



EWASO
LIONS



Ngarsis' new cubs and their older brother

PARTNERS REPORT

JANUARY - MARCH 2026



Loingopa closely monitored by our team

LION NEWS

SIGNIFICANT LION SIGHTINGS

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

- **37 lion sightings** were recorded between January and March 2026.
- The **Kalama Pride** was our most frequently spotted pride this quarter, with multiple sightings throughout the period, including **Lgejuk, Lesoitoo, Ngarsis**, and **Loingopa**, accompanied by one unidentified female.
- **Ngarsis**, one of our collared females, has **three surviving cubs** born in January, all thriving. Their older brothers and Ngarsis' older sons, **Lgejuk** and **Lesoitoo**, have been observed keeping a close watch over them. This confirmation, particularly after the loss of a fourth cub, indicates a depth and complexity in pride dynamics.
- **We captured footage of Ngarsis older sons and the new cubs bonding. Watch the video [here](#).**
- **Loingopa**, one of the largest and healthiest lions in Samburu, has been sighted frequently either alone or with the Kalama Pride. He often moves along Koitogor Hill in to Kalama and during the dry season, came down quickly to access the River.
- **Nanai's Pride (also known as the Koitogor Pride)** have mainly been in Buffalo Springs National Reserve and recently have been crossing the A2 Highway in to the Complex Area and Shaba. They took down a giraffe not far from Natorbi Gate in Shaba over this past quarter.
- There were **7 predator conflict incidents** that we were made aware of; 6 of which were lion related.
- Across our community meetings this quarter, we recorded a total of **86 attendees**.

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 first quarter of 2026, our Domestic Animal Mobile Veterinary Unit maintained an active presence in and around Westgate Conservancy, responding to a wide range of cases across the communities we serve. Our work spanned routine vaccinations and deworming, surgical and clinical interventions, treatment of conflict-related injuries, and rapid response to infectious disease, all delivered through the consistent, community-facing approach that defines our One Health model.

Here's what we achieved this quarter:

- **209 dogs and cats received clinical treatment** for various illnesses
- **48 community members** reached with education on improved welfare
- **18 dogs** vaccinated against rabies and distemper
- **10 dogs** received population control services
- **8 women** joined the programme as **Kura's Pride Ambassadors**

Thank you to our dedicated partners: Samburu County Department of Veterinary Services, VetinWild, Animal Care Centre and Foundation for International Aid to Animals.



Veterinary efforts in Lempaute and Ngutuk Ongiron in Westgate Community Conservancy

MAMA SIMBA

A HUGE QUARTER FOR THE WOMEN



Digging Water Pans

In February, the Ewaso Nyiro River ran dry, significantly reducing water availability for both wildlife and pastoral communities across the landscape. In response, Mama Simba initiated water pan excavations along the dry riverbed, together with other partners, providing alternative water access points for wildlife, livestock, and community members during the dry period.



The intervention directly supports human-wildlife coexistence by reducing competition over scarce water resources. We appreciate all partners who contributed to and participated in this effort at Westgate Conservancy.

Mama Simba digging water pans along the dry Ewaso Nyiro River

Invasive Species Removal and Habitat Recovery

This quarter, the Mama Simba removed up to **371 mathenge** (*Prosopis juliflora*) across the landscape, recovering vital habitat for wildlife. In addition, **22 habitat recovery sessions** were dedicated to attending to the Lokeres (grass enclosures), supporting the ongoing habitat recovery efforts that Mama Simba manage across our area of study. Mama Simba also began construction of a tree nursery.



Invasive Species Removal

Samburu National Reserve Visit

Our Mama Simba Manager, Munteli, accompanied **25 women** from **Naisunyai in Westgate Community Conservancy** on a visit to Samburu National Reserve. The group encountered elephants along the way, but the highlight came on the trip back home: a sighting of seven African Wild Dogs, three adults and four pups. It was a rare and memorable encounter, and one that reminded us why connecting communities to wildlife in this way remains such a powerful part of our conservation work.



Samburu National Reserve Visit

LION KIDS CAMP

INSPIRING A NEW
GENERATION OF
CONSERVATION LEADERS

Following the completion of our upgraded Lion Kids Camp facility, capacity has increased from **175 to 375 children annually**, with the programme now planning to run 15 Lion Kids Camps, 3 Warrior Camps, and 10 Reunion Camps this year. The upgraded infrastructure includes a new mess and learning area, kitchen, proper bunk beds, solar power, and a 12-tank water storage system.

This quarter, we held **3 Lion Kids Camps** and **1 Reunion Camp**. [Read more here.](#)

Lion Kids Camp

This quarter, we hosted three Lion Kids Camps, welcoming **73 young herders** from Westgate, Nasuulu, and Nakuprat Conservancies. Through Conflict to Coexistence sessions, trips to the Reserve, and community participation, children who live alongside wildlife and experience human-wildlife conflict daily left Camp with renewed confidence and a sense of personal responsibility for conservation. Notably, the third camp ran entirely in Kiswahili and Turkana and introduced a new dog welfare and disease transmission component delivered by the Kura's Pride team.

Reunion Camp

This quarter, we hosted our first-ever Reunion Camp, welcoming back **40 alumni** in addition to 8 new students as we work towards our goal of reaching 500 children through the programme this year. The young conservation leaders engaged in career guidance, impact measurement, the Conservation Game, and Conflict to Coexistence sessions, with community elders and rangers contributing meaningfully to the programme.



Lion Kids Camps and the Reunion Camp

OTHER NEWS

- In March, Ewaso Lions and Conserveability Pathways convened representatives from **9 government agencies**, including Kenya Wildlife Service, WRTI, four County Governments, Kenya National Highways Authority, and others, for a 2-day Community-Led Conservation Workshop in Nairobi. The workshop was a foundational step toward the first national Community-Led Conservation Conference, scheduled for **2-6 November 2026** at Brackenhurst Conference Centre, Limuru. [Get more information about the conference here.](#)
- In February, **26 wildlife warning road signs** were installed along key wildlife corridors on the **A2 Highway**, which traverses critical habitats spanning National Reserves and Community Conservancies across the landscape. This milestone is the result of sustained collaboration between the Kenya National Highways Authority, Northern Kenya Road Watch and all its partners, Kenya Wildlife Service, Kalama Conservancy, and the National Reserves. [Read the story here.](#)
- Our **2025 Annual Report** is now available, capturing a year of significant progress, from thriving lion cubs to 176 children actively engaged in wildlife protection. We invite you to [read the full report.](#)



Community-Led Conservation Workshop Participants



Stakeholders and partners during the road signs installation

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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