

About Ewaso Lions

Ewaso Lions is dedicated to conserving lions and other large carnivores by promoting continued coexistence between people and wildlife. We are an independent 100% African wildlife conservation organisation based in northern Kenya which engages and builds the capacity of key demographic groups (warriors, women, elders and children) by developing approaches to reduce human-carnivore conflict. We conduct applied research and work with our communities to address ecological problems. We carry out educational initiatives to reinforce traditionally held beliefs and the evolving culture of wildlife conservation across the landscape.

Ensuring a future for Kenya's lions & other large carnivores through community-led conservation

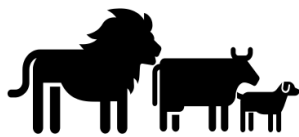
OUR 2022-2024 STRATEGY

We have four main pillars that will form the framework for achieving sustainable coexistence between lions and communities.



Landscape and Lions

To stabilise and grow northern Kenya's population of lions through understanding their behaviour and movements, securing their refuges and corridors, and mitigating human-carnivore conflict.



Landscape Lifestyles

To merge wildlife conservation with the culture of pastoralism, and build community and carnivore resilience to emerging threats such as disease by improving indigenous domestic animal health, and restoring habitats.



Landscape Leadership

To nurture an inclusive, diverse community of leaders who work to find/enact/implement solutions which meet the needs of people, livestock and wildlife, a community at the forefront of decision making.



Landscape Horizons

To plan proactively for the future of the changing landscape, convening collaborators to envision and contribute to the future health of the ecosystem in regards to coming grey infrastructure, climate resilience, crises and space for wildlife.

WHY IS THIS NEW EWASO LIONS VISION IMPORTANT?

Like the rest of the world, we must recalibrate. At the beginning of our 2018-2020 Strategic Plan, there was no sign in sight of locusts, Covid, mega-infrastructure, or a shift in perspectives on how our landscape would or should look. We must change our work to incorporate crises, including climate-induced disasters, and also must take a long view of our future landscape alongside partners – the people who have the most to gain or lose from the decisions we make. As we do, we must be explicit about what we want to take with us. The culture of pastoralism is 2500 years old and holds valuable lessons for conservation and coexistence. And community-led approaches to restoring degraded lands, and ensuring space for wildlife among other critical issues will keep lions roaming landscapes where people live for many years to come.

KURA'S PRIDE VISION



Kura's Pride, through its Community Animal Health Initiative, improves animal welfare by encouraging responsible animal ownership to help communities, dogs and wildlife. Named after our famous, well-loved camp dog, Kura, this initiative works towards a healthier human/dog/wildlife landscape through vaccinations, sterilisations, disease surveillance, emergency veterinary care and education. Kura's Pride fits within our Landscape Lifestyles pillar as part of our new strategy.

IMPACT (2021-2022)

Between October 2021 and August 2022, a total of 850 animals were attended to by the domestic animal veterinary unit. The animals attended to include 712 dogs, 87 camels, 35 cats, 7 donkeys, 6 goats, 2 sheep and 1 cow. Specifically:

- A total of 369 dogs and cats were vaccinated
- A total of 104 dogs and cats received population control services.
- 270 clinical cases were handled. 106 animals were treated for emergencies (79 camels, 14 dogs, 6 donkeys, 5 goats, 1 cow and 1 sheep).
- 8 film sessions showing the *Ramat Eldein* film, 2 school visits, animal welfare awareness presented at 6 Lion Kids Camps and started a women's education programme on One Health.
- 464 community members were reached through our education campaigns.

