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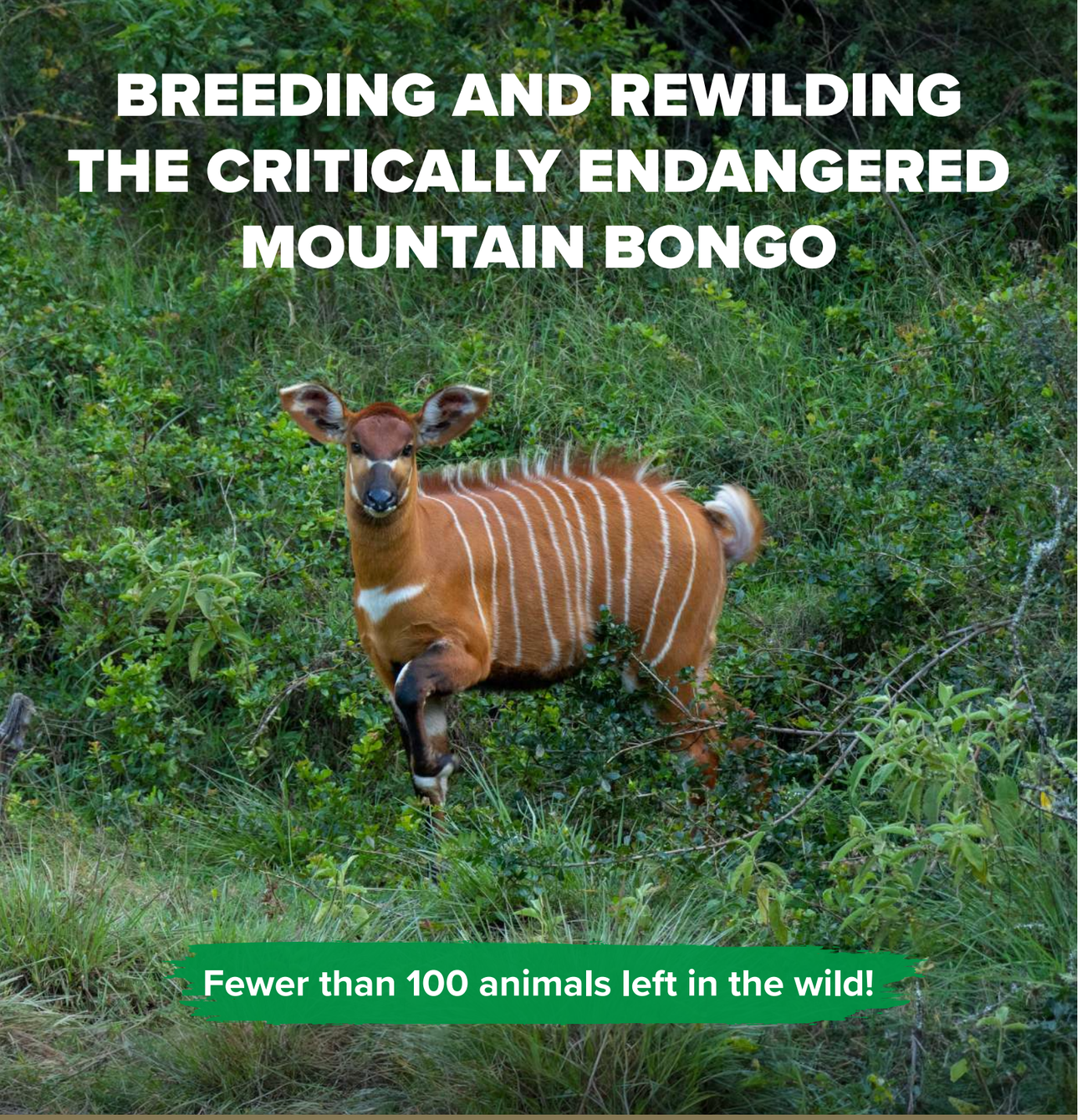
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BREEDING AND REWILDING THE CRITICALLY ENDANGERED MOUNTAIN BONGO



Fewer than 100 animals left in the wild!

Visit our website for details of the Bongo Breeding and Rewilding program:
www.mountkenyawildlifeconservancy.org
or scan the QR code.

CHAIRPERSON OPENING LETTER

Dear Reader

As 2023 comes to an end, I'm delighted to reflect on the remarkable year at the Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy. It's been a year of achievements, challenges, and, above all, a deep commitment to our mission.

We celebrated the birth of two Bongo calves in the Mawingu Sanctuary, indicating that the bongos have adapted to their new wild home. Collaborating with the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and the Kenya Forest Service (KFS), our goal is to rewild 50 Bongos by 2025. This aligns with the National Recovery and Action Plan, playing a vital role in restoring the Bongo population within the Mount Kenya ecosystem. At the core of our efforts is the Mountain Bongo Program, a beacon of hope for the critically endangered Mountain Bongo antelope.

