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VISION

A healthy ecosystem whereby biodiversity and humanity live in harmony.

MISSION

To protect the most important wildlife ecosystems in East Africa.

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“If we lose the land, we lose the culture. Lose the culture, lose the peace. Lose the peace, lose the community. Lose the community, lose our way of life, forever.”

~ **Mokompo Ole Simel**
A Maasai Spiritual Leader (Oloiboni)

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WHERE WE WORK

SOUTH
SUDAN

ETHIOPIA

UGANDA

SOMALIA

Samburu



Maasai Mara



Kiunga



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TANZANIA

FOREWORD



Svein Wilhelmsen,

CHAIRMAN, SARUNI
BASECAMP & BASECAMP
EXPLORER FOUNDATION.

This report accounts for an extraordinary time. It covers the recovery period as we emerge from the effects of the COVID-19 crisis, move towards resilience, and implement our three-year strategic plan.

Like the rest of the world, we face the challenge of climate change and its extreme weather patterns. However, we take pride in empowering communities to lead wildlife conservation efforts. Acting as frontline soldiers, these communities have chosen conservation as sustainable land use, keeping their land open and investing in rangeland restoration to conserve biodiversity and enhance their quality of life.

We are encouraged by the increasing number of landowners signing long-term lease agreements, a sign of growing awareness about biodiversity's benefits. However, this commitment by communities necessitates immediate action. We need more funding for conservation and increased investments to create jobs and finance the commitments of local communities. We remain steadfast in our commitment to deepen collaborations and partnerships to prevent biodiversity loss.

The work we do would not be possible without our funding partners' support, including the Summa Foundation, Sinding Family, Baggins, LGT Venture Philanthropy, AKO Foundation, and several individual donors. Because of this support, we were able to partner with 18 strategic partners engaged in meaningful work that contributes to biodiversity conservation and the improvement of livelihoods. In 2023, these partners implemented 24 projects across three landscapes in Kenya—the Maasai Mara, Samburu, and North Coast.

We are happy to note that the support from our funding partners is achieving the intended impacts, as you will read in this report. A key highlight of 2023 is the completion of the construction of the Wildlife Training College of Maasai Mara; the college admitted the first cohort of 40 students by mid-year. The Pardamat Conservation Area, home of the college, also started managing its affairs independently from the second quarter after years of incubation by the conservancies' umbrella body for the region, Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association, since its establishment in 2016.

We hope this report inspires you and makes you appreciate that the resources we use to drive our mission are not in vain.

CEO'S LETTER



Nick Trent

CEO, BASECAMP EXPLORER
FOUNDATION – KENYA

2023 was a pivotal year for the Basecamp Explorer Foundation. After 25+ years of serving the Maasai Mara landscape, first as Basecamp Foundation, then as Basecamp Explorer Foundation, and now with a dedicated Kenya-based arm that we formally registered on February 13, 2023, Basecamp Explorer Foundation - Kenya now takes on the lead role in working with implementing partners in the field, with support from Basecamp Explorer Foundation Norway and Basecamp Explorer Foundation USA and the many donors who make our work possible.

2023 was a year of really 'coming together'. With a core three-year funding commitment from Summa Equity, Baggins Family, and LGT Venture Philanthropy, we hit the road running. By the end of the first quarter, we generated partnerships with 18 implementers, each specialising in a particular area that fulfilled and matched the strategy we developed in 2022 with the mission of protecting the most important ecosystems in East Africa.

The task ahead was enormous and still is! With the rapid population growth, modernisation, unstoppable land sub-division, rapid habitat loss, and fewer wild spaces for Kenya's wildlife and pastoral communities, the journey we embarked on in 2023 was just the beginning of a new phase. We have carefully selected partner organisations close to the ground who understand the issues on hand and have long relationships with communities that not only wish to survive the coming changes but also desire for their wildlife and rangelands to remain intact.

The collaboration of donors, partners, and project recipients has shown what we can achieve when we come together. We hope the following overview, including insights into the projects implemented in 2023, not only gives you a snapshot of what we achieved but also inspires you and shows that, despite the massive challenges, we can make a difference.

OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

IMPACT

Resilient communities and diverse natural habitats

OUTCOMES

Established and well-governed community wildlife conservancies

Well-managed community wildlife conservancies

Better-equipped community members living in harmony with wildlife

Strengthened conservation behaviours and mindsets among communities and institutions

Enabling communities to establish new wildlife conservancies

Strengthening existing wildlife conservancies

STRATEGY

Building next generation leadership

Facilitating resilience of conservancy communities

OUR ROLE

BCEF is the conduit that enables investment to flow from the private, public, and tourism sector to fund strategic partners who implement our Strategy in and around community-owned wildlife conservancies, measuring success through clear metrics.

CONTEXT

NEGATIVE:

High population growth/fragmentation of community land and culture / increased climate variability/ competition for limited resources / unsustainable use of natural resources

POSITIVE:

Increasing awareness of the benefits of biodiversity for human well-being/benefits of wild spaces rich in biodiversity / drawing tourism/source of livelihood for community-owned land.

THE PROBLEM

Increased human demand for natural resources.

NEGATIVE OUTCOME

Degradation of natural habitats and threatened livelihoods.

Svein Wilhelmsen founded Basecamp Explorer Group in 1998, a responsible tourism operation and the Foundation, that works hand-in-hand to protect wildlife, the environment, and the pastoral way of life.

A life-changing meeting inspired the establishment of Basecamp Explorer Group with the late Motinka Ole Taek, who served as a Maasai Chief. Sitting around the fire one evening, Ole Taek told a worrying tale about the threats facing his people. Svein was inspired by his concern to establish a body that would care, leave a positive footprint wherever it operated, and positively impact the people it worked with.

Since its humble beginnings in 1998, the Basecamp Explorer (now Saruni Basecamp) has blossomed into a network of responsible tourist destinations in Kenya and Spitsbergen. With a steadfast focus on community-centred projects, a gender-balanced workplace, and the training of youth into the hospitality arena, we have a clear vision to protect wildlife, community, and the environment.

The Basecamp Explorer Foundation was established to address the threats facing wildlife by teaming up with the local communities. We firmly believe that the key to success is working with the people who own and inhabit the land hosting wildlife. We want this belief reflected in everything we do across the diverse landscapes in Kenya, where we operate.



BRIDGING DONORS, INVESTORS, AND LOCAL IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS TO DRIVE IMPACTFUL CHANGE AND PRESERVE BIODIVERSITY

Wildlife Habitats



13,185.016

hectares

are currently leased and managed by our partners.

Pangolin Protection



24

landowners

de-electrified 21.94 kms of perimeter wire to protect the giant ground pangolin.

Children and Youth



209

young people benefited from scholarships, bursaries and internships.

AN OVERVIEW: 2023 AT A GLANCE

Enabling Communities to Establish New Conservancies

- We paid leases to 398 landowners.
- Supported operations in Pardamat Conservation Area and Kalama Community Wildlife Conservancy, including salaries for 39 rangers.

Strengthening Existing Conservancies

Operational Expenditure Support

- Supported operations in Pardamat Conservation Area and Kalama Community Wildlife Conservancy, including salaries for 39 rangers (12 for three months).
- Enhanced access to water for Kalama Community Wildlife Conservancy by drilling and equipping a 160-metre-deep borehole and connecting it to solar and the national grid power.

