



EWASO
LIONS



The Ewaso Lions

PARTNERS REPORT

APRIL - JUNE 2025



Neiyo's cub seen here with older Kalama Pride member

LION NEWS

SIGNIFICANT LION SIGHTINGS

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

- Heavy rains made lion tracking tough, but after weeks of searching, we finally spotted the **Kalama Pride**. It was a relief to see Neiyo's cub alive and doing well after not being spotted for a few months.
- During patrols, we also encountered **Ntsekwa** from **Nanai's Pride**, actively hunting warthogs, a reassuring sight after her long absence.
- In Buffalo Springs National Reserve, we located **Nanai's Pride** with all six cubs thriving. The highlight? Witnessing them bring down a warthog, a powerful reminder of their resilience during this time.
- The heavy rains have not made sighting lions easy, with **16 sightings over the April-June quarter**.
- We were able to save **46 livestock from imminent attacks by carnivores**.
- We provided **10 different types of community services**.
- There were **20 predator conflict incidents** that we were made aware of.
- We supported the community **as they filed and submitted 10 predator compensation claims with KWS**.
- To address the rising lion-camel conflict in Samburu through the new camel husbandry programme, we facilitated an exposure visit for **25 elders from Westgate Conservancy to Laisamis**, the heartland of Rendille camel herding.

KURA'S PRIDE

PROMOTING WELFARE OF
DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND
MINIMISING DISEASE
TRANSMISSION TO
ENCOURAGE A HARMONIOUS
BALANCE BETWEEN PEOPLE,
LIVESTOCK, WILDLIFE AND
THE ENVIRONMENT.

Our Community Animal Health Initiative

Over the second quarter of the year, we have made significant strides through our Community Animal Health Initiative (CAHI); a collaboration focused on improving the health and welfare of community-owned animals. Together with our partners, we have been especially active in vaccinating against rabies and distemper, two major threats to both domestic and wild animals.

Here's what we achieved this quarter:

- **813 animals** were vaccinated against rabies and distemper
- **66 animals** treated for various illnesses
- **302 community members** reached with education on improved welfare

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated partners: Samburu County Department of Veterinary Services, Vet in Wild, Animal Care Centre and Foundation for International Aid to Animals. Together, we are creating healthier, more resilient communities.



The team during the vaccination efforts in Westgate Conservancy

MAMA SIMBA

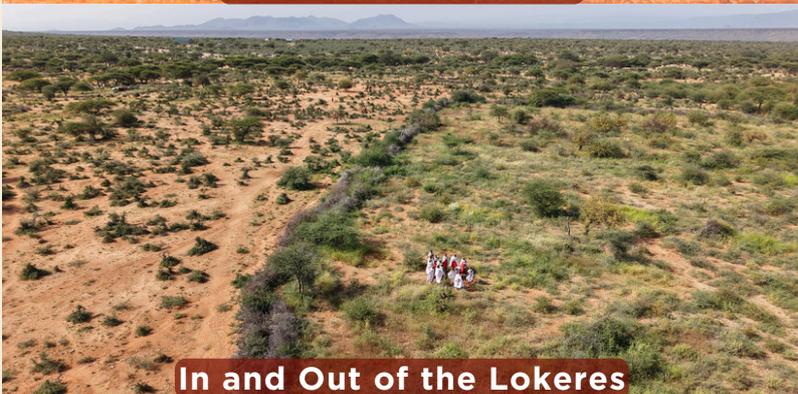
A HUGE QUARTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



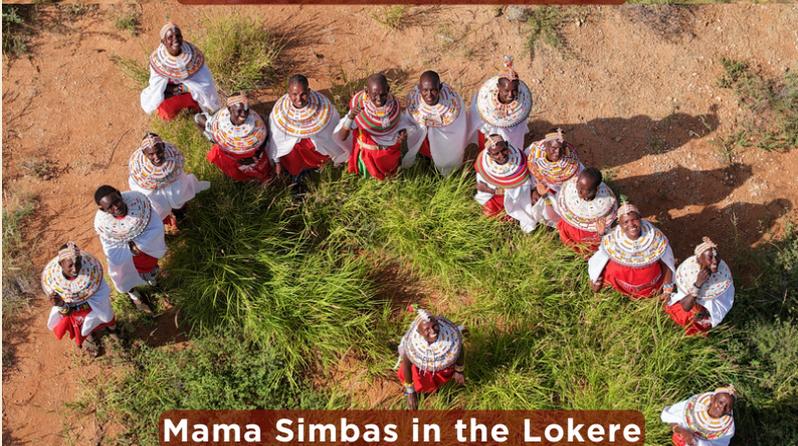
Digging bunds



Aerial view of bunds



In and Out of the Lokeres



Mama Simbas in the Lokere

The Mama Simba team continues to lead vital habitat recovery work through Lokeres; traditional grass enclosures now covering 8 acres. They dig semi-circular bunds to trap rainwater and plant grass seeds, creating lush grazing areas even in dry conditions. These Lokeres are now frequented by elephants and Grevy's zebras and serve as "cow hospitals" for recovering livestock. A number of partners are working on this.