The **"Trek for the Bongo 2023"** wasn't just a mountain adventure; it was a mission to raise awareness and funds for the Mountain Bongo program. A dedicated group of trekkers scaled Mount Kenya's Lenana Peak, demonstrating the sweet spot and the impact that can be made when passion meets purpose. Gratitude goes to our corporate sponsors and participants who rallied behind this noble cause.

Habitat restoration is the cornerstone of our conservation efforts. In response to threats from extreme weather patterns and climate change, we've partnered with Praha Zoo to plant indigenous trees, with 3,160 planted this year during the rainy season. Join us in preserving the environment by visiting our website and discovering how you can contribute. We can host corporate teams to plant trees and visit this fragile ecosystem as part of their CSR programs.

Our Animal Orphanage continues to be a sanctuary for vulnerable animals with **remarkable** stories of rescue and resilience. From Shujaa, the lioness cub with a heart of courage, to Christina, the baboon rescued from Nakuru, and Zed, the buffalo calf found abandoned, their journeys to recovery testify to the dedication of our staff and supporters. These stories remind us that, no matter how small, we can make a profound difference in the lives of these animals.

Best wishes,

Nyawira Kariuki

Chairperson
Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy Trust



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TREK FOR THE BONGO 2023



WELCOMING BACK GIRAFFES AFTER 40 YEARS

MAWINGU MOUNTAIN BONGO SANCTUARY



Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy celebrated the birth of two Bongo calves born in the wild Mawingu Sanctuary. The birth of the calves is a milestone for the Bongo breeding and rewilding efforts and evidence of the success of the Conservancy's Bongo restoration program.

Mountain Bongos are native to the mountain forests of Kenya, but deforestation and poaching has made them critically endangered, with recent estimates numbering fewer than 100 animals in the wild.

In 2022, MKWC working with Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and Kenya Forest Service (KFS), opened the Mawingu Sanctuary and has since translocated 10 Bongos to the Sanctuary in an effort to grow their numbers in the wild. So far, Mawingu Sanctuary is looking to meet a target of 50 successfully rewilded Bongos by 2025.

Born on 16th and 22nd September 2023, the two calves are the latest additions to the Sanctuary herd. Baringo and Ghana, both first time mothers, are part of a lineage of strong maternal breeders. Kalama, the stud that sired the two calves, was one of the initial Bongos that was translocated to the Sanctuary in March 2022.

Their mothers are extremely protective of their young, keeping them well hidden in the forest and making the calves difficult to spot. They have been seen occasionally on the camera trap footage and are in good health.

The two calves (yet to be named) will grow up in the wild Sanctuary, which will provide them with an ideal environment to develop their natural instincts under the keen eye of their mothers. The Mawingu Sanctuary represents the culmination of two decades of unwavering effort to protect and restore the population of these unique creatures in their natural habitat and we celebrate the growing herd.



Dr Robert Aruho,
Head of Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy

"We are thrilled to announce birth of two baby bongos at Mawingu Sanctuary. Hearing of these Bongo births in the wild shows that the Bongo program is recording great success and we are proud to work at MKWC to help to restore the Bongo population which is at great risk of extinction.

This program is the bedrock of the National Recovery and Action Plan (2019-2023).

It aims to have 40-50 fully rewilded mountain bongos by 2025 and 750 by 2050.

There is much to do, but the teams on the ground, Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya Forest Service, Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy are working together to deliver this plan. We look forward to seeing more births at the Sanctuary to restore the Bongo Population back to the Mount Kenya ecosystem."

TREK FOR THE BONGO 2023



Mt. Kenya

As the second-highest mountain in Africa, Mount Kenya has long been a magnet for adventure seekers and nature enthusiasts. In early October, a group of trekkers undertook the challenging journey to summit Mount Kenya's Lenana Peak participating in the second edition of the Trek for the Bongo. This endeavor was not just about reaching the peak, but also about raising funds and awareness for the Mountain Bongo breeding and rewilding program at Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy.

The journey began on 5th October 2023 with a diverse group of 11 hikers, each driven by their passion for trekking and a shared commitment to making a personal impact of the work to restore the mountain bongo population. The team included experienced mountaineers and outdoor enthusiasts, being led by Eli Roimen of the Janus Continental Group and Dr Robert Aruho, who heads the team at Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy.

Other participants included Audrey Wamaitha, Brian Gatere, Elijah Kamata, Emmanuel Agata, Kelvin Mwangi, Robert Njoroge, Sandrine Busviah (all the way from Mauritius), Sarah Ndwiga, and Suleiman Kinoti. Although it was the team's first collective attempt at climbing Mount Kenya, they achieved a remarkable feat by summitting the peak in just three days, rather than the four days planned for the cimb. We are extremely proud of the team that undertook the vigorous climb, battling challenging terrain and unpredictable weather.

