



Ewaso Lions Quarterly Report

January - March 2018

Key Highlights

- We are very pleased to announce that we have a **new Deputy Director, Resson Kantai Duff**. Resson hit the ground running by being elected as the **youngest member of the Board of the Conservation Alliance of Kenya**, giving Ewaso Lions a voice in the national conservation agenda. *To read more about Resson and her new role, see below.*
- 10-year old **Naramat has been moving vast distances** over the past few months including going as far as Mukogodo Forest. She is with one of her cubs born in 2017 and both recently returned to Westgate after a long absence. Also, members of **our field team (Jeneria, Thomas and Samuel) spent weeks in Ngare Mara attending to conflict** in January. The four males who moved to Samburu last year have been spending time on the boundary of Buffalo Springs and Ngare Mara.
- We are happy to report that **first-time mother, Namunyak, has two cubs**. *For more information and photos of the cubs, see below.*
- We shared the **exciting results from our latest Lion Kids Camp**, held with students from Remot Primary School in December 2017. To read the full evaluation report and watch a video clip from the camp, visit our [blog](#).
- **Our three Lion Scouts – Francis, Jeremiah and Lenakae – visited the [Ethiopian Wolf Conservation Programme](#) (EWCP) in the Bale Mountains** as part of the Wildlife Conservation Network's (WCN) cross-partner internship programme. The visit presented an invaluable opportunity for the two teams to share knowledge and skills, especially pertaining to wildlife monitoring and patrolling activities. The trip – the Scouts first-ever time to leave Kenya - was very fulfilling and they learnt a lot about the endangered Ethiopian wolf and the different cultures and landscapes in Bale Mountains. We are very grateful to WCN and EWCP for making this trip such a success!
- In January, our **newest student sponsored under the Jeremy Lucas Education Fund (JLEF) started Secondary School**. James Mwenda Lolchurangi, aged 15, grew up in Lagaaman area, Isiolo County. He attended Nagoruworu Primary School, a public school facing significant challenges, including insufficient books, water shortage and few teachers. Despite this, James attained an impressive 339/500 marks in his final KCPE exams; first position in his class. Thanks to the JLEF, James has now started Form 1 at Maralal High School and dreams of becoming a Doctor.
- **Munteli, one of the Mama Simba Coordinators, has just moved into her new house at the Ewaso Lions Camp!** She is doing something few Samburu women do: move away from her village. She has chosen to be based at camp so she can better manage the various satellite Mama Simba villages. The new Mama Simba house, based on traditional Samburu design, was generously funded by [World Women Work](#). To celebrate this milestone for Mama Simba, there was an official Samburu blessing for the house in March. See [photos](#) of the house.
- Our LKC and Youth Coordinator, **Peter attended [Stand up for Nature's](#) bicycle-powered cinema event in Nanyuki**. The bicycle-powered cinema showed inspiring conservation stories filmed in local Maasai and Swahili languages. The films covered themes including coexistence, rangeland management and critically endangered species.
- **JLEF-sponsored students Joy Letabare and Saniki Lelengeju**, who completed Form Four in 2017, commenced an **8-month internship with Ewaso Lions** in January. The girls have been supporting our Mama Simba education programme, teaching the women four times per week in Sasaab and twice per week in Lempaute.
- Our Warrior Watch Regional Coordinator, **Ben participated in the 2018 Pathways Africa in Namibia** in January. The training, co-hosted by [The Cheetah Conservation Fund](#) and Colorado State University, focused on human dimensions of promoting co-existence between the people and wildlife, especially the carnivores. Following the course, Ben said: *"The pathways training workshop in Namibia was a life changing programme. The topics covered during the course were very crucial to my field of work. I gained strong management skills and know how to better mitigate internal and external conflict, as well as gaining knowledge in community empowerment and development"*.

Ewaso Lions welcomes new Deputy Director!



In February, Resson Kantai Duff joined the Ewaso Lions family as our new Deputy Director. Resson holds an MSc in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management from the University of Oxford. Prior to joining Ewaso Lions, she also worked for our long-term conservation partners, Save the Elephants, as their Head of Awareness.

Resson is primarily based at our Office in Nairobi, where she plays a lead role in programme management, operations, event coordination, partnership development, awareness raising, strategy implementation and human resources. She also acts as a key link between our research, conservation and fundraising activities.

Welcome to the team, Resson!

"Joining Ewaso Lions is a dream come true for me. Having understood how important, and yet how difficult community conservation is to achieve, it is incredible to join a team that is in every sense achieving this illusive concept. Hitting the ground running, I joined the national team preparing for World Wildlife Day celebrations, which this year, happened to be themed: Big Cats: Predators Under Threat. We flew the Ewaso Lions flag high as we helped design the social media campaign, draft press releases, and looked forward to the celebrations.

Now with a firm base in Nairobi, we are able to participate in some of the key discussions in the national conservation agenda. Having been duly elected in March to represent Ewaso Lions as a board member of the Conservation Alliance of Kenya, our voice on how we are partnering with communities to save lions and other wildlife in Northern Kenya can be heard loud and clear."

Resson Kantai Duff, Ewaso Lions' Deputy Director

Namunyak's first cubs

Namunyak, a 4.5 year old lioness from the Koitogor Pride, has given birth to her first litter of cubs. Both cubs, now approximately 3.5 months old, are doing well. Namunyak is hunting almost daily, alongside fellow Koitogor female and experienced mother, Nanai. These two new cubs are especially important as they bring new genes that are vital to Samburu's lion population. We look forward to watching them grow. (Photos by Danni Moore).



Ewaso Lions

P.O. Box 14996, Nairobi 00800, Kenya

info@ewasolions.org | Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)

www.ewasolions.org