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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are delighted to present the Laikipia Wildlife Forum (LWF) Quarter 2 Newsletter, celebrating our dedicated efforts and remarkable accomplishments in the conservation sector. Our team continues to work tirelessly to promote good governance and sustainability in wildlife and natural resource management within the greater Laikipia Landscape, and we are excited to share our progress with you.

First and foremost, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to our esteemed development partners, in particular, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and the Mazingira Conservation Fund. Your generous financial, technical, and overall support has been invaluable in the successful implementation of our programs in the 2nd quarter. We truly appreciate your unwavering commitment to our cause, which has played a crucial role in driving our achievements.

We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to the National represented by Lead Agencies, County Governments within our area of jurisdiction, Private Sector, and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) for their continuous collaboration and partnership. By working together, we have made significant strides in promoting effective wildlife and natural resource management, and environmental conservation. Your support has been instrumental in our collective success.

The accomplishments and milestones we have achieved as a united team at LWF are a direct result of the exceptional collaboration among our dedicated staff and stakeholders. We are grateful for your unwavering dedication, passion, and expertise, which have contributed to positive change in our region.

We firmly believe that teamwork is the key to extraordinary outcomes, and thus, we extend our sincere gratitude to all our members for their unwavering support and invaluable contributions. Your collaborative spirit and commitment to our shared vision have propelled us forward on our journey to success.

As you explore this Newsletter, we hope it will not only showcase our work, achievements, and lessons learned during the second quarter but also inspire you. Let us draw strength from our accomplishments and renew our commitment to creating a sustainable future for our wildlife and precious natural resources.

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Our 21st Annual General Meeting (AGM) and a first one after reverting to our original name, Laikipia Wildlife Forum (LWF) was held on 16th June 2023. This meeting was a unique one because it marked a new beginning for the Forum with a new Chair of the Board of Directors and a new Executive Director. Key resolutions were passed by over 50 dedicated members and partners. One epoch-making decision that was unanimously agreed on was the reversion to our originally registered and renowned name 'Laikipia Wildlife Forum', popularly referred to as LWF.

As a membership organization, we value our members and as such have given them a platform to share their profiles and showcase their work. In this edition, we feature Anne Powys, James Njihia Gikonyo and Maryanne Kuria.

In our previous edition, we highlighted our partnership with two partners in reviving our Conservation Education programme as well as working towards shared goals on climate action. This time, we feature our collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in restoring arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs) of Laikipia landscape. We have so far engaged FAO for three years and hope for continued collaboration as discussed during the courtesy call I paid to FAO-Kenya office.

Our relentless effort in ensuring integrated and sustainable management of water was exemplified in our participation in two main events during the quarter. One was our participation in the 1st Kenyan Water Policy Hackathon organized by Wetlands International and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI). The second was the "Journey of Water Campaign: Ewaso Ng'iro North Edition" organized by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) in partnership with LWF and the Water Resources Authority (WRA).

Being one of the organizations LWF has built capacity of, we are proud to be associated with the successful ILMAMUSI Community Forest Association's launch of the Mukogodo Participatory Forest Management Plan (PFMP). This PFMP will serve as an encyclopedia for the restoration and conservation of Mukogodo Forest. It will also create opportunities for sustainable enterprises, such as beekeeping, ecotourism and herbal medicine development.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to thank all who participated in our AGM as I continue urging all our readers and other stakeholders to join our membership. See the last page of this booklet for more details.

**Ms. Celline Achieng'**  
**Executive Director**  
**Laikipia Wildlife Forum**

## ABOUT LAIKIPIA WILDLIFE FORUM

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Our mantra of “Forumness” calls on us to bring people together to work on matters relevant to natural resource management. LWF provides a platform for people to find solutions to common problems. This is what makes it unique and is the origin of Laikipia Wildlife Forum.

### OUR VISION

To nurture, support, and partner with organizations championing wildlife conservation and sustainable natural resource management within the greater Laikipia region

### OUR MISSION

To realize a productive and robust Upper Ewaso Ng’iro landscape that supports livelihoods and healthy populations of wildlife



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# LAIKIPIA WILDLIFE FORUM AND FAO EXTEND PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE RESTORATION INITIATIVES



*ILMAMUSI Mukogodo CFA project manager, Mr. Lestan Kimiri supervises a community member on how to dig the semi circular bunds in Laikipia North. This is part of the Restoration Initiative project supported by FAO*

In a commendable collaboration focused on the restoration of arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs) in Kenya, the Laikipia Wildlife Forum (LWF) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) have forged a strong and enduring relationship. With a shared vision to revitalize the ecosystems of Kenya's Northern Laikipia Rangelands, their joint efforts have yielded significant progress in the pursuit of sustainable development.

Under the auspices of the FAO GEF-6 Project on Restoration of Arid and Semi-Arid Lands of Kenya through Bio-Enterprise Development and other Incentives (TRI), LWF has been instrumental in providing crucial technical support and guidance to the ILMAMUSI Community Forest Association (CFA). The focus has been on the implementation of various activities, including the development of the beekeeping value chain, rangeland restoration, and integrated water resources management (IWRM).

One key aspect of their collaboration has been the establishment of micro catchments in Il Ngwesi and Lekurruki, where 3,700 micro catchments have been created and seeded on the severely degraded Northern Laikipia Rangelands.

Through this partnership, support has as well been provided to the Dupoto Cooperative and its members in the beekeeping value chain. Through comprehensive trainings and the development of a business plan, the capacity of the cooperative and its members has been enhanced, creating opportunities for engagement with investors. Despite the challenges posed by insecurity and invasions from neighboring counties, the project has made significant headway.





*Mr. Kip Ole Polos, chair of the IL Ngwesi community land leads the site mapping exercise for the Hay Planting initiative in IL Ngwesi*

The implementation of Sub Catchment Management Plans (SCMP) has proven critical for mobilizing resources from Water Resource User Associations (WRUAs). Notably, the project supported the review of the Ngare Ndare WRUA SCMP, constitution, and a working Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Water Resources Authority (WRA), laying the foundation for enhanced water management and governance.