Protecting Endangered Species

- Our partner, the Kenya Bird of Prey Trust, identified 176 raptor nests: our partner is currently assessing the nests to develop nest-specific conservation plans. Development of a human-raptor conflict protocol is underway.
- 24 landowners de-electrified 21.94 kilometres of perimeter wire to protect the giant ground pangolin. Our partner, The Pangolin Project, signed a 12-month memorandum of understanding with landowners owing about 300 hectares to protect pangolin habitats within the remaining forest blocks of Nyekweri Forest.

Mitigating Human-Wildlife Conflict

- To reduce human-wildlife conflict, we supported putting up seven predator-proof bomas and reinforcing 39 others, leading to a drop in cases of human-wildlife conflicts from 172 to 70.

Enhancing Wildlife Management

- To enhance wildlife management, we supported the training of the Wildlife Research and Training Institute, a government agency that coordinates and undertakes wildlife research and training in Kenya, on implementing a critical data analysis tool—Ecoscope.

Capacity Building



214

women

trained on WASH
and 218 on financial
management

Girls' Education



53

Teenage mothers
rejoined school
and now have an
opportunity to get an
education.

Addressing Land Degradation

- We facilitated Mara Naboisho Conservancy to address severe erosion and land degradation on parts of the Conservancy covering 111 hectares.
- Our sister organisation, Saruni Basecamp, advanced the “rewild the Maasai Mara” agenda, with their guests and community planting 3,817 trees.

Building Next Generation of Leaders

- We covered 75% of operational and 100% of capital expenses for the Wildlife Tourism College of Maasai Mara. The College admitted its first cohort of 40 in May 2023.
- We issued 209 scholarships and bursaries and supported two robust internship programmes that benefited 27 youths in 2023.

Building Community Resilience

Our partners carried out an array of activities:

- Trained 214 women on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and 218 on financial management.
- Trained 10 mentor peers on reproductive health and rights. Subsequently, the mentor peers conducted two outreaches, reaching 75 youths and adolescents.
- Enrolled 10 women from the Pardamat Conservation Area into the Women in Leadership Council, a space for building the capacity of women and incubating their leadership abilities.
- Creation of structures to enhance the community's resilience, including Girls for Leaders/Boys for Change Clubs.
- Advancing girls' education through implementing the school re-entry policy that allows teenage mothers to rejoin school—53 girls from 25 schools in the Maasai Mara rejoined in 2023.
- Commenced a programme to promote sustainable fishing and issued sustainable fishing gear to eight fishers/boats in Kiunga Conservancy.

2023 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

In line with our mission, we support four thematic areas: establishing and strengthening wildlife conservancies, restoring and protecting nature, education, and building resilient livelihoods. In 2023, we supported 24 projects implemented by 18 project partners under these four broad thematic areas and additional cross-cutting themes.

Enabling Communities to Establish New Conservancies

Enabling communities to establish new conservancies is at the core of our existence. We exist to protect the most critical wildlife ecosystems in East Africa and aspire to healthy ecosystems where biodiversity and humanity live in harmony. It is arguably the most challenging of our initiatives, involving time and conversation, legal processes, and collaboration with communities and landowners. We supported two conservancies under this thematic area: Oloisukut Conservancy Trust and Nyekweri Kimintet Community Forest Conservation Trust.

THE PROBLEM

- Poaching
- Diminishing wildlife habitats

OBJECTIVES

- Improve livelihoods through lease payment to the landowners
- Increase space for wildlife conservation
- Protect wildlife by paying salaries for 12 rangers

Oloisukut Conservancy Trust

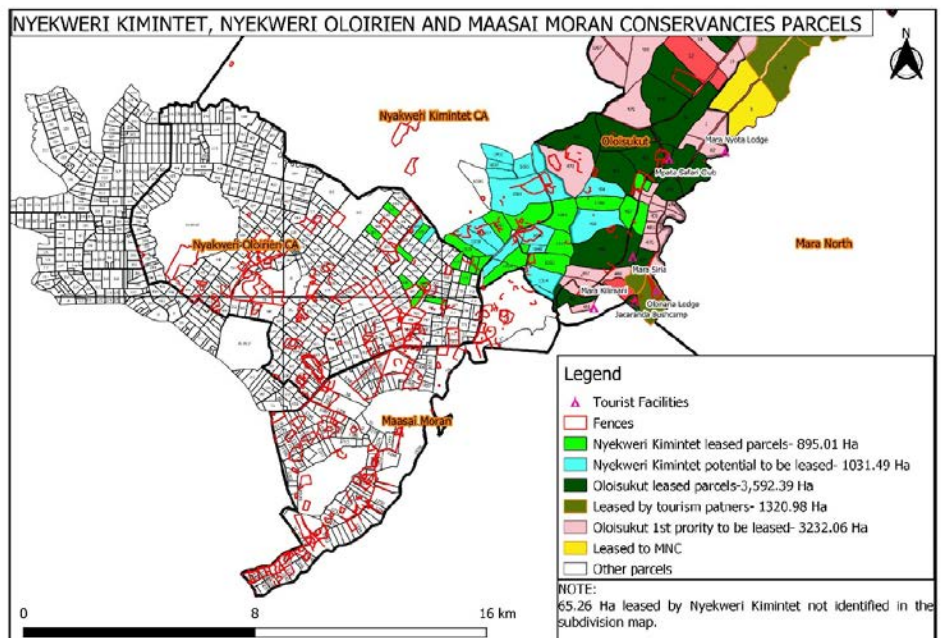
Securing land for conservation is the first and most complex step to protecting wildlife and securing livelihoods. We supported the payment of leases for 40 landowners of Oloisukut Conservancy Trust in the first quarter of 2023, a continuation from 2022. The 4,294.04-hectare Conservancy successfully secured 25-year lease agreements through BCEF-K support in the form of payment of leases to ensure landowners do not resort to other land uses. We also paid the salaries of 12 Conservancy rangers during the same period. The rangers patrolled the Conservancy throughout the period, thereby securing the integrity of the Conservancy and minimising illegal activities, with the Conservancy reporting only one case of poaching.

“We used to kill lions when they attacked our livestock, but now, we have realised that the lions and all other wildlife can be of great benefit to us. I have been receiving money monthly, just like someone who is in employment because of wildlife conservation, and it has been helpful to me and my family.”

~ Konee Ole Nkoyiei

Having built the capacity of Oloisukut Conservancy Trust, we transitioned out on April 1, 2023, in line with our approach to focusing on the area south of Nyekweri Forest. We handed over the management of Oloisukut Conservancy Trust to a private entity, Oloisukut Wild Partnership.

4,294.040 ha
owned by 40
landowners leased.



THE PROBLEM

Loss of wildlife habitats threatening endangered species including the giant ground pangolin.

OBJECTIVES

- Secure land for natural resource management through leasing
- Improved livelihoods for the Maasai landowning families living with wildlife in Nyekweri Kimintet Trust



Scientists observed the presence of

856

wild animals through direct and indirect signs during a rapid ecological survey in August.

1,144.719 ha

owned by 29 landowners leased.

Nyekweri Kimintet Community Forest Conservation Trust

Through the umbrella body for Mara Conservancies, the Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association (MMWCA), we supported the establishment of the Nyekweri Kimintet Community Forest Conservation Trust. Nyekweri Kimintet forms part of the indigenous Nyekweri Forest, a famous home for the giant ground pangolin and African elephant, amongst numerous endemic wildlife species. In 2023, the Conservancy leased an additional 96.317 hectares, bringing the total leased area to 1,144.719 hectares—Twenty-nine Maasai who own the area have committed to 15-year lease agreements. The Conservancy is now engaging 10 landowners with remaining consolidated intact forest patches to encourage them to commit their parcels to conservation to save the forest from deforestation and illegal logging and secure habitat for critically endangered wildlife such as pangolins. We paid lease fees to the 29 landowners throughout the year.