OBJECTIVES GOING FORWARD

1. Effective population control
2. Consistent vaccinations of dogs and cats
3. Education within Westgate Community
4. Treatment of domestic animals injured by wildlife
5. Disease surveillance
6. Monitor impact of Kura's Pride

ACTIVITIES (2022-2025)

Population Control

1. Provide population control services to all residents of Westgate Conservancy
2. Estimate population numbers and demographics of dogs and cats in Westgate

Vaccination Service

3. Provide one-off annual vaccination campaigns for residents of Kalama
4. Provide consistent daily vaccination services in Westgate Conservancy (wet and dry season to try and ensure 70% coverage)

Community Education & Awareness

5. Facilitate discussion amongst women of Sasaab village on animal welfare through monthly meetings
6. Hold meetings with the community on the role of Kura's Pride to lion conservation and One Health
7. Engage one Kura's Pride ambassador at each location in domestic animal welfare
8. Hold an educational campaign annually that brings together wildlife and human health practitioners to increase awareness of One Health
9. Provide internship opportunities for students (or potential students) from the community to receive veterinary experience and exposure

Emergency treatment of injured domestic animals

10. Ensure efficient reporting of domestic animals injured by wildlife
11. Quick response and treatment of domestic animals
12. Conduct a survey on numbers of domestic animals injured by wildlife

Disease Surveillance

13. Confirm reported cases of suspected rabies through testing
14. Engage Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and the Samburu County Veterinary Department on creating a disease surveillance communication platform
15. Collect data from healthcare clinics and KWS on rabies cases in northern Kenya in people and wildlife
16. Collect, process and store biological samples for disease confirmation and banking

Monitoring Impact of Kura's Pride

17. Collect measurable data to measure impact of Kura's Pride activities through questionnaires
18. Hold community meetings to receive feedback on the programme
19. Deploy domestic dog collars to monitor dog activity and alertness, comparing different welfare practices

EXPECTED OUTCOMES (OVER 5 YEARS)

1. Reduced disease transmission from domestic animals to wild carnivores
2. Reduced wild carnivore mortality as a result of rabies and distemper
3. Increased number of community members aware of the importance of responsible animal ownership
4. Reduced transmission of rabies to human populations
5. Improved dog welfare and condition

6. Reduced human-carnivore conflict as healthier dogs will be more alert when herding with livestock or when at villages at night
7. Achieved 70% of dog population vaccinated against rabies and canine distemper
8. A better understanding of disease spread between domestic animals and wild carnivores
9. Increased testing of suspected rabid animals
10. Increased tolerance by community towards lions and other carnivores based on emergency treatment interventions
11. Increased number of local veterinary students receiving experience through veterinary unit
12. Increased responsible ownership of dogs and cats
13. Increased willingness by the community to keep female dogs as opposed to killing them
14. Increased willingness of community members to adopt proven and acceptable population control methods
15. Improved co-existence between people and wildlife
16. Improved attitude and perceptions towards female dogs
17. Increased and healthier numbers of wild carnivores
18. Increased number of dog owners willing to vaccinate their dogs and cats and improve their welfare
19. Increased number of dog owners willing to pay for their animals treatment
20. Increased awareness of the connection between domestic animals and wildlife

We ask you to invest in Kura's Pride vision – a programme that is playing a critical role in reducing conflict between people and wildlife.

What we need:	What is needed:	2023	2024	2025
Population Control	Drugs and supplies for surgical procedures.	3,000	3,450	4,000
Vaccination Services	Rabies, canine distemper and cat flu vaccines for consistent vaccinations.	19,100	21,965	25,260
Community Education & Awareness	Community meetings, training and support for Kura's Pride Ambassadors, annual education meetings, internship opportunities.	4,000	5,400	5,600
Emergency treatment of injured domestic animals	Medical supplies for treating all domestic animals injured by wildlife.	3,000	3,450	4,000
Disease Surveillance	Transport and testing of suspected rabid animals. Construction of new storage facility for storing samples.	2,000	9,500	3,500
Monitoring Impact	Questionnaires used to collect data, meetings with community to receive feedback on programme and dog collars to assess welfare response.	9,500	10,925	12,500
TOTAL REQUESTED EACH YEAR (2023-2025) *Excludes salaries for veterinarian and Kura's Pride Coordinator, and operational costs in running the unit (food, fuel, vehicle maintenance). Annual operating costs are approx.: \$50,000.		40,600	54,690	54,960

Beyond 2025, we hope to expand in to new Conservancies surrounding Westgate and deploy additional domestic animal veterinary units. Please get in touch if you would like to sponsor a brand-new veterinary unit in a Conservancy adjacent to Westgate Conservancy.

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