Water access and infrastructure have also received attention, with the rehabilitation of five key water projects, including springs and boreholes. These efforts have improved water access for communities heavily reliant on these sources in the absence of permanent rivers emanating from the forest. Through stakeholder collaboration and continuous capacity building of the ILMAMUSI CFA, the project has demonstrated success and progress toward long-term sustainability. Building on this momentum, LWF and FAO are thrilled to announce the signing of a newly-formed Letter of Agreement, marking the beginning of the third year of implementation for the restoration initiative. With a shared commitment to environmental conservation and community development, this extended partnership promises to further bolster the restoration efforts in the arid and semi-arid lands of Kenya.

By harnessing the strengths of both organizations and their dedication to promoting sustainable practices, the collaboration aims to create a lasting impact on the landscape and the lives of the local communities.

Through their continued alliance, LWF and FAO will continue to support the revitalization of ecosystems, empower local communities, and pave the way for a more sustainable future in the Northern Laikipia Rangelands.



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# LAIKIPIA WILDLIFE FORUM PAYS A COURTESY CALL TO FAO

On 23rd May 2023, the Laikipia Wildlife Forum (LWF) Executive Director, Celline Achieng,' paid a courtesy call to the Deputy Country Representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the UN, Mr. Hamisi Williams. Among the issues discussed were the current phase of implementation popularly referred to as LoA 3. LoA 3 simply means the third letter of agreement between the two partners, implying that it is not the first time LWF is working with FAO. There were previously LoA 1 and LoA 2.

Under LoA3, LWF has begun implementing a restoration and water resource management project dubbed 'Restoration of Degraded Areas and Improvement in Water Accessibility in Il Ngwesi and Shulumai Community Lands and Institutional Support to Dupoto Co-operative Society in Mukogodo landscape.' This project begun in June 2023 and will run till the end of March 2024.

FAO is implementing this project with funds from the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The overall objective of the project is to restore deforested and degraded lands through the Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR) approach as well as enhance the socio-economic development of local communities through development of bio-enterprises of Non-Timber Forest Products and Services (NFTPS) and other incentives (such as The Restoration Initiative (TRI)) in Arid and Semi-arid Lands (ASALS) of Laikipia, Isiolo and Marsabit Counties.

As one of the executing partners of FAO, LWF is contributing to this objective by supporting forest and landscape restoration through removal of an invasive species called *Opuntia stricta* and reseeded the land in Maiyanat Community, and establishing soil conservation and rangeland restoration interventions focused on micro catchments in Il Ngwesi and Lekurruki Community Lands.

In addition, LWF is facilitating Il Ngwesi Hay group in their efforts to restore land and generate income by planting hay on the community land. Further, LWF is undertaking to improve one water infrastructure in Il Ngwesi Community Lands in collaboration with Borana Conservancy.

It is expected that at the end of this project, the two partners will have set ground for improved and available pasture during dry seasons, restored land that was previously invaded by *Opuntia stricta*, enhanced soil fertility through reduction of surface runoffs, and improved availability of water.

LWF and FAO concluded this meeting by agreeing to work on a long term engagement for a greater impact.



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Mr. Hamisi Williams of FAO and Ms. Celline Achieng' of LWF

## FROM VISION TO ACTION: PRESENTING THE PIONEERING PROJECTS OF THE MAZINGIRA CONSERVATION FUND



*Naatum Women Group members have a look at the MCF story in the first quarter edition of the Forum Focus Newsletter*

With a mission to support local initiatives that bring benefits to people, wildlife, and their habitats, the Mazingira Conservation Fund (MCF) is a driving force in uniting conservation, community engagement, and sustainable commerce.

Guided by its core values of diversity/inclusion, respect, responsibility, courage, and creativity, the MCF is spearheading practical interventions that are transforming the conservation landscape of the region.

### Unveiling the Grantees

Under the guidance of the Laikipia Wildlife Forum, the MCF selected five exceptional grantees through a rigorous and competitive process. These grantees represent a diverse range of projects that aim to drive positive change and contribute to sustainable natural resource management within the greater Laikipia landscape. Let's explore their remarkable initiatives:

## Oramat Lenaboisho Cooperative Society (OLCS)

OLCS's project is dedicated to empowering women in traditional Maasai society by focusing on livestock ownership and increasing household wealth. Through activities such as livestock purchasing, improved governance and financial literacy, and marketing and sales support, the project aims to expand the cooperative's membership and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for women.



*Members of the Oramat Lenaboisho Cooperative Society Committee discuss their project*

## The Leo Project (TLP)

The Leo Project recognizes the significance of engaging youth in climate change initiatives. By providing comprehensive training programs, stakeholder engagement, tree-planting activities, and the establishment of a tree nursery in partnership with a local school, this project aims to empower young people to become advocates of climate resilience and sustainable practices.



*Wangechi Kiongo, The Leo Project's Director of Social Impact and Sustainability outlining their MCF Project to youths at their recourse center in Jua Kali*

## Naatum Women Group

This group is tackling climate change effects through rangeland restoration activities, tree planting, and vertical kitchen gardening. By enhancing rangeland management practices, clearing invasive plant species, and involving local communities in decision-making processes, this project aims to restore balance to the ecosystem while empowering women to lead conservation efforts.



*MCF's Grants Officer, John Kiongo gives a brief background of the fund and how it aims to assist groups*

## Ontulili Primates Protection (OPP)

The OPP project focuses on protecting primates and biodiversity along the Ontulili River. By addressing unsustainable human activities, habitat loss, and human-wildlife conflict, the project aims to restore the riparian land, benefiting both primates and the local community. Their activities include sourcing and procuring seeds, training farmers, and conducting tree-planting in collaboration with local stakeholders.



*The OPP Project Manager-Faith Jimmy(Second right), OPP guardians and the MCF Grants Officer at one of OPP's tree nurseries*

## Ilmamusi Mukogodo Community Forest Association (CFA)

The Ilmamusi Mukogodo CFA is entrusted with the management of the Mukogodo Forest Reserve. Their project focuses on strengthening ecotourism activities by improving campsites, fostering collaboration among local tourism facilities, and enhancing online presence. By attracting more tourists, the project aims to generate economic benefits for the local community while ensuring the sustainable protection and management of the forest.