The Trek for the Bongo received overwhelming support. We would like to honour our partners and business colleagues who contrubuted financially and by sending their employees to take part in the trek this year. The corporates that contributed towards the Trek:
Woodrow Communications, Bank One, Transfer Pricing Partners Limited, Newmark Group, MWC Legal and the Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club.

Thank you all for being a part of this incredible journey and making an impact on the Mountain Bongo program. We celebrate not only the trekker's achievement but also the collective triumph of coming together for a noble cause.

The funds raised from the Trek for the Bongo will go towards the veterinary care of the animals, supplementary nutrition, habitat restoration through tree planting and the conservation education program whereby we can inspire upcoming generations to protect and preserve the environment.

Keep an eye out on our social media channels and please contact us if you would like to participate in the next Trek. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, X, and LinkedIn.

1 Eli Roimen posing at the Mt. Kenya view point.

2 Audrey Wamaitha victory pose.

3 The team at Mackinder's Valley.

4 Mackinder's Valley.

5 The team reaches the Mt. Kenya base camp.

From left to right: Eli Roimen, Suleiman Kinoti, Emmanuel Agata, Robert Njoroge, Dr Robert Aruho, Sandrine Busviah, Audrey Wamaitha, Brian Gatere and Kelvin Mwangi.

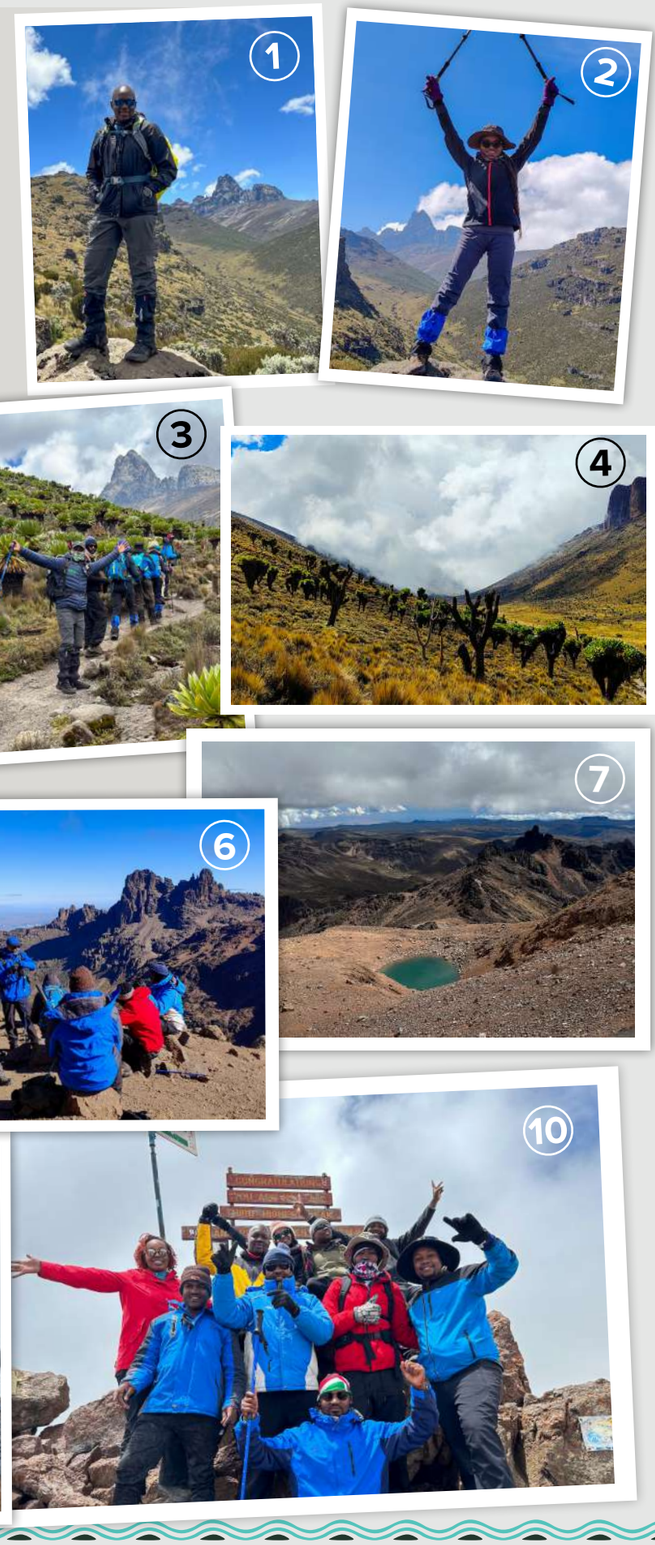
6 The team takes a water-break as they enjoy the Mt. Kenya landscapes.

