



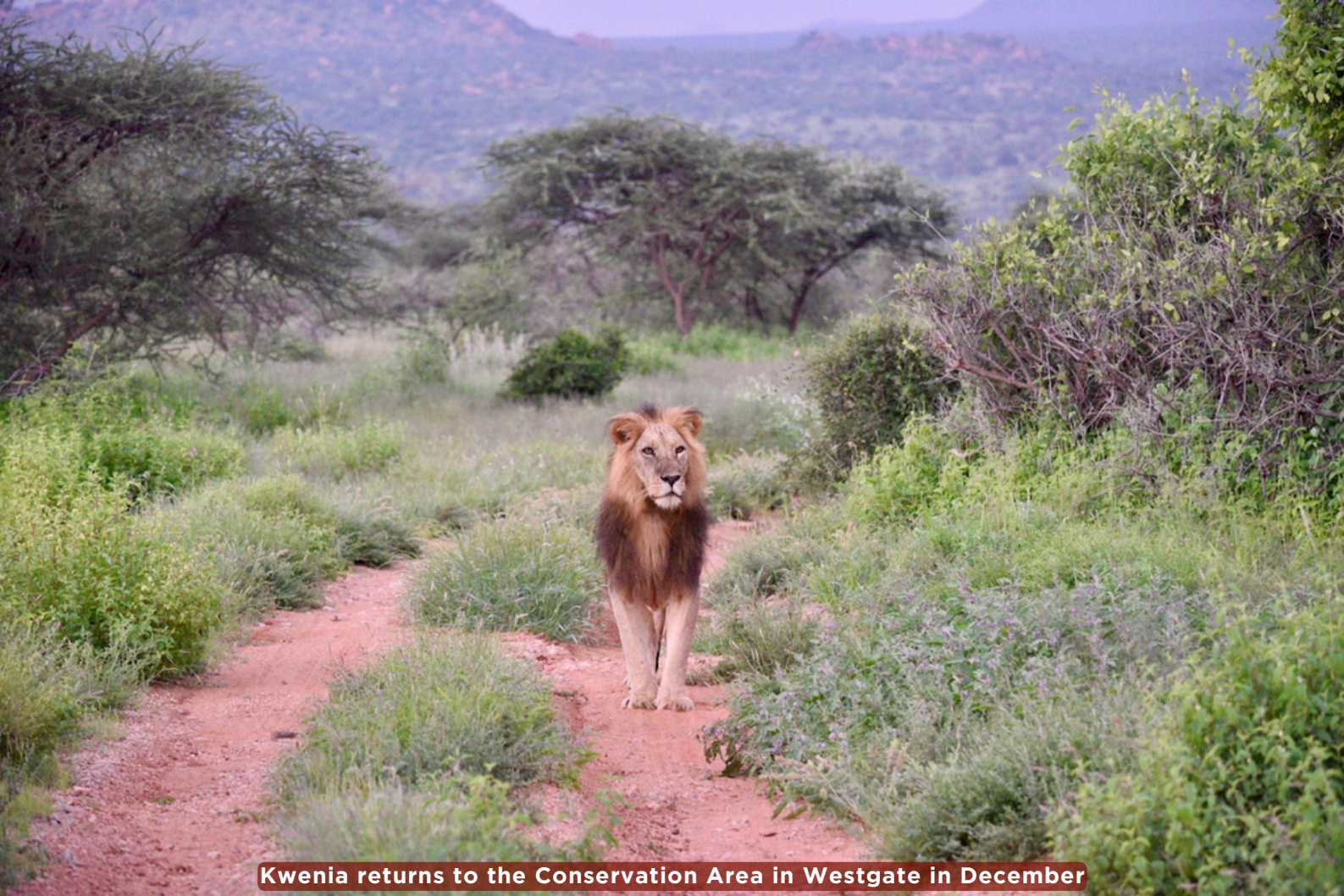
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LIONS



Nine critically endangered wild dogs seen in November along the A2 Highway in Kalama Conservancy. Unfortunately, one was hit by a vehicle on the 5th of December along the same section of the highway.

PARTNERS REPORT

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2023



Kwenia returns to the Conservation Area in Westgate in December

LION NEWS

NEW CUBS BORN IN THE RAIN!