The Conservancy carried out a rapid ecological survey in August, during which scientists observed the presence of 856 wild animals through direct and indirect signs. Additionally, they recorded 99 plants belonging to 37 families and 58 bird species. Further, through the support of the Africa Foundation, the Conservancy installed 25 cameras in wildlife-prone corridors, thus monitoring wildlife movement daily. The cameras have captured lots of wildlife, including elephants, lions, giraffes, zebras and elands. The rapid ecological survey and the camera traps observations indicate the area’s tourism potential.

Despite resource constraints, the Conservancy continues to leverage partnerships with like-minded organisations, including MMWCA, The Pangolin Project, the Kenya Forest Service, the Kenya Wildlife Service, the National Drought Management Authority, and the Africa Foundation.



Strengthening Existing Conservancies

After establishment, conservancies require support to strengthen their management and governance, run their operations robustly, and build strong institutions capable of attracting business and investments. We work with conservancies and other partners in those spaces to protect and monitor endangered species, enhance wildlife management through technology, and implement land restoration interventions.

THE PROBLEM

Blocked wildlife corridors resulting in human-wildlife conflict.

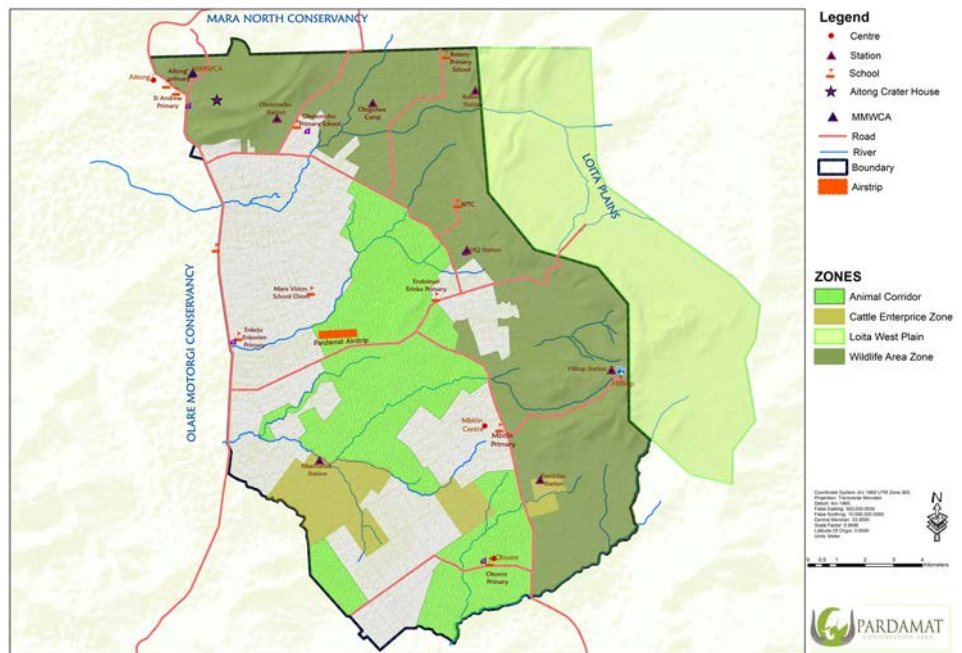
OBJECTIVES

- Preventing further land subdivision and sale and therefore keeping land under conservation intact within the lease period and of encroachment of settlements to wildlife areas and thus a thoroughfare for wildlife dispersal
- Protecting wildlife and their habitat by eradicating logging and charcoal burning, preventing poaching and wildlife harassment, and sensitising the community not to overstock livestock improving livelihoods through the payment of leases, provision of bursaries and enhancing access to water.

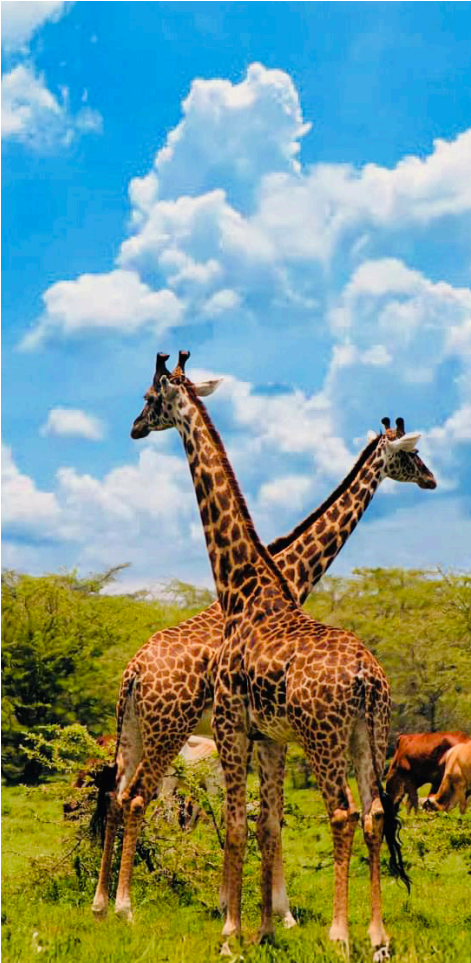
Pardamat Conservation Area Management and Lease Support

Pardamat Conservation Area employs a unique dual-use approach, where people, their livestock, and wildlife coexist in the same area. The Conservancy’s success presents a new model for the Maasai Mara in the face of subdivision and privatisation of land. We continue to support the Conservancy due to its significance, especially in providing an essential connection for wildlife between the Maasai Mara National Game Reserve and other conservancies. In 2023, we met the capital and operational costs, including management salaries and related expenses, road maintenance, and lease fees for 329 landowners who signed 15-year lease agreements. The Conservancy ended the year on a high note by purchasing a tractor to facilitate road repair and manag

7,746.257 ha
owned by 239 landowners leased.



www.pardamatconservation.org/conservation-map



Tourism in Pardamat Conservation Area

The first Pardamat Conservation Area partner, Edu Africa, started bringing guests to the Wildlife Tourism College of Maasai Mara (WTC) under its Mara Service-Learning Project in May 2023. During the reporting period, the college achieved 1,298 bed nights. The Pardamat Airstrip, a significant development in the Conservancy's infrastructure, was fully registered to receive commercial flights in 2023. Pardamat management has proactively invited several airlines to assess the airstrip, which is now fully prepared to accommodate flights pending traveller demand. Furthermore, the Conservancy has taken a commendable step by employing two local youths to manage operations at the airstrip, thereby promoting community involvement and empowerment.

Wildlife Monitoring and Security

The Pardamat rangers continue to conduct daily patrols in their units across the Conservancy to improve the security of wildlife, people, and livestock within the conservation area. In their daily work, they give community members information regarding the presence of dangerous animals to avert conflict and ensure school-going children are safe while going to and from school. Pardamat also deployed rangers in seven different strategic stations of the Conservancy for effective wildlife monitoring. A corporal leads each patrol team and has EarthRanger. This real-time software solution aids in collecting wildlife-related data to help make more informed operational decisions for wildlife conservation.