7 The team at Harry's Tarn that is overlooking the Mt. Kenya landscape.

8 The final leg to the summit.

9 The team summits Mt. Kenya.

10 The team having a fun photo session as they soak in the big achievement.



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MOUNTAIN BONGO PROGRAM

HABITAT RESTORATION

Extreme weather patterns like heavy rainfall and floods, coupled with other effects of climate change pose a threat to our local wildlife and their habitats. We are taking steps to protect the biodiversity of Mount Kenya's ecosystem, the home of the iconic Mountain Bongo antelope. Recently, we partnered with Praha Zoo to plant indigenous trees during the rainy seasons, reinforcing our commitment to sustainable environmental conservation. This year, we took advantage of the rainy season to plant 3,160 indigenous tree seedlings.

Keen on preserving the environment? Please click on this link to learn how you can join us in this initiative.
https://mountkenyawildlifeconservancy.org/donate



EUROPEAN OUTDOOR CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

We want to express our gratitude to each and every one of you who took the time to vote for the Mountain Bongo breeding and rewilding program to win potential funding from the European Outdoor Conservation Association (EOCA). Your votes, enthusiasm, and the time taken to spread the word among your networks meant the world to us, and we were truly touched by your commitment to our cause.

Though we didn't secure the funding, it is our belief that this was a stepping stone towards a brighter future for the Bongo. The support we received only reinforces our resolve to continue our work with even more determination.

As Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy, we also take pride in the fact that we have raised the awareness of the Mountain Bongo, an antelope that we are working to save from brink of extinction.

The opportunity afforded by EOCA through the grant application and voting process created visibility and recognition of the great work we do. We are grateful.

Your support means more to us than words can express, and we look forward to sharing our journey and successes with you as we go along.



EXPLORING NEW FRONTIERS: A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE KENYA SPACE AGENCY AND THE MOUNT KENYA WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY



We are thrilled to share an exciting development that promises to shape the future of both space exploration and wildlife conservation within the Mount Kenya ecosystem. The Kenya Space Agency (KSA) and the Conservancy signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) marking the union of two seemingly different fields for a common cause – the restoration of the population of the critically endangered Mountain Bongo and its natural habitat.

The collaboration aims to leverage the technological expertise of Kenya Space Agency and the conservation insights of Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy to develop innovative solutions. We will utilize space technology for ecological monitoring and conservation efforts.

The advanced satellite systems and data analytics will be used to track deforestation, land use changes, soil degradation and changes in vegetation cover. The technology will also be used to track climate patterns which will help mitigate the negative effects of climate change and also determine wildlife movements that are influenced by climate. All this information is important for understanding the impact on wildlife habitats.

Collaboration between the Space Agency's Space Clubs and Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy Education programs will provide educational opportunities for the public, particularly young people, to learn about conservation efforts and the importance of preserving the environment.



Installation of a weather station will assist local farming communities by monitoring weather patterns.

Stay tuned for updates on joint projects and the positive impact we aim to make through this partnership.

ANIMAL RESCUES

The latter part of this year has seen plenty of exciting new additions to the Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy Animal Orphanage. These heartwarming tales of rescue, resilience and the dedication of the animal keepers paint a picture of the life-changing work being done to provide a second chance to wild animals in need. We commend the extraordinary efforts of Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy staff, volunteers, and supporters who have all made a difference, no matter how small, in the lives of these rescued animals.

1 Meet SHUJAA: The Lioness cub with a heart of courage



Shujaa was rescued in late August when herders from Ngorare, Laikipia discovered her near one of their bomas. They were on high alert as they had experienced previous encounters of lion predation on their livestock. The herders immediately contacted Lion Landscapes, a human wildlife conflict organization working with the community. Despite their efforts, they couldn't locate the cub's mother and with a green light from Kenya Wildlife Service, Shujaa was brought to the Animal Orphanage to provide her a secure refuge.

Upon her arrival at the Animal Orphanage, an expert examination revealed that both eyes had a cloudy film cover, indicating the possibility of full or partial blindness, a lame hind limb and two bite wounds on her inner and outer thigh. The animal keepers provided her with warm shelter, and she was given time to rest.

She underwent a successful orthopedic surgery at North Kenya Veterinary Hospital with metal plates placed to mend her fractured hind bone. We continue to administer eye drops to treat her eye condition. Today, Shujaa is on the road to recovery, receiving post-operative care from the amazing animal keepers.

Her name, Shujaa, the Swahili word for hero, symbolizes the bravery and strength she has shown throughout her life. Shujaa is not alone in this battle as we are committed to ensuring her well-being. During her recovery phase she will remain in her nursery, away from the public view. We will share updates on her extraordinary journey as she regains her strength and prepares to conquer the world once more!

