

# Lewa News

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## TNC CHINA TRUSTEES VISIT LEWA

by Alexandra Ames | The Nature Conservancy Philanthropy Specialist, Africa Programme

**T**his August, the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy and Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT) were honoured by a visit from the Trustees of The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) China Programme and their families. International conservation is a relatively new concept in China and these influential visitors are pioneers in the field, helping to raise both awareness and funds for the protection of biodiversity and natural environments on a global scale. During their brief stay, the Trustees got a small taste of the best that Lewa has to offer, including early morning game drives, a visit to the elephant underpass and a rare opportunity to observe a rhino ear-notching.

The group also met with Lewa and NRT CEOs Mike Watson and Ian Craig to discuss the pressing challenges that Conservancies in the region face today, particularly the threat of poaching and the growing international demand for wildlife products. The TNC China Trustees strongly support a multi-lateral approach to

combat this issue. They agreed that Chinese and African organizations who have the necessary knowledge and influence will need to form partnerships in order to fully address both the supply-side and the demand-side of the problem.

The top highlight of the trip was the opportunity to introduce the Trustees' children to Lewa's wildlife and its commitment to conservation. The enthusiasm and curiosity from this new generation of Chinese conservationists was both infectious and inspiring. For those of us on Lewa, this visit served as an important reminder that genuine appreciation for our land and mission stretches far beyond Kenya's borders. We are all looking forward to our new-found friends' return visit and are sure that they will be back again soon. In the meantime, we will continue to collaborate with this amazing group of like-minded individuals as we work toward a sustainable future for Lewa and northern Kenya's wildlife and their habitat.



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# From the Chief Executive Officer

## GROWING AND STRENGTHENING THE CONSERVATION COMMITMENT AND CONNECTIVITY AROUND LEWA

by Mike Watson | Chief Executive Officer



Mike Watson sits with Geoffrey Chege (left) and Aggrey Agushoma (right) at a Lewa staff party

**2**012 will mark the beginning of a new era for Lewa. As we enter the final stages of a truly ground breaking land transaction and become owners of over 50 percent of the land on which we operate, we will be concentrating on maintaining the reputation of the Conservancy as a forward looking, flexible and dynamic organisation. Lewa has always been at the forefront of conservation development and this will continue with a focus of effort on growing and strengthening the conservation commitment and connectivity around it. As we move forward in a Kenya in transition, with the implementation of a new constitution, devolved government and new land and wildlife policies, it is clearly vital that we maintain the Lewa mantra of being 'a catalyst for conservation' outside of our physical boundaries, demonstrating the relevance of conservation at a local, regional and national level.

Lewa lies in a critical position on the northern slopes of Mount Kenya, providing connectivity for the free movement of wildlife across a vast ecosystem, a connectivity that is enhanced by the elephant corridor between the Ngare Ndare Forest and the mountain. The corridor represents the only option for a sustained link between the 8,000 elephants of the Samburu-Laikipia ecosystem and over 2,000 elephants on the mountain, and provides the basis to the inclusion of Lewa as an extension to the Mt. Kenya World Heritage Site. The corridor, as supporters of Lewa will know, has proven an unparalleled success since the underpass was formally opened in the first week of 2011. To date, well over 200 elephants have used the corridor to access the Mount Kenya forest and camera traps positioned in the underpass are recording this almost daily activity. Elephants truly are voting with their feet!

Lewa is presented with both a challenge and an opportunity as a direct result of the Conservancy's success as a rhino breeding sanctuary. Having reached our ecological carrying capacity for the species, Lewa needs to move rhinos into safe, suitable habitat within a matter of months. Whilst a clear priority will be to support Northern Rangelands Trust's efforts to reintroduce rhinos into northern Kenya community conservancies, in support of the national black rhino management plan, it is equally important that every opportunity is explored for partnership with immediate neighbours, to create space for endangered species and thereby expand the area committed to conservation in Lewa's immediate vicinity.