Protecting and Restoring Nature in Kiunga

We supported three core areas to enhance the protection and restoration of nature, including advancing security and peace, habitat and marine management, and managing endangered species. To help our partners realise their objectives, we supported several activities. First, we supported the recruitment of three rangers and facilitated ranger operations to ensure enhanced and sustained implementation of the Marine Conservancies Management Monitoring System to curb illegal activities. It is worth noting that Kiunga community rangers, in collaboration with Kenya Wildlife Service and Fisheries Beach Management Units, recorded and protected 94 sea turtles nesting in 2023, more than double the number the Conservancy has ever recorded.

In addition, we supported the purchase of a patrol boat currently under construction and the replacement of the outboard engine for Pate Conservancy's old boat. These efforts will further enhance patrols, monitoring, and enforcement in the locally managed marine areas.

Lastly, we supported the capacity-building of 29 field officers, including 21 community rangers, on forest surveys and primate censuses. Subsequently, the rangers carried out a primate survey and census to determine the trend and population of Tana Primates and ensure they practiced the survey methodology.

THE PROBLEM

Water scarcity and inadequate communication infrastructure

OBJECTIVE

To improve ecosystem health for the benefit of biodiversity, community and carbon sequestration



Kalama Community Wildlife Conservancy

Our support for Kalama Community Wildlife Conservancy aims to strengthen the Conservancy’s capacity to run its operations. During the reporting period, we supported the drilling and equipping a 160-metre-deep borehole and its power connection, both solar and the national grid mains, with a change-over switch. The borehole has enhanced access to water for Kalama HQ, livestock, and domestic use for the Kalama community.

Further, we supported rangers’ operations with fuel and equipment acquisition (patrol gear and mobile signal boosters). Equipping rangers enhanced monitoring, as the rangers were able to respond quickly, forestall illegal activities, and conduct joint patrols with the Kenya Wildlife Service rangers.

Communications at the Kalama HQ received a boost. The Conservancy acquired and installed six components of 2G and 4G signal boosters at its headquarters, enhancing internet connectivity and facilitating field operations.

As a result, the Conservancy has reported better staff morale, decreased livestock encroachment, and increased wildlife presence. Further, the Conservancy reported land recovery and better rangeland management with no cases of illegal settlements during the reporting period.

Conserving Biodiversity in Kiunga Marine Reserve



We enhanced nature protection and restoration by supporting the hiring of three additional rangers for the Northern Rangeland Trust’s member, Pate Marine Community Conservancy, purchasing rangers’ uniforms, and procuring a patrol boat (currently under construction). The enhanced capacity contributed to improved management of the Locally Managed Marine Areas.

Community rangers conducted effective patrols and enforcement in hotspot areas in a strong display of collaboration with government agencies. These joint efforts successfully deterred illegal fishing, logging of mangroves, and sea turtle poaching, among others. In this regard, the team protected 94 sea turtles nesting during the reporting, marking the team’s highest nesting recorded.



📍 **Crowned eagle's nest**

Rehabbing and Releasing Critically Endangered Vultures in Mara Naboisho Conservancy

In close partnership with the Kenya Bird of Prey Trust centres, we successfully released a critically endangered juvenile, Rüppell's Vulture and two critically endangered juvenile White-backed Vultures during the fourth quarter. All three birds were tagged with GPS transmitters and released from the newly established temporary holding facility in Mara Naboisho Conservancy in the Maasai Mara. Since their release, each bird has ranged widely. The juvenile white-backed vulture we released in September spent three and a half months within the greater Maasai Mara, and the juvenile white-backed vulture released in December spent the month flying across southern Kenya and moved to Lumo Conservancy close to the Tsavo West National Park. The juvenile Rüppell's vulture, released in December, spent the month flying across southern Kenya and northern Tanzania. We will continue monitoring these birds over the coming months and hope they do well in the wild.

The highest annual number the team recorded previously since the establishment of the Marine Conservancies is 40.

Another area of support is the training of 28 monitoring personnel from Ndera, Lower Tana, and Hanshak-Nyongoro Conservancies, including 24 rangers, three community research assistants, and a wildlife research and monitoring assistant on forest surveys and primate censuses to build internal capacity for routine monitoring.

Protecting Birds of Prey

Our partner, the Kenya Bird of Prey Trust, has been actively working to understand and protect birds of prey. Their interventions include crucial activities such as nest monitoring, mapping areas of high raptor importance, and conducting poison awareness and rapid response in instances of poisoning.

The Kenya Bird of Prey Trust recorded 176 nests, 147 in Pardamat and neighbouring Naboisho and 29 within Nyekweri and Oloisukut. In partnership with the Naboisho management, the Kenya Bird of Prey Trust protected the Naboisho Martial Eagle nest tree. In neighbouring Pardamat, the Kenya Bird of Prey Trust monitoring team located an active Crowned Eagle nest (unfortunately, the fledged chick disappeared soon after leaving the nest). Of the 29 nests identified in Nyekweri and Oloisukut, almost every nest is vulnerable to human disturbance. By the end of 2023, the Kenya Bird of Prey Trust was assessing which nests are most likely to be successfully protected before drafting nest-specific conservation plans.

The development of a human-raptor conflict protocol, which is now in draft form, will contribute to the safety of raptors in areas where they may come in contact with communities.

We helped expand raptor monitoring by hiring, equipping, and training a project coordinator for Oloisukut and Nyekweri. The new hire has been a valuable addition to the team and has begun recording crowned eagle nest activity in Nyekweri and Oloisukut.

THE PROBLEM

Loss of ground giant pangolin habitats

OBJECTIVES

- To protect the giant ground pangolin in Nyekweri
- To conserve and prevent further deforestation of pangolin habitat



The giant ground pangolin

Saving the Last Giant Ground Pangolin of the Nyekweri

The project entails tagging and tracking the movement of up to 10 giant ground pangolins and monitoring behaviour; carrying out daily monitoring of the pangolins to ensure their survival and increase the security for wildlife in the project area; and engaging households directly in the protection of the giant ground pangolin by urging them to reduce threats, including electric fences, preventing further deforestation, and conserving the habitat.

The Pangolin Project deployed 50 camera traps to monitor Pangolin burrows for a month and conducted camera trap surveys. The camera trap surveys captured over 32 mammal species, including five giant pangolins, within the remaining forest blocks and several bird species.

The Pangolin Project engaged households to actively protect the giant ground pangolin by removing electric fences and halting deforestation—24 landowners de-electrified 21.94 kilometres of perimeter wire.

The Pangolin Project facilitated meetings with landowners in Nyekweri Kimintet Community Forest Conservation Trust to map the remaining forest within landowner parcels. Subsequently, The Pangolin Project signed a 12-month Memorandum of Understanding with 13 landowners owning about 300 hectares to protect the integrity of the forest within the remaining forest blocks.

The Mara Predator Conservation Project

Predators killed 75 sheep and goats and injured two in the eight-month monitoring period. Despite these incidents, the community demonstrated a commitment to tolerance by refraining from retaliatory attacks against predators. Human-wildlife conflict cases reduced from a baseline of 172 to 70 at the end of the project.

To enhance livestock security and mitigate human-wildlife conflict, the project team trained 164 community members, including 100 herders, on human-wildlife coexistence. The team also urged residents of Pardamat to remove fences that block wildlife corridors. The Kenya Wildlife Trust also put up seven predator-proof bomas, reinforced 39 others using recycled plastic poles, and deployed five camera traps to monitor their effectiveness.

