



EWASO
LIONS



Ngarsis' cubs

PARTNERS REPORT

APRIL - JUNE 2026



Nanai's Pride

LION NEWS

SIGNIFICANT LION SIGHTINGS

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

- **39 lion sightings** were recorded between April and June 2026.
- After a month-long absence, **Ldere and Lolkiripa** were successfully located, healthy and hunting at the Ngaremara Swamps in Buffalo Springs National Reserve.
- After six days of unusual stillness from collared lioness **Naraya**, the monitoring team investigated in Buffalo Springs National Reserve. They discovered Naraya in dense bush with **three new cubs**.
- **Ngarsis** from the **Kalama Pride**, last reported with three surviving cubs, was sighted in May and June successfully hunting giraffes. Two remaining cubs were seen with her by our team and Lion Kids Camp participants.
- **Nanai's Pride (also known as the Koitogor Pride)**, previously untraceable due to heavy rains after crossing the A2 Highway, was safely sighted together in Buffalo Springs National Reserve.
- In May, at Shimo ya Ngiri in Buffalo Springs National Reserve, the team observed **Ldere, Lolkiripa, Nakokiyo, Mbeneiyo**, and cubs, all healthy and moving through the landscape.
- There were **13 predator conflict incidents** that we were made aware of; 12 of which were lion-related.
- We held a total of **8 community meetings** over the past quarter, with **164 community members**.

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

In the second quarter of 2026, the Domestic Animal Mobile Veterinary Unit (MVU) remained on the front lines in Westgate Conservancy, addressing a wide spectrum of clinical and surgical cases through our community-led One Health model. A major highlight was the welcoming of **8 new Kura's Pride Ambassadors**. Their impact was immediate, as they accompanied the MVU on field vaccination drives that successfully administered **824 vaccinations** in just **four days** (a total of **881 vaccinations** were administered over the quarter).

Other achievements this quarter:

- **1065 animals** attended to in total
- **145 dogs and cats** received **clinical treatment** for various illnesses
- **56 community members** reached with education on improved welfare
- **32 animals** treated in emergencies
- **7 dogs** received population management surgeries
- **7 dogs** were assessed for aflatoxicosis and **3 animals** were tested positive for rabies

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 Westgate Community Conservancy
together with the Kura's Pride Ambassadors**

MAMA SIMBA

A HUGE QUARTER FOR THE WOMEN

Tree Nursery

In a historic milestone for community-led conservation, Mama Simba built and launched its first dedicated tree nursery at the Lion Kids Camp this quarter. Following intensive training at the Centre for Ecosystem Restoration Kenya (CER-K), **2,000 indigenous seedlings** are now growing in the nursery across **23 species**, carefully selected to restore critical hunting cover for lions, provide shade for wildlife and livestock, and stabilise local soils.

By managing invasive species and propagating native vegetation like the **toothbrush tree** (*Salvadora persica*), Mama Simba is taking direct action to recover the habitat that both lions and pastoral communities depend on.

This initiative centres local knowledge and labour, ensuring that habitat recovery remains a community-led effort that safeguards the long-term future of the Northern Kenya landscape.

Invasive Species Removal and Habitat Recovery

This quarter, the Mama Simba removed **322 mathenge** (*Prosopis juliflora*) across the landscape, recovering vital habitat for wildlife. In addition, **50 semi-circular bunds were dug in the grassland enclosures (lokere)**, while **7 bags** of grass seed bags were harvested in their two existing enclosures supporting the ongoing habitat recovery efforts that Mama Simba manage across our area of operation.



Mama Simba's tree nursery



Invasive Species Removal

LION KIDS CAMP

INSPIRING A NEW
GENERATION OF
CONSERVATION LEADERS

This quarter marked a historic turning point for Ewaso Lions with the Mega Launch of our newly upgraded Lion Kids Camp, a landmark event attended by over **900 community members**. Officiated by the Governor of Samburu County, H.E. Hon. Jonathan Lati Lelelit, the ceremony drew representatives from the Kenya Wildlife Service, 11 community conservancies, and local schools, celebrating a new home for a new generation of conservation leaders.

Lion Kids Camp

The second quarter of 2026 saw an unprecedented surge in educational impact, with **4 Lion Kids Camps** hosted since April, bringing the total to seven for the year. These Camps reached hundreds of children from livestock-herding communities, achieving profound shifts in attitude; at some sites, the belief that wildlife brings more benefits than problems jumped from **30% to 100%** post-Camp.

Reunion Camp

This quarter also saw the hosting of our **second Reunion Camp of the year**, a significant milestone that welcomed back **57 alumni** who first attended Lion Kids Camp between 2015 and 2021. Seeing these young adults return to the upgraded facilities as professional conservationists, rangers, and community leaders provided a powerful testament to the programme's long-term legacy and the compounding impact of conservation education. Many of these alumni were already living out the lessons they learned years ago, actively alerting their families to predator tracks and preventing livestock predation in their home conservancies.



Lion Kids Camp and the Reunion
Camp

OTHER NEWS

- In April, Ewaso Lions had the extraordinary opportunity to connect across continents through a meaningful exchange with **Seratu Aatai** and **Hutan** in Sabah, Malaysian Borneo. These organisations are dedicated to empowering communities for the peaceful coexistence of people and wildlife. Read more [here](#).
- In a high-profile engagement in London this June, Ewaso Lions' own Toby Otieno and Jeneria Lekilelei shared our programmes on a global stage in collaboration with **Disney's The Lion King UK**, **National Geographic Society**, and the **Zoological Society of London (ZSL)**.
- Also in June, the **National Geographic Museum of Exploration** opened in Washington, D.C. We are honoured to be featured inside it, with a lion GPS collar, Mama Simba regalia, and a video on Ewaso Lions on display.
- **Registration is officially open** for the 2026 Community-Led Conservation (CLC) gathering. For more information and to secure the limited spots available, please visit the official registration page at communityledconservation.org.



Hutan/Seratu Aatai x Ewaso Lions exchange



London engagement



Ewaso Lions at the National Geographic Museum of Exploration

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.

