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RHINO ARK OBJECTIVES

Rhino Ark seeks solutions in the Aberdare mountain range and its eco-system to:

- Conserve one of Kenya's finest indigenous forests and its total habitat.
- Resolve human/wildlife conflict.

RHINO ARK IS COMMITTED TO:

- Mobilise stake holders nation-wide and internationally for initiatives to protect and conserve the habitat, promote managed use of Aberdare resources for the benefit of present and future generations.
- Raise funds and other forms of support for the building and long term management of an electrified fence to encircle the Aberdare National Park and demarcated forestry areas which form the Aberdare Conservation Area.
- Build mechanisms and management structures to prevent illegal exploitation of the forest habitat wherever it is threatened.

In so doing all stakeholders will benefit; the rhino, bongo, indeed all flora and fauna will be secure.

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Chairman's View

As Government Invests... Gate Access Policy Now Priority



Colin Church

2006 is witnessing a sea change in the investment sources for Rhino Ark's Aberdare fence.

The word 'investment' is used deliberately since donations to the Charity are all used to complete the fence - a key management tool - for the long term benefit of the Aberdare ecosystem.

In this calendar year the Kenya Government is now an investor of significant proportion in the building process. Through budget allocations via the Forest Department in the 05/06 Budget of Ksh 9.16 million (see page 22) and the Kenya Wildlife Service in the current 06/07 Budget of Ksh 30 million, materials totaling Ksh 39.16 million are being provided for fence construction.

On November 3 when the Minister for Finance, the Hon. Amos Kimunya, MP commissioned Phase Six of the fence (see story opposite page) he confirmed Government's resolve to support Rhino Ark with additional funds both for construction and maintenance in the future.

Rhino Ark is a living demonstration of an effective public private partnership committed to sustainably conserve vital watershed, indigenous forest and all flora and fauna within the Aberdares. Such state land belongs to all Kenyans. All must derive benefit. Its management is dependent upon the designated state agencies charged to supervise it in partnership with all stake holders but most importantly with forest edge community farmers.

Since its inception in 1988 Rhino Ark has worked in close collaboration with KWS in the construction of the fence. The build and maintenance team is a joint venture. The fence has proved itself 99% successful in resolving wild animal/ human conflict.

But what of the fence's success in managing invasive and exploitative human activity inside this indigenous zone? Dramatic reductions in charcoal extraction, illegal logging, and bush meat hunting can be flagged as successes. But the establishment of gate management policies in areas under Forest Department jurisdiction is what is needed now. It is of utmost importance that a gate access policy is put in place. The Forest Act 2005 is clear on the issue of what should happen in water catchment zones.

Rhino Ark's fence makes it possible to regulate access and only for non destructive uses. The Forest Department which has yet to make its re-birth as the Kenya Forest Service as required by the Act, must address this issue now.

Historically forest line communities have enjoyed unlimited access. But in today's world of burgeoning populations, dwindling forest cover and climate change, unlimited access has had to be increasingly contained to what is sustainable. In reality very few traditional off takes fit this criterion any more. Leisure, cultural and essential services to water pipeline off takes (now also under fiercer scrutiny and conditions) and for re-planting indigenous trees do fit. Deadwood off take is depriving indigenous forest of regeneration. Livestock access brings disease and destroys new forest growth. Grass extraction is exploitative and like deadwood off take turns into money making exercises and are degenerative to flora and fauna

The Forest Act is clear that revenue generating activities should restrict themselves to non indigenous zones and totally avoid water catchments. The 2000 sq km of area inside the Aberdare fence and described by Government as a Conservation Area, must now be treated as such.

Rhino Ark is working closely with both KWS and the KFS (in formation) to create a gate management policy. We undertook a gate analysis by photo/gps imprint of every gate. It highlights lack of policy and abuse. The control of the gates in the fence line is where forest officers will be challenged and tested.

Ultimately all forest line farmers must recognize that the indigenous zone inside the fence is best protected from exploitative human imprint. Their future lies in developing their land outside and for the indigenous forest to look after theirs and all 33 million Kenyans core water catchment. Further more they are vital partners in the process.

COMMISSIONING PHASE SIX AT NJABINI



Finance Minister Amos Kimunya (second left) places final plastic post on Phase Six fence line.

Ksh 30 million from Treasury for fence materials...Kimunya pledges further support.

The Minister for Finance, Hon. Amos Kimunya announced specific Treasury support to Rhino Ark for fence materials to the value of Ksh 30 million in this budget year at the Commissioning Ceremony for Phase Six in Njabini on November 3, 2006.

The Minister then pledged further funding for both fence building and for maintenance. He called on corporate donors to come forward and said that Government would provide tax concessions for funds for charitable ventures in society.

He declared the project "has been widely accepted and is now owned by wananchi".



Several hundred fence line farmers attend ceremony.

Michael Karanja, Rhino Ark Chairman of Trustees pledged that Rhino Ark would meet "shilling for shilling" the new commitment by Government to help complete the Aberdare Fence speedily and raise the money needed for its Maintenance Endowment Fund.

Speaking before an audience of several hundred fence line farmers, Rhino Ark Trustees, Rose Kimotho and Mike Higgins, representatives of the Rhino Charge Committee, and various major donors to Rhino Ark including Nation Media Group, Forest Department, The European Union, Safaricom, Kengen, and Cooper Motor Corporation, Minister Kimunya said:

"I wish to assure you of the Government's commitment to this project. Indeed in the current financial year, the Government being a key stakeholder has contributed Ksh 39.16 million through the Forest Department in the form of Ksh 9.16 million of wire materials and a grant to Kenya Wildlife Service for Ksh 30 million for procurement of materials to build 30 kms."

"The fencing has not only eased the pressure on the Exchequer to provide for the welfare of the communities surrounding the Aberdares but also has greatly boosted our tourism promotion efforts through protecting our wildlife".

The Minister highlighted four innovative initiatives by Rhino Ark of "great national importance":

- That human/wildlife conflict can be managed for productivity
- Wildlife is a core of the tourism sector and thus the project is contributing to tourism's huge foreign exchange earning ability.
- Protection of the ecosystem "cannot be over emphasized"
- Rhino Ark's joint approach of "creating national and international awareness for the reasons for building the fence;" and the introduction of the pledge system for donors to contribute funds through the Rhino Charge.

"We are grateful to the Rhino Ark team whose creative idea , the Rhino Charge , brought forth the initial funding of Ksh 250,000 in 1989 and a staggering Ksh 57 million in this year's Charge."

"The fencing project has gone a long way in supporting our public/private partnership and confirms our belief that a lot can be achieved for this nation through our joint efforts" concluded the Minister.

Minister Kimunya presented the Kekika Community (Kiraita, Kieni, Kinari) with the East African Wildlife Society's Michael Werikhe award for services to conservation. The winner is nominated by the Rhino Charge Committee.

Minister Kimunya paid special tribute to the European Union for its Ksh 13.5 million donor support through its Biodiversity Conservation Programme, the Kekika Community who donated Ksh 2.7 million in labour at no cost, the Carbacid Company for participating with Ksh 2.5 million and Safaricom Foundation for Ksh 2 million for Phase Six. Rhino Ark provided the balance of over Ksh 50 million.



288 KMS BUILT BY AUGUST 2006

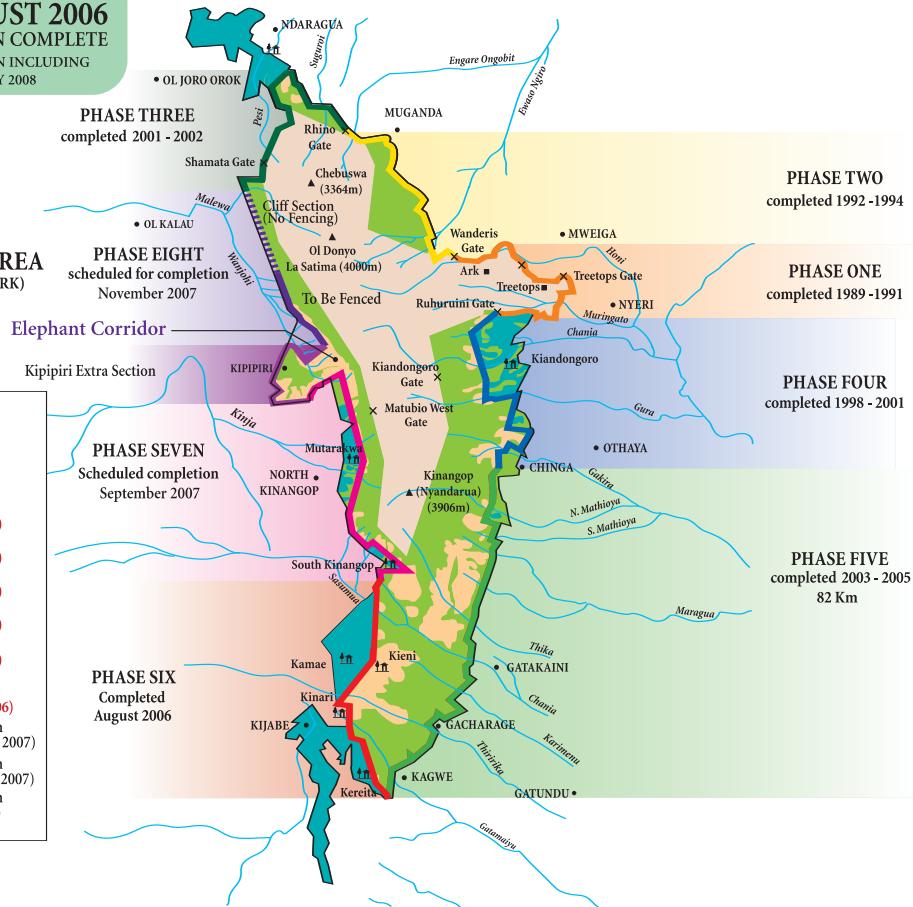
FENCE WILL BE 390 KMS LONG WHEN COMPLETE

PROJECTED DATE FOR FENCE COMPLETION INCLUDING
MT KIPIPIRI EXTRA SECTION EARLY 2008



ABERDARE CONSERVATION AREA (INCORPORATING ABERDARE NATIONAL PARK)

Distance 10Kms



288 Kms Now Fenced - with Kipipiri 100Kms to go

What's next... on the fence line

Phase Seven and the Kipipiri elephant corridor

Work is scheduled to start this month.

