



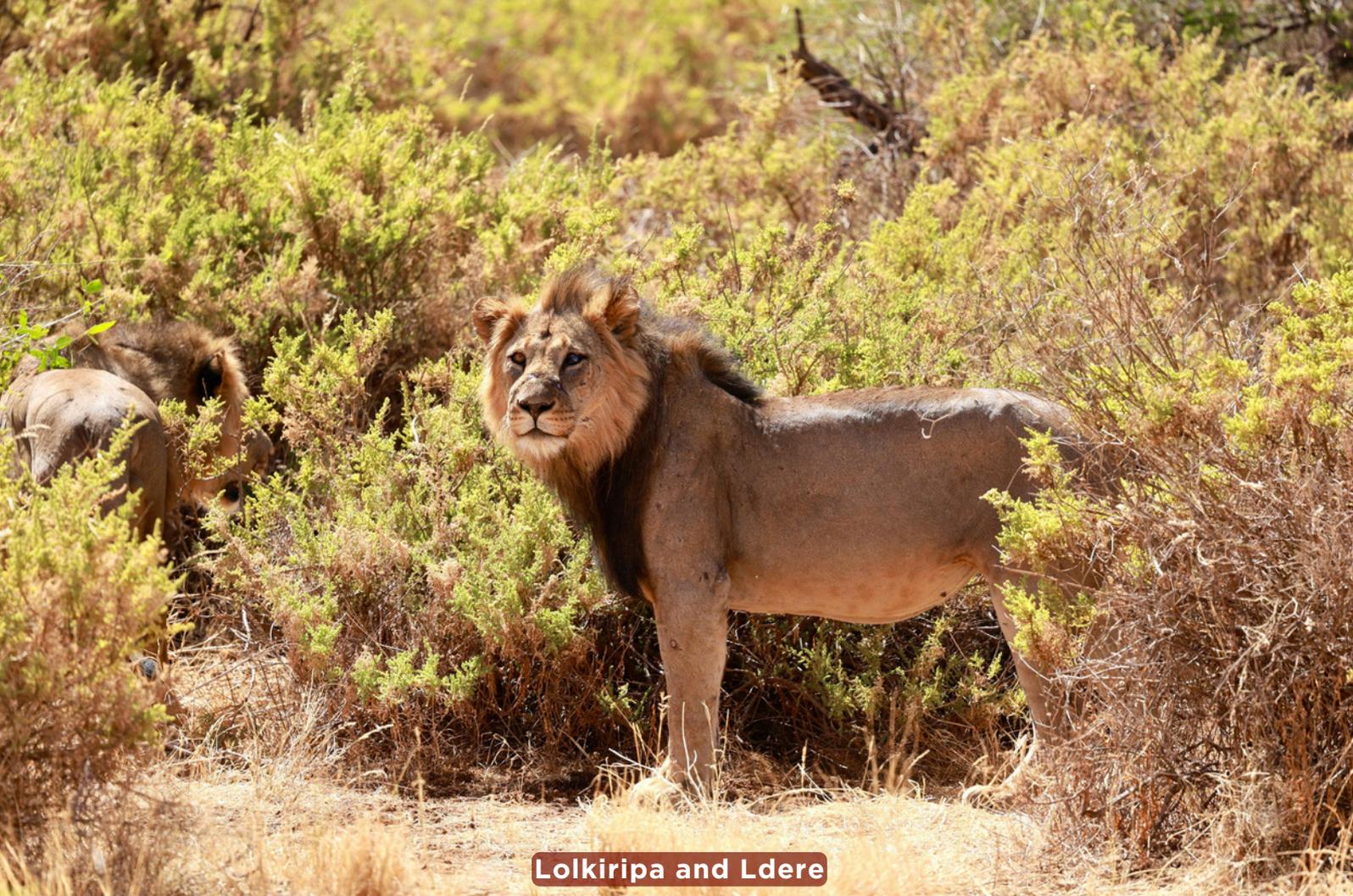
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LIONS



Nanai's Pride in Buffalo Springs National Reserve

# PARTNERS REPORT

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2025



Lolkiripa and Ldere

## LION NEWS

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### SIGNIFICANT LION SIGHTINGS

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

- During patrols, we were delighted to spot **Nanai's Pride** a number of times. In October, the pride had brought down a young elephant that had become separated from its herd; a major kill that provided an essential meal for the pride's cubs, who had been looking thin. All 6 cubs in the pride are now over a year old and are doing well.
- We had a number of sightings of **Lolkiripa and Ldere**. These two males continue to demonstrate their adaptability and hunting prowess and remain close to Nanai's Pride.
- **Lesoitoo and Lgejuk** from the Kalama Pride were spotted alone. These two males appear to have split from their pride and have been operating independently for some time now.
- **29 lion sightings** were recorded between October - December.
- We provided **19 different types of community services**.
- There were **9 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 **October and November**, we collared 3 lions; **Naraya**, an adult female in **Nanai's Pride**, **Ngarsis from the Kalama Pride** and **Loingopa in Kalama**. The exercise was carried out with the **Kenya Wildlife Service** and the exceptional skills of veterinarian Dr Sharon Mulindi and her team. This joint veterinary unit, supported by Ewaso Lions, **Save the Elephants**, and **the Grevy's Zebra Trust**, is essential to coexistence across northern Kenya.