*The Ilmamusi CFA Project Manager, Lestan Kimiri and John Kiongo, at one of the designated camp sites in Sarara.*

Through the unwavering support of the Mazingira Conservation Fund, these remarkable initiatives are already in motion, making a tangible difference in the Greater Laikipia landscape. By empowering women, engaging youth, restoring critical habitats, and promoting sustainable practices, these projects embody the vision of combining conservation, community, and commerce for the benefit of wildlife and their habitats. As the MCF continues to grow and expand its reach, it invites stakeholders and potential donors to join hands in preserving the precious natural heritage of our landscape for generations to come.



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# A NEW DAWN FOR LAIKIPIA WILDLIFE FORUM: REVITALIZING CONSERVATION EFFORTS



*Laikipia Wildlife Forum Members and partners pose for a group photo after the 21st AGM held at the Nanyuki Sports Club*

The 21st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Laikipia Wildlife Forum (LWF) held on June 16, 2023, ushered in a promising era for the organization. With over 50 dedicated members and partners in attendance, the AGM served as a platform for crucial discussions and unanimous resolutions that would shape the future of LWF. In this blog post, we will delve into the key outcomes of the AGM and highlight the optimism surrounding the forthcoming revitalization of LWF.

## Embracing Our Roots: Reverting to Laikipia Wildlife Forum

A momentous decision was made during the AGM, as members unanimously agreed to restore the organization's original registration name: Laikipia Wildlife Forum. This choice reflects our unwavering commitment to the conservation of wildlife and the sustainable development of the Laikipia region. By reclaiming our name, we reinforce our core identity and strengthen our resolve to protect the rich biodiversity that defines Laikipia.

## Introducing the Dedicated Board of Directors

During the AGM, we proudly introduced the esteemed directors who will guide the future trajectory of LWF. The board comprises individuals with diverse expertise and unwavering dedication to our cause. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Romano Kiome, Celline Achieng', Jasper Perret, Ochen Maiyani, Laiyanta P. Kimiri, Rose A Malenya, Charles Kiara, Dr. Boniface Kiteme, Mejooli Wilfred Lesiit, Gilbert Mutembe, Stanley T. Kirimi, and Abdi Sora for their invaluable contributions. Furthermore, we acknowledge Dr. Romano Kiome's appointment as Chairman and Celline Achieng's appointment as Executive Director, both selected through a competitive process.





*LWF board Chair, Dr. Romano Kiome engages members during the AGM*

## Embracing Positive Change: Amended Articles of Association

In line with our commitment to continuous improvement, the Board undertook an extensive review of our Articles of Association. Gathering insights from our members and management, a special Board meeting was convened to deliberate on proposed changes. These amendments address critical aspects such as our role as an implementor of projects or a secretariat, our geographical reach, eligibility for membership, the number and mode of director appointments, the duration of directors' service, and the establishment of an Advisory Board.

## Unanimous Adoption: A Renewed Framework

The proposed changes to the Articles of Association were shared with our members alongside the AGM notice. During the meeting, the Secretary presented these revisions, leading to a momentous special resolution. With unanimous agreement, the current Articles of Association will be replaced by the amended version. This significant step signifies our commitment to operating under a revised framework that aligns with our renewed vision and aspirations.

## Looking into the Future: A Roadmap to Revitalization

As we embrace this new chapter, we have outlined a comprehensive plan to revitalize and strengthen LWF. Key initiatives include a thorough review of our Strategic Plan, an assessment of anchor donors, and a revamp of our membership recruitment strategy. These measures will ensure that LWF remains at the forefront of wildlife conservation efforts in Laikipia, fostering sustainable development and creating a positive impact on our region.

The 21st AGM of Laikipia Wildlife Forum set the stage for an exciting future ahead. With a renewed sense of purpose and a commitment to positive change, we are determined to propel LWF to new heights. By reverting to our original name, assembling a dedicated board, and adopting amended Articles of Association, we are forging a path that reflects our unwavering passion for wildlife and environmental preservation.

## ELEVATING CONSERVATION AWARENESS: LAIKIPIA WILDLIFE FORUM'S SHOWCASE AT THE NANYUKI ASK SHOW



*Laikipia Wildlife Forum's program officer, Susan Gathoni, tackles various conservation related questions from eager students*

This year witnessed the return of the highly anticipated Nanyuki Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) Show, an event that provided the Laikipia Wildlife Forum (LWF) with an invaluable platform to showcase our important work, highlight our products, and explore avenues for collaboration and growth.

As the event commenced, the LWF team warmly welcomed visitors to our booth, which had been meticulously designed to captivate attention and offer a remarkable experience of exploration and learning. Striking visuals, informative brochures, and captivating displays adorned the space, creating an immersive environment that vividly showcased our organization's unwavering dedication to conservation efforts.

With great enthusiasm, we shared in-depth knowledge about our diverse thematic areas, including Wildlife, Water, Rangeland, Conservation Education, Land use and Management, and Tourism.

Our booth attracted a diverse range of guests, from government representatives and potential collaborators to educators, students, and wildlife enthusiasts.

The valuable feedback and insights we received from these visitors proved invaluable in identifying areas for improvement and growth, shaping our future initiatives and strategies.

Among the highlights of our booth was the mesmerizing Laikipia coffee table book, which featured captivating imagery and narratives that transported visitors on a visual journey through Laikipia's rich biodiversity and cultural heritage. The upcoming redevelopment of the Laikipia map generated considerable excitement, as attendees eagerly anticipated an enhanced exploration experience that would showcase the hidden treasures of our region.

Our commitment to conservation education struck a chord with teachers and students from various schools in Nanyuki and beyond. They engaged with our team, expressing their keen interest and enthusiasm for our program. Recognizing the profound impact of our work, we actively sought partnerships with like-minded organizations and institutions to expand the reach and effectiveness of our conservation education initiatives.

These collaborations will empower a broader audience of students and educators, nurturing a deeper understanding of the importance of environmental stewardship.