Actual date will depend upon supply of fencing materials following procurement bids closure on October 30, 2006. Draw down on the Ksh 30 million allocation for the Aberdare Fence in this year's Government Budget allocation through KWS, will then start.

Phase Seven is about 40 kms long. From Njabini's Phase Six, it runs north to the Nandarasi River crossing the Naivasha/Matubio road into the park where it then follows a forest track to Geta Forest station.

At Geta there will be a 2-4 km wide elephant corridor through Forest Department land between the main Aberdare range and the 50.8 sq km indigenous forests of Mt Kipipiri. A resident herd of at least 30-50 elephant inhabits Kipipiri whilst transient family herds move throughout the area. Crop destruction by elephant here is a major problem.

Under the MOU with Forest Department, the Rhino Ark/KWS fence technical committee have secured support for the elephant corridor and for the fence to follow the forest boundary around Kipipiri.. The area has been subjected to illegal encroachments which will be fenced in so that they revert to indigenous.

Phase Seven's alignment at Geta Forest Station then proceeds along the base of Kipipiri for some dis-

tance. Work will start from the Geta/Nandarasi River area of the elephant corridor and building will track south to Njabini.

The communities on its entire length have grouped to form a fence committee. Rhino Ark and KWS are working closely with these communities to find additional funding for the section.

It is scheduled for completion by September 2007.

Phase Eight: north of Mt Kipipiri

This section is different from any other area of the Aberdares. It is dominated by over 15 kms of precipitous escarpments.

Many small rivers flow off the Mt Satima massif (peaking at 4003 meters) and cascade over the drop off to torrent down almost vertical gorges. They form the tributaries to make up the sizeable Turasha (fed mainly from Mt Kipipiri) and Malewa rivers which eventually form a single flow into Lake Naivasha. There are nearly twenty streams from Satima and Kipipiri in these catchments.

The escarpment creates a natural wildlife barrier and will not be fenced north of the Chitohi River. Only a 10.5 km section along the Geta/Wanjohi settlements from the elephant corridor to the Chitohi River will be fenced.

The recommendations of the Environmental Impact Assessment of 1999 (Butynski) for some fencing and use of the natural sheer escarpment where wild animal/human conflict does not occur, is to be followed here. The EIA proposed that Forest Department and

the communities start joint re-forestation projects on the narrow and severely de-nuded slopes of forest land at the base of the escarpment.

When the fence reaches Chitohi, the original Butynski report alignment for the whole project will be complete. The distance will total about 340 kms.

But we have Mt Kipipiri now....

It has yet to be surveyed on foot to secure a final distance but will add over 45 kms to the original alignment.

The Butynski Report always recommended inclusion of Kipipiri subject to funds and political will.

We have the political support... now.

It only remains that we must raise the funds.

Mount Kipipiri's forests have been severely damaged by illegal logging.

The fence will secure this vital watershed - a major environmental achievement for KWS, Forest Department and Rhino Ark.

Final distance of the fence when complete will be nearly 400 kms.

When the first 10 kms was built in 1999, would anyone have thought we would need to raise over Ksh 500 million (US\$ seven million) to finish the job.

The Kipipiri task is huge.

Now we must make it happen.

RHINO CHARGE 2006 RESULTS & AWARDS

Car Entrant	Controls	Km
2 Ian Duncan	13	72.16
38 Sean Avery/G.Watson/ Patrick Avery/Kieran Avery/Kuki Avery/H. Brainch	13	87.90
46 Andres Bifani	13	116.32
48 Mark Glen	12	72.34
53 Jan Kortland/ Team Tanzania	12	89.75
42 W. Carr-Hartley/ N. McRae/J. Larby/ D. Francombe/S. Evans	12	89.83
5 Alan McKittrick/Knight/ Trundell/Hutchinson/ Pleasence	12	109.51
17 Tanya Carr-Hartley	11	89.61
14 W. Kimeria/Explorers	11	95.36
7 Mahesh Bhatti	10	47.48
64 Peter Bonde Nielsen	10	60.55
26 Asit Patel	10	72.77
4 Anne Troughton	10	74.61
8 Karim Fazal/ The Beast	10	89.22
47 Sapieha	10	102.15
40 Rommy Bamrah	9	46.41
43 Steve Mwagiru/ Peter Njenga	9	56.29
31 Jaques Nell/ Team South Africa	9	71.68
35 Mark Tilbury/ Hog Charge Team	9	87.61
24 Jaspal Matharu	9	110.38
22 Mike & Sarah Higgins	9	115.89
37 Noreen Manji	9	131.96
13 J. Stichbury	8	47.85
12 Jas Sehmi	8	59.19
28 D.Schumacher/ Antrobus/McMillan/ Bird/Cowan	8	62.49
29 Lars & Flora Svensson	8	65.59
27 Preeyesh Shah	8	68.64
56 S. Thakar/R. Corcoran/ N.Granier/Team Uhuru	7	43.08
67 S. Jamal/R. Samji/ Tanz-Manian Devils	7	46.38
10 Mbugua Ngugi	7	52.54
39 Ben Woodhams	7	59.66
57 Mbabu Maturi	7	63.55
44 Adil Khawaja	7	65.66
3 Simon Houghton	7	71.98
36 Naish Malde	7	74.42
1 James Kelmanson/ R. Benjamin	6	25.82
68 Ramesh Vishram	6	27.26
16 Ron Schaasberg/ Team Green	6	36.55
45 Phil Tilley	6	37.62
30 Edward Johnstone/ Team International	6	46.03
51 James Gitau Singh/ Edward Mwakio	5	21.30
25 T. Patel/M. Ogwapit/ C. Muraya/M. Woods/ T. Sehmi	5	30.40
59 Nish Lakhani/ Team Randy Kruza	5	35.88
21 Michael Kontos/ Jonathan Somen	5	56.55
52 Dave Monk/N.Bailey/ D. Winter/R. Blanks/ D. Wadley/M. Wylie	5	95.41
58 Gai Cullen/Team Fargo	4	28.26
50 Mike Kirkland	4	47.51
60 Vimal Patel	4	GPS
6 Manee Choda	2	14.86
34 W. Dollerman/ Erik von Dujk/ Team Uniquemog	2	21.80
15 Eric Goss/ Danish RC Team	2	37.11
20 Arbi Mussani/Bilal Adam	1	5.68
63 Mario Enzesberger	1	GPS



Winners of the Victor Ludorum 2006, Car 38. From left to right: Kieran Avery, Kuki Avery, Harry Brainch, Patrick Avery, Graeme Watson & Sean Avery. Hon. Sammy Leshore, the Assistant Minister for Labour and Samburu East MP (extreme right) presented the award to the team.

FUNDS AWARDS

1st David Schaefer Trophy	McKittrick / Knight/ Trundell/ Hutchinson / Pleasence	Kshs 6,302,413.00	Car No. 5
2nd Diamond Trust Trophy	Mike & Sarah Higgins	Kshs 5,810,759.00	Car No. 22
3rd	Rob Collinge	Kshs 2,141,223.00	Car No. 33

EVENT AWARDS

1st Overall	Ian Duncan	Car 2
Duncan Mitchell Perpetual Trophy	Kieran Avery /Kuki Avery/ Patrick Avery/ Kieran Avery/Harry Brainch/Graeme Watson	Car 38
2nd Overall	Sean Avery /Kuki Avery/ Patrick Avery/ Kieran Avery/Harry Brainch/Graeme Watson	Car 38
3rd Overall	Andres Bifani	Car 46
First in Class 'U'	Anne Troughton	Car 4
First in Class 'M'	Ian Duncan	Car 2
Victor Ludorum (Land Rover Trophy)	Sean Avery /Kuki Avery/ Patrick Avery/ Kieran Avery/Harry Brainch/Graeme Watson	Car 38
Most Meritorious Overseas Entrant	Edward Johnstone	Car 30
Most Meritorious (Rob Combes Trophy)	Preeyesh Shah	Car 27
Coupe des Dames	Tanya Church / Team Rouge	Car 17
(Tim Nicklin Perpetual Trophy)		
Tim Samuels Gauntlet Challenge	Sean Avery /Kuki Avery/ Patrick Avery/ Kieran Avery/Harry Brainch/Graeme Watson	Car 38
Tiger Line 1 (Njia ya Ndume Award)	Eric Goss	Car 15
Tiger Line 2 (Njia ya Ndume Award)	Rommy Bamrah	Car 40
The Kijabe Award	Peter Bonde Nielsen	Car 64
(Highest Placed First Time Entrant)		
Michael Werikhe		
(EAWSL Conservation Award)	KEKIKI Community of Phase Six	
Ken Kuhle Memorial Trophy	Charles Njonjo	
Special Award (Kioko)	Mahesh Bhatti	

OUR TEAM SPIRIT

Our sincerest gratitude to all those who have made it possible to stage this unique event!