2 Meet CHRISTINA: The Baboon rescue from Nakuru



Born in the wilderness in Nakuru, Kenya, Christina's early life took a devastating turn when her mother fell victim to a cruel snare trap, leaving Christina orphaned and clinging desperately to her lifeless mother. Christina was rescued by a compassionate animal lover, Bernard, who discovered her fragile body, with her tiny fingers still wrapped around her mother's fur.

Bernard's employer, Lynn, who had visited the Mount Kenya Animal Orphanage before, reached out and proposed bringing Christiana to the rescue centre. Together, the two of them travelled close to 180 kilometres (111 miles) to bring the little orphan to a place of refuge in early September.

Since her rescue, Christina has been under the watchful care of the animal keepers. They have provided her with the warmth, nourishment, and veterinary care that she desperately needed. Her emotional Recovery has been closely monitored, with efforts to comfort her and help her adjust to a new life. Despite the trauma she endured at such a young age, Christina has a sweet, gentle nature. She has formed strong bonds with her human caregivers and thrives off of the attention that they give her.

As Christina continues to grow and thrive, we are hopeful that she will eventually be integrated into a baboon troop in the wild. Until then, she remains under the Animal Orphanage's care, receiving the love and attention she needs to develop both physically and emotionally.

3 Meet ZED: The Buffalo calf rescue



Zed was found abandoned on a community farm at Suguta, near Rumuruti in early October, at an estimated age of just 2 or 3 days old. Thanks to the kindness of local community members, her story took a turn for the better.

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Upon discovering the defenseless calf, the community members took Zed in overnight, providing her with milk and contacted Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) for further assistance. The team at KWS understood that this young buffalo's best chance at survival was to place her in a rescue centre at the Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy Animal Orphanage.

Here at the Orphanage, she has been receiving care, nourishment, and a safe environment where she can grow and thrive. Her days are filled with playful interactions and bonding experiences with other rescued animals. The animal keepers closely monitor her health and development, ensuring that she is growing into a strong and healthy buffalo.

4 Meet RON: The Stripped Hyena rescue



Earlier this year, the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) received a call from Merua school (near Rumuruti) about a striped hyena puppy that was found abandoned in the school compound.

KWS responded to the call by safely capturing the distressed puppy and bringing it to the Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy Animal Orphanage rescue center for examination and treatment. Our expert veterinary team immediately provided the puppy with the medical attention and care it needed to recover. Thanks to the quick action of everyone involved, we were able to rescue the hyena and give it a second chance at life. The puppy is now under our care and making great progress in its recovery.



As of December 2023, he is approximately a year old and has been lucky enough to have, not one, but three adoptive parents.

Striped hyenas are very vulnerable to human-induced habitat degradation. Striped hyenas tend to raid human croplands for fruits and vegetables thus, the hyenas are often poisoned.

5 Meet MAE: The Gazelle rescue



Mae is a graceful gazelle whose rescue was prompted by a concerned individual who discovered her in a state of severe dehydration. It was immediately evident that she had been struggling to find water and a rescue team was called to her aid. With care and compassion, they transported Mae to the Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy Animal Orphanage where she received the specialized veterinary care needed to nurse her back to health.

At the Animal Orphanage, Mae received immediate attention from the team. Her treatment plan included rehydration, nutritional support, and regular monitoring of her condition. She has been named Mae (pronounced MA-EEH), the Kikuyu word for 'water'.

During her time at the orphanage, the gazelle has become an integral part of the animal ambassadors. Her journey from a dehydrated, vulnerable gazelle to a thriving one is proof to the transformative power of care. As she continues to regain her strength and health at the Animal Orphanage, the ultimate goal is to prepare her for her return to the wild.

The animal keepers will carefully monitor her progress and ensure that she is ready to thrive in her natural habitat once again.

6 Meet SHAKA: The Spotted Hyena rescue



Shaka's story begins with a grim discovery – a spotted hyena pup left behind in a trash pile struggling to survive and in dire need of care and nourishment. His mother had abandoned him, presumably running away from humans while scavenging, leaving the defenseless pup behind. Too scared to come back, four long days passed without any sight of Shaka's mother.

Upon discovery, the team from Ol Pejeta Conservancy swiftly mobilized to rescue Shaka. The rescue team provided her with care required for her immediate survival, feeding her on meat and water before contacting the Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy Animal Orphanage.

He arrived at the Animal Orphanage in mid-October where he received attention of a team of dedicated animal keepers and vet. Shaka was in a fragile state, both physically and emotionally, but his strong will to live shone through. The animal keepers ensured he had the support needed to overcome his traumatic early experience. With their patient care and commitment, Shaka has begun to regain his strength and grow into a healthy, spirited young hyena.

