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July 2022 Updates - People

Dear Friends & Partners,

We are so excited to be halfway through 2022 and currently looking forward to the next few months filled with impact.

People are key to achieving the organisational goals within our conservation model. From inspiring conversations at the **Earth Optimism x Folklife Festival**, and Grace's experiences with KWT to engaging young boys and girls in environmental conservation. Catch some of the updates both within the ecosystems we focus on and beyond borders.

People

Kenya Wildlife Trust at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival

We were honoured to have the opportunity to join other conservation organisations from Kenya and across the world at the **Smithsonian Folklife Festival** in Washington D.C., National Mall from, June 22–27 and June 30–July 4.

Our Executive Director, **Dr. Irene Amoke**, joined two panel discussions to highlight some of the work we do. She gave insights into the importance of **coexistence between humans and wildlife** while delving into the **role of storytelling in science education**.

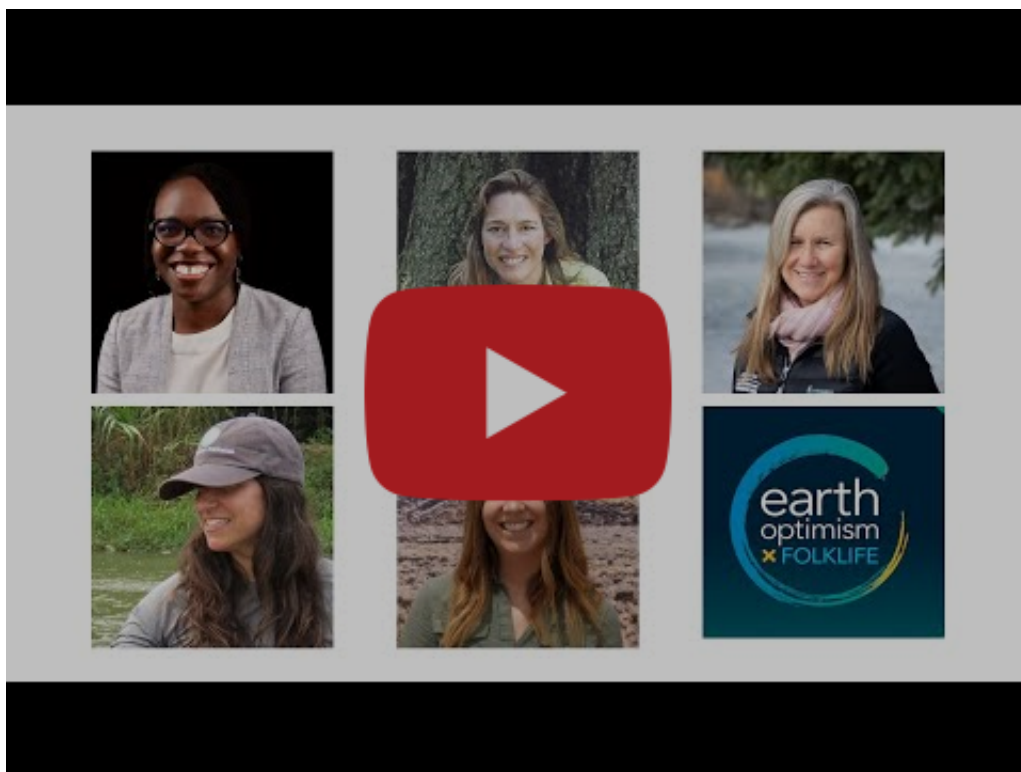


Some of the changemakers featured included **The Maa Trust** and **Mara Elephant Project** which are based in the Greater Mara Ecosystem with our Mara Predator Conservation Programme.



Watch the video recordings below

Corridors and Connectivity: Animals and Humans in Harmony



Changing the Narrative: Doom & Gloom Yields to Creativity & Possibility



Grace Cheptoo's Story

Grace Cheptoo, a former researcher with our **Mara Predator Conservation Programme's (MPCP)** pursue a Masters in Environmental Observation Informatics at the **Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies** in 2021. Grace had a pivotal role in MPCP's research and monitoring work and we are happy to hear about her experiences and aspirations.



Now a graduate **Environmental Observation Informatics** student, she shares her favourite part about working with our team and the importance of KWT's efforts in conservation.

Grace would like to impact the community positively and solve environmental problems.

We wish her all the best in the program.



Grace's experience and aspirations

Engaging young boys and girls in Environmental Conservation

Examples from the Greater Mara Ecosystem



Between 2020 and 2022, our Mara Predator Conservation Programme increased its efforts in the provision of the correct information on the current state of the global environment and climate through storytelling—a widely practiced cultural activity that preserves culture and passes on cultural knowledge from one generation to another.



As a result, wildlife club members equipped with this in-depth knowledge and understanding of environmental changes and challenges are using their skills to help protect and preserve it.

[Read the full article here.](#)

See how the younger generation is combating drought and desertification

Ole Peenko Survives the Drought and other Stories

A follow-up edition of our wildlife clubs' book titled '**Ole Peenko Survives the Drought**' is the third volume to **Ole Peenko's Journey**, and **Ole Peenko Learns from Naserian** which are part of the series.

Fictional stories on climate change and the co-existence of humans and wildlife are featured including engaging and mentally stimulating games.



Molibany Primary School members were among the first recipients of some of the copies with others following in the next few weeks. This was made possible with the support of **Asilia Africa**, **Behring Global Education Foundation**, and **March to the Top Africa** in the production and publication of the book series.

Find out how our conservation clubs are working towards a sustainable future in the **third issue of the Wildlife Clubs' Bulletin**.

If you would like more details on how you can get copies of the book get in touch with us at info@kenyawildlifetrust.org.

Access 'Ole Peenko Survives the Drought' preview



Ole Peenko's Journey and other Stories at Irbaan Primary School

KWT is dedicated to ensuring that all its three key pillars of **People**, **Predators**, and **Partnerships** complement each other to achieve thriving ecosystems with healthy predator populations.

Our progress is with much gratitude to devoted partners, supporters, and donors together with all stakeholders and their contributions.

Ways to give

To ensure that we continue to run and support predator conservation programmes, we need your support. Your donation today will ensure that communities and predators in the Greater Mara, Samburu, and Amboseli - Tsavo ecosystems continue to thrive. No amount is too little.

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With Best Wishes,
Kenya Wildlife Trust Team.



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