RHINO CHARGE COMMITTEE: Anton Levitan (Chairman & Clerk of the Course), Colin Church (Chairman RA Management Committee) Simon Welland, Brian Haworth and Pierre Parsons (Deputy Clerks of the Course), Tarsem Sembhi (Transport & H/Q Steward), Phillip Hechle (Radio Communications), Gran Calder (GPS), Valerie Gunputrav (Secretary to the Event).

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FROM: Belinda Levitan, Sue Haworth, TM-AM Construction, Maggie Parsons.

THE LAND OWNERS: Swuari Location Communities – Samburu District.

THE EVENT OFFICIALS: Larry Sutcliffe, Stuart Allison, Jim Vernon, Graham & Sally Timmis, Dave Green, John Porter, Hedd Thomas, Peter & Dee Huth, Gran & Rosemary Calder, Phillip & Janine Valentine, Brian & Vanessa Williams, Rainie Samuels, Andy Russell, Brian Barton, Chris Fryer, Julian Cordingley, Nick Trench, Geoff Dagger & Debbie Basden, Andrew & Sally Challoner, Carl & Judy Chaffee, George Gunputrav, Balbier Baines, Liz Museo, David & Anne McConnell, Bradshaws, Dr. Pramod Shah, Jaun Mioch, Kathy Waweru, Nicole Church.

THE SCRUTINEERS: Pierre Parsons, Charlie Hewitt-Stubbs, Brian Nicol.

THE RADIO/RESULTS/FINANCE: Diccon Wilcock, Gurmit Santokh, Michael Hughes, Philip Hechle, Brian and Penny Nicol, Bob Morris, Gill Llewellyn, Simon & Lucy Welland.

THE RAFFLE COMMITTEE: Margaret Allison, Debbie Evans, Belinda Levitan, Henrietta Remnant, Susie Goss.

THE AIRCRAFT PILOTS: S P Kruger, Bruce Field.

THE PRESS TEAM: Simon Welland (PR & Press Liaison), John Thuo (Church Orr & Associates).

THE GUARD POST & SERVICE SPONSORS: TM-AM, Karen Vineyard Church, DT Dobie, CMC, Hardi Kenya, Satao Camp, Braeburn, Unilever Tea, Cementers, Rob's Magic, Goodyear, Basco Paints, Highlands Mineral Water, Horseman, Sameer Africa, Total Kenya Ltd., AON Minet, Malaika Media Productions, BINS Nairobi Ltd., Ruiru Sports Club, Securicor, Betting Control & Licensing Board, Kenya Tourism Federation, Steadman Associates, KBL, EAWSL, KWS, Triad Architects, Ker & Downey, Michael Jones Software, KVM, Gallagher, Ad Screen Print, Chloride Exide, Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Wells Fargo, Sintronics, Z Boskovic Air Charters, Fuji Photos, Nation Media Group, Kenya Motor Sports, Nimrod Africa, East African Wildlife Safaris.

More, more Millionaires... cars averaged Ksh. 1m per entrant.

The field audit total of Kshs 57.6 million tells the story best. 58 cars left ten guard posts having raised just 1% less than Kshs one million on average per car.

Nineteen cars raised over Kshs one million in Rhino Charge 2006. Their achievements are spectacular.

Though not yet millionaires, 31 cars met their Kshs 500,000 pledges. The millionaires and the half million achievers totalled 88% of all entries this year. Again this marks a record effort. It places Rhino Charge in a league of its own where everyone is raising money for conservation and having a day packed with excitement, unstoppable adrenaline and laughs to last a life time.

Six first timers joined the millionaire's club.

These great achievers are; Car 31 of Jacques Nell and Team South Africa, Car 50 of Mike Kirkland, Car 27 of Preeyesh Shah, Car 21 of Michael Kontos and Jonathan Somen, Car 57 of Mbabu Muturi and Car 28 of Gai Cullen (Team Fargo) joined the millionaires list.

Car Five of Alan McKittrick, Bruce Knight, John Trundell, Andrew Pleasance and Nick Hutchinson took the lead once again as top fundraisers for the fourth year running, raising Kshs 6,302,413.00 bringing their total fund raise to Kshs 27,794,637 million since they entered the millionaire's club in 2000.

Second highest once more was Car 22 - Mike & Sarah Higgins with Kshs 5,810,759.00 making them the highest fundraisers of all with a total of Kshs 28,693,034 in this their 11th millionaire year. Their team of just four entrants Mike and Sarah and always two members of staff from their Naivasha Farm take to the bush in their little Niva Lada farm runabout. No heavy winches or independent differential locks on this one. Just a show room standard car but of so many years ago that even Mike has forgotten!

Quattro Charge organiser and rally veteran, Rob Collinge of Car 33 logged in third with a total of Kshs 2,141,223.00. All funds raised through the immensely popular Quattro Charges go to Car 33's strong standing in recent years in the millionaire stable.

Millionaires for the second time and fourth highest overall were the Rhino Rouge glamour girls' team in Car 17 (Tanya Church, Colleen Outram, Helle Sejer-Hansen, Mary Njonjo, Julie Church and Gemma Lawrence.

Victor Ludorum winners this year, Car 38, one of the 'hottest' cars off the start post for many a year made the million for the third time. This mainly Avery family team headed by mzee papa Sean with sons Patrick and Kieren and daughter Kuki, with staunch support from Graeme Watson (navigator) and Harry Brainch came second overall as well. This team always demonstrates with great panache the true 'Spirit of the Charge'.

Overseas entrant Edward Johnstone with Team International in Car 30 made the million for the second year running, With team mates - who only all met one another for the first time as they planned their route the week before the event - consisting of Charles Bertram of South Africa, Aidan Bailey of England, Ian Harrison from Dubai, Colombian Juan Poggio, and Kenyan Richard Low.