To this end regular interactions and discussions have taken place between Lewa and Borana Conservancies. These joint efforts have borne fruit with Borana Conservancy having recently committed to making habitat available for black rhinos by February 2012. In light of this visionary move, Lewa has offered support with the training and mentoring of security and wildlife monitoring personnel. Once rhinos are successfully established on Borana and collaborative management meets with KWS approval, it is very much our hope that a single conservation area of over 94,000 acres will be created.

So Lewa is not simply a valuable conservation project that will have come of age once Project Milele is complete. Its expertise and credibility have ensured that it is and will continue to be a model and a catalyst for conservation across the region and a lead partner in a process of conservation-driven transformation across northern Kenya.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mike Watson'.

Mike Watson



## THE LEPARUA COMMUNITY CONSERVANCY

by Cindy Anyiko | Conservation Marketing Officer

**L**eparua Conservancy is a 342 square kilometre area located in Central Isiolo District, abutting the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy's northern boundary. It serves as a critical wildlife corridor that links Lewa, Ngare Ndare forest and Mt. Kenya region to northern Kenya. In the past, communities in Leparua have not been engaged in wildlife conservation and as a result cases of poaching and livestock rustling have been rampant. It was therefore recognised as imperative that education in and the demonstration of the potential value of wildlife occur. To this end efforts have been made to bring this community into a structured and formalised relationship with Lewa and the Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT).

The Leparua community comprises of five tribes: Turkana, Samburu, Borana, Ndorobo and Somali who have been fighting for years, in conflict over resources such as grazing land, water and livestock.

Fortunately, the Leparua communities have realised that their neighbours are benefitting greatly through conservation by partnering with NRT. This enabled NRT

to bring together the disparate communities within Leparua to form a conservancy that is now governed by a board comprising of 13 members drawn from all the tribes, with NRT and Lewa serving as advisers and ex-officio members.

In January this year, Lewa assisted in the recruitment and training of 18 scouts from across the ethnic spectrum within the Leparua communities.



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*Leparua scouts engage members of the community during a security meeting*

Soon after, security in Leparua greatly improved and the Kenya Government granted the scouts Kenya Police Reservist (KPR) status and they are now armed and better equipped to deal with security threats. Over the years Lewa has also supported a number of education, health and livelihood development projects that continue to assist in building a strong partnership with the Leparua communities.

NRT has in turn provided management oversight, trained the board in proper management practices and good governance, trained the scouts and community in wildlife monitoring and grazing management planning and assisted with fundraising.

Lewa and NRT's holistic approach has resulted in enhanced social cohesion, increased security and better health and education standards that will guarantee a better future for the Leparua community at large. All these issues form an essential platform for future wildlife conservation efforts to be successful in the region.

To find out more about the Leparua Community Conservancy and how you can support it, e-mail NRT's Community Development Manager Tom Lalampaa on [tom@nrt-kenya.org](mailto:tom@nrt-kenya.org) or visit [www.nrt-kenya.org](http://www.nrt-kenya.org).



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# Wildlife Conservation

## EAR NOTCHING OF RHINOS AND ELEPHANT COLLARING

by Geoffrey Chege | Chief Conservation Officer

In the last six months, a number of exciting wildlife focussed interventions were undertaken on Lewa and the immediate neighbourhood. These were aimed at enhancing our capacity to conserve and make informed decisions for adaptive management of the threatened wildlife species.

biological data for our growing population of both black and white rhinos; currently standing at 68 and 58 animals respectively.

Within the same period, and in collaboration with Save the Elephants, Northern Rangelands Trust, Kenya Wildlife Service, Bill Woodley Mount Kenya Trust and Sue Anschutz-Rodgers, three elephants were collared in the corridor that

links Lewa and Ngare Ndare Forest to Mt Kenya. All elephants were darted from a helicopter and fitted with GSM collars to ease monitoring and to track their movement across the two eco-systems. This is part of an ongoing collaborative project that has successfully reconnected an isolated population of 2,000 elephants residing in Mt Kenya to that of the Laikipia-Samburu ecosystem numbering 7,500.

