

# THE FORUM AT A GLANCE 2021



## Greetings Members, Friends and Partners

Laikipia Forum continues to work in partnership with organizations and associations active in natural resources management in the greater Laikipia landscape.

During this last year, the Forum worked very closely with the following members, the Mount Kenya Ewaso Water Partnership (MKEWP), ILMAMUSI Community Forest Association, Oramat Lenaboisho Cooperative Society (OLCS), Ontulili Primates Protection, the Laikipia Tourism Association (LTA), and the Ewaso Maji Savings and Credit Cooperative EMU Sacco) in their efforts to realize their members' goals and objectives.

These organizations received direct fundraising, operational, and administrative support from the Forum.

Our new Board consists of 17 of the organizations and agencies active in natural resources conservation this landscape, both government and non-state actors.

The emergence of Covid 19 in March 2020 was a major obstacle to most partners. As a result, it was a challenge to manage projects and meet donor requirements according to contracts and members' expectations.

However, amidst all this, we are happy to report that the Forum and our partners had many achievements. These are shared here.



### The Forum at a Glance

Number of Board Members: **17**

Number of Partners receiving direct Forum support: **5**

Funds under Management in 2021: **25+M Ksh (down from 33MKsh the previous year.)**

Number of Donors: **8**

## LAIKPIA TOURISM ASSOCIATION



### Statement from LTA Chair – Gilbert Mutembei

2021 was a year for the tourism sector to show its resilience. Covid had riddled the industry, and the future looked bleak and uncertain.

However, the tourism sector has shown real improvement, with a 40.8% growth in tourism numbers to the area, from 470,971 arrivals in 2020 (the beginning of the Pandemic) to 663,036 visitors last year. This is according to the Kenya Tourism Board's tourism performance assessment [report](#) in 2021.

The Laikipia Tourism Association was particularly proud to open its doors to more tourism facilities within the Greater Laikipia landscape. Our current membership is at 37. This is the highest number of members the association has had over the years. Our short-term target remains to bring on board 50-member facilities in the Laikipia landscape by mid 2022. The Association is a voice for hospitality facilities and services in the entire landscape, and to individuals working in this sector.

Some of our greatest milestones in 2021 were:

#### GiveDirectly - in a Cash Relief Program



*Photo captured from LTA member's Beisa Hotel's restaurant during the Covid 19 Pandemic period*

GiveDirectly, a leading global NGO specialized in delivering digital cash transfers, reached out to the Laikipia Tourism Association to partner in an emergency cash program as part of their Covid 19 response in Kenya.

The Laikipia Tourism Association provided a database of up to 350 individuals from over 30 different tourism facilities in the landscape to benefit from the program.

All enrolled beneficiaries receive Ksh. 12,000 disbursed over 3-4 months via mobile phone banking, helpful to tourism employees and families suffering from the impacts of Covid to their livelihoods.

[Read more on this partnership.](#)

#### Presentation of Laikipia's Tourism offerings to the Kenya Coastal Region

Through its chair, the Laikipia Tourism Association made a presentation representing Laikipia's Tourism offerings to tourism organizations and coast tourism operators in the coastal region.

This presentation consequently initiated meaningful discussions.

- How we can ensure direct flights to Nanyuki from Mombasa.
- Formation of other sub-organizations/working groups to help the Laikipia Tourism Association achieve its mandate.
- How to make tourism pricing in Laikipia more inclusive to accommodate the local Kenyan market.

We are working on an exchange trip that will, in return, bring tourism stakeholders and Mombasa tourism operators to Nanyuki.

## The Launch of Kwetu Laikipia



In November 2021, the Laikipia Tourism Association released its first newsletter, [Kwetu Laikipia](#).

This newsletter features stories about:

- Member facilities /organizations
- Travel experiences offered by members
- Sustainability/Corporate social responsibility initiatives by members
- Ongoing offers and packages

It is also a forum for discussion and dialog on important tourism sector issues and where LTA can help with lobbying and advocacy on behalf of its members.

## Validation of Tourism Standards

The LTA worked with the Tourism Regulatory Authority (the body mandated to regulate the tourism sector in Kenya) to validate standards that ensure all-around quality service delivery in the tourism sector. The Association worked in harmony with the Tourism Regulatory Authority to develop standards for the tourism sector. These standards prescribe minimum requirements for tourism enterprises and their offerings.