FUNDRAISE HEROES

YEAR	NAME	AMOUNT
2006	McKittrick/Knight/Trundell/Hutchinson/Pleasence	6,302,413.00
2006	Mike & Sarah Higgins	5,810,759.00
2006	Rob Collinge	2,141,223.00
2006	Tanya Church	2,107,588.80
2006	Ben Woodhams	1,938,527.00
2006	Edward Johnstone / Team International	1,927,361.00
2006	Peter Kinyua	1,694,650.00
2006	Mark Tilbury / Hog Charge Team	1,665,531.75
2006	Sean Avery/ Kuki Avery/Kieran Avery/ Patrick Avery/ Harry Brainch/ Graeme Watson	1,616,693.95
2006	Gai Cullen / Fargo Team	1,264,235.00
2006	Jacques Nell / Team South Africa	1,261,100.40
2006	Mike Kirkland	1,243,040.00
2006	Willem Dolléman / Flying Dutchmen	1,233,472.00
2006	Preeyesh Shah	1,154,052.00
2006	W Carr-Hartley/M Carr-Hartley/McRae/Larby/Francombe/Evans	1,124,400.00
2006	Nish Lakhani / Team Randy Kruza	1,076,000.00
2006	Jan Kortland / Team Tanzania	1,067,600.00
2006	Michael Kontos / Jonathan Somen	1,060,000.00
2006	Mbabu Muturi	1,051,200.00
2005	McKittrick/Knight/Trundell/Hutchinson	7,161,209.00
2005	Mike & Sarah Higgins	3,491,890.00
2005	Rob Collinge	2,388,352.45
2005	Tanya Church	1,624,413.20
2005	Mark Tilbury / Hog Charge Team	1,618,900.30
2005	W Carr-Hartley/N McRae/Justin/Francombe	1,523,100.00
2005	Hugo Doughlas-Dufresne	1,354,501.00
2005	Edward Johnstone/Team International	1,324,953.00
2005	Sean Avery	1,277,340.00
2005	Nish Lakhani/Team Randy Kruza	1,153,000.00
2005	Mark Glen	1,111,215.60
2005	W. Dolléman	1,107,345.00
2005	Ben Woodhams	1,074,345.00
2005	Mark Jeffery	1,068,452.00
2005	Simon Houghton	1,039,000.00
2005	Jonathan Stichbury	1,031,910.00
2005	Mike Dowding/Team Rhinovices	1,006,220.00
2005	Asit Patel	1,002,000.00
2005	Jan Kortland / Team Tanzania	1,000,112.00
2005	Manee Choda	1,000,000.00
2004	McKittrick/Knight/Stubbs/Trundell/Hutchinsons	3,759,213.00
2004	Mike/Sarah Higgins	3,627,801.00
2004	Terry Davies / Team Rhinovices	1,598,591.68
2004	W.Carr-Hartley/N. McRae/Justin Larby	1,319,900.00
2004	W. Dolléman / Flying Dutchmen	1,253,501.00
2004	Rob Collinge	1,223,300.00
2004	Jonny Havelock	1,160,657.86
2004	J. Stichbury / Doughlas Dufresne	1,112,311.00
2004	Peter Kinyua	1,060,500.00
2003	McKittrick/Knight/Stubbs/Trundell	5,295,484.85
2003	Mike & Sarah Higgins	2,999,547.60
2003	Debbie Shah / Ark Angels	2,210,655.00
2003	T.Davies / Dowding / Ryburg / Gromly / Harrison	1,394,333.00
2003	N. Cahill / R. Campion	1,187,146.44
2003	Hog Charge Team	1,155,340.00
2003	C. Sawyer	1,114,037.00
2002	Mike & Sarah Higgins	2,730,099.00
2002	McKittrick / Knight / Stubbs/	1,325,695.00
2002	Dr. S. Avery & Crew	1,300,350.00
2002	Kahumbu/KWS/EAWLS Team	1,038,714.00
2001	McKittrick/ Knight /Stubbs	2,617,690.00
2001	Mike & Sarah Higgins	2,290,901.00
2000	Mike & Sarah Higgins	1,517,858.00
2000	McKittrick / Knight / Stubbs	1,332,933.20
2000	Hog Charge Team	1,059,031.00
1999	Mike & Sarah Higgins	5,255,897.00
1998	Mike & Sarah Higgins	1,644,539.00
1998	Stephano Cheli & Crew	1,628,200.00
1997	Mike & Sarah Higgins	1,215,448.00
1997	Cooper Motor Corporation	1,000,000.00
1996	Mike & Sarah Higgins	1,010,552.00
1996	Cooper Motor Corporation	1,000,000.00
1996	Stephano Cheli	1,429,970.00
1996	Stephano Cheli	1,357,840.00
1995	Symon Robinson	2,000,020.00
1994	Guy & Bella Bishop	1,345,028.00

Girls beating the boys!





Once upon a time, a wife swore to her husband that she had been unfaithful only twice. Once with the milkman, and once with the 4th Battalion of the Welsh Guards.

I mention this to put the Rhino Charge in true perspective. Partly to illustrate what it feels like to do it; partly what participants look like when they've finished; but mostly to reflect the sheer scale of its achievement.

Without this sense of magnitude, the purse raised by the 2006 event is just a number worthy of loud oohs and aaahs, like hitting a six at cricket or scoring a hole-in-one at golf. What must somehow be conveyed is that this six is the 18th in succession, that

ooohs and aaahs at 2006 Rhino Charge

by Gavin Bennett

Pictures by Simon Welland

each hit has been even bigger than the last, and now the ball has not just cleared the boundary rope, not merely soared over the top of the grandstand roof, but has screeched across the radar of a nearby airport and is now being hailed as the new Pluto!

Somehow "ooh" and "aah" doesn't cut it. The inventors of the Rhino Charge saw it as a way to raise awareness, and hopefully a few bob. They got knee trembles that were reported by the Seismological Institute when the first event raised shs 250,000, needed catheters when the second event more than doubled that, and emitted long, low whistling noises (don't ask where from) when the third event topped a million!

It is in that context we must assess the 2006 event's fund-raise of... shs 57.6 million. Some 18 individual entrants brought more than one million shillings, each. Alan McKittrick and crew raised shs 6.3m, bringing their total over the years to shs 25.2m. The ever-present Mike and Sarah Higgins this time brought shs 5.8m, for a career tally of shs 31.5m!

What to say? The awareness plan seems to have worked, eh?

Quite evidently, participants spend more time raising sponsorship than brushing up on their navigational and driving skills. In 10 calamito-heroic hours some 300 competitors aboard 58 vehicles managed to sun-sear, thorn-pierce, rock-crunch and grit-grind their pride, ambition and dangly bits and did even more lurid things to their vehicular thingummyjigs...all in the process of getting, well, nowhere, unless you count getting lost, getting dehydrated and getting inebriated as destinations. In those respects, many entrants demonstrated an ability to multi-task.

I kid you not, 55 of the crews didn't even get back to where they started!

The three who did conquer the challenge had unique qualities. The crew of winner Ian Duncan will tell you that although he doesn't say very much (we all know that) he listens even less. He says "Where's the next control?" They say "Over there." End of conversation. He then drives to where they





said. And by repeating this strategy 13 times, they got home with four minutes to spare. Dunno what they did with those four minutes, but chances are they did it one syllable at a time.

Runner-up Sean Avery was only two minutes from bar, with evidence that he had spent much of the day tearing his hair out. Perhaps the absence of one rear wheel had something to do with it. Oh, and perhaps because one of his children (crew) lost all his toenails. He said "Where are they?". They said: "Under that tyre".

Third-placed Andrea Bifani's distinguishing feature is that his head does not make a whistling noise in a cross-wind. In safer time, he drove considerably more than TWICE the target distance by driving on the perfectly good tracks which linked all controls. Not shorter, but surer and much swifter. An excess of more than 10% over crow-fly distance is usually uncompetitive, and more than 20% is verging on woossie. But this time even the winner was 40% over par, so the Bifani crew's 126%, which would normally win a prize useful only for stirring ugali, finished up with a bronze medal. He said "Where has everybody else gone?" They said "A bit crazy, but otherwise nearly nowhere".

Several of the usual suspects came close, four completing 12 controls and even "reaching" the 13th...but just too late. The previously winning rigs of Will Carr-Hartley (Car 42) and Alan

McKittrick (5) were among them; Mark Glen (48) and the Tanzanian team of Jan Kortland (53) also... almost...

Among the near-missers, distance covered was determined not so much by how straight their crows flew across the landscape while things were going well, but by how much of the course they had to cut-and-run by fast-but-circuitous highways (tracks) after things had gone badly wrong. Proof of their valiant effort lay in the faces of their crews after the final white-knuckle ride to(wards) the finish.

It was a surprisingly frantic end to what initially looked like being a jolly jog. The landscape between Wamba and Maralal is mostly gently rolling ridges of goat-cropped lawns, peppered with widely spaced and stunted Tortillis trees, and with an occasional scree of rocks, leading to sandy river beds, with more rocks. Seldom has a Rhino Charge course

Without this sense of magnitude, the purse raised by the 2006 event is just a number worthy of loud oohs and aaahs,

been so free of thorn walls or looked so benign...on the map.

But the intervening luggas were steep and bedecked with boulders about the size of armchairs; too small to show on the contour plan but amply big enough to impress tyres, springs and floorpans.

In the absence of sense, huge wheels and high ground clearance were the things to have. Duncan's vehicle, nominally a Toyota GX, is perched atop cantilevered Unimog axles, so its doorsills are hip high. Avery's Land-Rover has such outsize wheels it looks as though it's running on four sets of the London Eye! (Significantly, the best-placed standard vehicle of John and Anne Troughton was also mega-leggy - a Unimog Unimog.)

But any vehicle is only a potential, not a result. Both the leading pilots are veterans of bush motoring in general and the Rhino Charge in particular. Both are also innately canny - Duncan may not be a maestro at joined-up talking, but behind the wheel he has an instinct for where to go and how, and his crew confess they are mostly spectators...with (bouncy) ringside seats. None of the leading cars are easily duped by booby traps in the regs or course layout, and Avery is especially good at spotting "deliberate mistakes".

Course designer Anton Levitan noted he had scored his highest ever position - fourth - as only three crews had "beaten" his challenge. With Duncan's and Avery's around, he will need to get a whole lot more evil-minded if ever he wants to win it. And let's hope he keeps trying, because the next phase of the event's evolution needs just that - a course that gives a crew of stormtroopers in a bulldozer a hard time and some nasty surprises, but leaves a plonker with a pot belly, bifocals, a little cunning and a lot of luck



“ Thou shalt not get to all the controls in the allotted time in a straight line ”

some random hope. That's the event's vital essence.

Next...?

As long as event organizer Anton Levitan remembers the 11th Commandment – “Thou shalt not get to all the controls in the allotted time in a straight line”, fanatics and crackpots of all shades and persuasions will continue to try to prove him wrong. Sponsors of entrants, sponsors of controls and sponsors of vital services will continue to field their fuel bowsers, water carriers, puncture repair and welding shops, medivac helicopters and marketing budgets, for a rare reason...

Not just because the Rhino Charge is a powerful national and international promotional platform, not just because the direct participants are an influential sizeable customer in their own right, not just because it is unique and a huge amount of fun, but above all because what it stands for, and what it does, matters.