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THE PROBLEM

Inadequate data management capacity

OBJECTIVE

To enhance the capacity in tool utilisation and data management

Enhancing Wildlife Management through Technology

Training and Implementation of Ecoscope for Global Conversation Data Analyses

Our partnership with the Mara Elephant Project on the implementation of Ecoscope is one way we contribute to the enhancement of wildlife management through the adoption of technology.

The Mara Elephant Project worked with the Wildlife Research & Training Institute (WRTI) to ensure the institution's datasets are up to date and to bolster the institution's proficiency in data cleaning, loading, analysis, and mapping, all of which are critical facets in the successful operationalisation of EarthRanger and utilisation of Ecoscope for data visualisation and decision-making. Through a technical consultant, Mara Elephant Project took the institution through a week-long training focusing on Aerial Count and Collar Observations. The training covered fundamental Python programming skills and the Jupyter Notebook, cornerstone tools for monitoring wildlife.

The training culminated in hands-on exercises, ensuring that the institution's team could retrieve maps from the system as an output, with the institution providing datasets covering 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2014, 2017, and 2021 for the exercise. The Wildlife Research and Training Institute is at the core of strengthening the capacity of wildlife research organisations to internalise the utilisation of EarthRanger across Kenya. EarthRanger and Ecoscope provide an opportunity for enhanced conservation monitoring, data-driven decision-making, and effective resource management.

The Mara Elephant Project is enlisting partners to embrace the new technology, and the partner engagement will continue in 2024. Enonkishu Conservancy, for instance, welcomed the Mara Elephant Project's support in loading wildlife transect and bio-monitoring data into the Conservancy's EarthRanger, and the collaboration has commenced.



“The training had a massive impact on the Wildlife Research and Training Institute team and we gained the much-needed knowledge and understanding of EarthRanger as a conservation tool and the critical role that will be played by Ecoscope in terms of data visualisation. At WRTI, we are now awakened to the power that will come with these tools in supporting our ability to process our data programmatically. We look forward to learning more and being able to take full advantage of the capabilities of EarthRanger and Ecoscope for better conservation efforts management.”

~ **Steve Ndambuki**
Senior Research Scientist, Wildlife Population and Habitat Dynamics, Wildlife Research and Training Institute





Land Restoration for Healthier Ecosystems

A Study on Restoration Techniques for Degraded Savanna Grasslands in Maasai Mara

During the last quarter of 2023, the Centre for Ecosystem Restoration – Kenya commenced a grasslands restoration technique study. The study examines restoration techniques to revive degraded savanna grasslands in the Maasai Mara using scientific research and traditional ecological knowledge. The organisation has since carried out a literature review on the status of grassland and the methods used to study and restore it. The review considered 65 scientific articles. The study finds the landscape a complete socio-ecological whole, composed of interactions between people, wildlife, and landscapes. The organisation has also set up a socio-ecological survey and hosted a rangeland management workshop with critical stakeholders. The workshop provided a platform for collecting valuable data for the study. The socially ecologically integrated approach will allow responsible and informed policy-making decisions and direct further scientific studies. Work continues into 2024.

65

scientific articles were considered in a literature review on the status of grassland and grass restoration methods.

THE PROBLEM

Land degradation.

OBJECTIVE

Land repair to improve the ecosystem health for the benefit of biodiversity, community and carbon Sequestration.

Water flow into the erosion gully from sheet erosion reduced by up to

90%

Land Restoration in Mara Naboisho Conservancy

Mara Naboisho Conservancy addressed severe soil erosion and land degradation in parts of the Conservancy that resulted from various factors, especially over-grazing. In this regard, the Conservancy management constructed run-off walls within the erosion gullies to slow water flow and trap the soil using locally available materials. The Conservancy also dug swales on the gradient above the erosion gullies to prevent sheet erosion. The swales sit on approximately 110 hectares. By digging the swales, Naboisho Conservancy has reduced the water flow into the erosion gully from sheet erosion by up to 90%. In one large storm of approximately 50mm of rain, the mitigation measures prevented approximately 12 million litres of water from running into the gully. In carrying out the activities, the Conservancy spent time ensuring that the surrounding landowners were aware of the importance of the exercise in preserving pasture. Landowners were so impressed when they saw the results after heavy rain that they requested additional erosion control.

Rewilding the Maasai Mara

During the reporting period, Saruni Basecamp guests and community members planted 3,817 trees under the “Rewilding of the Mara” initiative, a natural showcase project initiated in 1998 to plant trees and increase the forest cover along the Talek River ecosystem. The Basecamp Forest has attracted over 300 bird species, including nesting critically endangered white-backed vultures and an endangered tawny eagle pair.



3,817

seedlings planted
in 2023



Building Next Generation of Leaders

At Basecamp Explorer Foundation – Kenya, we are committed to empowering young and old community members in and around conservancies. Our investments in education, including bursaries, scholarships, and internships, have opened doors for youth, providing them with opportunities for a brighter future. We believe that by investing in the youth, we are not only preparing them for work opportunities but also ensuring that their landowner and ranger parents directly benefit from the wildlife they live with or protect.

The College opened its doors in May **2023**

to the first cohort of **40 students**



16
Female



24
Male

Wildlife Tourism College of Maasai Mara (WTC)

Following the construction of WTC over the past two years, we, through its donor partners, continued to provide about 75% support of operational and 100% capital expenses in 2023. The College opened its doors in May 2023 to the first cohort of 40 students: 16 females and 24 males. It offers government-accredited vocational certificate courses ranging from safari guiding to tourism industry skills, including camp and hospitality management, and a two-year diploma in wildlife management, with plans to introduce a diploma in environmental management. The Kenya National Examination Council examines WTC students, as the College is government-registered. 26 students have already taken the Module 1 exam offered by the Council.

The College plays a critical role in the sustainability of Pardamat Conservation Area. Edu-Africa, the College, and Pardamat management have developed an agreement for income sharing that comes through Edu Africa guests with 1,298 bed nights in 2023.

In its first year of operation, the college management and staff created an active learning hub with networks developed with international universities, researchers, and students.



Enjoolata Centre: Connecting Women for Purpose

Noonkuta Sayialel is one of the BMB project members in Talek. As one of the pioneer women under the BMB project, Enjoolata Centre has long been her workstation every Monday. The group has slightly over 200 women, and they all have designated days when they work at the Centre.

“Working at Enjoolata Centre once a week allows me to concentrate and cover some ground, thus meeting my monthly targets,” says Noonkuta. “Home chores can be a destruction, so Enjoolata Centre provides the much-needed balance.”

The coming together also allows women to connect and grow with their peers.

“What we do and the purpose of Enjoolata Centre are complementary: the Centre advances the Maasai culture, and we are keeping the culture alive through our creations displayed at the Centre,” she concludes.

Enjoolata Awareness Centre

The Enjoolata Awareness Centre, a space for cultural immersion, exploration, and learning, is a testament to our commitment to community development. The Centre, whose name loosely translates to the feeling one gets when something hidden is revealed, offers Saruni Basecamp guests and the community a unique opportunity to engage with Maasai culture and conservation management. It also serves as a venue for important meetings and events, including an annual dental outreach programme.

Enjoolata Centre is also home to the Basecamp Maasai Brand (MBM), a women’s community-based organisation that brings together 198 women who make Maasai ornaments and crafts.