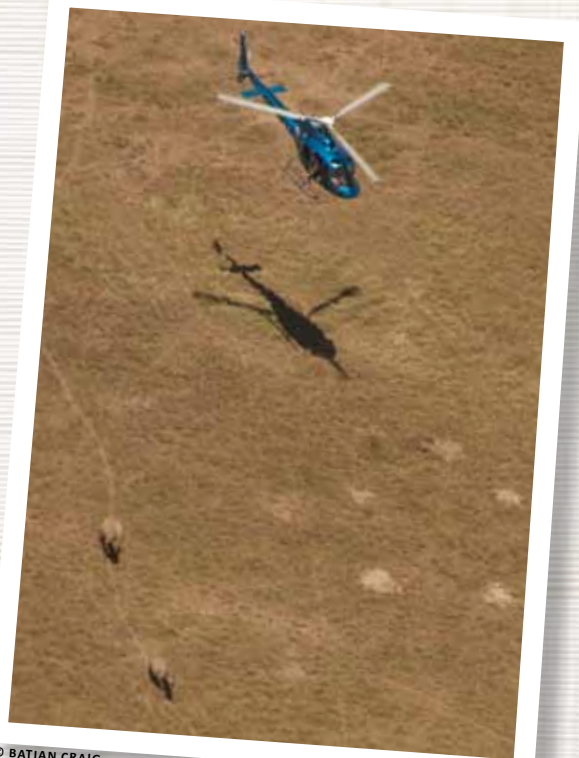
To understand the dynamics of our lion population and their interaction with prey species, one lion was also fitted with a collar. Although such collars may appear unpleasant and unnatural, the immense data gathered is crucial in helping shape the management of this vulnerable large carnivore.



*Forceps are put in place to mark the parts of the rhino's ear to be notched using a scalpel*

One such project involved ear-notching of rhinos that was partly funded by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Rhinos rarely have any distinguishable mark when they are born and are only identified by the mother-calf bond. However, at three years of age, they become independent and dissociate from their mothers. Identifying any cohort of the same sex and age class becomes difficult. To overcome this hurdle, one of the universally acceptable methods is to immobilize the animals and cut numerical ear patterns to give each of them a unique identity. This ensures that no two rhinos have the same ear cuts. Animals in question are darted by a KWS vet and once the animal is down vital signs are monitored throughout the operation that takes about five minutes. Thanks to Sue Anschutz-Rodgers, who hired a helicopter for this exercise.

Over the last few months, we have managed to ear-notch eight black and four white rhinos, a critical fete in ensuring we achieve adequate protection and collect requisite



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## ELEPHANT GETS A NEW LEASE ON LIFE

by Cindy Anyiko | Conservation Marketing Officer



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*The KWS vet is assisted by Lewa's security and wildlife team in treating the wounded elephant*

In mid-July, an elephant was spotted by a herdsman in a community grazing land neighbouring the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy. She had a spear lodged in her head. The concerned herdsman reported it to the Lewa rangers and the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) vet based on Lewa was quickly mobilised to the elephant's location. She was accompanied by a very young calf.

On the 18th July, the Lewa vet and team went to the elephant's rescue. Without help, she would probably have died. In order to get to the elephant and her calf, they had to make their way down a steep descent into the valley where she and her calf were feeding. Once she was darted and the drugs took effect, her calf was ushered away and the treatment begun. Luckily, the spear had not damaged her brain. Once the spear head was removed and the flesh wound cleaned out, she was given a dose of antibiotics and revived.

