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LIONS



Kalama Pride cub

PARTNERS REPORT

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2026



Nanai's Pride

LION NEWS

SIGNIFICANT LION SIGHTINGS

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

- **51 lion sightings** were recorded between July and September 2026.
- **Loingopa** (male) continued to be one of the most closely monitored individuals this quarter. In September, he was reported back in Kalama with rangers and our team actively alerting communities to his presence near bomas.
- **Najungu** and her **two cubs** have been spotted actively moving near Ngaremara River Bridge.
- **Naraya** (collared) and her **three cubs** have been consistently located throughout the quarter, including at a warthog kill and feeding alongside **Najungu** on an oryx in late August.
- **Mbeneiyo** was spotted with six sub-adults approaching, and **Nakokiyo** has been tracked with three sub-adults.
- **Nanai's Pride (also known as the Koitogor Pride)** remained highly active throughout the quarter, with multiple sightings in July, August, and into September, with a sighting confirming a large grouping of the pride, including Nakokiyo, Najungu, and five sub-adults.
- The **Shaba Pride** remained active in the Buffalo Springs National Reserve (BSNR) area throughout the quarter.
- There were **17 predator conflict incidents** that we were made aware of; **13** of which were lion-related.
- We held a total of **15 community meetings** over the past quarter.
- **25** livestock were saved from potential predation by carnivores.

KURA'S PRIDE

PROMOTING WELFARE OF
DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND
MINIMISING DISEASE
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HARMONIOUS BALANCE BETWEEN
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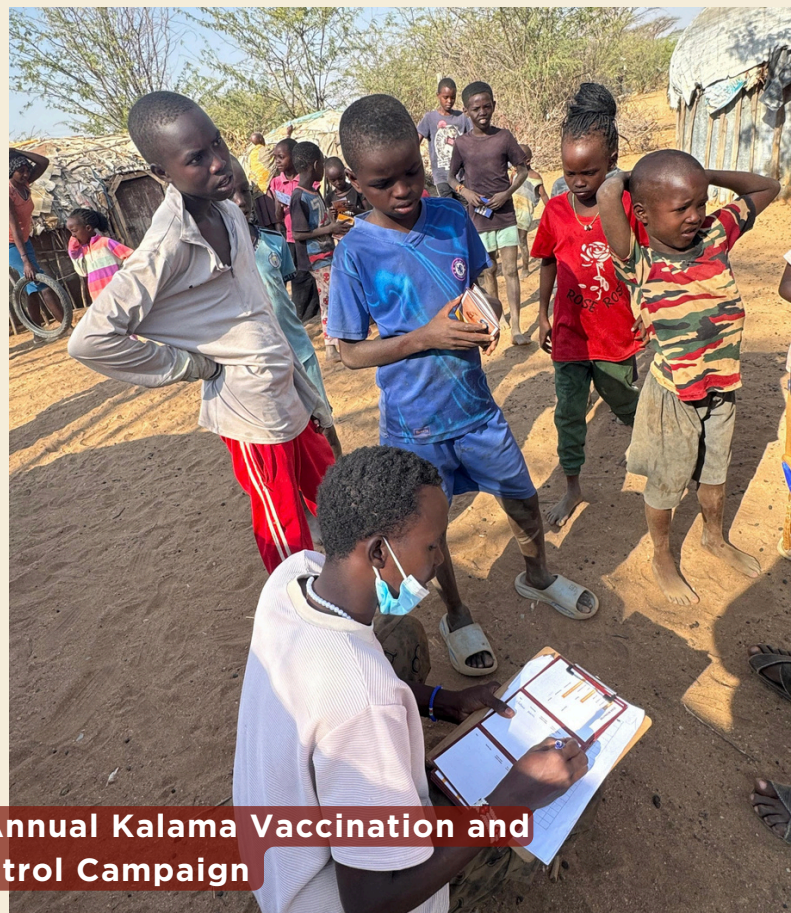
Our Community Animal Health Initiative

In the third quarter of 2026, the Mobile Veterinary Unit (MVU) held its Annual Kalama Vaccination and Population Control Campaign. **804 dogs and cats were vaccinated**, and **30 dogs and cats** were sterilised across four days in Kalama Conservancy. Routine veterinary rounds continued across Westgate and Kalama throughout the quarter, covering worm infestations to emergency treatments on livestock following wildlife attacks. Our **8 Kura's Pride Ambassadors** remain the first line of response, flagging cases before they escalate and keeping communities connected to the team.

Other achievements this quarter:

- **881 animals** attended to in total
- **41 dogs and cats received clinical treatment** for various illnesses
- **6 animals** treated in emergencies
- **30 dogs** received population management surgeries
- **804 dogs and cats** were vaccinated against rabies and distemper.

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 during the Annual Kalama Vaccination and Population Control Campaign

MAMA SIMBA

A HUGE QUARTER FOR THE WOMEN

Tree Nursery

This quarter, an additional **430 indigenous seedlings** from last quarters 2000 seedlings across **23 species** are germinating and growing well in the Mama Simba nursery. These seedlings are being grown until they are strong enough to transplant into the areas where Mathenge (invasive species) is being cleared.

To protect them from elephants in the meantime, the team devised a simple solution: a line of bottles strung around the nursery perimeter that rattle when nudged, alerting the team to disperse any approaching elephants.

Getting Ready for El Niño

With El Niño predicted, the Mama Simba team has been preparing the landscape to absorb what is coming. They have **dug 45 new semi-circular grass bunds (locally known as lokeres)**, bringing their total to over 100. When the rains arrive, the lokeres trap water long enough for native grasses to take root, restoring ground cover lost to drought and overgrazing, rebuilding soil health, and strengthening the herbivore prey base that lions depend on. A landscape prepared with grass seed banks can absorb what El Niño brings. Mama Simba is making sure this one is ready.