209

students received scholarships and bursaries



Scholarships and Bursaries

Two hundred nine (209) students were awarded scholarships and bursaries in 2023 to varying levels of education. These scholarships and bursaries enhance access to education for the conservation community and, in the long run, expand opportunities beyond livestock keeping and land leasing for conservation. The table below summarises scholarships and bursaries for 2023.

School Level	Male	Female	Total
Pre-primary/Primary/Junior High	4	3	7
Secondary	91	70	161
Tertiary	20	21	41
Total number of beneficiaries	115	94	209

Thirty-two (32) of the 41 tertiary scholars have had the international computer driving license course integrated into their programme; seven of them have since completed the course, with the rest set to complete by mid-2024. Further, the 32 scholars will receive laptop computers to aid their studies in January 2024.



18

interns across the Saruni Basecamp properties

Internship Programme

Saruni Basecamp Academy

The Saruni Basecamp Academy took on a cohort of 18 interns across the Saruni Basecamp properties. In December 2023, 17 completed the course, including occupational health and safety training, with one intern who reported late still on course into 2024. The Saruni Basecamp Academy tracked the interns' progress using monthly reports, which the host camp manager assessed. On completion, each candidate received a certificate and submitted a report outlining their experience in the programme. Five top candidates will continue in higher-level training with Saruni Basecamp into 2024.

The programme attracted **324** applicants



57.1%
Male



42.9%
Female

MMWCA Internship Programme

The Association successfully transitioned the first cohort of nine interns and selected a second cohort from a pool of 324 applicants (57.1% male and 42.9% female), indicating that the programme is competitive. The programme seeks to improve the interns' conservation-related skills and knowledge and increase the programme beneficiaries' employment opportunities and job prospects within the conservation management arena.

The interns gained hands-on field experience in the conservation space, with numerous opportunities for mentorship and training, including online courses facilitated by Share-Screen Africa. Candidates attended enriching seminars and learning visits such as grazing committee exposure visits in Kajiado, Taita and Nakuru, seven-day training for the wards' climate change committees, and ward-level disaster risk reduction. Additionally, MMWCA facilitated one of the interns to participate in the Student Energy Summit 2023 in Abu Dhabi. Additional opportunities for networking included job shadowing and professional development workshops, including a three-day seminar on cover letters, curriculum vitae writing, and job application tips.

Two interns from the first cohort have since secured jobs. Further, the Association has initiated a collaboration with an intern from Cambridge University to conduct a comprehensive study on the internship programme's effects on the youth in the Maasai Mara region around May/June 2024.





“I was lucky to secure an internship opportunity in the 2023 (July-December) cohort. I am also glad I got the right placement that prepared me for the job market: I hold a bachelor of Technology in Environmental Resource Management, and the Saruni Basecamp Academy placed me in the Sustainability and Guest Relations Department at Basecamp Talek. The work I was assigned was meaningful, and I got lucky the second time when the Basecamp Talek offered me a job as a sustainability assistant. The internship allowed me and my colleagues to learn. The majority of interns in my cohort were absorbed.”

~ Mercy Imali, Sustainability Assistant at Basecamp Talek and former Saruni Basecamp Academy Intern.

Facilitating Community Resilience within Conservancies

As a core part of our “ecosystem approach”, we invest in the communities living in and around conservancies because they play a critical role in protecting wildlife and conserving the environment. Landowners often lose livestock to predators, with many opting for conservation as a land use when they could opt for other land uses that can undermine conservation efforts. We recognise this commitment by supporting partners in the social aspects of work aimed at strengthening the resilience of communities, highlighted through a summary of some of the interventions below.



37

men and women graduated from a six-month business-oriented course—Street Business School.



30

girls graduated from an Alternative Rite of Passage.



The Maa Trust collaborated with communities to bring about social transformation in the Maasai Mara. The interventions revolve around building social capital, basic health, and women’s and girls’ empowerment, focusing on rights advocacy, awareness, and economic empowerment.

Building Social Capital and Basic Health

Two hundred and fourteen (214) women from Nyekweri and Oloisukut conservancies received training on water sanitation and hygiene, as well as sexual reproductive health and child rights. Ten (10) peer mentors from the Pardamat Conservation Area, Nyekweri and Oloisukut Conservancies received training on adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights. Subsequently, the trainees conducted two outreach activities in Nyekweri and Oloisukut Conservancies, reaching 75 youths and adolescents. In addition, 218 women received training in financial management, and two women’s groups learnt how to create elephant-friendly kitchen gardens to reduce the risk of crop loss. As a result, two women groups successfully applied for funding at the Women Enterprise Fund (Kenya’s agency that offers affordable loans to empower women and improve their income).

Women and Girls’ Empowerment

To empower girls and women, The Maa Trust created and strengthened structures that enable women and girls to thrive. Ten (10) women from Pardamat joined the Women in Leadership Council, a platform for building the capacity of women to take up leadership opportunities and play a more active role in public life. The Women in Leadership programme conducted outreaches that impacted 288 women. One hundred and sixty (160) teenagers from Pardamat participated in the global 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. In the same vein, The Maa Trust facilitated the formation of the Next Generation Leaders Council, a forum for building the capacity of teenagers.

Additional activities included children’s and women’s rights training for 167 women from four women’s groups in Oloisukut and Nyekweri Conservancies, with support for 30 girls from Pardamat who graduated from the Alternative Rite of Passage, a Maa Trust programme to enable girls to avoid female genital mutilation (FGM) honourably.

Thirty-seven (37) men and women (15 male, 22 female) graduated from The Maa Trust-facilitated Street Business School, offering a six-month business-oriented course. After graduating, the 37 members held business meetings and jointly raised funds to purchase tents for hire. The programme demonstrates men’s evolving perspectives and willingness to work alongside women. A year after graduation, the Maa Trust will continue supporting and assessing the graduates and training four programme alumni from Pardamat as lead coaches for the course.

The Rights Way Forward



The structures include Girls for Leaders/Boys for Change Clubs, a Sexual Gender-Based Violence Prevention-and-Response Mechanism Network and a team of community facilitators to improve opportunities for girls' education and involvement of boys to end FGM practices and early pregnancies.

Dandelion Africa implemented a unique initiative in the Maasai Mara: The Rights Way Forward. It contributes to resilient livelihoods by empowering communities to access their rights and sustainably analyse the community's use of and control of resources through rights advocacy and awareness. The focus was on creating a community support system to prevent sexual gender-based violence by helping the community explore coping strategies.

The expected result is improved community capacity to lobby for increased access to public and social services, including water, health, sanitation, education, and environment, by increasing community knowledge about public service provision and access to rights, improving public participation in county governance (local government), decision-making spaces, and access to service providers, and strengthening community oversight role in public service provision. Community members also received social accountability and economic livelihood training by engaging community members and student peer educators.

Dandelion Africa facilitated the community to create structures for addressing the development challenges of poverty, exclusion, poor healthcare, lack of employable skills, gender inequality, and lack of essential public services. Girls for Leaders/Boys for Change Clubs, a Sexual Gender-Based Violence Prevention-and-Response Mechanism Network, and a team of community facilitators were strategies applied to improve opportunities for girls' education involvement of boys to end FGM practices and early pregnancies. The interventions also seek to create sexual gender-based violence-responsive mechanisms and lobbying strategies with the relevant authorities, including the deputy county commissioners, chiefs, village elders, and young men.

The project's success was evident by the community's buy-in, as demonstrated by their active role in establishing community structures, enhanced skills in active engagement in public life, and improved reproductive health-seeking behaviour of adolescent youth.