Her calf quickly came back to her side as soon as the team walked away to watch from a distance. She nudged her mother and encouraged her to get up. It was a bit of a struggle, but once she was up on her feet, she faced the Lewa team and seemed to realise that she felt much better and that we had something to do with it! After a few moments, she turned around and jovially wandered away from us with her calf leading the way.

She was probably injured as a result of human-wildlife conflict given that there was a prevailing drought in the region that had led to scarcity of water and vegetation. A few days after Lewa's intervention, it was reported that she had been spotted and was in good health and had even regained enough strength to climb up the valley in search of food.



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*The spear head was over 12 inches long and had been lodged in the elephant's head*



# Community Development

## LEWA'S CATALYTIC ROLE IN WATER MANAGEMENT IN NORTHERN KENYA

by John Kinoti | Community Development Manager

**T**he water crisis in Kenya is disrupting social and economic activities. Unfortunately, the current wave of drought and water shortages, predominantly in the northern Kenya region is expected to continue. In addition, contributing to this crisis is poor management of water supply, under-investment in water infrastructure, unfair distribution of water, rampant deforestation, pol-

the Catchment Area Advisory Committee for the Ewaso Ng'iro North region that constitutes 36% of Kenyan land.

In August, the Catchment Area Advisory Committee embarked on a seven day trip to northern Kenya, from Isiolo to Lake Turkana through North Horr and travelled

farther to Mandera and Wajir. Despite concerted efforts made on improving water management, a lot more still needs to be done urgently. The severe shortage of water is evident from the dried vegetation and empty riverbeds thereby posing a great threat to the survival of people, livestock and wildlife in the area.

The immediate needs identified by the committee are more investment in water storage tanks, protection of springs, catchment areas and most of all, equitable distribution of the scarce resource. Everyone needs to be held accountable for every drop!



*The Chalbi desert found in northern Kenya which is the hottest and most arid part of the country*

lution of water supplies by untreated sewage, and a huge population explosion (rated at 39 million).

Kenya is limited by an annual renewable fresh water supply of only 647 cubic meters per capita and is classified as a water scarce country. Only 57 percent of the rural population has access to clean drinking water. Furthermore, the time spent searching for water often prevents women from taking up income generating activities and keeps girls from attending school.

Lewa's community development programme has contributed to improving the water situation in our region. With the support accorded to 10 community water projects that serve the water needs of over 40,000 people and successfully engaging three river water user associations to ensure equitable water allocation and water sources protection, Lewa has gained recognition by the Kenya Government.

This recognition has come through the Water Resources Management Authority, which appointed me to serve in



*Catchment Area Advisory Committee for the Ewaso Ng'iro North Region team up to push their bus out of a sand pit*



## THE NTUGI GROUP

by Faith Riunga | Education Programme Manager

The Ntugi Group has been instrumental in the implementation of One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) programme at Lewa-supported schools. Led by Mark Battley and Kevin Gordon, the group visited Lewa in July to support their existing implementation at Ntugi Secondary School ([www.ntugischool.com](http://www.ntugischool.com)) and expand their programme to include more schools.

They began Ntugi's laptop initiative in 2009 when Mark and his students were still at Upper Canada College (UCC) and they have nurtured the programme ever since. This year, although Mark had retired from UCC and his students graduated, they decided to renew their commitment to Lewa and Kenya by forming the Ntugi Group ([www.ntugigroup.org](http://www.ntugigroup.org)).

In July, the group returned to Ntugi Secondary School and launched a new pilot programme at Leparua Primary School. They spent time with teachers, students, and hiking up the hills in search of a strong network signal to connect to the Internet.

The reception from the community was hugely positive and in response to this and the recognition that there was a need for regular IT support in the respective schools, the Ntugi Group recruited Simon Mwangangi, former head boy and student of Ntugi Secondary School. The team is working closely with Simon to train him in all IT related matters, ensuring that communities with the OLPCs can make best use of this invaluable educational aid.

In September, Simon began travelling weekly using Lewa Education Programme's vehicle to six schools, including Leparua and Ntugi, to give computer lessons to the students.