The standards being validated were:

- Food Safety and Hygiene
- Hotel Safety and Security
- Adventure sports
- MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences & Exhibitions)

[Read more on this.](#)

## More Milestones

We offer a pool of skilled labor and connect job seekers, especially those who lost their jobs post-Covid, with member who seek to replace staff lost to the Covid pandemic or add new staff. We look forward to improving this service in 2022.

We offered new social media marketing efforts for member campaigns, projects and programs on our social media channels Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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### LTA at a Glance

**Number of Executive Officials: 5**

**Number of Members: 37**

**Number of Staff: 1**

**Areas of Operation:** Laikipia, Nyeri, Isiolo, Meru

**Partners:** Laikipia Forum, County Department of Trade and Tourism, GiveDirectly, Kenya Coast Tourism Association (KCTA), Sustainable Travel and Tourism Agenda (STTA)



## Statement from the Manager, Lestan Kimiri

The year 2021 was a busy year for ILMAMUSI. A lot of projects and activities were undertaken in an effort to improve Mukogodo Forest conservation. 2021 saw the departure of the CFA's manager to Loisaba (Michael Mugo) and the appointment of a new CFA Manager, Lestan Kiimiri.

2021 was marred by its own share of difficulties largely attributed to the Covid – 19 pandemic. Indeed the CFA was not spared, but with the support of partners and donors, we were able to work through the year and made tremendous strides in the conservation and protection of Mukogodo forest.

## BIOPAMA Project



*John Tanui, from LEWA Conservancy advises ILMAMUSI CFA Rangers during training*

The CFA secured financial support for our rangers from the Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management programme (BIOPAMA) through our long-time partner, the Laikipia (Wildlife) Forum. The Project supports staff salaries, installation of a new digital radio communication, management committee meetings, stakeholder meetings to coordinate on security matters, the training of rangers on life saving skills, radio communication protocols, more regular patrols, and a new monitoring and reporting system.

Achievements under this project include:

1. Installation of 6 digital communication radios and programming of the digital radios to enhance communication and coordination with Lewa, NRT, Borana and the neighboring community conservancies.
2. Support for rangers rations enabling them to stay in the field and ensure they are always available for patrols and other forest monitoring activities.
3. Staff salaries have been supported in good time throughout the year
4. Recruitment of an intern to support monitoring activities in the forest
5. Training of a ranger on radio operation at Lewa for two weeks. The radio operator is now stationed at the CFA headquarters and performing his duties well.
6. Servicing of the digital radios by an IT expert from
7. Training of 12 CFA rangers on radio communication, earth ranger reporting, field drills, occurrence book management, firearm handling, patrols, and general body fitness by a team from LWC and the National Police Service.
8. 5 BIOPAMA stakeholders meetings held to ensure smooth implementation of the BIOPAMA project
9. 5 management committee meetings held which has improved the governance of the CFA.
10. Increased forest surveillance and monitoring due to improved rangers morale

## The DISNEY Project



*A camera trap image of an elephant drinking water at the Sangaa water point during the day*

The Disney Project involved mounting of camera traps at three locations to monitor human – wildlife conflict at Upper Sanga, Lower Sanga, and Loontana in Sieku location. The project has been fairly successful but with some challenges on vandalism and theft of storage cards reported at both camera traps in Sanga. The project is funded by Disney Foundation, through our partner, the Laikipia Wildlife Forum. It entailed installation of water supply for the communities of both Upper and Lower Sanga before the camera traps were mounted at the water troughs to monitor their use.

Special thanks to the Wildlife Conservation Society for their assistance in the rehabilitation of two springs that have been outfitted to reduce interactions and conflicts between people and wildlife.

## Security Coordinator Position

A CFA security coordinator was employed to help in proper coordination of security issues at the Mukogodo forest landscape. The position is supported by the Laikipia Conservancies Association with a guaranteed funding (salary) for two years.