Dandelion Africa implemented the initiative in close collaboration with The Maa Trust to facilitate learning and skills transfer. The Maa Trust will subsequently incorporate the continuation of initiatives into its 2024 programming.



Mara Girls' Programme

The Mara Girls Programme, implemented by MMWCA, seeks to address the burden of teenage pregnancies and girls transitioning to various levels of schooling to attain an education. During the reporting period, MMWCA coordinated stakeholders, including the County and National government, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Interior, child protection officers, children advisory committees, and chiefs, to implement a government school re-entry policy that provides for the re-integration of teenage mothers back into school. The Association also created platforms for the relevant actors in the education sector to address the challenge of adolescent pregnancies and other forms of child abuse.

In addition, MMWCA facilitated the capacity building for guidance and counselling teachers to implement the return-to-school policy for teen mothers. Through the initiative, 53 girls from the 25 schools supported under the programme rejoined school in 2023, and most of them sat for the national examinations, paving the way for the transition to the secondary school level in 2024. The Association also facilitated mentorship for boys and girls in the 25 schools it supports.



53

teenage mothers rejoined school.



Products by BMB project women.

Basecamp Maasai Brand (BMB)

Since its inception in 2003, BMB has been steadfast in its mission to empower the Maasai women of Talek, Maasai Mara. We do this by harnessing their rich beading tradition, enabling them to earn a sustainable income. Today, the project boasts a membership of 198 women, all of whom are dedicated to producing and selling traditional Maasai handicrafts. Thus, BMB preserves the Maasai cultural heritage and also provides a source of pride and financial independence for the group members.

Sales in 2023 increased from USD 59,766.82 in 2022 to USD 69,346.73 in 2023. The project location is the Enjoolata Centre, and much of the project sales are possible through the free hosting of shops at the Saruni Basecamp properties and an online store.



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Kiunga's Gear Exchange Programme: Enhancing Conservation and Livelihoods



The project directly benefits

40

fishers and eight dealers.

The Kiunga programme, which we implemented in partnership with the Northern Rangelands Trust Coast (NRT Coast), seeks to promote sustainable fishing while optimising processes for enhanced livelihoods by issuing sustainable fishing gear. In line with the project design, NRT provided cold storage equipment to fishers to prevent post-harvest losses while the fishers exchanged their illegal beach seine nets to forestall overharvesting.

With our support, eight fishers/boats voluntarily exchanged beach seine nets and received two cooler boxes and two cooler bags each. Each cooler box has a capacity of 170 litres, while the cooler bag has a capacity of 150 kilos each. Each of the eight local buyers also received a cooler box and a cooler bag. With the new sustainable fishing gear, each boat under the Gear Exchange Programme employs five fishers. Hence, the project directly benefits 40 fishers and eight dealers. With a household dependence of approximately six members, the project benefits approximately 288 Kiunga Conservancy members, a remote community on Kenya's northern coast.

The project also supported the training of five youths from five fisheries and beach management units in Kiunga on fish catch data collectors and are currently assisting in data collection to monitor the progress of fish catching after the successful implementation of the programme.

In 2023, the fishers sold 14.6 tons of fish under the Fish to Market Project, generating about USD 23,751 for fishers.



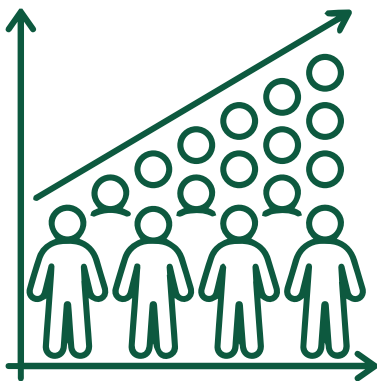
The Population Conversation

The “population conversation” is a unique approach to exploring the subject of population implemented by WellSence Consulting. The firm employs an evidence-based approach drawing on cultural heritage, including music, theatre, art, and sport, to explore the subject: population. The approach allows people to explore issues such as the overconsumption of resources and the inequity to shift individuals, organisations, donors, and government institutions from “afraid to talk about population and its impact on everything” to an informed, ethical, and proactive space that facilitates constructive communication and planning.

At the first level, the approach focuses on understanding the implications of current population growth dynamics on access to food and water, education, health, security, human rights, and the economy. The second level helps participants to recognise that enhancing accelerated access to contraception, enabling choice, empowering girls, growing a movement of boys for change, delaying pregnancies, celebrating children by choice, not by chance, and highlighting the role of small families – is the only road to achieving quality of life at the household level and sustainable development at the societal level.

The project implementation commenced in October 2023. During the last quarter of 2023, WellSence Consulting drafted a toolkit structure with core content and then implemented a six-day creative process with eight Kenyan participants, a combination of theatre artists and community facilitators with significant experience in community work in the field from various backgrounds, experiences, and ethnic groupings.

The role of this group was to understand the population factor and create and develop the resources for the population conversation toolbox, including drama activities, theatre pieces, stories, music, movement, and dance. After sensitisation regarding population and consumption conversation, the group developed a comprehensive package of resources. The technical and creative leads are refining the resources before being incorporated into the first phase of the toolbox for piloting in the Maasai Mara towards the end of February 2024. The firm will pilot the toolkit among non-governmental organisations, companies, associations, and schools in the Maasai Mara.



A toolkit providing content and structure for the Population Conversation programme developed.





One-Off Projects

We supported several one-off projects, as highlighted below.

The Maa Cultural Festival

We supported the inaugural Maa Cultural Festival jointly organised by the County Governments of Narok, Kajiado and Samburu and held at the Maasai Mara Game Reserve (Sekenani Gate) in August 2023. The festival brought together the Maa communities nationwide to provide public space and a platform for cultural expression and enjoyment. The annual event recognises the Maa way of life in promoting conservation and appreciates the Maa culture as an essential add-on to Kenya's tourism offerings.



MMWCA Ten-Year Celebration

We partnered with MMWCA in marking the 10th anniversary by supporting the printing and dissemination of the MMWCA impact report, printing the organisation's annual magazine for dissemination during the event, and partially meeting the event cost. The event presented an opportunity to reflect on the strides made in community wildlife conservation while appreciating the challenges stakeholders must address. During the event, MMWCA recognised and celebrated conservation pioneers in the Maasai Mara. The Foundation Chairperson, Svein Wilhelmsen, was recognised for his pivotal role in the evolution of the Mara Conservancies model.



Naboisho Researchers' Accommodation Units

The Foundation's support extended to the Mara Naboisho Conservancy, where we aided in the renovation of a section of the facilities that previously housed Koyiaki Guiding School, now the Conservancy's headquarters. Our specific contribution was the creation of accommodation units for researchers. The Conservancy transformed old structures into four self-contained units capable of hosting up to six researchers, complete with an outdoor kitchen and a dining and sitting area. These facilities will significantly enhance the logistics for student researchers and collaborating research institutions, furthering our commitment to supporting research in conservation.



Naboisho School Water System Repair Project

We supported Irbaan Primary School in Naboisho in purchasing a water pump to repair the school water system that stopped functioning for several months, forcing the school and the community members to fetch water from the Talek River, about three kilometres away. The repair of the tank provided a reprieve as the alternative source of water was unclean, potentially endangering the health of the students and the community members, and the journey to the river was unsafe because of the wildlife.



Construction of Bridge and Road in Pardamat

We constructed the Ole Moncho Bridge in the wildlife area. The bridge has made it easier for the rangers to patrol the area and has eased community access to Aitong' Market, health facilities, and schools. The road served by the bridge was previously impassable during the wet season.