We warmly invite everyone to come and experience the magic of these rescued animals. You will have the opportunity to see, learn, and interact with the animals as they rest and play, deepening your bond with wildlife and learning more about conservation through a guided tour.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION

INSPIRING THE FUTURE GENERATIONS

We believe that creating an understanding of the relationship between humans, wildlife and ecosystems is key to ensuring a sustainable future for all. Now more than ever, conservation education is important as it plays a pivotal role in inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards.

The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow, and conservation education gives them the knowledge to address wildlife and environmental challenges. By integrating conservation principles into everyday learning, we can nurture a generation of environmentally conscious leaders.

At Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy, we are dedicated to making a lasting impact through conservation education. We aim to engage individuals of all ages in learning about wildlife and the importance of conservation. We can build a future where every individual actively participates in the preservation and protection of nature's beauty and wildlife.

We offer day group trips which are an interactive, outdoor tour of the Animal Orphanage. We also offer school visits where we bring the wild experience into your classroom. We reach over 20,000 Kenyan students annually through our conservation education program, don't be left behind! Our conservation education programs can be booked at any time by emailing info@mountkenyawildlifeconservancy.org or getting in touch on +254 (0) 20 233 0097 or +254 (0) 111 235 068



BIG READ

WELCOMING BACK GIRAFFES AFTER 40 YEARS

In October, six reticulated giraffes (2 male and 4 female) were captured from Lolomarik Ranch in Timau and trans-located into the wild at Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy. The reticulated giraffe is one of the four species of giraffe. Kenya is home to three out of four species; the Masai, Reticulated, and the Northern (Rothschild/Nubian) Giraffe.

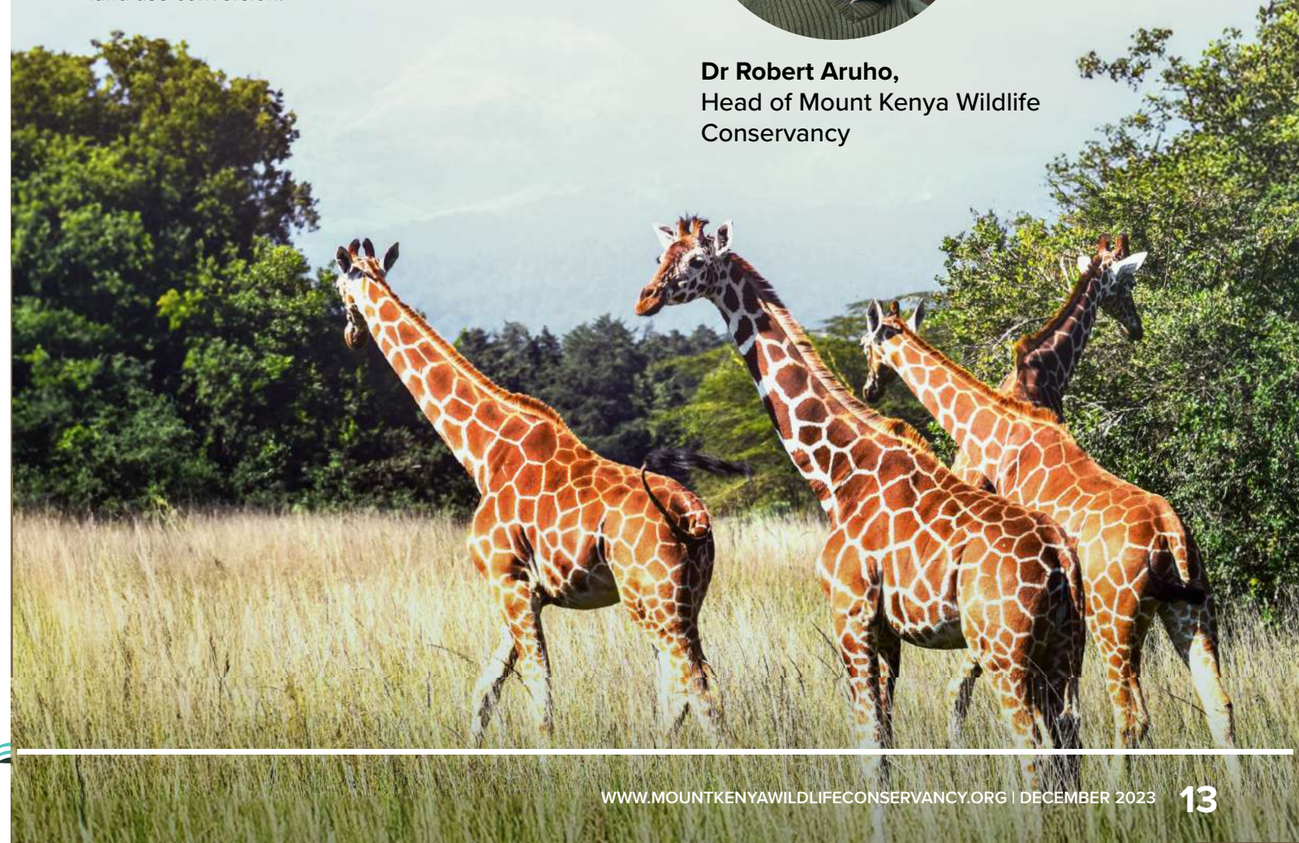
The reticulated giraffe used to inhabit the Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy until 1984. Their 'homecoming' is a good gesture of the strides that the Conservancy is making in conservation and restoration of the beauty of the area and providing an opportunity for education among the visiting students and guests.