Swuari landscape



Winner Duncan's Toyota 'cruising' on big rocks

Tiger Lines and Gauntlets

On a day that gives the McKittrick's, Carr-Hartley's and Collinge's (33) a bloody nose (a little egg in that region, anyway), the rate of attrition among lower-order mortals is sure to be severe. Half the field didn't visit more than half the controls. Some, realizing they were hopelessly behind the clock, took up the subsidiary challenges of Tiger Lines and the Gauntlet (and some really, really, really clever ones simply went back to the bar tent!).

On the Gauntlet, Mahesh Bhatti (7) Jacques Nell (31) and James Gitau (51) were among the most certifiable lunatics; on the Tiger Lines Rommy Bhamrah (40) Eric Goss (15) Manee Choda (6) and Tanya Church

(17, alias yet another Carr-Hartley) were notable derring-doers.

In the Rhino Charge, non-finisher never means non-descript. Peter Kinyua (23) with Rhino Ark's US Trustee Andrew Fritz managed only one control, but still had a sufficiently interesting day that they didn't get back to camp until after dark... (on foot!).

Vimal Patel (60) got to only four controls. At one point he said: "You're holding the map the wrong way." They said. "No. You are driving the car upside down". They were right.

The "Girls in Pearls", Kasiunia and Maryja Sapieha (47...that would be

the car number) maintained their tradition of taking the hardest lines, even if they didn't lead from the control they had just visited to the control they were due to visit next. They, too, didn't get back until after dark but at least they brought their car back...with three quarters of its engine, too.

The oldest competitor (apart from the Higgins' Niva, whose age in appropriate "dog" years is more than 200) is Jas "The Stig" Sehmi (12) who pre-dates his home town of Nyeri and drives an MB3 Jeep that once knew Eisenhower. He said "Chuck that old heap away!" They said: "We can't. He won't get out of the Jeep".

DONORS AND SPONSORS RAISE KSHS. 57,666,655.07



CAR 56 TOYOTA LAND CRUISER

TEAM UHURU - SUSHIL THAKAR, RICHARD CORCORAN, NICOLAS GRANIER, ANDREW MULI, BRIGITTE BOSSCHAART
TOTAL RAISED: KSHS 558,701.00

Sponsors:

East African Eagle, M S Shah & Co, Indian Saray Painters, SKJ-Piz Ltd, Tingting Ltd, Liberty Africa Safaris, Granit Solutions, Seema Raval, Fi Modi, Henrietta, Tracy Gacoby, Christina Raddate, Montfraix, Le Ru Isabelle, Osteria Del Chianti, Geeta Naneh, David Fisher, Mike Cheffings, Jimi Karuki, Chris Hardisky, Dean Hardisty, Peter Deman, Mike Moller, Mrs. Moller, Monica Campori, Chris Brenan, Tamsin Brenan, Tammy Trolip, Michael Opendo, Andres Bifani, James Rainald, Sonal Raval, Karin Schepers, Catherine Coulson, Mary O'Reilly, Maggie von Lekow, Chris Getonga, Dominique, Agathe Guy, Nigel Archer, Albert Schepers, Guy Elms, Niles Patel, Homan Eshani, Gilo Quereshi, Tim Dannie Romney, Asad Anwar, Ultsa, Damian Kilshaw, Mark Tilbury, African Horizons Safaris, Monique Gordel, Dalbit Petroleum, Raffman Dhanji Elms & Virdee.

CAR 57 TOYOTA LAND CRUISER

MBABU MUTURI, JADE DA COSTA, SIMON HASKELL, TREVOR KANJA, JOHN WAIBOCHI.
TOTAL RAISED: KSHS 1,357,200.00

Sponsors:

Nation Media Group, Aberdare Safari Hotels, Brookside Dairy Ltd., A Logistics Ltd., Nicole & Dixon Ondieki, Kathy.

CAR 58 RANGE ROVER

TEAM FARGO - GAI CULLEN, GRAY CULLEN, COLIN BROWN, MARK ALLEN, ALEX GIBBS, JACKSON MBUTHIA
TOTAL RAISED: KSHS 1,264,235.00

Sponsors:

Chloride Exide, Tyre Masters Ltd., Spectratec Alarms, Tingdene, C Jones, G Lutton, Mark Allen, Hawkins Smith, Avon Estates, Allen Caravans, Aldersley, Revett, Dr Do, Revett and Son, PI Revett, Mr Revett, Allbay, Copper Drainage, Teal Trading, Landscape Paints,

Homefarm Nurseries, Partex Service Ltd., Patty Allen, Sue Jefferies, Steve Walters, Kahuho Holdings Ltd., Beamsport Communications, Champion Agencies, Thames Electrical, Tyremasters Ltd., Yastat, Timber Corner, Alexander Forbes, Farmers Choice Ltd., The Wine Masters Ltd., Blue Ring Products, Mullard Electronics Ltd., Shankar Electronics Ltd., W E Tilley (M) Ltd., Top Time Enterprises, Seafarers T/A Hemingways, Simon Mburi, Joseph Mwai, CMC Motors Group, Crown Distributors Ltd., Virgiani Gai.

CAR 59 TOYOTA LAND CRUISER

TEAM RANDY KRUZA - N LAKHANI, J HOLLEY, A STOWE, R STANLEY, G UNGEZER, M CHEFFINGS
TOTAL RAISED: KSHS 1,078,000.00

Sponsors:

R D & P Shah, J H Safaris, Mr & Mrs A Levitan, Fidelity Shield Insurance Co., Theodor Kapiga, Team 59.

CAR 60 TOYOTA LAND CRUISER

VIMAL PATEL, HEMAL DOSHI, DIPEN SHAH, BHUPESH LAKHANI, HUMPHREY GACAU
TOTAL RAISED: KSHS 200,000.00

Sponsors:

Bekya Floriculture Ltd., Chase Bank, NASA products Ltd., Giro Commercial Bank, Zaribu Enterprises, Amit Kirikumar Patel, Sparr Drilling Co., Farmparts Ltd Nakuru, Hyrax General Supplies, Patels Garage (K) Ltd., High Ratio Ltd., Sarit Shah, Tushar Shah, M Hebatullah, Majestic Elec., Bary F Feisal, RP Jani & KP Jani, Infinium Technologies, Body Heaven Ltd., SIGHT & Sound Computers, Kaylee Auto Parts, Maurice Ngugi, Bhupesh Lakhani, Farest Auto Spares.

CAR 63 RANGE ROVER

MARIO ENZESBERGER, RENE RIEFLER
TOTAL RAISED: KSHS 500,000.00

Sponsors:

Liberty Africa Safaris Ltd.

CAR 64 BUSH ROVER

P B NIELSEN, W STEYN, HERLUP-PEDERSEN, VAN BEEK
TOTAL RAISED: KSHS 529,132.25

Sponsors:

CFC Bank, Mary S Lyons, Deanna Watson, M&M, Brian B, Jim, Linda VB, Tiffany, Crow-Black-Coyote, Troy, Bente Rasmussen, H E Dennis Awori, Helle Fjellerad, Christian Nellemann, Ashok Patel, Blarney S Osaka, Olga & Marcus, Polys Poliyivo, Arild Nerdrum, Curcrawler, Lino, Mahendra Bakhda, Mangro, Ettie Castenskiold, Margrethe Harder, Jessica Rothman, Philip Foss, Dennis Lindbert, 4 x Himmer, Bent Hansen, Lars Gudbergsen, Holger Foss, General Foods, Phil Mathews, New Edge Communication Ltd.

CAR 66 RANGE ROVER - NON-STARTER

V HULS, N KHAN, S McDOWELL, C PRINT
TOTAL RAISED: KSHS 38,000.00

CAR 67 RANGE ROVER

TANZ-MANIAN DEVILS - SHAFIN JAMAL, RUSTOM SAMJI, VISHAL PATEL, PRITEN PATEL, NUMEIR KHAN
TOTAL RAISED: KSHS 533,816.65

Sponsors:

E A Elevators (OTIS), DL Patel Press, Prime Bank, Travel Affair, Ultra Equipment, Heritage Insurance, Mayfair Insurance Co, Total Solutions, ISP Kenya Ltd., Triton Petroleum, Express Automation, Microcity (K) Ltd., Occidental Insurance, Kiran Patel, Vishal P Taank, Sigma Manuf Co Ltd., Carton Manufacturers, Speedex Logistics, Lisa, Renu, Olympus KeyMed, Savan, Deborah Hogan, Sita, Sonal Shah, Neelapa/Vishal, Andy Patel, Meena Aku, Jay Patel, Parag, Ben Greenfield, Julie Stahl, Mari Lee Dunn, Alyson Dunn, David Langendoen, Jesse, Priya, Fortune, and Baby, J Ciardullo Ass Pc., Plex Chem Ltd., Wood Equip Ind Ltd., Round Bar Ind Ltd., Packaging Ind Ltd., Electronics Tech Ltd., Sumaria Holdings (TZ), W E Tilley, Mara Fish, Thermopak, Packaging & Allied, P C Patel, Prodtech, Advat Ech, Label Converters, Vol Lodge, Daikin TZ, Exim Bank, New Arusha Hotel, R C Patel, Copy Cat Ltd., Nashuatec Ltd., K.H.E., Bomco Construction, Fuji Kenya, Nairobi X-Ray Supplies, Afro Ind Agns Ltd., Sharp Elec Tech Ltd., Namura Ins., Load Runners, Harish Patel, Rajoo Patel, Dr A V Patel, Neditec Systems, Vending Services, Brush Manufacturers Ltd.