In addition, 12 OLPC computers that were recently donated by UCC students and four more donated by the Ntugi Group have been allocated to the Conservation Education Centre which is collocated with the Lewa Education Programme on Lewa, at the Matunda gate complex. These systems will be used by children who visit Lewa to learn about wildlife conservation under the Conservation education program, with interactive games and information installed in the machines providing them with a captivating way to recap on the wildlife they will have seen at Lewa and lessons imparted in the Centre.

We appreciate the Ntugi Group's long-term commitment to technological development at the Lewa schools. Our children now have access to progressive technology that will open their world and provide them with greater learning opportunities.



*Primary school children use the OLPC computer programmes as a learning tool after their game drive at the Conservation Education Centre*

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## DONOR PROFILE - LINDA MILLARD



*Linda Millard on a Safari in Kenya*

**T**here are many roads that lead people to Kenya and further to Lewa. Linda Millard, a native Californian, found her way there in 1976. She was working for Earthwatch Institute, the Boston based non-profit that enlists volunteers to assist scientists on field research projects around the world. Earthwatch was sponsoring fresh water, rhino and elephant projects in Kenya and Linda was asked to check them out. She visited Lake Naivasha where the impact of flower farms on the lake's ecosystem was being studied, Sweetwaters where rhino research was underway, followed by a trip to the Laikipia Plateau where she met the Craig family and Anna Merz and learned of their work to protect black rhino, then being relentlessly poached throughout the country. She also visited her cousins, the Dyers, who lived on Borana Ranch, adjoining Lewa. After three weeks of non-stop conservation activity she was hooked and determined to return to Kenya as often as possible.

In 2007, Linda was offered the Executive Directorship of Lewa USA, and welcomed the opportunity to raise funds and awareness for both Lewa and the rangelands to the north. In her four year tenure, she helped raise millions to support the conservation, education and community goals

of the Conservancy. When she retired last year for medical reasons, the baton was passed to Ginger Thomson who finds filling Linda's footsteps both a tremendous challenge and a great honour.

Throughout her time with Lewa, and now as a devoted Trustee of Lewa USA, Linda supported numerous projects and efforts. In 2010 she was instrumental in gathering and joining a group that funded construction of an elephant corridor between Lewa and Mt. Kenya. And thanks to Linda's involvement and very hard work, the transition from family held to community held ownership of Lewa land is now within weeks of completion.

Linda is proudest of Lewa's consistent and generous donors who have enabled the Conservancy and Northern Rangelands Trust to develop into two of the most brilliant jewels in Kenya's conservation crown. She remains passionate about wildlife, the maintenance of critical wildlife habitat and the community programs that teach and sustain conservation. Her fondest wish is to return to Lewa and all those she so admires for their commitment to a strong and bright future for Kenya.



## RUNNING THE SAFARICOM MARATHON ON LEWA

by Jessica Hatcher | Journalist and Travel Writer

**S**afaricom Marathon - Saturday 25th June 2011

**5.30am:** I've been awake for an hour, eating oats and drinking rehydration salts. Walking to the start-line, I meet an armed askari who works on the race every year. "Good things will happen today," he says knowingly.

**6.45am:** Queuing for the portaloos I meet a Dutch couple who between them have run 85 marathons, "plus a few ultras". Daunted, I seek advice from local Patrick Karu who came 39th last year. "But this year it is a bit hot", he said. "It is also a bit hilly. You must listen to your body".

**7.10am:** The race is delayed. We runners jiggle nervously on the start. Apparently there is an elephant on the course. Mike Watson's helicopter is busy above the swamp, herding it to safety.

**7.20am:** Runners sprint away at the start. Daniel Mbogo is disappearing over the first hill already. I take the rhinoceros approach and adopt a steady plod.