*Susan Gathoni shares a conversation with Kenya Wildlife Service Assistant Director (Laikipia County) Rose Malenya at the LWF ASK booth*

The overwhelming response from visitors, both in terms of membership recruitment and donations, showcased the effectiveness of our presence at the Nanyuki ASK Show. It reinforced the value of our work and the trust that the public has in our organization. We are immensely grateful for the support we received and are confident that these new members and generous donors will play a crucial role in advancing our mission and contributing to the long-term conservation efforts in Laikipia.



*The entrance to Laikipia Wildlife Forum's ASK show booth*

As the Nanyuki ASK Show drew to a close, the Laikipia Wildlife Forum reflected upon a highly successful event. The show served as a pivotal platform for marketing our organization, engaging with stakeholders, showcasing our products, and identifying areas for improvement and growth.

## CONSERVATION IN ACTION: LAIKIPIA WILDLIFE FORUM AND MUTARA WRUA EFFORTS BEAR FRUIT

We are thrilled to share an exciting development in the conservation efforts of the Laikipia Wildlife Forum (LWF). In recent times, LWF has been actively involved in supporting the Mutara Water Resource Users Association (WRUA) in a transformative project aimed at improving equitable water accessibility and management in the Mutara region.

Mutara WRUA, comprising dedicated community members, recognized the need for a common water intake structure to enhance their water supply system. They envisioned a sustainable solution that would benefit both wildlife and local communities in the area. To turn their vision into reality, Mutara WRUA sought assistance from the LWF, known for its commitment to community-led conservation initiatives.

The partnership between LWF and Mutara WRUA has been instrumental in facilitating several essential aspects of the project. In October 2019, Mutara WRUA visited Ngusishi WRUA in Timau, Meru County to learn about Ngusishi WRUA's success in managing high water demand for competing needs. The most important take away from this visit was the application of common intake in ensuring equitable water allocation for all and safeguarding the environmental flows. From this visit, the Mutara WRUA sensitized its members on the need to develop a common intake that would help prioritize water allocation and support sustainable livelihoods within the community.

To move this forward, LWF coordinated various stakeholders within the WRUA to support the design, WRA permit approval process, and resource mobilization to construct the intake. On 17th and 19th June 2020, the WRUA conducted two technical meetings with WRA, County Government Representatives from Nyandarua and Laikipia, OPC, and MKEWP to develop the common intake implementation action plan. The action plan had 8 milestones as shown in the diagram below.



*Common intake milestones to be accomplished by June 2021*

Feasibility and topography assessments were conducted to determine the most suitable location for the common intake structure. These assessments helped identify the optimal site that would ensure equitable access to water for both wildlife and human needs, while minimizing any potential environmental impacts. Additionally, LWF worked closely with Mutara WRUA to develop comprehensive Bills of Quantities (BOQs) and designs for the common intake structure. This meticulous planning phase was crucial in ensuring the project's sustainability and adherence to environmental regulations.

With the technical groundwork complete, Mutara WRUA embarked on securing funding for the construction of the common intake. LWF was hands-on in supporting Mutara WRUA to lobby for support from Laikipia and Nyandarua Counties. Through their proactive engagement with the Nyandarua County Government, the WRUA successfully secured the necessary funds to actualize their vision. This financial support not only demonstrates the commitment of the local government to water resource management but also serves as a testament to the dedication of the Mutara WRUA and the LWF in their conservation efforts.

The construction of the common intake structure will have wide-ranging benefits for the surrounding ecosystem. It will enhance water access for local communities, ensuring a sustainable supply for drinking, irrigation, and livestock needs. Furthermore, the common intake structure will enable the Mutara WRUA to implement efficient water management practices. By monitoring and regulating water usage, they can preserve this precious resource and ensure its long-term availability. This sustainable approach aligns with the LWF's vision of promoting responsible stewardship of natural resources for the benefit of both present and future generations.

As we celebrate this remarkable achievement, let us take a moment to appreciate the dedication and support of the Nyandarua County. Their collaborative spirit, support and proactive approach highlights the transformative power of community-driven initiatives in safeguarding our precious natural heritage. Together, we can continue to create a future where wildlife and communities thrive in harmony, and our shared environment is protected for generations to come.



## TRANSFORMING MUKOGODO FOREST: A TESTAMENT TO STRONG PARTNERSHIPS IN CONSERVATION



*Mukogodo Community leaders receive the signed Mukogodo CFA PFMP document from Hon. Sarah Paulata Korere during its launch*

In the heart of Laikipia North Sub County lies Mukogodo Forest, a unique oasis surrounded by dry lands and home to four community groups. Recognizing the importance of conservation and restoration, the Ilmamsi Mukogodo Community Forest Association (CFA), in collaboration with key stakeholders, embarked on a transformative journey. This culminated in the launch of the Mukogodo Participatory Forest Management Plan (PFMP) on May 23rd, 2023. Supported by the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) and a range of development partners, including the Laikipia Conservancies Association (LCA), Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Borana Conservancy, Laikipia Wildlife Forum (LWF), and County Government of Laikipia among others, the PFMP sets the stage for sustainable forest management and community well-being.

In January 2022, the CFA commenced the review process of the elapsed Mukogodo Forest PFMP, recognizing the need for a comprehensive and updated plan. To ensure a participatory approach, IFCMS Consultancy Limited was contracted to assist with the review process, generously funded by the LCA. The review process involved multiple stages to gather input from local communities and other stakeholders.

Two inception meetings were held to raise awareness of the review process and engage the local community. Subsequently, a Local Planning and Review Team (LPRT) was formed, comprising representatives from the community and various other stakeholders. The LPRT meticulously reviewed the elapsed PFMP and collaborated with the KFS's GIS department to conduct zonation and resource mapping, laying the groundwork for effective conservation strategies.

Engaging the community was crucial, and a socio-economic survey was conducted. Eight enumerators and four supervisors were recruited to gather valuable insights into the socio-economic aspects related to the forest and its surrounding communities. The survey findings would inform the development of the new PFMP.

Building on the survey results, the LPRT presented the zero PFMP draft to its members for feedback and input. This iterative process ensured that the plan accurately reflected the community's needs and aspirations. Additionally, stakeholders were invited to provide their perspectives, fostering a collaborative approach to the plan's development.

