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MOUNT KENYA WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY

2025 END-OF-YEAR CONSERVATION IMPACT NEWSLETTER

Conservation in Action: A Year of Progress and Partnership

At Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy (MKWC), 2025 marked a year of measurable conservation impact, innovation, and collaboration. From significant milestones in Mountain Bongo recovery to expanded research capacity, strengthened community engagement, and global conservation leadership, the year reinforced our commitment to safeguarding wildlife and supporting people who depend on healthy ecosystems.





Mountain Bongo Breeding & Rewilding Programme

In 2025, the Mountain Bongo population grew from 96 individuals in the first half of the year to 100 by year-end. A total of nine births were recorded across the Conservancy and the Mawingu Mountain Bongo Sanctuary.

To strengthen social structure, a bachelor paddock (Top Forest 1) was established to support six male bongos. Predator risk was also reduced through the successful translocation of a leopard from the Mawingu Sanctuary.

Research, Monitoring & Conservation Technology

MKWC expanded its AI camera network to 15 units and secured a five-year Kenya Wildlife Service approval to continue AI-based monitoring in the Aberdare ecosystem. An additional 20 trail cameras were deployed in areas with limited network coverage. Two weather stations, installed in partnership with the Kenya Space Agency, strengthened long-term environmental and climate-responsive monitoring.



Animal Rescue, Rehabilitation & Veterinary Care

The Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre provided critical care to a range of rescued wildlife, including Nderitu, a young male white rhino calf relocated from Nairobi Safari Walk after being orphaned in Meru National Park. Other admissions included a lion cub, a zebra, a duiker, and a crowned crane. Successful releases during the year included 2 buffaloes, an ostrich, and a bushbuck.

Construction of the Wildlife Veterinary Clinic progressed well and will support emergency care, Mountain Bongo health, and veterinary training once operational.







Habitat Restoration & Community Engagement

More than 700 acres of land were cleared of invasive species such as Sodom apple and wire grass. Restoration work also supported local employment through the I&M Foundation-funded tree-growing programme. Additional seed support from Seedball Kenya enhanced



Conservation Education & Capacity Building

Over 36,000 students were reached through education and outreach programmes in 2025. MKWC also hosted local and international interns, attachment students, and volunteers.



Stakeholder Engagement & Global Leadership

MKWC contributed to the 2025–2030 National Mountain Bongo Recovery and Action Plan, and attended the IUCN Congress. Mr. Humphrey Kariuki was honoured with the Patron of Nature Award, becoming the first African recipient.



Strategic Partnerships

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