

Key Highlights

- Toby, our Research Manager, and Yesalai, our Field Officer, attended the **annual Kenya Wildlife Service Carnivore Conference in Nairobi in October**. They both presented on various aspects of Ewaso Lion's Research and Conservation programmes. Following the conference, they **participated in a Global March for Elephants, Rhinos and Lions** in Nairobi, organized by Wildlife Direct and the Kenya Wildlife Service.
- **Our team attended the Wildlife Conservation Network (WCN) Expo in San Francisco** in October. We were thrilled to participate for the 5th year now and excited to see friends and supporters again. Here is our talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZdGRGKaAlw>
- Thomas Ekiru, our Eastern Lion Regional Coordinator attended a **Wildlife Poisoning Response Training Workshop in the Maasai Mara in November**. Organised by the Mara Lion Project, the Peregrine Fund and other organisations, Thomas was equipped with the skills needed to deal with wildlife poisoning including how to rapidly respond to an incident which can help limit the impact of poisoning. After encountering our first poisoning incident in Buffalo Springs in July 2015, we are planning for Thomas and other partners to train the rest of the team and other conservationists in early 2017.
- **Jeneria attended National Geographic's Storytelling Bootcamp** in Musanze, Rwanda in November. He learned a lot about social media, techniques to improve taking photo and video in the field, and how to create stories using media as a tool.
- In November, **Shivani gave a talk about our work as part of the East African Wildlife Society (EAWLS) Lecture Series** in Nairobi. The talk was very well attended and was the second talk we have given this year through the EAWLS.
- **Francis, our Head of Security, visited parks and conservancies in southern Kenya** together with Westgate Conservancy in November. This exposure tour gave Francis the opportunity to learn about conservation in new areas.
- We are excited to have established a **partnership with the ICEA Lion Group**, an insurance and investments firm based in Nairobi. They facilitated a film shoot in Samburu which was aired during their "*I See a Lion*" launch in Nairobi in early December.
- **Jeneria attended a special National Geographic meet-up in Nairobi** in November. Jeneria was able to engage with other National Geographic grantees and explorers, and discuss opportunities for collaboration and sharing.
- **Thomas arranged a large meeting with Nakupurat-Gotu rangers and management in late November**. Jeneria and Thomas spoke to the team about lions in the region, the importance of their conservation and ways to work together.
- We were delighted to host a **safari group from the Wildlife Conservation Network** mid December, together with other conservation partners. Highlights included seeing Naramat with her cubs in Westgate's Conservation Area, walking with our Warriors, and spending time with the Mama Simba ladies in their new bush school.
- In December, we took all our **Mama Simba ladies on wildlife safaris in to Samburu National Reserve**. Following the November rains, the reserve had hundreds of elephants, and amazing wildlife sightings. We felt this was a fantastic time to bring the ladies to see Samburu's special wildlife.
- In December, our **Warriors were featured in the East African Newspaper**. Click here to read the online version of the article: <https://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/.../434746-348920.../index.html>
- The **Ewaso Lions team is climbing Mt Kenya in January 2017** to raise funds for lion conservation. There is still time to contribute towards our efforts –please Mpesa us on Paybill number 579793. Follow us on #climbforlions.

Lion Habitat Workshop in Westgate Conservancy

Our team conducted a workshop with all Westgate Conservancy scouts and management, and the Grevy's Zebra Trust, in early November. Using data our team has collected since 2010, we were able to produce maps of habitat suitability for lions in Westgate Conservancy. We made a comparison between daytime habitat and nighttime habitat due to the difference in lion behaviour. We looked at all the variables that affect lions in community areas – such as distance to the Ewaso Nyiro River, distance to settlements, livestock and herbivore number, distance to roads, habitat and distance to protected areas. We were able to have great discussions with the team about the way forward for lions in Westgate and we intend to measure the change in suitable habitat over time and continue to present these results to Westgate management. A detailed analysis of the study will be made available to all partners by the middle of 2017.



New Lion Cubs in Samburu



We are excited to announce that Nabulu has 3 new cubs in Samburu National Reserve. The 3 cubs are doing well and have survived the tricky period when hunting becomes difficult for lions during and after the rains. This is the third time that Nabulu has had cubs – her older cubs are all doing well. She is currently with her cousin Nanai and all cubs and females are staying close together. We are excited to see a continued growth in Samburu's lion population.

Lions in Buffalo Springs National Reserve

Thanks to tour guide, Sammy Ngila, we received these fantastic photos of Korti and her cubs in Buffalo Springs. Mother and cubs are doing well, and despite an eye injury she has had for years, Korti appears to have no problem hunting.



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