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

- It has been very hard to locate the lions during this rainy season due to the muddy roads, thick bush and lack of access. However, we have managed to have a number of lion sightings in October and early December.
- The Kalama Pride has 4 brand new cubs!
- Nanai's Koitogor Pride continue to stay together and mainly in Samburu National Reserve. We have had a number of sightings of them this rainy season.
- Kwenia and Loingopa remain in Westgate mainly and have been covering huge distances during the rains.
- 51 patrols were covered by our regional lion teams on foot (20 patrols), with 17 vehicle patrols and 14 motorbike patrols conducted.
- 607 km was covered during patrols and searching for lions.
- We have held 4 community meetings this quarter (Oct to date) - in Nakupurat Gotu and Remot.
- There have been 8 conflict incidents that we were made aware of - 4 were lion conflicts.
- 5 donkeys were saved at Remot from imminent lion predation.
- Ldere continues to have a problem with his eye and is being closely monitored by our team and KWS vet Dr Mulindi.



Devastating floods on Nov 2nd



The old rangers housing in Wamba



Food relief for Learata communities



Completing the finishing on the new rangers housing

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES & OUR PARTNERS

PROVIDING FOOD RELIEF TO FLOOD AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

On November 2nd, we witnessed the heartbreaking aftermath of the relentless floods and torrential rainfall that swept through the region. As we traversed the Learata villages, the gravity of the situation became painfully evident. Families were forced to abandon their waterlogged homes, painting a poignant picture of the devastation. A week later, our response was swift and determined. We mobilised to provide flood relief aid to 60 households within Learata. Teaming up with our local MP, Hon Lekumontare, and collaborating closely with the Kalama Conservancy management, we orchestrated a seamless distribution effort.

RENOVATING KENYA WILDLIFE SERVICE RANGER'S HOUSING

Over the past quarter, our partnership with the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) team has yielded significant results in Wamba. Together, we undertook a crucial initiative: the renovation of ranger housing. Recognising the importance of this endeavour to the KWS Wamba team, we were honoured to provide support. The change is remarkable – the rangers' housing now boasts new walls and roofs, ensuring that it can effectively and comfortably accommodate the dedicated team. This improvement not only enhances their living conditions but also contributes to their overall well-being and morale. A heartfelt appreciation goes out to Mr. Chongwa, Mr. Aduda, and Mr. Kirui.

MAMA SIMBA

BRINGING BACK WILDLIFE TO WOMEN

From growing the indigenous toothbrush tree, maintaining their grass enclosures and holding meetings on culture, our Mama Simba ladies been busy!

Here are some of our Mama Simba highlights for this past quarter:

- Held 2 meetings on culture with 82 women
- Held 2 meetings with 61 young girls on conservation and culture
- Assisted the lion teams by patrolling and monitoring lions 5 times
- Attempting to grow 20 seedlings of the indigenous toothbrush tree
- Prepared and maintained the 2 grass enclosures (*Lokere*) in Remot and Sasaab. Since the rains, both have had a lot of grass growth!
- Held 4 eco-literacy school sessions.



Maintaining the lokeres during the rains



Growing the toothbrush tree!



