



EWASO
LIONS



Selengei from the Kalama Pride

PARTNERS REPORT

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2025



Nanai's Pride

LION NEWS

SIGNIFICANT LION SIGHTINGS

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

- During patrols, we were delighted to spot **Nanai's Pride**. Seven cubs were born into the pride late last year; sadly, one did not survive, but the **remaining six** are healthy and thriving as they move between **Samburu and Buffalo Springs National Reserves**.
- On World Lion Day, we sighted **Narasha** and her cubs. This beautiful lioness carries on the proud **legacy of Naramat**, and seeing her thriving within this community landscape was a truly special moment.
- We were also thrilled to observe **Selengei** from the **Kalama Pride** hunting early one morning in **Samburu National Reserve**. Watching her stalk an impala was a powerful reminder of natural lion behaviour and the resilience of these iconic predators.
- **33 lion sightings** recorded between the July - September period.
- We provided **19 different types of community services**.
- There were **14 predator conflict incidents** that we were made aware of.
- We supported the community **as they filed and submitted 8 predator compensation claims with KWS**.
- In September, we celebrated the successful **collaring of one lion**, carried out with the **Kenya Wildlife Service** and **Kalama Conservancy**. This critical step will enhance our ability to track lions and reduce conflict.

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 third 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 canine distemper, two major threats to domestic and wild animals.

Here's what we achieved this quarter:

- **1091 animals were vaccinated** against rabies and canine distemper.
- **111 animals treated** for various illnesses
- **120 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 Kalama Conservancy

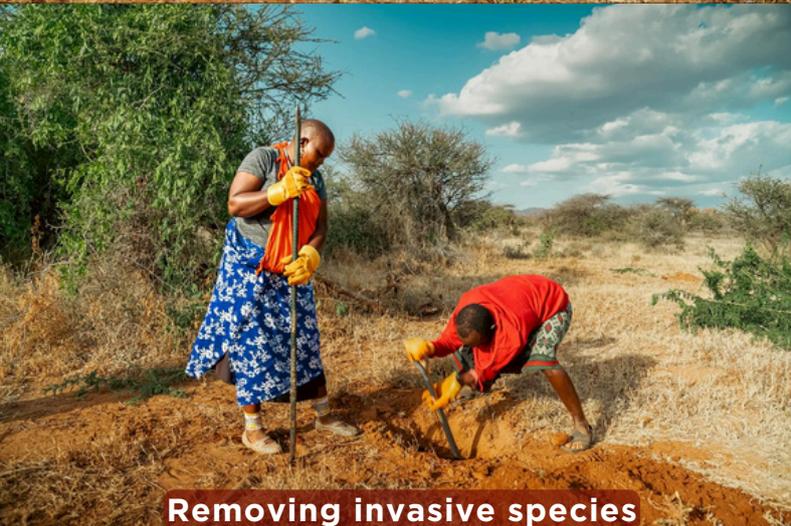
MAMA SIMBA

A HUGE QUARTER FOR THE WOMEN



Invasive Species Removal

The Mama Simba ladies have continued their dedicated work removing **Mathenge (*Prosopis juliflora*)** within Westgate Conservancy's Core Conservation Area. This invasive species is rapidly spreading across rangelands, displacing indigenous vegetation and posing a serious threat to lion habitats and prey species.



Removing invasive species

Almost daily, the Mama Simba's are out applying their new skills to cut down Mathenge and recover the land with indigenous trees, ensuring healthier ecosystems for both wildlife and people.

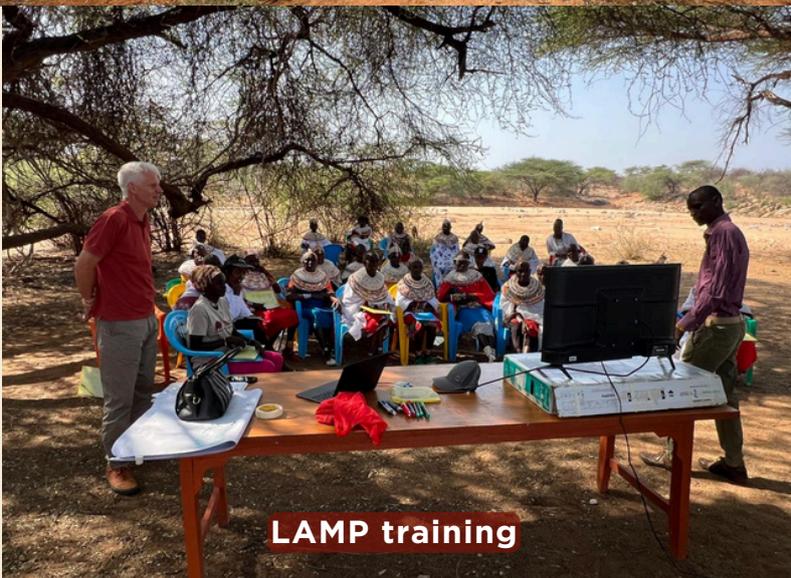
Over the past quarter, the Mama Simba ladies have **removed 1002 Mathenge trees**.