**8.10am:** Whenever I struggle an armed guard appears from a bush to give me a thumbs-up, or I pass a water

station where happy faces cheers me on. Invariably these people renew my determination.

**8.45am:** Alone, I have time to think. I have great respect for the man who overtook me at 5km in loafers and corduroy trousers. I was also inspired by a gentleman from Nairobi at 7km who said the marathon helped him regain the lost fitness of his youth. A team of injured soldiers from the British army are a constant source of motivation; always smiling, they shout things like "no hills, no thrills", or "I need a cigarette!".

**10.10am:** At 29km I am ragged. There is no one to run with (most runners do the half-marathon, one lap) and the hills have grown. I hope to see Patrick Karu again at the end – a bit hilly??!!

**11.05am:** Ecstasy on the finish line. I celebrate with two runners from Westgate. Sekeli Lesialoi has been coming for ten years. "I love it because it's promoting our community", he said. Later Stephen Mureyian from Il N'gweni who has run it for six years tells me, "this was the very greatest year ever". For me it was a first but I hope not last - what a way to raise half a million dollars!



*An ecstatic Jessica Hatcher running wild*



## WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

by Tamara Morgan | Assistant Director, Lewa USA

It was undeniable to me that being on Lewa would be an experience of a lifetime. The two weeks amidst wildlife, community and staff, deepened the awareness of the uniqueness and integrity of the Conservancy. There was only one aspect I found myself missing: exploring on foot. So when a visit to the Ngare Ndare Forest was proposed replete with a canopy walk and a hike to a waterfall, I leapt at the opportunity.

Greeting us at the 13,000+ acre Ngare Ndare Forest was a welcoming guide, Ibrahim. He was very informative and incredibly enthusiastic about this natural habitat. The 25-foot climb led to an expansive horizontal highway

in the sky, overlooking a natural swamp with distinctive vegetation as cyads, palms, and wildflowers, fed by an underground spring. Bouncy yet protectively stable, those fearful could clutch the mid-high secure cables. I preferred to bounce along with hands in the air, thrilled to hear that the addition of a zip-line was under way. I walked tall, above red cedars, broad podos and fig trees.

The Ngare Ndare Forest guide was so animated when pointing

out the flora, fauna. My favourite birds were the mini multi-coloured lilac breasted rollers and the majestic crowned crane. Ibrahim disseminated interesting facts: Colourful turaco birds eat figs from the mugumo trees, dropping seeds that germinate in the leaves. The result is that the newly spawned trees form, tendril-like roots that eventually strangle their hosts in a twisted, suffocating embrace. It is a safe haven for the occasional black rhino, buffalo, monkeys galore, and elephants.

Coming back to earth, we hiked through botanical terrain that eventually revealed a hidden, large waterfall. I eagerly dove in. I never made it under the cascades because, I was far more paralyzed by the cold water than I was from the height of the canopy! On the walk back, I was intrigued by a green plant one could rub between fingers to produce a blood-orange fluid that the Maasai have used, as face paint. Lastly, I was captivated by the aptly named “wait-abit” plant whose thorns, like my son as a child, grabbed



*The beautiful waterfall at Ngare Ndare Forest. Fancy a cool dip after heating up during the hike? Jump in!*



my shirt and held on to me until I found myself saying “wait a bit” to my companions.

I was drawn to the adventure of the Ngare Ndare Forest by my body’s yearning for movement. My experience ended up moving me in more ways than I’d imagined.

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There are offices in the UK, Switzerland, the United States and Canada registered as independent charities, from which you can receive a tax deduction on your donation to Lewa. The staff and volunteers within these offices organise various events throughout the year to keep our supporters informed on developments at Lewa and to help raise funds for ongoing projects.

For those not resident in any of these countries, donations can be received directly by Lewa in Kenya.

You can contribute in many different ways as listed below, however this is not exhaustive, and a full list of our needs can be obtained by contacting our office directly, or one of our affiliate offices.