The numbers of the giraffe have been declining throughout Africa, and the global population has declined by 30%. There are currently about 117,000 giraffes around the world. In the last 3 decades, Kenya was home to more than 71,000 Masai giraffe, the number has now declined to 45,400. Similarly, and more concerning, is that reticulated giraffe numbers in Kenya have declined by almost 50% in the last 35 years from 36,000 to only 16,000. These declines are largely driven by human factors particularly loss of habitat due to human development enterprises and land use conversion.

"Reintroducing the reticulated giraffe after 40 years of absence at the Conservancy is an important step towards restoration of the ecosystem of Mount Kenya for future generations. We aim to revitalize giraffe conservation by educating local communities on conservation benefits."



Dr Robert Aruho,
Head of Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy



MEET THE TEAM

As we share the Conservancy's progress, we would also like to shine a spotlight on the dedicated individuals who are driving its success on the ground. In this end year feature, we had the privilege of interviewing Dorice, she joined the team recently and has already began to leave her mark. Let's hear what they had to share.



Please introduce yourself and what you do at the Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy.

I'm Dorice Habwe, and I have the privilege of serving as the Resource Mobilization Manager at the Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy. In this role, I work to secure the necessary resources to support our conservation efforts with the goal of ensuring the sustainability of our organization.

What motivated you to join the Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy team?

My motivation to join the Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy team stems from a deep-rooted passion for wildlife conservation and environmental preservation. The conservancy has over 20 years done difficult and impactful work in the Mount Kenya region both at the community and individual level through its conservation education program.

The approach to engagement with communities and school going children to protect the Mount Kenya region has created a conduit through which enlightened approaches to conservation, community development and education become mutually re-enforcing. Through all this, the conservancy's remarkable track record in safeguarding the unique ecosystem of Mount Kenya, its dedication to protecting endangered species and its ability to create harmony between humans and wildlife spoke to me on a profound level.

What is your main responsibility within the team?

My primary responsibility within the team is to create and execute strategies for mobilizing resources, which include both financial support and in-kind donations.

I work closely with our donors, partners, and supporters to secure the funding needed for our conservation initiatives.

Building strong relationships with donors and partners is crucial. How do you plan to establish and nurture these relationships?

Establishing and nurturing strong relationships with donors and partners is indeed crucial to our mission's success.

To achieve this, I plan to implement a multifaceted approach. I believe in open and transparent communication, ensuring that our supporters are kept well-informed about our work and its impact. Personalized engagement and acknowledging the importance of their contributions are key elements. We will also explore collaborative opportunities with partners who share our conservation vision, fostering long-term relationships built on shared values.

Is there a message or advice you'd like to share with our readers, donors and supporters as you embark on this new role?

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our readers, donors, and supporters for their unwavering commitment to our cause. Your support is the backbone of our conservation efforts, and it fuels our determination to protect and preserve the natural wonders of Mount Kenya. As I embark on this new role, I encourage all of you to continue standing with us in our mission. Your collective effort and support are instrumental in ensuring the long-term well-being of this extraordinary ecosystem.

What Christmas message do you have for our readers?

This festive season, I wish our readers and the entire Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy community a joyful and harmonious Christmas. May the spirit of giving and togetherness resonate with you during this special time of the year. Let's remember the incredible gifts of nature that surround us and recommit to preserving them for generations to come. Thank you for your continued support, and may your holidays be filled with warmth and love. Once again, thank you for your dedication and unwavering support for the Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy. Together, we can continue to protect and cherish this magnificent part of our world.

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Find the words in the puzzle.

Words can go in any direction, even backwards.
Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

Baboon | Climate | Giraffe | Indigenous | Kenya | Lenana | Lion | Mawingu | Mountain | Sanctuary



ACTIVITIES AT THE MOUNT KENYA WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY



With the festive holidays coming up, our gates remain open for you and your families and friends to visit us. The Animal Orphanage is open daily from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, with the last entry admission at 4.30pm.

We are located 10 kms (approx. 6 miles) away from Nanyuki town centre, a 3-hour drive (or a 30-minute flight) from Nairobi. If you would like to book an activity in advance or if you have any questions, please reach out to us on info@mountkenyawildlifeconservancy.org or on +254 (0) 20 233 0097. Accommodation for overnight trips is available at a fee upon request.