Upon finalizing the PFMP, it underwent approval by the Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF), signifying the official endorsement of the plan. Simultaneously, negotiations were held to establish a Forest Management Agreement (FMA) between the KFS and the Ilmamusu Mukogodo CFA. The FMA solidified the partnership and commitment to sustainable forest management.

The momentous occasion arrived on May 23rd, 2023, as the Mukogodo PFMP was launched at Lokusero Secondary School. Sarah Korere, Member of Parliament for the area, graced the event, highlighting the significance of the initiative. The signing of the FMA symbolized a significant milestone, enhancing the community's efforts to safeguard the forest's sustainability.

The signed PFMP serves as a comprehensive roadmap for the conservation and restoration of Mukogodo Forest. It encompasses eight programs that will be implemented over the next five years, empowering CFA members with 19 forest user rights. These initiatives will serve as a guide for the CFA, its members, and other stakeholders, ensuring effective protection and management of the forest.

Furthermore, the PFMP will also create opportunities for sustainable enterprises, such as beekeeping, ecotourism and herbal medicine development.

Much gratitude to the FAO, LCA and the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy for supporting this process to its success.



*FAO representatives plant a tree at Lokusero Secondary school during the Mukogodo CFA PFMP launch*

## JOURNEY OF WATER CAMPAIGN



*Participants assemble for the Journey of Water flag off at Timau River catchment*

World Wide Fund for Nature, Kenya Office (WWF-Kenya), in partnership with Laikipia Wildlife Forum (LWF), Water Resources Authority (WRA), and other local partners, took the lead in a national water campaign known as the “Journey of Water Campaign: Ewaso Ng’iro North Edition.” The primary objective of this initiative was to raise public awareness about the profound significance of water as a valuable natural resource that is currently facing severe constraints. With a specific focus on the conservation of rivers from their source to our taps, the campaign emphasized the urgent need for collective action from communities, government agencies, and non-state actors to safeguard water sources and ensure improved access, quality, and quantity.

This notable event brought together over five hundred participants, predominantly community members from the area, who actively engaged in a three-day walk from June 6th to June 8th, 2023, along the River Ewaso Nyiro. The timing of this campaign was very significant as Kenya recently endured its most severe drought crisis in forty years, resulting in the depletion of major water sources. Over several months, hundreds of rivers, dried up, causing immense suffering and tension among millions of Kenyans who endured prolonged periods without food and water. Lake Olbolosat which is the only lake in the Ewaso Ng’iro Basin, also dried up. The devastating impact of this crisis underscored the interconnectedness of the water crisis and the climate crisis, with women being disproportionately affected.



The participants embarked on a journey through various routes, each revealing different challenges and issues related to water conservation. On the first day, the campaign was flagged off in the upper catchment in Timau River, Rugirando intake, where key issues such as the high number of intakes in the upper stream, encroachment on the catchment area by livestock, and soil erosion were witnessed.

On the same day, participants also had the opportunity to visit Ngusishi common intake, which served as an exemplary case of water resource management best practices.

The second day encompassed the Middle Catchment, which covered the Oljogi Conservancy Area, Naibor, and the confluence of Timau and Nanyuki River. This section raised concerns about high levels of land degradation leading to soil erosion, the proliferation of invasive species, and an increase in human-wildlife conflict, all exacerbated by the water crisis.

The third day entailed a procession in Isiolo town and later to Archers Post, with the primary focus being the issue of sand harvesting. This practice poses a significant challenge to the preservation of water resources in the area.

The three-day walk culminated in a town hall conference, bringing together stakeholders along the Timau, Nanyuki, and Isiolo rivers. These rivers serve as major tributaries to the 700km Ewaso Nyiro River, which eventually drains into the Lorian Swamp. During the conference, participants highlighted widespread issues such as over abstraction, illegal water connections for agricultural purposes, poor irrigation methods resulting in water wastage, and increased reliance on agrochemicals.

The conference yielded significant outcomes, with Laikipia, Isiolo and Nyeri counties making commitments to preserve the drying tributaries of the Ewaso Nyiro River. Following a compelling call to action, these counties recognized the extent of the threats facing water sources in the region.

The Laikipia County government, represented by Leah Njeri, County Executive Committee Member for Water, Environment, and Natural Resources, expressed dedication to preserving the Nanyuki River over the next year. Isiolo County announced plans to sink ten boreholes annually, starting in the fiscal year 2024, to tap into groundwater and address the increasing demand for water. Nyeri County pledged to undertake riparian conservation and catchment rehabilitation for three rivers. Additionally, the county expressed plans to incorporate the Water Resource User Associations (WRUAs) into their budget, following a review of the Laikipia County Water Services Act, 2018.

The success of the campaign and the subsequent commitments from multiple counties underpinned the critical importance of joint water conservation. The efforts of the campaign instilled a sense of urgency and collective responsibility in preserving and protecting water sources, ultimately paving the way for a sustainable water future.



## DRIVING CHANGE AND COLLABORATION: KENYA'S WATER POLICY AT HACKATHON



Laikipia Wildlife Forum (LWF) participated in the 1st Kenyan Water Policy Hackathon. The event, organized by the International Water Institute (IWMI), CGIAR Initiative on National Policies and Strategies, and Wetlands International, took place in Nairobi from May 18th to 19th, 2023. The Hackathon brought together over 35 stakeholders from Civil Society Organizations, the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, and youth players in the water sector.

The primary objective of the Hackathon was to explore the commitments of the UN Water Action Agenda within the context of Kenya's water governance and its links to the challenge of synergy between food, land, and water systems policy. Participants were tasked with identifying key areas for improving policy delivery and planning approaches under Kenya's legal framework.

The Hackathon provided a valuable platform for participants to share knowledge and experiences, foster dialogue and collaboration, and develop strategies and recommendations for enhancing water security, multi-level governance, and cooperation in Kenya. The discussions revolved around vital topics such as Water Resource Management, Climate Change, Water Food and Energy nexus, Water, Peace and Security, and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH).

One of the keynote speakers at the event, Gladys Wekesa, Director of Trans boundary Water Resources at the Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation in Kenya, emphasized the Government's commitment to the Water Action Agenda. She highlighted the importance of increasing access to safe drinking water and sanitation. She also acknowledged the challenges faced in enforcing laws and regulations in the water sector.