In addition, we co-funded, with MMWCA, the grading and murraming of 4 km of Aitong' – Ole Moncho public road and constructing a bridge on the same route. The road and bridge enhance access to amenities in Aitong' Centre and reduce traffic in the wildlife area by providing an alternative passable road.

Leopard Hill Corridor Borehole Repair

We bought a water pump to restore the functionality of the Leopard Hill Corridor borehole. The Foundation drilled the borehole to provide water for the tree planting project and serve the community at In'doinyo in Talek with clean and safe drinking water.

Leopard Hill Corridor Road

We graded and murramed the Leopard Hill Corridor Road that connects Saruni Leopard Hill and Basecamp, providing an alternative route that does not pass through the Talek Centre. The 15-km road passes through private land; the Foundation is paying 38 landowners whose land the road passes a negotiated lease fee.

Free Dental Clinic

We facilitated a free dental clinic for the Talek Community in the first quarter. Specifically, we covered logistics, including providing accommodation for the volunteer doctors, transporting medical equipment, and providing a venue for the event. The initiative, which we undertake in partnership with the Hardwick Foundation, brings dental services closer to the people. The doctors attended to about 450 people with services ranging from tooth filling and removal to dental cleaning.



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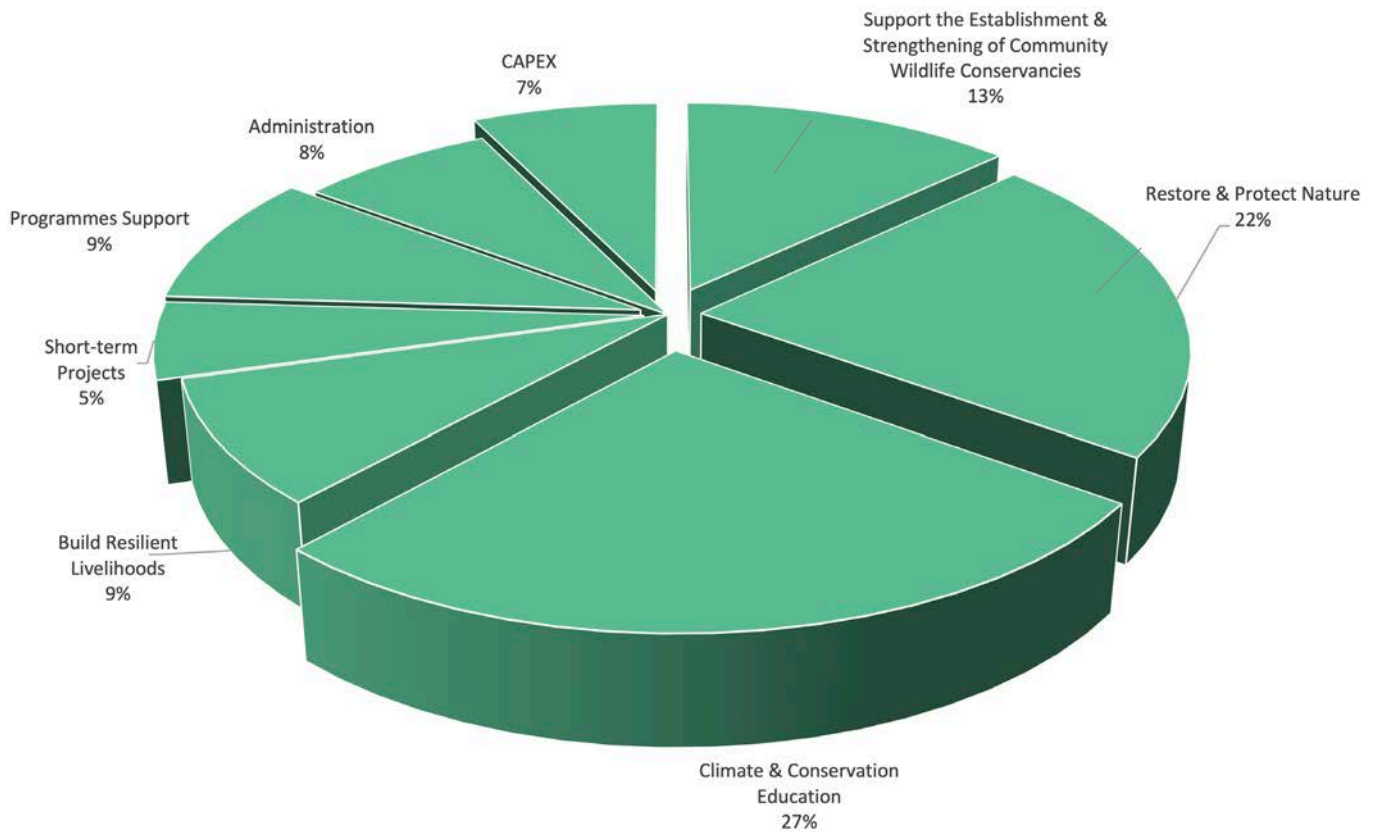
The Foundation operated with a team of four in 2023, with one additional Communications Specialist hired in December to start January 1, 2024. With support from LGT Venture Philanthropy, we enhanced our capacity by adding a Director of Programmes and a Senior Accounts Officer. The Foundation spent considerable time developing policies and financial guidelines, as well as an implementing partner package that includes documents such as templates for proposal, budget, quarterly reporting, and collection of project metrics. Through the close partnership and collaboration of our implementing partners, we can have a wide impact across three landscapes while keeping our team small. Together with our implementers, we have developed a practical and working funding and reporting system, with most implementing partners delivering on schedule with minimal delay while accurately accounting for funds received.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Our 2023 budget was **USD 2,142,468**, distributed across thematic areas as highlighted below.

Themes	USD	%
Support the Establishment & Strengthening of Community Wildlife Conservancies	277,214.00	13%
Restore & Protect Nature	461,800.00	22%
Climate & Conservation Education	575,196.00	27%
Build Resilient Livelihoods	188,034.00	9%
Short-term Projects	116,342.00	5%
Programmes Support	198,485.90	9%
Administration	161,120.10	8%
CAPEX	154,977.00	7%
TOTAL	2,142,468.00	100%



CHALLENGES



📷 Large numbers of cattle, limited space, competing rangelands - Mara Lemek Conservancy



Below is a highlight of key challenges we face as we implement our mission.

Climate change and the extreme and unpredictable weather patterns that result continue to be at the forefront of our project design. We are constantly striving for ways to lessen the impact, strengthen the community and reduce the adverse effects of climate change on the environment.

The increase in population has put a strain on available natural resources, including land and water. As settlements take more land, wildlife habitats diminish, and challenges like human-wildlife conflict and land degradation increase.

Poverty drives habitat and wildlife loss. Communities in our operating environment have limited livelihood options coupled with relatively low literacy levels. We will invest in capacity-building and resilience-building so as to reduce poverty and the negative impact on nature-based resources.

Land fragmentation stems from poor planning, land privatisation, and the need for landowners to secure their private parcels using fences. Fences block wildlife corridors, and exacerbate human-wildlife conflict increases. We continue to seek ways of securing wildlife habitats with landowner collaboration while recognising that land privatisation is the way of the future.



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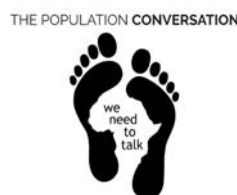
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