down the shutters and believe that our technology is capable of providing all our needs. Yet not only does all technology come from Nature, it is essential to our wellbeing; the source of the air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat. And it is at the heart of our spiritual and mental wellbeing.

As communities emerge from lockdown and the trauma of living and dying with Covid-19 it is our heartfelt hope that there will not be a return to the old "normal". We must establish a new normal - a normal capable of transforming economies preoccupied with the idea of growth at all costs to one that embraces a more sustainable approach. That means creating sustainable practices is elevated to the top of every business agenda.

The Planet that has been warning us for years of our wayward approach to managing life on earth. It is only a few months since the media was awash with stories of raging bush fires in California and Australia, melting polar icecaps and collapsing glaciers in Greenland, floods

in India and droughts in East Africa. The alarm bells set off by the climate crisis and staggering loss of biodiversity were silenced by the Covid-19 pandemic. We must now address all of these issues - they are one and the same - from a singular focus and global perspective not the fragmented and insular approach that has characterised our approach to tackling conservation issues. That is the reason Angie and myself founded the Sacred Nature Initiative. We wanted to highlight the fact that many of our children barely leave their bedroom let alone venture outdoors to spend time in Nature. Many prefer a virtual world streamed on their devices, more concerned about where they can plug in and recharge their tablet or phone than learn about the vital role Nature plays in everyone's life. Spending time outdoors in wild places should be seen as a necessity - not an option. Science has shown us that spending time in green spaces has a multitude of benefits for people of all ages. It boosts the immune system, lowers blood pressure, reduces stress and anxiety while creating heightened awareness and focus. And in most instances Nature is free.

The Sacred Nature Initiative has another priority. Our wish is to partner with local and International organisations helping to INSPIRE - EDUCATE - CONSERVE. That is our ethos. Our mission is to identify those organisations

that have a clear plan and are making a difference. That is why we are so proud to be Ambassadors of the Kenya Wildlife Trust (KWT) and its Mara Predator Conservation Programme. We have always believed that adopting a scientific approach is the best way of providing support and guidance to those tasked with managing our Protected Areas. By listening to the voices of local communities, KWT seeks to help address development priorities too. Only by doing that is there any chance of ensuring a future for people and wildlife.

As I always say "If I only had one day left in my life I would spend it right here in the Maasai Mara where Angie and I were married nearly 30 years ago." But, and this is a major concern for all of us, with tourism at a standstill and conservation revenues at an all-time low, it is vital that our work with community projects and protected areas continues. We desperately need your help. Please support KWT's efforts to safeguard the future of this fragile Eden and the people who live alongside it.

Thank you.

**Jonathan and Angela Scott:
The Big Cat People**

HOW TO SUPPORT KWT

Online donations

You can make a secure online donation on our website <https://www.kenyawildlifetrust.org/donate/>

In the US

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Checks should be made out to "Empowers Africa" and should be mailed to:

Empowers Africa
2 Beekman Place, Ste. 18B
New York, NY 10022
www.empowersafrica.org
(917) 328-1611

*Kindly note in the memo section of the check that funds are for Kenya Wildlife Trust indicate a specific program to support if applicable.

In the UK

Donations can be made to our affiliated charity, The Friends of Kenya Wildlife Trust UK, a registered charity in England & Wales NO. 1162781

Via PayPal Giving – <https://www.paypal.com/uk/fundraiser/charity/3228635>.

Cheques can also be made out to The Friends of Kenya Wildlife Trust and sent to c/o Mr Robin Cullen, Inglewood, 6A Reeves Lane, Wing, Rutland LE15 8SD.

In Kenya

You can now donate to Kenya Wildlife Trust via M-pesa.

Go to M-pesa on your phone

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| 2. Pay Bill | 5. Enter amount |
| 3. Enter business no 683988 | 6. Finally enter your PIN |

Donations can also be made by cheque to Kenya Wildlife Trust, P.O. Box 86-00502, Nairobi, Kenya.

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