Invasive Species Removal and Habitat Recovery

Over this quarter, Mama Simba team removed **1,063 Mathenge (*Prosopis juliflora*)** species from Westgate Conservancy. Mathenge has been spreading across key lion habitats for years, replacing indigenous vegetation and reducing the dense cover lions depend on for hunting and rest. Every plant removed is ground reclaimed, and the **Toothbrush tree (*Salvadora persica*)** and other indigenous species go in next.



Line of bottles at the tree nursery



Digging grass seedbanks



Invasive Species Removal

LION KIDS CAMP

INSPIRING A NEW
GENERATION OF
CONSERVATION LEADERS

This third quarter of 2026 continued to build on the momentum of an eventful year for Lion Kids Camp, reaching new communities, welcoming alumni home, and proving, again, that the impact of this programme does not fade with time.

Lion Kids Camp

This third quarter saw Lion Kids Camp reach **two** additional communities, bringing the total to **nine camps for the year**. A group of 28 children from Meibae Conservancy experienced their very first lion sighting when Nanai's Pride appeared during their wildlife safari. Beyond the lions, they encountered elephants, met the Mobile Veterinary Unit team, and visited Samburu National Reserve headquarters. 27 children from Laresoro in Kalama Conservancy also attended their own camp, moving through activities, the Conservation Game, and a wildlife safari through Samburu.

Reunion Camp

This quarter saw **two more Reunion Camps** added to the year's programme. In August, 28 alumni from Nyeri and Isiolo counties returned for our third Reunion Camp of the year, some for the first time since 2014. In September, a Reunion Camp for Ngutuk El Muget alumni in Meibae Conservancy added to the Reunion Camps for the year. Across four Reunion Camps in 2026, **155 young adults** have come home to Lion Kids Camp.

"LKC inspired me to join the wildlife club, and now I am a secretary."

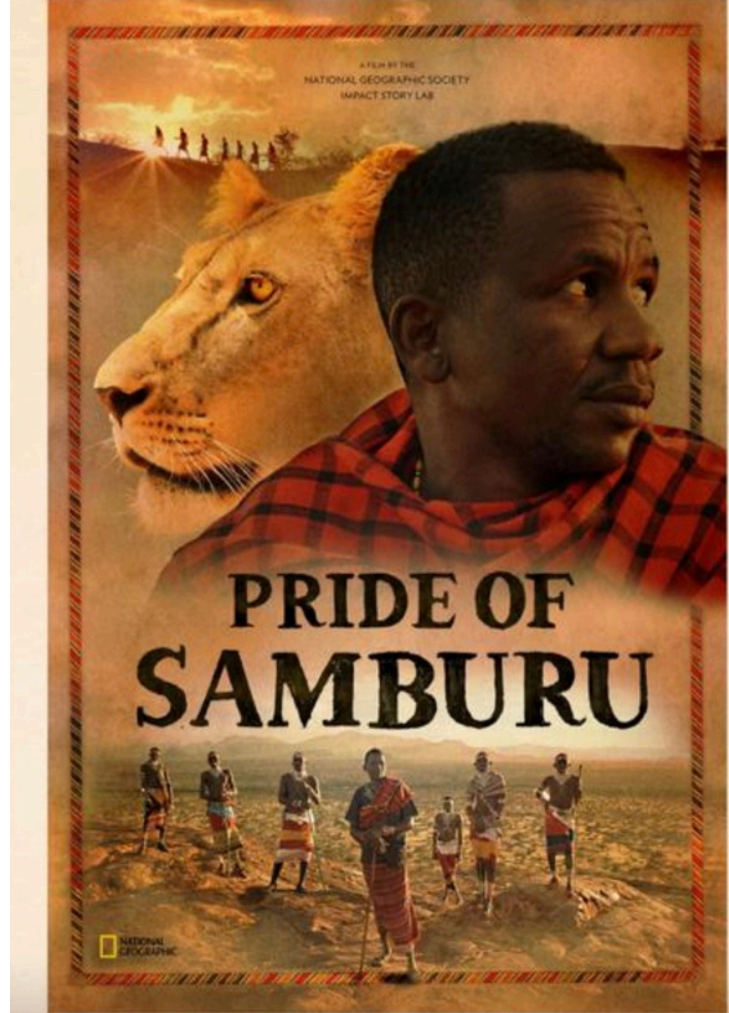
Lucy Korosian, Leparua



Lion Kids Camp and the Reunion Camp

OTHER NEWS

- This quarter, we launched our **2026-2028 Strategic Plan**, setting the course for the next chapter of community-led lion conservation in northern Kenya. [Read more here](#).
- **Pride of Samburu**, a National Geographic Impact Story Lab feature documentary is here! The film follows the Ewaso Lions team as they work to bridge community and conservation, protecting lions and the Samburu way of life. The premiere was held in Sasaab village on the 29th of September. 550 community members attended this special celebration of community-led conservation. Watch this space!
- This October, Ewaso Lions heads to San Francisco. Our Community Conservation Director Jeneria and Education Manager Evanson will be at the **Wildlife Conservation Expo** on October 10th at the Mission Bay Conference Centre.
- In July, our Manager of Research and Impact, Symon Masiaine, attended the **Laikipia-Isiolo-Samburu Carnivore Workshop**, bringing together carnivore researchers and conservation practitioners from across the landscape to share data, align on monitoring approaches, and strengthen collaboration.
- Registration for the **Community-Led Conservation Conference** in November is now closed! We look forward to hosting 200 global conservation leaders.



Symon at the Laikipia-Isiolo-Samburu Carnivore Workshop

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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