CAR 68 LAND ROVER

TEAM TAMAIAKA - RAMESH VISHRAM, KISHEN BHANDERI, ASHISH VISHRAM, ATUL KOCCHAR, JAGDISH VEKARIA
TOTAL RAISED: KSHS 538,001.00

Sponsors:

Kurji Patel, Manminder S Jandu, H F Fire International Inc., Kirti Enterprises, Master Power Ltd., Patronics Services, Galaxy Paint Co Ltd., Pioneer Plumbers, Tile & Carpet Centre Ltd., Silver Terraço & Bldg Contractors, Unicorn Insurance Brokers, Victoria Commercial Bank, Komal Construction, Ramesh Vishram, Cementers Ltd.



COMMISSIONING PHASE SIX AT NJABINI



KEKIKAs Stephen Kusero receives Michael Werikhe award from Minister Kimunya. (Centre)
PC Central Province Japther Rughut.



Chairman Rhino Ark Board of Trustees Michael Karanja plants a tree during the Phase Six commissioning within the fence borders



Kameme FM's Rose Kimotho, a Rhino Ark Trustee welcomes Hon. Amos Kimunya



CMC Martin Forster puts his back into it!

East Africa's Wildlife Society's Ali Kaka is all smiles

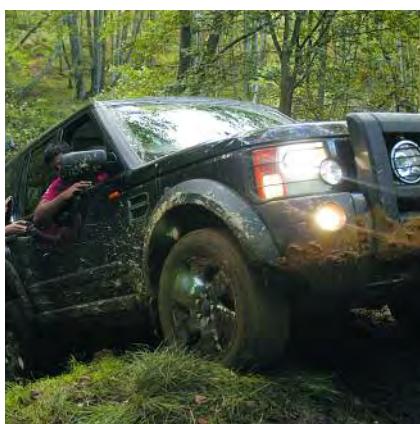
OFF ROAD GURUS AND CHELSEA TRACTORS RAISE KSH 1M By John Bowden

The UK Rhino Charge was almost bound to go well as the previous day had seen visibility down to 150 metres and monsoon-style rain turned the streams on the estate into torrents and the tracks into streams. Even though the terrain at Pippingford Park, East Sussex was somewhat more slippery than in previous years, it was a definite joyous challenge for the competitors.

Once again the unusual mix of navigation by tulip diagrams, varied special tasks and optional Tiger Lines for the more adventurous, brought about teams with specialist off-roaders. Mark Jeffery's Ibex with its 6.2 litre GM V8 diesel engine, Dana axles and ARB Lockers and Andy Sargent in his road legal Yamaha Rhino ATV battled with standard Suzukis and Land Rovers. Special tasks ranged from trials sections where the navigator had to choose the route to a search for different animals hidden within a "reservation" which had to be completed without leaving the vehicle.

The funds raised totalled £ 8,124.71 (Kshs 1,096,835.85).

Regular competitor Mark Jeffery was once again the highest fund raiser and combined with his third place overall in the Rhino Charge this enabled him to win the Victor Ludorum and thus the chance to try his hand at the much tougher Kenyan Charge again. Once more the importance of attempting all ten special tasks was rammed home when Mark Tower and his aging Auto Union Munga won the Rhino Charge for the fourth time, beating Andy Sargent into second place by just 46 points



out of a possible maximum of 700. At least Andy did manage to make amends by winning the Tiger Lines.

The "Where the F are We" Turkey trophy went to Tony Bennett's navigator who complained that the tulip diagrams for the afternoon route did not work - without having bothered to read the second page of his instructions.

that your steering and brakes do not work if the front wheels are off the ground as they crunched another of Gumtree 4x4's loan cars into an unfortunately placed tree.

The UK Charge may not have the cult following and super-testing environment of its big brother in Kenya but it does enable a few more pounds to be raised for Rhino Ark, several teams to enjoy a different



Dave Monk, veteran of 16 Kenyan Charges, led two teams from export specialists Conrico International. Despite being under instructions not to bend the company Land Rover 110 and Ford Everest demonstrators the teams enjoyed the experience and did very well, given the standard road tyres on their vehicles.

The prize for the best team of two vehicles went to Greaves 4x4 with Paul Mitson working well alongside Mark Jeffery and both vehicles attempting all the Tiger Lines.

UK Rhino Ark Chairman, Guy Tritton and his fellow Lounge Lizards proved yet again

and fun style of event in a wonderful location and help to spread the word about the charity's activities to a wider audience in the UK. More competitors and spectators are always welcome so please tell your UK friends to come and join the event next year.



THE RHINO ARK CHARITABLE TRUST
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

	Note	2006 KShs	2005 KShs
INCOME			
Rhino Charge collections	6(a)	52,064,149	36,645,223
Other donations		8,884,150	8,558,156
Interest income		256,661	139,228
Other income		527,750	1,011,343
	6	61,732,710	46,353,950
EXPENDITURE			
Project expenses	7	55,907,467	39,716,785
Fund-raising expenses	8	11,798,344	5,601,513
Administrative and general expenses	9	14,157,538	10,828,149
		81,863,349	56,146,447
FINANCE EXPENSES			
Foreign exchange loss		1,263,141	133,723
DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		(21,393,780)	(9,926,220)

THE RHINO ARK CHARITABLE TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2006

		2006 KShs	2005 KShs
ASSETS			
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property and equipment	2	9,296,828	5,514,131
CURRENT ASSETS			
Investment in treasury bills		-	3,891,464
Receivables		5,455,758	5,691,200
Bank balances and cash		7,330,061	3,253,056
		12,785,819	12,835,720
TOTAL ASSETS		22,082,647	18,349,851
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	3	34,023,215	8,896,639
NET ASSETS		(11,940,568)	9,453,212
GENERAL FUND			
Fence maintenance reserve		15,779,436	8,729,619
Fence construction		(27,720,004)	723,593
	4	(11,940,568)	9,453,212

THE RHINO ARK CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below:

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements summarise the transactions of the Trust and deal with the net assets at the disposal of the Trustees.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost basis of accounting.

(b) Income recognition

Donations income is recognised when the monetary value of the donations can be measured with sufficient reliability, there is reasonable assurance of receipt and conditions for Investment income is recognised on accrual basis.

(c) Property and equipment

Items of property and equipment are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on the straight line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

The annual rates in use are:

Motor vehicles 25.0%
 Furniture and fittings 12.5%
 Computers 33.3%
 Office equipment 12.5%

(d) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions during the year are converted into Kenya Shillings at the rates ruling at the transaction dates. Assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date, which are expressed in foreign currencies, are translated at the rates ruling at that date. The resulting exchange differences are dealt with in the income and expenditure account for the year.

(e) Financial instruments

A financial instrument is a contract that gives rise to both a financial asset of one enterprise and a financial liability of another enterprise. The financial instruments held by the Trust are investment in treasury bills, debtors, bank balances and cash and creditors.

All the financial instruments held by the Trust are accounted for on amortised cost basis.

(f) Receivables

Receivables are stated at nominal value, less provisions for any amounts considered irrecoverable.

(g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

(h) Use of estimates

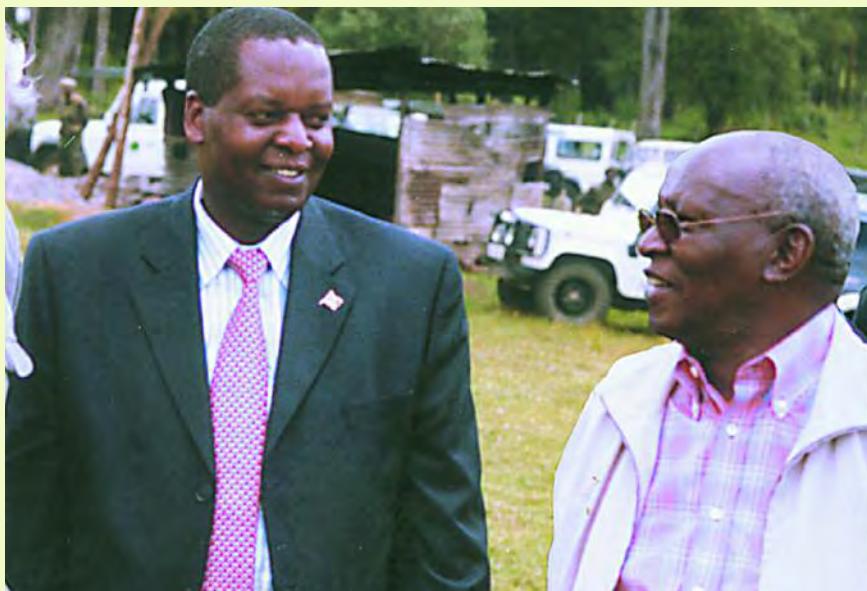
The preparation of financial statements requires that the management makes estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The more significant estimation processes are related to the determination of provision for doubtful debts and inventory valuation. Although some variability is inherent in these estimates, management believes that the amounts provided are adequate.

2. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Motor vehicles KShs	Furniture, fittings and office equipment KShs	Computers KShs	Total KShs
COST				
At 1 April 2005	4,761,584	1,920,520	527,226	7,209,330
Additions	6,380,752	108,352	-	6,489,104
At 31 March 2006	11,142,336	2,028,872	527,226	13,698,434
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2005	1,008,912	271,080	415,207	1,695,199
Charge for the year	2,403,659	242,948	59,800	2,706,407
At 31 March 2006	3,412,571	514,028	475,007	4,401,606
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2006	7,729,765	1,514,844	52,219	9,296,828
At 31 March 2005	3,752,672	1,649,440	112,019	5,514,131
3 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES				
			2006 KShs	2005 KShs
Trade payables			28,142,229	7,992,437
Other payables			5,880,986	904,202
			34,023,215	8,896,639
4. GENERAL FUND				
			2006 KShs	2005 KShs
Balance brought forward			9,453,212	19,379,432
Deficit for the year			(21,393,780)	(9,926,220)
			(11,940,568)	9,453,212
5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS				
Executive management remuneration			3,585,000	2,106,605
6. INCOME				
			2006 KShs	2005 KShs
Rhino Charge collections (note 6(a))			52,064,149	36,645,223
Other donations			8,884,150	8,558,156
Interest income			256,661	139,228
Bongo surveillance			438,000	874,691
Sub HQ			89,750	136,652
			61,732,710	46,353,950
6(a) RHINO CHARGE COLLECTIONS				
Rhino Charge 2006			5,111,690	-
Rhino Charge 2005			46,952,459	6,370,011
Rhino Charge 2004			-	30,275,212
			52,064,149	36,645,223
Donations for the Rhino Charge are booked in the respective financial year that they were received. As the charge is held in June each year, total charge donations therefore will be booked in two financial years, that is, the total 2005 charge donations are reflected in 2005 and 2006 financial years.				
7. PROJECT EXPENSES				
			2006 KShs	2005 KShs
Fence construction and maintenance				
Clearing costs			7,679,046	5,581,661
Electricals			-	10,900
Maintenance costs			2,092,469	2,684,055
Materials (posts, wire, etc)			35,652,868	25,350,424
KWS input costs			6,290,137	3,636,400
Fuel			1,901,788	1,899,653
Depreciation			2,291,159	553,692
			55,907,467	39,716,785
8. FUND RAISING EXPENSES				
			2006 KShs	2005 KShs
General fund-raising			3,866,554	1,677,323
Overseas expenses			2,834,655	-
Rhino Charge raffle and event costs			3,247,830	2,683,063
Landowners			85,983	-
Bongo surveillance			746,892	-
Rhino Charge filming			1,016,430	1,241,127
			11,798,344	5,601,513
9. ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL EXPENSES				
			2006 KShs	2005 KShs
Overseas expenses			1,417,327	-
Depreciation			415,248	500,299
Bank charges			103,516	85,837
Office management and administration			10,018,585	7,189,943
Public relations and press			1,296,608	1,909,151
Project vehicle expenses			657,504	770,438
Education			248,750	372,481
			14,157,538	10,828,149
10. LEGAL FORM				
The Rhino Ark Charitable Trust was established in 1991 under an irrevocable trust in accordance with the laws of Kenya.				
11. TAXATION				
The Trust has been granted exemption from taxation under the First Schedule to the Kenyan Income Tax Act (Cap 470) under Certificate number 01899 dated 20 January 1994.				
12. CURRENCY				
The financial statements have been presented in Kenya shillings (KShs).				

*Rhino Ark would like to thank
 Ernst & Young for auditing the accounts*

 **ERNST & YOUNG**



Finance Minister Amos Kimunya (left) with Rhino Ark Chairman of Trustees Michael Karanja

The year under review has been marked by more kilometres of fence built than any other year since Rhino Ark was founded.

I am able to confirm that a total of 45 kms was built in the year. It represents an average of 3.75 kms per month.

This achievement was coupled with another successful year of funds raised by the Rhino Charge and added to by our expanding number of donors.

Distance of fence constructed

For six months (June-November 05) our fence construction units worked on two fronts completing the mammoth Phase Five and starting to build Phase Six. After November 2005, the two teams worked on the KEKIKI community/European Union's Biodiversity Conservation Fund (BCP) section on Phase Six. The terms of the financing agreement with BCP necessitated completion by 31 January 2006. This placed strong pressure on our resources but we were able to fulfil the BCP requirement.

In addition the KEKIKI community demonstrated added commitment to the fence project by providing additional manpower to the value of KShs 2.7 million - twice what was committed to by them in the finance agreement.

Finally on KEKIKI section, a further kilometre was built within the agreement making the total 26 kms rather than 25 kms for the BCP/KEKIKI supported section of Phase Six.

Funds raised in year

Gross donations in the year were KShs 61.7 million and include Rhino Charge 2005 with KShs 46.9 million and Rhino Charge 2006 with KShs 5.1 million. Other

donations included KShs 5.06 million from Nation Aberdare Forest Fund, KShs 2 million from Safaricom Foundation, KShs 1.3 million from Carbacid Ltd, and Eden Trust KShs 0.5 million.

The fund raise generated by the 2005 Rhino Charge reflects the introduction of the pledge system whereby places are secured for KShs one million, KShs five hundred thousand and KShs two hundred thousand after which the Committee closes the entry list allowing for some entrants having to withdraw due to unforeseen circumstances. The 2005 Charge recorded a total of 58 starters.

Donations for the Rhino Charge are booked in the respective financial year that they were received. As the Charge is held in June each year, total Charge donations therefore will be booked in two financial years, that is, the total 2005 Charge donations are reflected in 2005 and 2006 financial years.

The General Fund

The general fund as reflected in the balance sheet has been split into two categories namely, "Fence Maintenance Reserve" and "Fence Construction Reserve". 20% net of each year's Rhino Charge donations is allocated specifically for maintenance of the fence already constructed. This is to ensure that the huge amount of effort and money put into the conservation programme does not collapse from lack of maintenance. The maintenance reserve is therefore to earmark these funds for maintenance and not used for construction. The net additions this year amounted to KShs 7 million.

The fence construction reserve has gone into a deficit position of KShs 27.7 million. There is a considerable delay in the delivery of fencing materials from order date. In order not to hold up fence construction a large

order of materials was placed and stock received before year end thus exceeding available funds at that time but guaranteeing the construction programme. Extended payments terms for these were agreed with the supplier prior to delivery and the deficit in the general fund has been subsequently recovered in full.

Bongo Surveillance Project

This programme continues to record hugely encouraging results. Donations for the project are shown separately as they are given specifically for the project.

A total of KShs 438,000 was raised during this second year of the scheme. It enabled the foot teams to continue their patrols. In addition, the teams were joined by Lyndon Estes who has led a bongo habitat research initiative with funds support from the Rare Species Conservatory Foundation and the University of Virginia. The programme included a Kenyan researcher, Daniel Mwangi of the University of Nairobi.

Thousands to thank

It is always a difficult task to begin to thank the literally thousands who support the Rhino Ark initiative in the Aberdares. The November 2006 ARKive edition records every person or organisation that donates through support for entries into the Rhino Charge and all who continue to accelerate our fund raise efforts each year.

The Trustees reserves special thanks to the large group of volunteers led by the Rhino Charge Committee and all its sub committees which make this event such a huge success each year.

Then we wish to salute our partners in the project the Kenya Wildlife Service and increasingly the Forest Department. This year we have received continued considerable support from The Nation Media Group, Safaricom Foundation, the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife/Giraffe Center and Carbacid Co Ltd.

I would like to record special thanks to our former honorary auditors, KPMG for providing us their services for over ten years - years in which a steady growth was achieved. I would also like to record our sincere thanks to Ernst and Young for assuming this role from the start of the 04/05 financial year and again this year. As our operation grows, the demands for efficient and well defined accounting practices is essential and the Trustees wish to record sincere thanks to them for assuming this task for the period ahead.

Michael Karanja
Chairman, Board of Trustees

World Bank's Wolfowitz at Rhino Ark Exhibit



The President of the World Bank, Paul Wolfowitz (right) is pictured with Rhino Ark's Colin Church in Washington at the Bank's 2006 Development Marketplace event for worldwide innovative projects.

Rhino Ark was one of 117 finalists selected from over 2500 submissions for the Bank's award scheme in

which the finalists are flown and hosted in Washington for a workshop and booth display to which the judges and several thousand visitors make a final assessment of one in three of the finalists who receive grants.

Rhino Ark's submission focused on community engagement for fence construction and use of

plastic waste to make posts. The submission was amongst the two thirds placed in the commended category.

Rhino Ark's work is now on the World Bank website. The display was visited by many members of the Bank's staff during the two day workshop and exhibition.

2005's Ol Kinyei dormitories built



Pupils at Ol Kinyei Primary School now have two new dormitory blocks, built with 2005 charge camping fees.

The girls block with a capacity of at least 50 is pictured. The boys block has a capacity of 100 with bunk beds.