LWF had the opportunity to present on “Water Use and Allocation: A Case of the Upper Ewaso Ng’iro North Basin.” The presentation provided an overview of the basin, highlighted water use patterns, discussed the existing water allocation framework, identified challenges, outlined existing opportunities, and emphasized the importance of engaging and empowering communities in water resource management. The aim was to give participants a comprehensive understanding of the critical issues and dynamics within this basin.

Throughout the two-day event, participants engaged in intense discussions within their hacking groups. They identified key challenges and solutions related to climate change, water, peace, and security, water resources management, and the WASH sector. Importantly, the participants made strong commitments to follow up on these solutions and implement them to the best of their abilities.

Mr. Felix Brian Kwena, a Programme Manager with the Kenya Water for Health Organization (KWAHO), summarized the significance of addressing water issues at the local level.

He stated, “Water problems are local in nature. For resolutions passed at conferences like the recently concluded UN Water Conference to have an impact, they have to be localized and made relevant for the local communities.”

Laikipia Wildlife Forum’s participation in the 1st Water Policy Hackathon exemplifies its commitment to advancing water resource management and conservation efforts in Kenya. By actively engaging with stakeholders, sharing knowledge, and advocating for sustainable solutions, the organization continues to play a vital role in shaping Kenya’s water policy landscape.

The Hackathon laid the foundation for future collaboration and progress in addressing the challenges facing Kenya’s water sector. It is through such events like that innovative ideas are cultivated, partnerships are formed, and practical solutions devised to ensure water security, sustainable development, and the well-being of communities across Kenya. Laikipia Wildlife Forum looks forward to building on the outcomes of the Hackathon and contributing to the transformation of Kenya’s water governance framework for the betterment of all.

## DRIVING SUSTAINABLE CHANGE: LETS GO TRAVEL'S IMPACTFUL INITIATIVES IN MOTION



Lets Go Travel is dedicated to promoting social sustainability for a better future as we have focused on several initiatives to support the communities in the destinations we operate. Under our Livelihood pillar, the Pat Dixson Aid to the Elderly program made a significant impact on the lives of disadvantaged seniors in Limuru. We provided them with regular food hampers and occasional donations of clothing and other necessary items.

Additionally, the program extended its support to the Body of Christ Children's Centre and Cheshire Home, which accommodates physically challenged teenage girls. Every other Wednesday morning, we distributed aid to beneficiaries, supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals of achieving zero hunger (Goal 2) and promoting good health and well-being (Goal 3).

Our Keep Her in School program, conducted quarterly in five primary schools and one secondary school in Nanyuki, Laikipia County, focuses on providing schoolgirls with sanitary towels to ensure they can continue their education without missing classes. As part of our community outreach, we collaborated with health and social representatives to deliver an annual better health talk to senior students, covering topics such as personal hygiene, self-esteem, personal identity, self-control, and self-awareness. Additionally, we conducted an initiative to promote personal hygiene among boys. Over 400 boys in the partner received boxers as a means of supporting, educating, and enlightening them about this essential aspect of their health. The schools benefiting from this program include Kalalu Primary School, Umande Primary School, Ndemu Primary School, and Kalalu Secondary School.



In terms of education, we organized monthly Sustainable Tuesday meetings, where staff members discussed the latest updates in sustainable travel and tourism. Representatives from Air France-KLM, Lufthansa, and Qatar Airways joined us on separate occasions to share their sustainability initiatives, including Sustainable Aviation Fuel, carbon offsetting programs, noise and air quality best practices, and waste reduction strategies. These sessions have been instrumental in educating our staff on the latest trends and best practices in the industry, demonstrating our commitment to promoting sustainable travel and tourism.

Recognizing the importance of young people in sustainable tourism development, we partnered with Sustainable Travel and Tourism Consulting for the monthly Young Change Makers seminars. These seminars engage university students, focusing on emerging trends in tourism and travel sustainability.

During the first quarter, we visited Chuka University, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology, and Kenyatta University, covering topics such as transforming tourism to combat climate change, the role of tourism in the blue economy, and innovative tourism training for the sector resilience. We believe in empowering young people to become change agents in the sustainable tourism sector, and these seminars are a crucial step toward achieving that goal.

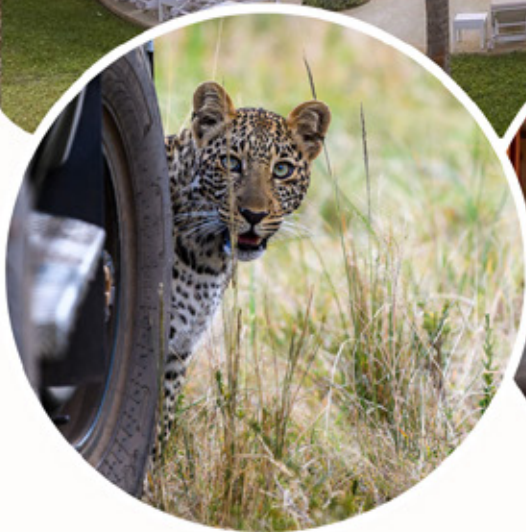


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The Laikipia Tourism Association (LTA) is an alliance of tourism providers in Laikipia joined to influence the direction and contributions of the tourism sector in the greater Laikipia landscape. We contribute to employment, revenue and livelihoods based on sustainability principles lined to environmental conservation and management.

### WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

- ✔ Influence the Government to have fair and appropriate permits, licenses, and taxation. The LTA supports a consistent and fair single business permit.
- ✔ Provide access to trade fairs/shows/marketing and supporting materials
- ✔ Offer regular information on tourism performance/registry/standards/compliance. This is mainly through our monthly e-newsletter, Kwetu Laikipia.
- ✔ Assist in the monitoring and reporting on sustainable tourism opportunities, incentives, and benefits.
- ✔ Provide access to tools and technologies that support sustainable tourism
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- ✔ Access information and participation on matters impacting sustainable tourism.
- ✔ Negotiate financial benefits, e.g. insurances; inter-county rates, destination incentives and cross-selling; health and safety; and other opportunities addressing tourism at scale.
- ✔ Develop beneficial partnerships with regional, national and international agencies

# CHARTING PATHWAYS FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM: INSIGHTS AND COLLABORATIONS AT THE 8TH SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AFRICA SUMMIT



*Judy Kepher-Gona, STTAs Founder and Lead Consultant makes her opening remarks*

The 8th Sustainable Tourism Africa Summit was held on the 8th and 9th of June, 2023 in Mombasa, Kenya.