## Review of the Participatory Forest Management Plan (PFMP)

The CFA began the process of reviewing its expired PFMP, develop a new one and eventually negotiate and sign a five – year Management Agreement with the Kenya Forest Service. Some milestones have already been achieved with the Terms of Reference developed that will lead the review, a consultant hired, and a budget and work plan developed. The PFMP process is earmarked to commence from January 10th 2022 and end around May 2022. This process is fully funded by the Laikipia Conservancies Association.

## Tree Nursery Project

The Kenya Forestry Research Institute has helped develop and install six tree nurseries around the Mukogodo Forest in an effort to support the increase in forest cover, and help self-help groups improve their income from community conservation projects. The project was funded by the Food and Agricultural Organization and implemented by KEFRI and ILMAMUSI CFA.

## Forest Landscape Restoration Project



*Community members of Lekurruki digging semicircular bunds that will help to reduce water runoff and increase chances of vegetation growth because of the moisture retained in the soil.*

The Food and Agricultural Organization through our partner, the Laikipia (Wildlife) Forum funded a restoration project at Il Ngwesi and Lekurruki conservancies.

The project entails digging of semi – circular bunds and planting grass seeds inside the bunds (reseeding). 3700 bunds were dug but reseeding is yet to be done. The activities are very effective in the restoration of degraded lands, but the challenge remains managing the land after grass growth has occurred. This remains a big challenge for us in the coming years.

## Rehabilitation of Six Community Water Projects

Six community water projects are earmarked for rehabilitation early next year within Mukogodo forest landscape. The project is also funded by FAO through the Laikipia Wildlife Forum. Already a meeting between Laikipia Wildlife Forum and the ILMAMUSI water subcommittee was held on December 10th 2021 at the CFA headquarters to plan implementation of the project.

## DUPOTO Cooperative Bee Keeping Project



*Bee keeping training session with community members of Mukogodo Forest*

DUPOTO cooperative was formed in February as an umbrella body for all forest user groups focused on bee keeping. A meeting was held between the leadership of DUPOTO and ILMAMUSI CFA and a working arrangement was established.

Laikipia Wildlife Forum also engaged a consultant who developed a report on bee keeping in the Mukogodo forest and made some recommendations on how to strengthen DUPOTO and other bee keeping ventures within Mukogodo forest. Stay tuned for updates in 2022 as we move to produce a business plan and commercial links for Mukogodo's bee keepers.

## Development of Hay Farms at Nadungoro

A project on hay farming development at Nadungoro stalled because of delayed approval by the Kenya Forest Service. A letter seeking approval of the project was written to KFS but no communication on the approval has been received so far. The project is also funded by the Food and Agricultural Organization through the Forum.

## Issues and Needs

Despite the many positive strides the CFA made in the year 2021, there remains some other shortcomings that are limiting our exploits. They include limited mobility which has hampered CFA operations, gender sensitivity within the CFA workforce, which has affected arrest of illegal charcoal burners, especially within Kurikuri community land as most of the suspects are women. Other issues include the unregulated access of outsiders into the forest contributing to overgrazing, insecurity and livestock theft. We have insufficient firearm strength which requires urgent attention, insufficient office and field operations equipment, insufficient staff houses, lack of a permanent water supply system, and insufficient ranger uniforms.

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## Mukogodo CFA at a Glance

Number of Board Members: **24**

Number of participating community conservancies/group ranches: **4**  
**Lekuruki, Maiyanat(formerly Makurian), Shulmai Community Land(Formerly known as Kuri Kuri) and Il Ngwesi**

Number of staff: **2**

Key Partners – **Borana and Lewa Conservancies, the Laikipia Conservancies Association, Food and Agriculture Organization, Kenya Forest Service, Kenya Wildlife Service, Laikipia County Government, and the Laikipia Forum**



## Statement from the Chair: Charles Kiara

2021 was a medley of events - some that made us skip a heartbeat with joy, others that put the strength of our spirit to the test. The year that ended was marred by its own share of difficulties largely attributed to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Indeed the SACCO was not spared as she witnessed the cumulative effect of lack of liquidity in the midst of an unprecedented financial crisis that affected the broader SACCO operations. Membership recruitment and savings dropped due to the difficult economic times.

