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Mountain Bongo Breeding & Rewilding Program

Our Mountain Bongo Breeding and Rewilding Program continues to record steady, meaningful progress as we work toward securing the future of this critically endangered species. The population now stands at 100 Mountain Bongos, marking another encouraging step toward long-term recovery.

During this period, nine births were recorded : five at the Conservancy and two at the Mawingu Mountain Bongo Sanctuary; a promising sign of healthy breeding and improving genetic diversity across the program.

To support bachelor groups and improve social structure, we successfully created a new paddock, Top Forest 1, which is currently home to six male bongos. This dedicated space helps minimize conflict, enhance monitoring, and prepare males for future integration into the larger rewilding program.

Animal Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre

The Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (rebranded from the Animal Orphanage) remained active and responsive throughout the half of the year, providing critical care to wildlife in need.

New Admissions:

Four animals were received into our care this period: a lion cub, a zebra, a duiker, and a crowned crane; each requiring specialized attention from our dedicated team.


Male lion Cub


Baby Zebra

Progress Highlights:

- Olaf, the giraffe, began a carefully guided transition into the semi-wild McKeand section, an important milestone toward future release.
- Two male ostriches were safely relocated to Ol Pejeta Conservancy, supporting landscape-level conservation efforts.
- Nderitu, our young male white rhino, continues to progress remarkably well under round-the-clock care and monitoring.

These rescues and rehabilitations reflect our commitment to wildlife welfare and long-term species recovery.




Ostrich


Olaf, Giraffe



Habitat Restoration & Community Engagement

Our restoration efforts continued to deliver significant ecological and community impact.
This half, more than 700 acres were cleared of invasive species, including Sodom apple (Solanum incanum) and wire grass (Pennisetum thunbergii). These efforts support the return of native vegetation, healthier grasslands, and improved biodiversity.

Beyond ecological benefits, the program also provided employment opportunities for surrounding communities, strengthening our people-centered conservation model through tree-growing activities funded by the I&M Foundation.

We are also grateful to Seedball Kenya for donating:

25 kg each of four acacia species: Acacia abyssinica, Acacia gerrardii, Acacia seyal, and Acacia africana

25 kg of Olea africana

5 kg of mixed grass seeds

These seeds are being deployed across priority sites to enhance tree diversity, restore degraded rangelands, and accelerate ecological recovery.

Conservation Education

Our Conservation Education and Outreach program continues to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards.

We were privileged to host over 36,000 students, engaging them through immersive learning experiences that nurture a deeper understanding of wildlife conservation and ecological responsibility



Partnerships

Trek for the Bongo 2025

This year's Trek for the Bongo was a resounding success, bringing together 23 hikers and strengthening collaborative ties with KPC Foundation, Bank One, CFAO Mobility Kenya Limited, Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club and Dalbit Petroleum.

Together, we continue to raise awareness and mobilize support for Mountain Bongo recovery.



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IUCN Congress

Our participation in the 2025 IUCN Congress reaffirmed our commitment to global conservation leadership and cross-sector collaboration.

We were especially honored as our Executive Founder, Mr. Humphrey Kariuki, was awarded the prestigious Patron of Nature, becoming the first African to receive this global recognition.









Successful Rhino Translocation

In partnership with Kenya Wildlife Service, we supported the successful translocation to the Conservancy of:

- Two female rhinos from Lake Nakuru National Park
- One male rhino from Meru National Park

This contributes to strengthened genetic diversity and bolstered population recovery efforts within the region.







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Thank you for being part of our journey. Together, we are creating a future where communities and wildlife thrive in harmony.

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