Meeting young ladies to discuss culture and conservation

LION KIDS CAMPS

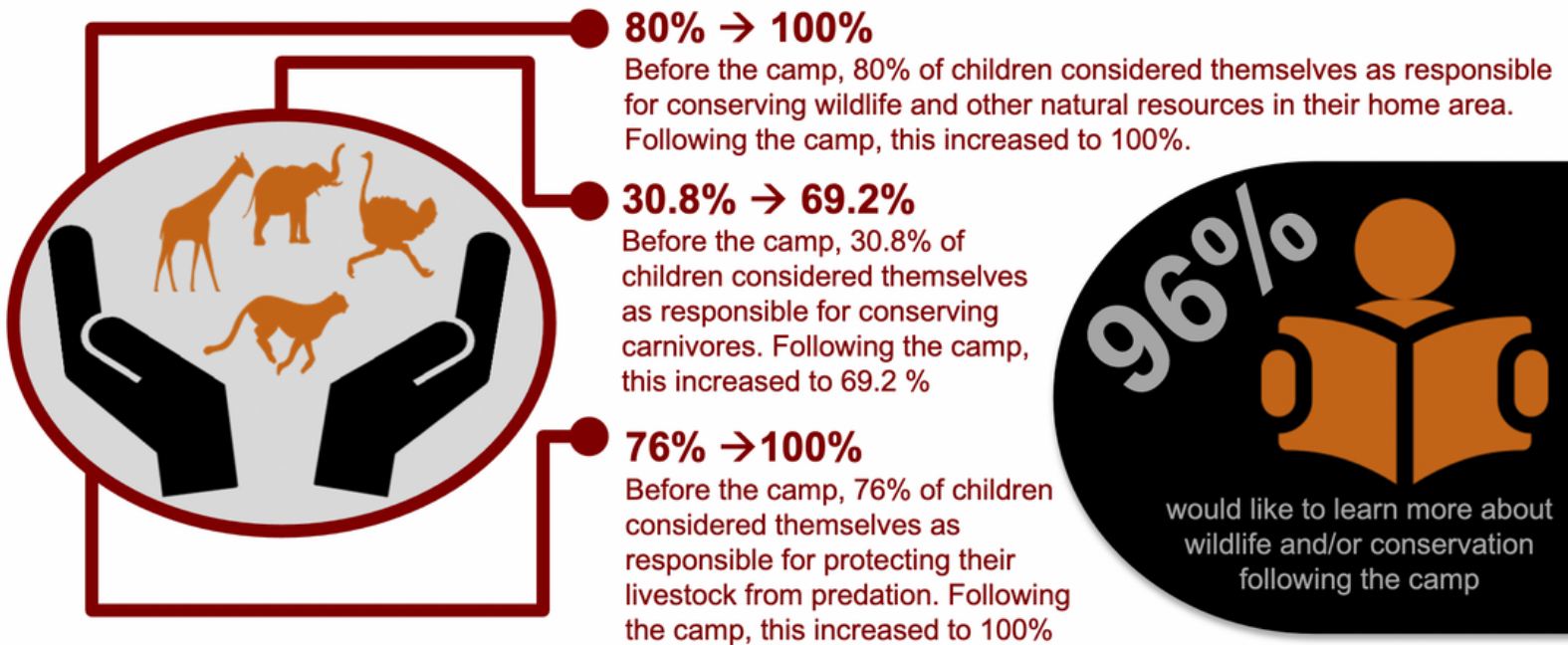
INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION OF CONSERVATIONISTS

Due to the rains, we had to cancel some of our scheduled Lion Kids Camps (LKC). **We were able to hold 1 LKC with 26 livestock herding children** from Lekiji in Meibae Conservancy in October - before the rains started!

Highlights from the October camp include:

- 96% of the children who attended went on their first ever safari.
- The average number of threats that lions face that the children stated post-camp compared to pre-camp increased from 2.3 to 6.6.
- 77% of the children said that it was possible for their community to live alongside carnivores peacefully, compared to 58% before the camp.

For a full report of the October camp, please click [here](#). Here is a snapshot:



To date, we have held a total of 35 LKCs providing almost 1000 children across 4 counties with a fully immersive wildlife experience.



OTHER NEWS

We were delighted to **attend the Maralal Camel Derby** in October. Our team of 4 presented our work and met with Samburu county officials, whilst spreading awareness about lion conservation.

Evanson Kariuki, our Education Manager, **visited the Painted Dog Conservation Project in Zimbabwe** in November. He was able to learn about their Bush Camps and returned inspired with lots of new ideas for our Lion Kids Camps.

We **hosted 40 community members** at our Lion Kids Camp closing ceremony in October where we focused on spreading awareness and mitigating conflict.

Through Kura's Pride, we have attended to 36 animals recently. 33 of these were clinical treatments, whilst 3 were emergencies. We also worked with the Samburu County Veterinary Department and **vaccinated 55 dogs and 10 cats in Archers Post in early December.**

We have **delivered two key presentations** this quarter - at the Wildlife Conservation Expo and the Whitley Fund for Nature in October and November respectively. Click [here](#) for the WCN talk and [here](#) for the WFN talk.

We **attended and presented at a carnivore coexistence workshop hosted by San Diego Zoo and KWS** in Nanyuki in December. We look forward to future meetings and collaborations with various partners on this topic.



Special Appreciation:

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