The Board and our staff put their best foot forward to steer the Sacco forward amidst all the challenges. Below is a highlight of our 2021 milestones. We are particularly grateful to MKEWP and the Forum for the many aspects of their support.

### Credit Facilities

The backbone of any SACCO is the credit products it offers. In 2021, we saw tremendous growth in this area. The uptake of normal loans has continued to grow. The Maji Chap Chap Loan was received well by members since it enabled them to finance their water harvesting/ storage projects. A total of 1.6 million Kenyan shillings were loaned out to members to support their water harvesting projects. We continue to make progress towards ensuring the SACCO is responsive to member needs and the focus in 2022 is to introduce more savings and credit options that directly address member needs.

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## Water Harvesting



*Agnes Wambui, the very first beneficiary of the Maji Chap Chap loan courtesy of EMU-SACCO*

In 2021, 26 farmers were assisted to develop bills of quantities for their on farm water storage and received free services on dam liner installation. A total volume of 20.5 million liters was harvested for irrigation and personal use. How many were installed?

### Membership

We maintained all our members and welcomed 80 new members last year. Membership recruitment was however greatly affected by lack of donor funding to support marketing drives and salary for our marketing officer. The Sacco marketing was enhanced more in the areas of Isiolo and Meru and we believe that this year more people will join us from those areas. Our total membership now stands at almost 300!

### New partnerships

2021 has been a year that has mainly focused on laying the ground work for future growth. We believe that these foundations will put the SACCO on a growth trajectory. We formed new partnerships with Silverspread Hardware in Meru that will help us supply water tanks, gutters, pipes and other equipment to our members. Our operational partners include – list the other partners and include logos.

For 2022, our major focus is on member growth, improving efficiency in SACCO operations and new products. We believe that if we keep focusing on improving our services to serve the needs of members we will ultimately attract new members from our target market. Furthermore, we are keen on research and marketing and in order to seek ways to make our products even better for our existing members as well as to attract more members. Together with the support of members, we can make EMU Sacco grow even further as we dream, create and achieve.

For more enquiries on EMU-SACCO or on how to become a member, please contact:

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## EMU Sacco at a Glance

Number of Board Members: **8**

Number of Subscribers/Members of the Sacco: **292**

Number of full-time staff: **1**

Funds under management: **2.5 M**

Number of water pans installed since inception in 202: **30 million liters / 3000 cubic meters**



## Statement from the Chair: John Kinoti

Members and partners, warm regards from MKEWP.

The year 2021 saw us grapple with the continuing impact of Covid Pandemic as well as inadequate finances to support us to effectively realize our strategic objectives as a partnership organization.

This however was not a hindrance to us making some positive strides towards providing an effective platform for coordinated stakeholder engagement to address the challenges of managing water as a resource within Upper Ewaso Ng'iro North Basin. We said goodbye to the support of two major donors in 2021 as our contracts with them came to an end – The World Bank - WRG Kenya 2030; and KEWASNET. Both remain important partners for activities in 2022.

We look into the year 2022 with more positivity, as we continue to build on our partnerships and strengthen our coordination efforts within the landscape. Our key priority is to focus on fundraising and creating sustainable mechanisms and structures of operations within the partnership this will help us go a long way in implementing on our projects and ensure that our role within the landscape is adequately and efficiently realized. I call upon all of us to join in support of this crucial role of conserving and managing our natural resources to ensure our water supply is maintained as we maintain our lives in our critically fragile ecosystem.

## Strengthen WRUA Institutional and Financial Capacity, Participation in, and Coordination of Sustainable IWRM – a PILOT

Seven WRUAs were selected for this pilot. The 7 WRUAs were trained, and their members sensitized on these aspects of WRUA operations and management.

MKEWP engaged each WRUA with a performance contract for the pilot period and supported their performance through a supervisory group called the Pilot Implementation Committee (PIC).

Documentation of this process and results, along with water abstraction and land use baseline studies informed a policy brief for submission to the Government of Kenya. The Brief provides guidance on way to strengthen WRUA performance and improve WRM service delivery, management, and WRUA sustainability. Insert both final document links here.

