



EWASO
LIONS



PARTNERS REPORT

MAY- JUNE 2023



LION NEWS

LOSING NANAI AND SANAPARI

For the past 14 years, we have all been very fortunate to observe and protect Nanai- the most well-known lioness in Samburu. On the 26th of May, Nanai was humanely euthanised at 10:44 am by KWS vet Dr Mutinda and assisted by Dr Sharon Mulindi. Her cancerous growth had returned and she was unable to survive. She had lost her body condition considerably over the past few weeks and was struggling to move.

In January this year, Nanai was operated on to remove the growth. She recovered well and was able to hunt again and raise her cubs for an additional four months. Her cubs have been fending for themselves since April. Nanai lived an amazing life and continued the legacy her mother Nashipai left.

We are so grateful to all at KWS, Samburu and Buffalo Springs Reserves management and rangers, and all guides who reported sightings and were concerned about her.

Here are some of the lion team's key moments:

- Sanapari, a young male lion, was unfortunately hit by a vehicle on the A2 Highway on the 12th of May.
- 9 new lions were identified in Shaba National Reserve in early May. One female and 3 older cubs, and 3 females and 2 young cubs were seen.
- Monitored Loingopa's movements (through his collar) and used this information to prevent conflict.
- Frequent sightings of Loingopa and Kwenia, together with Mararoi and Narasha in Remot area of Westgate Conservancy.
- 64 patrols were covered by our regional lion teams on foot, whilst 48 vehicle patrols were conducted.
- Almost 2000 km was covered during patrols and searching for lions.
- Remot camp reopened so we are in a closer location to the lions and can help with mitigating conflict.



KURA'S PRIDE

DOMESTIC ANIMAL MOBILE VETERINARY UNIT

The Community Animal Health Initiative (CAHI) is a partnership programme between Ewaso Lions, VetInWild, Animal Care Centre and the Samburu County Department of Veterinary Services.

CAHI bring veterinary services closer to the communities. Additionally, CAHI has the aim to reduce the burden of canine diseases of zoonotic importance that can also have a negative impact on endangered wildlife populations.

CAHI attended to 233 domestic animals during this last quarter.

Other Kura's Pride highlights for the past quarter include:

- A total of 123 dogs and cats were vaccinated. This was a follow-up of our vaccination campaign held last quarter.
- 3 dogs received population control services.
- 89 animals received clinical treatments. This included treatment of 29 dogs that had suspected canine distemper.
- A total of 18 animals were treated as emergency cases.
- We reached 175 people through the various education campaigns.



MAMA SIMBA

NEW GRASS GROWTH!

Recent rains have led to new grass growth! The Mama Simba ladies set up a grass enclosure called a "Lokere" together with Westgate Conservancy and the Grevy's Zebra Trust. They have worked so hard to keep it well protected and before the rains were busy planting grass and digging semi circular bunds (shown by JustDiggitt) to catch the water and promote grass growth. The results are amazing! (Photos on the left).



Here are our Mama Simba highlights for this past quarter:

- Held 4 cultural workshops and meetings (see below) across 4 locations in Westgate.
- Helped monitor Nanai during the period when she was losing her body condition.



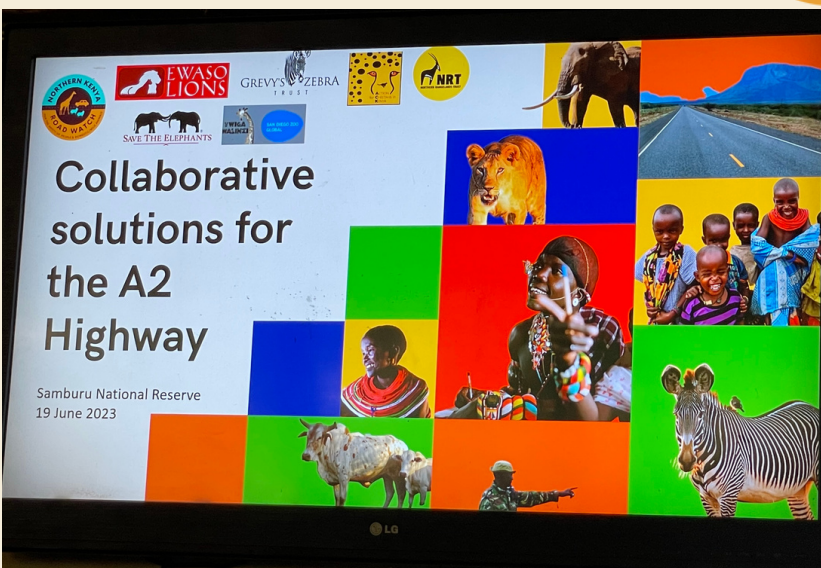
BIO-INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME

PROGRESS ON ACLIE AND THE A2 HIGHWAY

Our Bio-Infrastructure Programme has been active through the quarter as we worked towards restoring the interconnected nature of conservation and infrastructure development. This is a partnership programme with the Grevy's Zebra Trust.

Our highlights include:

- Preparations are well underway for the third **African Conference for Linear Infrastructure and Ecology (ACLIE)**, co-hosted by the Endangered Wildlife Trust, Grevy's Zebra Trust and Ewaso Lions. This will take place between the 18th and 22nd of September. Forty submissions have been received, with 12 keynote speakers presenting. Five trainings are being offered with landscape visits at the end. The conference now offers a hybrid option, where virtual attendance is accepted. Please visit www.aclie.org.
- **Northern Kenya Road Watch** - We organised a meeting with KWS, WRTI and the Kenya National Highways Authority in June. Seventeen people convened from 8 different institutions. It was agreed that KENHA will put in some short-term mitigation measures to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions on the A2 Highway. The plan for long-term mitigation measures is to set up a multi-stakeholder committee through the regional commissioners. We are extremely grateful to Save the Elephants, Ashnil and Elephant Watch Camp for their tremendous support and hosting the group.



OTHER NEWS

We held **2 camps for 50 Warriors from 3 villages**. Warriors learned about coexistence with lions and various conservation issues affecting the landscape. Their trip to Samburu National Reserve was a highlight and all saw lions - some for the first time. Lkasian, our Warrior Watch Coordinator, led a number of the discussions together with Jeneria and Painoti.

We are so grateful to KWS warden Mr Kirui for coming to speak to the warriors about peace and security, Alex from Westgate spoke about better rangeland management and Samburu Reserve Warden Mr Lolmoodoni spoke about the importance of the Reserve. Chiefs and elders were also present and played a huge role in emphasizing the role respect plays in all aspects in conservation. We thank everyone for making these camps a huge success. This is the first of many more future Warrior camps.

We worked with the WISE Women Cooperative Group where **10 solar panel units were donated** to Lempaute, Nalele, Sasaab, Lentarawet and Loruko.

Between January and June, the team **attended (or held) 28 community meetings in 8 conservancies**.

Between April and June, we held **3 Lion Kids Camps, hosting 72 children from 3 conservancies** - Nanapisho, Kalama and Meibae.

Recently recorded data shows that with the 29 conflict incidents that took place, **13 involved lost livestock**. April recorded the highest number of incidents during the rains. We are making plans to see how best we can address the issue of lost livestock.

Special Appreciation:

Thank you so much to all our partners who enable us to make a conservation impact in Kenya including; Kenya Wildlife Service; Samburu, and Isiolo County Governments; Samburu, Buffalo Springs and Shaba National Reserves Management; all the Community Conservancies we work in.