Building Skills for Habitat Recovery and Resilience

In May, Mama Simba members participated in a five-day intensive ecosystem restoration training at the **Centre for Ecosystem Restoration in Kenya (CERK)** in Brackenhurst, Limuru. The focus was on controlling the spread of Mathenge, an **invasive species** choking key lion habitats in Westgate Community Conservancy. Through hands-on training, the women learned to propagate the toothbrush tree, an indigenous species that offers dense undergrowth crucial for lions' shelter, hunting cover, and cooling shade. This marked the **first time the toothbrush tree has been propagated** for restoration purposes.

- Since returning, **198 Mathenge bushes have been removed.**
- Over the past 3 months, the Mama Simba have spent **33 days on habitat recovery.**



Mama Simba during the habitat training in Nairobi



LION KIDS CAMP

INSPIRING A NEW
GENERATION OF
CONSERVATION LEADERS

This quarter, we **held 3 Lion Kids Camps**. One Camp included 26 young herders from Nenyirau, Westgate Conservancy. For **88% of them, it was their first time learning about wildlife** and conservation, and their very first safari. Seeing cheetahs, hyaenas, giraffes, and elephants up close changed how they viewed wild animals.

The Camp focused on coexistence, teaching children to identify carnivores, protect livestock, and conserve habitats. Results were remarkable:

- **100%** went on their first safari
- Threat awareness rose from **2 to 11 threats** per child
- Conservation responsibility jumped from **4% to 100%**
- **96%** now say they "strongly like" lions

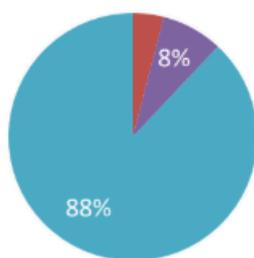
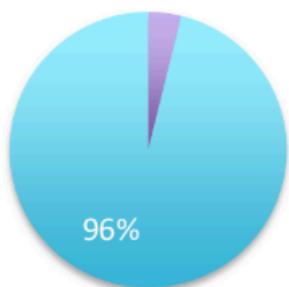
Through fun, practical activities like the Herding Challenge, children learned that lions can be protected, not feared. Ewaso Lions continues to refine the programme, ensuring more immersive and personalised learning.



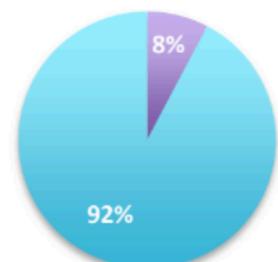
Lion Kids Camp in Action

Attendee Feedback

"I enjoyed the LKC and would attend another if given the opportunity"



"My knowledge of local wildlife has improved as a result of this camp"



"My attitude towards wild animals has improved as a result of this camp"

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

OTHER NEWS

- In June, we hosted our longtime partners **Houston Zoo** and their media collaborators from KPRC. They spent a week documenting our conservation work in **Westgate and Samburu** for an upcoming documentary titled Saving Lions, airing later this year. Their visit brought valuable visibility to the region's wildlife and community-led conservation efforts.
- We held **3 Community Tours** over the past quarter with **67 youth, teachers and students**.
- In May, we renewed our **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Samburu County Department of Veterinary Services and Vet In Wild**, continuing our joint work under the Community Animal Health Initiative (CAHI). This partnership supports disease surveillance and mobile vet units, livestock vaccinations and animal welfare education in local languages.
- The **wet season** transformed northern Kenya into a vibrant, living landscape. From Grevy's zebras fighting to baboons feasting on rain flowers and elephants bathing in the River, the region was teeming with colour, and life.
- Lions have received their **first-ever IUCN Green Status Assessment**, and the findings are sobering. They are now listed as **"Largely Depleted"**, occupying only a fraction of their historical range with a species **recovery score of just 30%**. While past conservation efforts have helped slow the decline, lions' future depends heavily on continued and intensified protection.



Houston Zoo and KPRC visit to Ewaso Lions



Ewaso Lions Team during the MOU renewal



Special wildlife sightings during the wet season

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.

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