MKEWP took 12 Community Water Projects and 5 Water Resources Users Associations from the Upper Ewaso Nyiro North Basin to Mutitu Water Service Provider for a learning exchange visit. This was a great opportunity for the WRUAs to learn on how they can transform a CWP into a regulated WSP. Mutitu WSP which has an allocation of 34l/s is supplying water to 15,000 households. All water users though in rural areas are metered and paying water based on usage.

## Enhance Access To Affordable Financing For Water Investments At Household Level Supporting Water Conservation And Efficient Use. (EMU SACCO Milestones)

The SACCO remains the vehicle to achieve the second objective of this contract. MKEWP supported SACCO formation and growth. The SACCO membership stands at 297. Through our support to EMU Sacco, they were able to assist 26 farmers with technical support to design and determine the cost for construction of water storage (pans). The SACCO growth and development can be seen as a successful tool in efforts to improve on farm water storage in support of agricultural productivity, livelihoods, and water conservation and management, in the face of climate variability.

## Build The Capacity of The MKEWP Governance To Manage And Support The Multitude Of Partners Engaged In The Partnership In Service To IWRM.

KEWASNET supported MKEWP to develop its own charter and its registration.

A lobby and advocacy strategy is now in place to inform our efforts with National and County Governments. Membership remains in touch and engaged through Council meetings, technical committee meetings, and WRUA cluster meetings. Monthly online newsletters, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp groups, and Instagram accounts provide regular updates on MKEWP and EMU SACCO performance.

Through support from KEWASNET, MKEWP brought together WRUAs and CWPs from Laikipia to review and have their inputs on the proposed Laikipia Water Bill.

## Radio Shows on Water Resource Management



*Mr Saita Kitonga, Ngare Ndare WRUA chairperson speaks on the role of WRUAs as mandated in the Water Act 2016 in one of the FAO supported radio talk shows*

Through the support of FAO, the Mount Kenya Ewaso Water Partnership managed to have 3 one-hour prime time radio talk shows at Central FM, Nanyuki, with the focus on water resource management as well as WRUA institutional development and good governance.

The shows focused on the following areas:

Show 1: Challenges faced in WRM and the potential opportunities of the same in an enabling environment.

Link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xEHtOvEO-IOCCgriAmgp1sje2vuNRftv/view?usp=sharing>

Show 2: Understanding the WRUA as an institution and their role towards Integrated WRM

Link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dQL9w1mpuDCLn3thu4jIVh13m8gffr1Y/view>

Show 3: Embracing partnership and collaborative approach in realizing sustainable WRM

Link:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-m5y9jEoaBSpu4\\_TDFF2ZFWjWYGQ04/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-m5y9jEoaBSpu4_TDFF2ZFWjWYGQ04/view)

The coverage of this particular station ranges from Laikipia, Meru, Isiolo, Nyandarua and Nyeri Counties respectively and as a result ensured a good number feedback through phone calls, text messages and social media engagements from the listeners during these particular shows. The shows were able to have a reach of over 100,000 Listeners in the landscape.

Despite the Covid 19 pandemic, MKEWP continued to play its role as a coordinator, facilitator and platform for lobbying and advocacy within the basin on WRM and WASH.

Four development partners (World Bank, Darwin initiative, KEWASNET and FAO) engaged with the partnership to leverage their programs and projects in the landscape.

MKEWP undertakes the following activities to demonstrate its value to its membership and stakeholders.

- i. MKEWP Council meetings & representation;
- ii. MKEWP Secrétariat Operations:
  - a. Membership outreach and support services
  - b. Communications and publicity in support of the Partnership