We have lots of activities at the Animal Orphanage, making it a perfect outing for a family day out!





For those who would like to remember their trip to Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy with a souvenir, we have a gift shop with a variety of items for you to choose from. Some of our best sellers are the Mountain Bongo themed plush toys! 100% of profits go directly to our conservation efforts.







GET INVOLVED

If you would like to leave your mark at the Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy, there are several ways to do so.

FOSTER OR ADOPT AN ANIMAL



Fostering or adopting an animal is incredibly rewarding. An individual or group can foster or adopt the animal for themselves or as a gift - offering hope to an animal in need. The fostering and adoption fees help pay for care of the animal of choice, veterinary expenses, nutritional needs, enclosure cleaning and maintenance, habitat costs and enrichment, safety and security measures, and other unexpected expenses.

We encourage our visitors to remain involved in the animals' lives by fostering or becoming adoptive parents. Please note that there is a lot of love to go around and that sometimes the animals may have more than one foster or adoptive parent.

Fostering: Fostering is a temporary care-giving commitment that focuses on the well-being of an animal for a period one year. A foster parent may opt to renew their annual fostering fee at will.

Adoption: Adoption is a long-term commitment to the well-being of an animal for a minimum of five years. It offers the adoptive parent the opportunity to be a part of the animal's life for an extended period and contribute to its care and welfare. An adoptive parent will be required to commit to renewing their annual adoptive fee for a minimum of five years. An adoptive parent may also opt to pay the full five-year fee upfront.

Category	Amount	Benefits
Fostering This is a temporary commitment that focuses on the well-being of the animal of choice for a period of one year. A foster parent may opt to renew their annual fostering fee at will.	Any amount from **US$ 100** to **US$ 499**	You will receive a personalized certificate of fostering bearing a photo of the animal, a subscription to our email newsletter and quarterly check-ins that include an update on the fostered animal.
Adoption This is a long-term commitment to the well-being of the animal of choice. It offers an opportunity to be a part of the animal's life for an extended period and contribute to its welfare. An adoptive parent will be required to commit to renewing their annual adoptive fee for a minimum of five years. An adoptive parent may also opt to pay the full five-year fee upfront.	**US$ 500** per year	You will receive a personalized certificate of adoption bearing a photo of the animal, a subscription to our email newsletter and quarterly check-ins that include an update on the fostered animal.

NOTE: Like all living creatures, the animals may become ill or pass away. Should this happen, your symbolic fostering or adoption can be transferred to another animal for the remainder of your foster or adoption period.

PLANT A TREE OR LEAVE A DONATION

GET INVOLVED ACTIVITIES (in KES, unless indicated)		
Activity		**Rate**
Tree Planting Play a part in habitat conservation and restoration by planting or adopting a tree to be planted by community members within the Mount Kenya eco system	**Rate for two seedlings and planting** Open to individuals, couples, families and organizations	**KES 1,000**
Donations We invite our visitors to leave a mark at the Animal Orphanage. We put up tiles in honour of all our donors. These tiles are specially hand printed and permanently mounted at the Animal Orphanage 'Wall of Sponsors'	Bush Baby Tile	**US $100**
	Green Tile	**US$ 200**
	Golden Tile	**US$ 500**
	Platinum Tile	**US$ 1,000**
	Wildlife Guardian	**US$ 10,000**

RECOGNIZING OUR SUPPORTERS, ADOPTIVE PARENTS, DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all the individuals and corporates who have played a pivotal role in the success of the Conservancy. Without the unwavering support and contributions from our generous donors, passionate supporters, devoted adoptive parents, and dedicated volunteers, our efforts to conserve and protect nature's beauty would not be possible. Your commitment and involvement have made a profound impact, fostering a brighter future for Mount Kenya's wildlife and ecosystems. We are immensely grateful for your continued support and partnership on this important journey. Together, we are making a difference.

If you would like to participate in making a difference in the work we do, please get in touch with us at info@mountkenyawildlifeconservancy.org. There are several contribution options to suit how you would like to leave a legacy at the Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy.

Individuals

- Alia Gerar & Vasiliki Bravi
- Amanda Donahue
- Amanda Jolly
- Amihai Finkelstein
- Andre Koulik
- Anil Mohan Kamat
- Anna De Knock
- Ansul Asad
- Audu Usman Adejo
- Ava & Tali
- Aviva Banczewski
- Barbara Chassin
- Barbara Jordan
- Benji Brownie
- Bhadresh & Bhavana
- Bhanji & Asaria Family

Individuals

- Bhanji Family
- Bhavini Shah
- Bill & Mary Rosentreter
- Bill Aden
- Brett Bush
- Brian Gillespies
- Bruce Walker
- Caitlin
- Candace & Larry Hardee
- Carol Cain
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