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## How You Can Help Lewa

\$200	Pay a teacher's salary for a month
\$220	Purchase warm clothing for one ranger for security night patrols
\$500	Purchase a fridge for storing immunizations at the Ngare Ndare Clinic
\$800	Pays for one year's high school scholarship for a student
\$2,300	<b>URGENT</b> - Purchase uniforms for all the Lewa Health Care Programme staff for one year
\$3,200	Build workshop showers and ablution block for 95 logistic staff members for health & safety measures
\$3,700	Pay for the annual salary of one tracker dog handler, vital for augmenting our security patrols
\$4,500	Pay for the annual salary of a senior radio room operator - Lewa maintains a 24-hour communication network
\$5,500	Support a community agricultural / crop production programme for a year
\$7,100	Purchase four solar water heaters for staff to make Lewa more eco-friendly
\$10,000	Cost of conserving a rhino for approximately a year
\$10,000	Support for the Women's Micro-Credit Programme revolving fund
\$18,000	<b>URGENT</b> - Help construct 1km of predator-proof fencing to reduce human-wildlife conflict on Lewa's eastern boundary
\$26,000	Purchase a year's worth of drugs for the wildlife vet to continue his operations
\$69,000	Purchase a proper & fully outfitted ambulance which will serve all three surrounding clinics

These are just a few of the items that Lewa needs help with. For additional information on how to support the work of the Conservancy, please contact Ruwaydah Abdulrahman at [ruwaydah.abdul@lewa.org](mailto:ruwaydah.abdul@lewa.org).



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## Our Mission

*The Lewa Wildlife Conservancy works as a catalyst for the conservation of wildlife and its habitat. It does this through the protection and management of species, the initiation and support of community conservation and development programmes, and the education of neighbouring areas in the value of wildlife.*



## About the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy

### A BRIEF HISTORY OF LEWA

The Craig/Douglas family first came to Lewa Downs in 1922 and whilst the land was managed as a cattle ranch for more than half a century, the family also recognised the great importance of the wildlife living on Lewa, and engaged in wildlife tourism. In the 1980s, when the plight of the black rhino became desperate in Africa, part of the cattle ranch was converted into the Ngare Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary, with the enthusiastic support and funding of co-founder and rhino conservationist, Anna Merz.

### WHO WE ARE TODAY

In 1995 the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy was established as a not-for-profit organisation, and today it manages 62,000 acres that is home to over 10% of Kenya's black rhino population, over 14% of Kenya's white rhino population, and the world's largest resident population of Grevy's zebra. As well as endangered species, the Conservancy is also home to over 350 species of birds and 70 species of mammals, including the 'Big Five.'

### WHAT WE DO TODAY

- We monitor and protect endangered species and their habitat
- We ensure wildlife conservation generates direct benefits for neighbouring communities through our dedicated education, healthcare, enterprise and water development programmes
- We finance wildlife conservation by combining tourism with carefully focussed donor support
- We support the Kenyan Government with wildlife translocation, veterinary intervention and armed anti-poaching teams across northern Kenya

### LEWA AS A CATALYST BEYOND ITS BOUNDARIES

Lewa's mission is to act as a catalyst for conservation, and its successful model combines the protection of wildlife, community development, and sustainable tourism. Acting as that model, we

have helped to stimulate community-owned conservation throughout northern Kenya, and beyond.

The Conservancy has been instrumental as the foundation to the Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT), headquartered on Lewa. NRT is an innovative partnership which works to facilitate community-led conservation initiatives in northern Kenya, promoting the collective management of ecosystems for improved human livelihoods, biodiversity conservation and enhanced rangeland management. This dynamic partnership has increased the amount of land under integrated conservation management to around 2 million acres, allowing wildlife to begin to migrate throughout their historical natural ranges once more.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Lewa's mission of conserving of endangered wildlife, and supporting community development, has been made possible by generous supporters from all over the world.

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