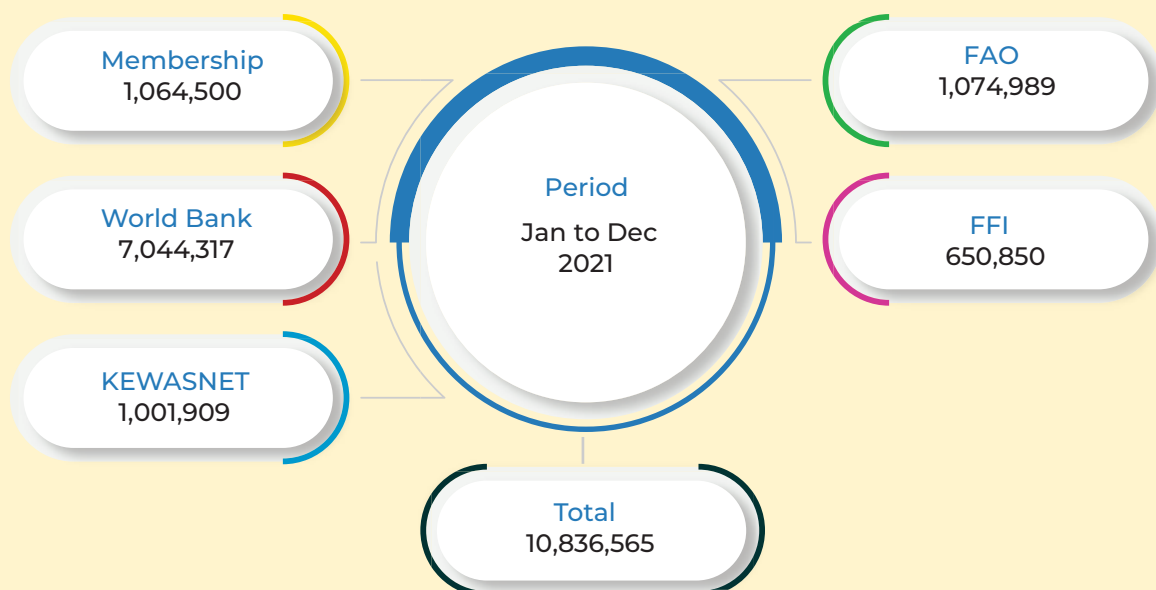
- c. Information clearing house (stake holder information, thematic meetings, and data base operations and management)
- d. Oversight and support to implementing partners
- e. Crisis response
- iii. Meetings of Council designated committees and task forces

Other results achieved on MKEWP capacity enhancement in 2021

- Improved institutional governance through continuous quarterly council meetings held in the year 2021
- 4 Project Implementing Committee (PIC) meetings held in support of the WID project
- Promotion of Water Resource Management through development of the Mutitu Water Service Provider exchange visit documentary.
- 1 MKEWP service charter developed to improve the organisations governance and its partnership.
- 4 donor projects implemented through MKEWP oversight

## Fundraising Sources

The infographic below provides MKEWP funding sources and contributions for the period of Jan 2021-Dec 2021



## Moving Forward

MKEWP is currently mobilizing funds from the following sources:

- i. MKEWP Seeks to raise this year's membership contribution to Kes. 2m. the partnership is targeting members of MKGG, WRUAs, Water Services Providers and Community Water Projects, CSOs, CFAs and Conservancies.
- ii. MKEWP has so far submitted concept proposals to:-
  - o World Bank: for funding WRUAs capacity and institutional development towards sustainability.
  - o Darwin Initiative: for funding activities of ecosystem restoration and livelihood enhancement in the Ewaso basin; this is a five year project.
  - o SNV: to support and empower WRUAs and promote water security in the Ewaso Basin

### MKEWP at a Glance

Number of full-time staff: **2**

Number of MKEWP Council Members: **16**

Funds under management: **10.8M KSH**

Number of WRUAs that we address in the Upper Ewaso Basin: **30**



## Livestock to Markets Program

### Statement from the Chair - name

This report focuses on our engagements with the neighboring communities for the year 2021. The report highlights our key achievements for the livestock to markets (LTM) programme as well as the achievements of Oramat Lenaboisho Cooperative Society operating under the LTM program.

### Sales and stock numbers



*Steers undergoing fattening at Borana Conservancy courtesy of ORAMAT Lenaboisho*

Our Livestock to Market programme started on a very low note this year with moderate number of cattle sales in the First quarter (January- March 2021). We managed to sell 43 steers and 0 cull cows worth Kshs. 1,723,940. No sales were made in the second quarter (April -June), 32 steers were sold in the third quarter (July-September) worth ksh.991,105. No sales were also recorded in the final quarter of the year.

We currently have 210 community cattle (191 Steers & 19 cull cows) undergoing fattening. We plan to sell all the old stock by in the system before the end of March. We also hope to add more cattle into the system in the first quarter of 2022.