Digging the grass seed bunds

Habitat Recovery

Mama Simba continue to be actively engaged (complementing the work of other organisations) in building grass enclosures and digging bunds; a practical land recovery technique that slows water runoff, captures soil, and encourages grass regeneration. A key step in improving the land for livestock and wildlife alike. They recently expanded the Sasaab grass enclosure (Lokere) that they manage while attending too it on 26 different occasions.



LAMP training

Leadership Training

Beyond habitat recovery, building leadership skills remains central to our work. **21 Mama Simba ladies and 7 Kura's Pride ambassadors** have completed the first module of the **Leadership & Management Training (LAMP)**, delivered by Allan, Laviyas, and Esther from Forward Consulting. The training equips participants with skills in leadership, teamwork, and decision-making, empowering them to take on greater roles in conservation and community development.

LION KIDS CAMP

INSPIRING A NEW
GENERATION OF
CONSERVATION LEADERS

Our Lion Kids Camp has been on a break since June, allowing us time to review, refresh, and plan how to make it even more impactful for children in our communities. We are excited about the new opportunities while preparing for the next growth and innovation chapter through the upgrade of our base.

Lion Kids Camp groundbreaking ceremony

We are very excited to be partnering with **Samburu National Reserve** to further develop our Lion Kids Camp. We were delighted to have had the Reserve's Director, Mr Tom Lesarge, together with Noldonyo Letabare (Mama Simba), join us for the groundbreaking ceremony.

This marks the beginning of improvements to the camp facilities, which will allow us to host more camps from 2026 onwards and have a greater impact.

Exposure Tour

In September, we organised an exposure tour for **school board members and teachers** from Learata Primary School. The tour offered them a firsthand experience of our conservation education programmes and strengthened the link between schools, communities, and our work.



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Exposure tour

OTHER NEWS

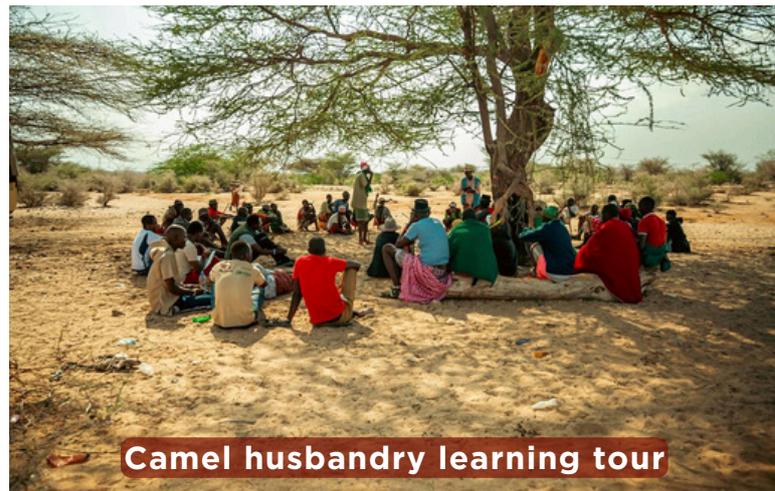
- In July, Ewaso Lions was proud to host the third Laikipia, Samburu, and Isiolo **gathering of carnivore conservationists**, in collaboration with the Kenya Wildlife Service and the Wildlife Research and Training Institute.
- In August, we led the **second camel husbandry learning tour** to Marsabit, taking **25 elders** from **Westgate Conservancy** alongside Westgate's Rangeland Coordinator. The trip was a great success, and the camel owners gained valuable knowledge on improving camel husbandry within the region. They spent a week with Rendille camel herders who have kept camels for generations.
- In September, we hosted our much-anticipated webinar, **“Community-Led Solutions for Coexistence,”** featuring Ewaso Lions' Community Conservation Director Jeneria Lekilelei, Operations and Impact Director Toby Otieno, and Founder and Executive Director Dr Shivani Bhalla.
- In August, we hosted the annual Awards Day for the **Jeremy Lucas Education Fund (JLEF) sponsored students**. Out of the **15 students** supported through the programme, most were present along with their parents or guardians. It was a day of mentorship and inspiration; the girls received guidance from Samburu women, while the boys were mentored by community elders. Together, they shared their achievements, current pursuits, and visions for the future.

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.



Jeneria during the gathering of carnivore conservationists



Camel husbandry learning tour



Awards Day