The funds raised from spectators, competitors, and the volunteer organisers for camping fees raised Ksh 2.2 million for the buildings.

It was the unanimous agreement of the Ol Kinyei Group Ranch Rhino Charge organizing committee that the camping fee funds were to build the dormitories.

Goodyear Kenya donates Tyres



Goodyear Kenya donated 5 tyres for Rhino Ark Aberdare Fence Maintenance vehicle. Mr. Jacques Nell (left), Managing Director of Goodyear Kenya presented the tyres to James Githui (right), Snr Warden KWS. Tredcor-Goodyear have been ardent supporters of Rhino Ark through donations and the Rhino Charge.

KLM TEAM UP WITH HILTON



Rhino Charge Raffle. Priyesh Shah (middle) CEO Express Automation, is all smiles as he receives the KLM-Hilton Raffle prize. Presenting the award are Raymond Reedijk (left), Passenger Sales Manager, KLM and Olivier Vetter (right) General Manager Hilton. The attractive package included KLM air fare for two, three nights for two at the Hilton Prague and Hilton Vienna and a trip to Vienna by train.

CAMERA TRAPS



Camera Traps: David Gulden (left) a freelance photographer donated three camera traps and GPS units to the Bongo Surveillance Programme. Lyndon Estes (right) Researcher, at Rare Species Conservatory Foundation & University of Virginia received the donation. The camera traps will be used in the bongo habitation selection research led by Lyndon Estes.

Government Support



Tight lock wire worth Kshs 9.16million has been received from the Forest Department for Rhino Ark's Aberdare fence construction. The wire was formally handed over by the PS of Environment & Natural Resources Prof. George Khroda (second left) to Chairman, Rhino Ark Board of Trustees Mr. Michael Karanja (second right). In attendance were Deputy Director KWS, Joachim Kagiri (left) and Chairman, Rhino Ark Management Committee, Colin Church (right).



Gate Board. The first gate board acknowledging donors who have raised over Kshs one million is pictured at the Ark gate entrance to the Aberdares National Park. This board will continue to record all those who donate over one million to the fencing project. Similar boards will be erected at all gates leading into the park.

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DNA Testing of Bongo

The Bongo Surveillance project under Rhino Ark's special fund raise initiative in conjunction with its manager, honorary warden, Mike Prettejohn, has received sufficient donor funding to support for DNA testing of Bongo dung at Cardiff University.

The objective is to verify the actual numbers of bongo recorded by the foot patrols dung collection process. Up to 100 individual animals is considered the highest possible number seen across the entire range of the Aberdares from Kinangop forests in the south to Kwanjiru Hill and the Kumbuku ridge in Northern Aberdares - a range of over 100 kms including areas of moorland where bongo tracks have been seen.

With assistance from AFEW - African Foundation for Endangered Wildlife



and the Rare Species Conservatory Foundation of the USA - the DNA testing - a highly intricate and difficult process is being undertaken at Cardiff University under Professor Mike Burford - a world species DNA

expert and assisted by Dorcas Kavembe of the University of Nairobi's Veterinary Department. Rhino Ark has co-ordinated the funds needed for the task. It will be completed by December, 2007.

Wildlife Watch

Aberdares provides constant surprises for those with a watchful eye whilst in the Conservation Area - consisting of state protected forest and national park - a vast area of over 2000 sq kms.

Herewith a few reports.

Giant Forest Hog - a total of 47 individuals including many young counted by Colin Church over three days in the Salient.

Wild dog - a pack of 20 plus spotted near Fishing Lodge by a road clearing

gang and reported to head of KWS Aberdares Civil Works, Pauline Gicharu.

Black leopard at Kanjwiri Hill, near Rhino Gate reported by a bongo surveillance foot patrol.

Black Serval (as opposed to melanistic commonly seen on the moorland) - seen several times near the pond on the moorland road nearest to the Wandaris track junction by conservationist, David Gulden - a donor of

laser cameras and GPS units for the bongo surveillance teams.

Buffalo v Elephant tussle: At Rhino Retreat waterhole, a half grown young bull elephant decided to annoy an old bull buffalo to his painful cost. The buffalo charged and in a flash had the elephant squealing as it fell back on the ground. The other senior elephants in the herd seemed to chuckle at the young elephant's head strong attitude to an always threatening beast.

Rhino Picture

By Ranger - Mohammed Lama

A six-month old calf *Cheruiyot*, (left) and his mother *Pembe Moja* refresh themselves at a waterhole in the Aberdare salient. Cheruiyot is one of the newcomers of the rhino family.

Mohammed Lama wins the Arkive photo prize for Black Rhino



Kiambu Fence Line Communities Initiate Tree Nurseries

By John Thuo



KEKIKI COMMUNITY won the 2006 East African Wildlife Society's *Michael Werikhe Award for Conservation and Judged by the Rhino Charge committee.*

The community bordering the Aberdares' Rhino Ark Phase Six fence project along Kereita, Kinari, Kamae (KEKIKI) in Kiambu District have embarked on an aggressive indigenous tree planting programme.

Seedlings are being grown. The open spaces on ex-shamba system land now within the fence line will be replanted with indigenous young trees. Such fulfills policy under the Forest Act 2005 whereby exploited areas revert to indigenous forest as they protect vital water catchments.

The 21,000 strong members of the KEKIKI community formed themselves into an action group as partners in the fencing of Phase Six. Their action resulted in Kshs.13.5 million support funding for the fence project under the European Union's Bio-diversity Conservation Fund (BCP). Within the financing agreement in which Rhino Ark committed Ksh.37 million, was a plan to start tree nurseries in their location as part of a voluntary on going re-forestation and woodlots re-planting scheme.

Community members spend time collecting indigenous tree seedlings from the forest, prepare and tend to the nurseries, plant and take care of the seedlings before replanting them in designated areas.

The community is receiving support from Rhino Ark, and extension services from the Forest Department. Government Policy requires that an area which falls within the completed and planned forest fence line, will revert exclusively to indigenous forest.

To ensure that their objectives are met, the KEKIKI community have set up three tree nurseries tapping from the waters of the numerous streams emanating from the area and now

boast over 100,000 indigenous trees all suited for the Aberdare ranges.

The nurseries are Thiririka at Kinale located at the source of Thiririka river with over 30,000 seedlings, Ruabora adjacent to the source of Ruabora river with over 50,000 seedlings and Kereita with 20,000 seedlings.

Mr. Wilson Gioko, the Chairman of KEKIKI Community in an interview with Arkive said that "besides reforesting the open spaces, where indigenous tree areas have been degraded by illegal forest product extraction, the community is determined to preserve the integrity of the forest, its vital water catchment zones and all the flora and fauna within this vital ecosystem as our livelihoods depend on the Aberdare Ranges".

"We will do all we can to protect its ecosystem hence the devotion by members to volunteer their time and energy for this cause without asking to be paid" added Mr. Gioko.

Mr. Gioko disclosed that in areas where Rhino Ark's fence line was complete human/wildlife conflicts are now contained. It is necessary to ensure that the forest inside the fence will now be allowed to revert back to its original form as the Creator had intended it to be," he said.

Samuel Kun'gu, Vice-Chairman of KEKIKI and leader of the Thiririka Tree Nursery said co-operation between the community and the Forest Department was important to the success of the project.

"For instance we have an agreement with FD for members of the community to prune the exotic young trees in their plantations in exchange for the branches we cut which we use as fuel wood".

Once these trees are ready for harvest and again under the requirements of the Forest Bill 2005, harvesting will take place after which the areas inside the fence will revert to indigenous trees.

Such exotic plantations were neglected for many years. With the fence in place a planned supervision process for pruning has started, thus enabling them to mature for harvesting.

Mr. Kungu said once all the open areas are reforested, then the nurseries would make available their seedlings to other areas of Kenya "so that we can reclaim our severely encroached forests."

The Aberdares is one of Kenya's great natural resources and for quick read, sample this:

- One in every three Kenyan's livelihood is dependent in some way upon the rainfall, rivers, forest and wildlife of the Aberdares.
- Four out of Kenya's seven largest rivers flow north, west, east, and south providing hydro power and water to millions of farmers and seven of Kenya's twelve major towns.
- The people of the nation's capital, Nairobi - over 2million - are entirely dependent on water from the Aberdares.
- Over 30% of Kenya's tea production and 70% of its coffee is grown on its foothills and high slopes. The prime horticultural and flower farms depend upon the Aberdares' outflow of rivers and sub terminal water.
- It is one of the largest indigenous forests in East Africa.
- Its wildlife is profuse. It is the home of several thousand elephant and buffalo, leopard, forest antelope including the rare giant forest hog, the elusive bongo and over 270 species of birds.
- It is also a natural stronghold of the Black Rhino. It was for the sake of the Rhino that the Aberdares game fence was started by Rhino Ark in 1988.
- The Aberdare National Park, within the 2,000 square km of the Aberdare Conservation Area, is one of Kenya's prime national parks.

It is the place where Britain's Queen Elizabeth stayed on the night She became a monarch.

Such is the importance of the Aberdares that any effort to safeguard its ecosystem as is happening with the KEKIKI Community should be commended and supported.