# 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

During the final quarter of 2025, we gained significant momentum in delivering comprehensive veterinary services in and around Westgate Conservancy. Our work ranged from conducting a population survey to emergency treatment of wildlife conflict injuries, treatment of parasitic infections, and surgical interventions for various conditions.

Here's what we achieved this quarter:

- **86 animals treated** for various illnesses
- **145 community members** reached with education on improved welfare
- Counted **1300 dogs and 378 cats** in population survey

**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.**



**Veterinary efforts in Westgate Conservancy and its neighbours**

# MAMA SIMBA

A HUGE QUARTER FOR THE WOMEN



Removing invasive species



Planting grass seeds in the grass enclosures



Samburu National Reserve Visit

## Invasive Species Removal

Mama Simba dedicated countless hours under the harsh sun, uprooting invasive *Prosopis juliflora* (locally known as Mathenge) one stubborn root system at a time. This invasive species chokes out native vegetation, reduces grazing land for livestock, and destroys the habitat lions depend on for shelter and hunting.

Over the last quarter of 2025, the Mama Simba ladies have **447 removed Mathenge trees**.

## Habitat Recovery

Mama Simba dig **semi-circular grass seed bunds**; earthen structures designed to capture and retain precious rainwater in our semi-arid landscape. Each bund requires hours of intensive manual labour: digging, shaping, and positioning with precision. Indigenous grass seeds are then carefully planted to revegetate bare soil, recover forage for both wildlife and livestock, and rebuild degraded ecosystems.

Slowly but steadily, the landscape is recovering and the two Lokeres (grass enclosures) that the Mama Simba manage are currently thriving after recent rain.

## Samburu National Reserve Visit

**48 women** from Learata in Kalama visited **Samburu National Reserve -a trip arranged by Mama Simba**. Only five of the women had ever seen a lion before. For the others, it was a first-time encounter with the species they work daily to protect. These powerful experiences strengthen the women's connection to wildlife and reinforce their essential role as environmental stewards and voices in conservation governance, transforming abstract goals into tangible purpose.

# LION KIDS CAMP

INSPIRING A NEW  
GENERATION OF  
CONSERVATION LEADERS

Following the strategic break announced in our last report, preparations are underway to relaunch Lion Kids Camp in 2026 with enhanced programming and improved facilities. The review period has allowed our team to assess impact, incorporate community feedback, and design a strengthened curriculum that will deepen children's connection to wildlife and conservation.

The upgrade of our base facilities continues to progress, positioning us to welcome the next cohort of young conservationists with expanded capacity and resources. We look forward to sharing more details on the programme's relaunch in the coming months.

## LKC Learata Camp

Although we closed our Lion Kids Camp base in June for upgrades, we were thrilled by the enthusiasm from the Learata community to continue the programme. In response, we established a temporary camp in November at the Westgate Conservancy headquarters. It was a joy to once again bring together a mix of herding children and students, creating a vibrant space for shared learning, storytelling, and connection.

## Reunion Camps 2026

Looking ahead to 2026, we are especially excited to host 10 Reunion Camps, welcoming back 500 young conservation leaders who previously attended Lion Kids Camps. These reunions will celebrate how far these young people have come, strengthen our growing conservation family, and deepen the values of coexistence and community leadership at the heart of the programme.



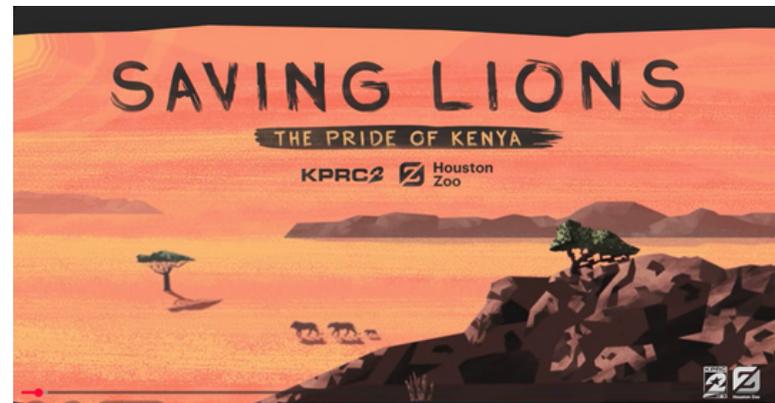
Lion Kids Camp with Learata children

# OTHER NEWS

- In **October**, we proudly represented Ewaso Lions at the **15th Carnivore Conference in Nairobi**, a powerful two-day gathering focused on Human-Wildlife Coexistence, hosted by the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS). Our Samburu and Isiolo teams joined colleagues from our Nairobi office to share the incredible impact of our community-led conservation programmes.
- In **November**, **Mama Simba** members shared their conservation journey in a commentary published by **Mongabay**, one of the world's leading environmental news platforms. The piece reflects on over a decade of women-led conservation work in Samburu and chronicles how what began as a request to participate in community decision-making has evolved into a transformative movement. [Read the commentary here.](#)
- In **December**, our work reached new international audiences through **"Saving Lions: The Pride of Kenya,"** a documentary produced in partnership with **Houston Zoo and KPRC 2**. The film showcases the women leading habitat recovery, youth becoming conservationists, and the daily realities of human-wildlife coexistence in northern Kenya. We are grateful to Houston Zoo for this powerful platform that demonstrates community conservation in action and amplifies the voices of those doing the work on the ground. [Watch the film here.](#)



## Women can help rebuild our relationship with lions: Voices from the land (commentary)



### **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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