We are engaging Ole Naishu, Lolldaiga and Lewa Conservancy to develop an additional fattening program so that we can expand our LTM programme with Borana.

With better collaboration, we aim to be able to support the community to market and sell 2000 or more cattle every year, which will translate to more money for the communities thereby improving their animal husbandry and subsequently, their living standards.

The LTM has seen a total of 75 steers sold worth kshs.2,715,045 of which kshs.2,547,631 was disbursed to members. The disbursement represents 93% of the total amount to the community members. Only 7% was retained for grazing and the local insurance compensation scheme.

### Membership

OLCS membership currently sits at 150 members. Of this, 13 members joined the society in 2021, this was greatly affected by the widespread drought that drove the community members away in search for pasture. We highly anticipate growth in membership in the year 2022.

### Partnerships

Medisell Kenya (a pharmaceutical company) have engaged partnership discussions with OLCS with an aim to reach the last mile farmer in delivering veterinary services. The farmers will gain from high productivity of their animals and hence livelihood improvement as well as Medisell benefiting from an increased customer base. An MOU is under review to finalize the partnership.

We remain grateful to the Forum and Borana Conservancy for their continued support.

## OLCS at a Glance

Number of Cooperative Board Members : <b>150</b>
Number of full-time staff: <b>1</b>
Funds under management: <b>2,715,045</b>
Number of cows taken to market in 2021: <b>75</b>
LTM grazing and fattening partners: <b>Borana Conservancy</b>

### Ontulili Primates Protection (OPP)



*Image of the colobus Monkey that OPP is working towards protecting and conserving within the landscape*

OPP is the most recent partner to benefit from a working arrangement with the Forum. This grass-roots community program is led by the residents of the upper section of the Ontulili River. The group is led by a board and supports the protection of primates and their habitat along the river. It also supports broader conservation efforts that include tree nursery development, riparian restoration, and art for nature activities that support conservation.

2021 saw OPP receive their first grant from Over and Above Africa, a US-based grant making organization supporting grass-roots conservation activities in Africa. The grant for USD \$2000 was used to initiate the formation of an all-women group of Primate Guardians, develop a riparian and primate monitoring activity by the Guardians, start a tree nursery, begin riparian tree planting, art classes and nature walks, and the celebration of International Primates Day with friends and partners.





*OPP women group together with OPP primate guardian team during an awareness meeting*

## OPP at a Glance

Board members: **3**

Primate Guardians: **6**

Area of the Ontulili supported by OPP: **3 km**

Number of children supported with art for nature classes: **350**

## Mazingira Conservation Fund



*Tara Hetz (with the biking jersey) leads a team of hikers on to climb Mount Kenya during the RRF campaign*

The Mazingira Conservation Fund is the outgrowth of the Rhino Revival Fund that raised funding successfully in 2020. An adventure tourism trip supporting rhino conservation in the Laikipia landscape secured commitments of more than \$USD 35000 which then leveraged additional contributions of more than \$USD 35,000. The new Fund is a product of this success.

What is Mazingira Conservation Fund (MCF)?

MCF is designed to support sustainable natural resources management within the Greater Laikipia Landscape. Overtime, we expect it to grow to support other initiatives in other conservation landscape and countries.

Vision: Conservation, Community and Commerce (CCC) combined in positive benefits for wildlife and their habitats.

Mission: to channel funds to support local initiatives that result in benefits to people, wildlife, and their habitats

Values:

- Diversity, Inclusion and Empowerment – we strive to create a more diverse and inclusive agency by supporting local communities, women, and youth to be at the forefront of action and solutions.

- Respect for People, Wildlife and Environment- we honor the voices and knowledge of the people and communities with whom we work, and we respect their knowledge of the wildlife, and the environment in which they live.

- Responsibility – all that interact and work with MCF have a responsibility to protect the environment and to practice responsible environmental citizenry.

- Courage and Creativity- we support creative and courageous projects that protect habitats and secure wildlife conservation.

The Forum will help manage these grants going forward with an annual call for grant proposals beginning in 2022. Grants will be applied for on-line, and successful grant concepts will receive training in grant proposal development, project management, monitoring, and reporting.

**Stand by in 2022 for an update on our progress.**



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