Just like the previous summits, the 2023 summit aimed to chart the pathways for sustainable tourism in Africa.

With each iteration, the summit becomes a catalyst for fresh ideas, fostering new partnerships, and inspiring transformative actions in the realm of sustainable tourism.

Through thought-provoking presentations and engaging side workshops, participants gained invaluable insights and knowledge, paving the way for their next expedition in the realm of responsible and eco-conscious travel. STTA believes that sustainable tourism is the competitive advantage that Africa has in terms of tourism.

As the summit continues to evolve, it ignites a completely new frontier of possibilities, pushing the boundaries of sustainable tourism and shaping a future where environmental stewardship and memorable experiences intertwine harmoniously.

The summit officially began on 8th June 2023. During her opening speech, Judy Kepher Gona, the Founder and Lead Consultant at STTA, emphasized the importance of sustainable tourism dialogues among the various tourism value chains in Africa. She emphasized the theme of the summit, centered on tourism value chains and sustainability in Africa, highlighting the significance of fostering dialogues and collaboration among the various stakeholders within the tourism industry.

In the proceedings of the conference, some of the key presentations were; Gerard (Ged) Brown's introductory remarks highlighted the potential negative impact of post-COVID tourism growth on emissions. He stressed the urgent need for sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) to decarbonize aviation and called for increased investment. The importance of adopting long-term thinking and sustainable practices for the benefit of future generations was emphasized.





*Delegates follow proceedings during the STAS 2023*

Julie Cheetham, CEO of Weeva, discussed the global poly-crisis faced by the tourism industry and emphasized the need for data-driven solutions to foster sustainable practices. She underscored the significance of technology and data-driven decision-making in optimizing business operations and embedding sustainability. The measurement, management, and reporting of impact were highlighted as crucial steps toward achieving sustainability goals.

Prof. Ray Mutinda explored the tourism value chain and addressed gaps in the cultural and heritage sector. He proposed innovative practices to ensure sustainability, resource efficiency, community well-being, and local prosperity. Strengthening the value chain through mapping, analyzing bottlenecks, and implementing interventions were recommended, along with supportive policies and monitoring mechanisms.

Julie Cheetham and Dr. Anne-Kathrin Zschiegner from Weeva conducted a master class on initiating sustainability journeys. They emphasized sustainability as a long-term coexistence on Earth, encompassing environmental, economic, and social dimensions. Weeva's balanced scorecard approach with the 4Cs (commerce, conservation, community, and culture) was introduced as a framework.

Dr. Portia Pearl Sifolo presented her research on digitalization within the tourism supply chain, focusing on small, medium, and micro enterprises (SMMEs) in South Africa. She highlighted the opportunities and challenges associated with adopting digital technologies to enhance competitiveness and preserve cultural practices.

Nicanor Sabula emphasized the importance of eco-conscious venues, effective waste management, energy efficiency, and education in developing sustainable Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE) value chains. The interconnected goals of economic prosperity, environmental stewardship, and social well-being were highlighted.

Dr. Billy Wadongo and Dr. Misiko presented their work on the dual green and digital transition in the hospitality and tourism sector, specifically within Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions and universities. The BILT UNEVOC project focused on identifying skills needs and the impact of digitalization. The importance of innovative solutions, upskilling, and preserving historical and cultural practices within the digital landscape was discussed.

STTA Kenya takes pride in organizing the Sustainable Tourism Africa Summit 2023 and creating a platform where industry leaders and stakeholders could come together, exchange ideas, and take decisive action. The success of this event reinforces STTA Kenya's dedication to promoting sustainable tourism practices and driving positive change within the industry.

STTA remains committed to organizing future editions of the Sustainable Tourism Africa Summit. The aim is to continue providing a platform for industry leaders, stakeholders, and passionate individuals to convene. The tentative dates and venue for the 2024 summit are June 6-7, 2024 at Sarova Whitesands, Mombasa, Kenya. The theme will be announced before the end of the year 2023.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

In our quarterly editions of the Forum Focus Newsletter, the member spotlight segment will focus the lens on our different members. This section will provide a platform for individual, community groups, corporates, to share their profiles and showcase their work.

To start us off, in this edition we give focus on Anne Powys, James Njihia and Maryanne Kuria.

### Anne Powys

Anne Powys, a naturalist from Laikipia, Northern Kenya, has a deep-rooted connection to nature and a profound knowledge of the region's indigenous plants. With a passion for the environment and wildlife, Anne has spent decades recording the indigenous knowledge of plants, intending to publish this valuable information for the people of Kenya.

She has conducted numerous botanical consultancies and led various projects focused on flora research for organizations such as Department for International Development (DFID), Ford Foundation, Centre for Training and Integrated Research in ASAL Development (CETRAD), and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO).

Anne has also made significant contributions to botanical science by discovering and describing new plant species. In addition to her botanical pursuits, Anne designed and built her own eco-camp on the family ranch in 2008 and has been running, hosting and guiding at this special "bush camp" for the last fifteen years. She is also an experienced safari guide and a member of the Kenya Professional Safari Guides Association. She has been teaching botany to safari guides in Kenya and Tanzania for the past two decades.

Anne acknowledges the power of the Laikipia Wildlife Forum (LWF) in bringing together diverse stakeholders to share ideas and address challenges related to natural resources. However, she laments the loss of "a Forum" in recent years, which has created a void in community projects and the sharing of ideas.

Anne believes that face-to-face interactions and field trips are more impactful than digital communication and hopes to revive the spirit of collaboration and learning.

Looking ahead, Anne suggests that LWF should prioritize a few key areas for focus. Water resources play a vital role in both human and wildlife survival, and addressing issues such as the illegal extraction of water for commercial farming is crucial.

Protecting and preserving forests is another critical aspect in the face of climate change, as the region has witnessed significant environmental transformations in the last decade. Lastly, Anne emphasizes the importance of safeguarding the semi-arid rangelands and restoring degraded lands in Laikipia, which could also create employment opportunities.

By prioritizing water, forests, and rangelands, Anne believes that LWF can contribute to the overall well-being and sustainability of Laikipia.



## James Njihia Gikonyo



James Njihia Gikonyo is a passionate conservationist hailing from Nanyuki, whose commitment to protecting wildlife and their habitats is truly inspiring.

James's journey into the world of conservation began with his deep connection to the adjacent community of Mt. Kenya forest, where he grew up in the small village of Gathiuru. It was there that he developed a profound admiration for wild animals and their behavior. Hearing stories from farmers who interacted with elephants near the forest further ignited his fascination with wildlife.

Fuelled by his passion, James pursued a Diploma in Wildlife Management at the Wildlife Research and Training Institute in Naivasha. During his studies, he embarked on numerous field trips to various ecosystems across Kenya, including the renowned Maasai Mara, the tropical rainforest of Kakamega, and the coastal ecosystem of Mombasa.

These experiences exposed him to the conservation challenges faced by different regions, deepening his understanding of the importance of preserving our natural heritage.

James's dedication to conservation is not limited to his academic pursuits. He has actively engaged in tree planting initiatives, setting an example for his peers and inspiring fellow youth in the field of conservation.

Whether it was on his birthdays, at school, in churches, or even at his own homestead, James recognized the significance of nurturing the environment through such actions.

His involvement with the Laikipia Wildlife Forum dates back to his high school days, driven by his belief in the paramount importance of community conservation education. James understands that successful conservation efforts rely on equitable sharing of resources and the implementation of participatory rural appraisals. Through the forum, he has witnessed the power of fostering community engagement, enabling a deeper connection between individuals and the conservation cause.

When asked about his outlook on conservation, James exudes optimism. He firmly believes that platforms like the Laikipia Wildlife Forum, with their emphasis on inclusivity and fostering a sense of community, are pivotal in achieving effective conservation outcomes. James encourages his fellow youth to join the forum and actively contribute to conservation efforts. By coming together, they can combat the pressing challenges of climate change and promote sustainable use of natural resources, ultimately safeguarding the integrity of our precious ecosystems for future generations.

James Njihia Gikonyo's unwavering commitment to conservation serves as a shining example for all. His story is a testament to the power of passion, education, and collective action in preserving our wildlife and their habitats. Let us all be inspired by James and join hands in our mission to protect and cherish the natural wonders that surround us.

## Maryanne Kuria



Maryanne Kuria, a member of the Laikipia Wildlife Forum (LWF), is a passionate advocate for sustainable natural resource management and conservation. Her journey into the world of conservation began with the inspiring legacy of Prof. Wangari Maathai, the Nobel Prize-winning environmentalist. Prof. Maathai's achievements motivated Maryanne and many other young Kenyans to pursue careers in conservation.

During her primary school years, Maryanne joined the Environmental and Wildlife Club, which further nurtured her interest in environmental protection. However, when she pursued her undergraduate degree in Agroforestry and Rural Development, she faced challenges in explaining her course to her family, particularly her grandmother; a farmer. It was only when her father mentioned the name "Wangari Maathai" that her grandmother began to understand and support Maryanne's choice. Looking back, Maryanne takes pride in her academic decisions, and she recently graduated in 2022, ready to embark on her conservation career.

Maryanne's connection to the Laikipia region is one that she holds dear. After visiting the area for the first time, she fell in love with its beauty and wildlife. Less than a year later, she and her partner made the decision to move to Laikipia, where they have found a sense of belonging and purpose. Joining LWF as an individual member provided Maryanne with the opportunity to engage with like-minded individuals who share her passion for conservation. Attending LWF's Annual General Meeting (AGM) further deepened her understanding of the forum's work and fostered valuable networking opportunities.

Maryanne has actively participated in various conservation projects and initiatives throughout her journey. As a research intern with Save the Elephants - Elephants and Bees (Tsavo), she engaged in activities that focused on fostering human-elephant coexistence.

Through innovative methods such as using bees as a deterrent against crop-raiding elephants, delivering environmental education lessons to schoolchildren, and promoting the cultivation of non-palatable crops like chilies and sunflowers, Maryanne witnessed firsthand the importance of finding sustainable solutions that benefit both wildlife and local communities.

In addition to her involvement in specific projects, Maryanne is committed to personal conservation efforts. She actively practices the principles of reduce, reuse, and recycle in her daily life, emphasizing the importance of minimizing waste and avoiding the use of single-use plastics. Furthermore, Maryanne believes in responsible travel and supporting initiatives that preserve natural habitats and wildlife. By engaging in conservation tourism, she encourages others to contribute to the long-term sustainability of tourist destinations while also promoting environmental awareness and sustainable living practices.

Maryanne's dedication to conservation serves as an inspiration to others. Through her personal efforts and involvement with various organizations, she showcases the positive impact that individuals can have on environmental protection. She advises others to embrace sustainable practices in their own lives, urging them to reduce their ecological footprint and become advocates for conservation in their communities.

As a member of LWF, Maryanne recognizes the importance of collective action and the power of collaboration. By joining forces with like-minded individuals and organizations, she believes we can create a brighter and more sustainable future for our planet. Maryanne's story reminds us that through dedication, passion, and a commitment to sustainable natural resource management, each one of us can make a difference in the world of conservation.

## BECOME OUR MEMBER TODAY

Join us in making a difference for wildlife conservation and the restoration of our natural resources in the greater Laikipia region. As a friend, philanthropist, and well-wisher, your support is vital to the success of the Laikipia Wildlife Forum.

With your generous donation, we can continue to work towards championing for wildlife conservation and sustainable natural resources management in the greater Laikipia landscape. Your contribution, no matter the size, will help us to ensure a future where the landscapes flora and fauna thrives and flourishes. Please consider making a donation today and together, we can create a better environment for all.

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