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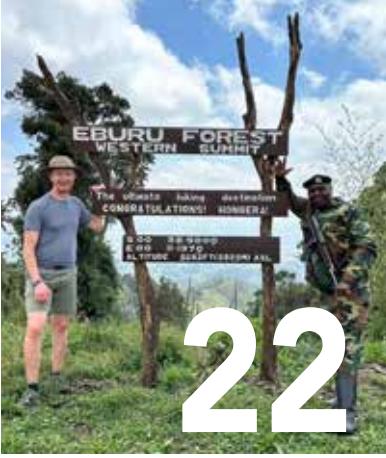
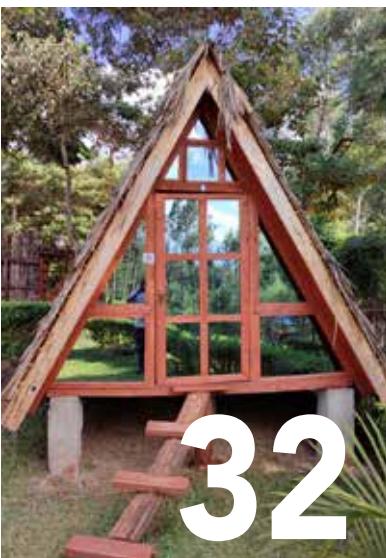


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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S VIEW

CHRISTIAN LAMBRECHTS

For many, Kenya's important forest ecosystems, particularly the montane forests, are merely graceful, towering backdrops to our country's expansive landscapes. But those privileged to actually visit these forests experience so much more. They are places of incredible beauty and abundant flora and fauna.

But the wonders found in these forests are largely unknown to the public: most people associate Kenya's wildlife with open wooded savannah, while viewing forests merely as places from which to extract resources such as timber.

In reality, while closed-canopy forests cover less than 2% of Kenya's land area, they harbour a very high proportion of the country's biodiversity. Over 50% of Kenya's plant species are found in our forests. Significantly, these forests are habitat to 40% of mammal species, 35% of butterfly species and 30% of bird species found in the country.

The Aberdare forest hosts nearly 10% of Kenya's elephant population and about 60% of all the mountain bongo antelopes found in the world in the wild. Some 47% of the bird species and 54% of the butterfly species of Kenya are found in Kakamega Forest, which covers only 0.04% of Kenya's total land area. The five "Water Towers of Kenya" (Mt. Kenya, Aberdare, Mau Forests Complex, Cherangani Hills and Mt. Elgon) are all designated as Important Bird Areas and an astonishing 872 plant species have been recorded on Mt. Kenya to date.

Rhino Ark's established conservation work aims at protecting the rich biodiversity of the important forest ecosystems that are an integral part of Kenya's natural heritage. Our broad range of interventions have been customized to raise awareness and build capacity of the main custodians of these resources, namely the local communities and the Government conservation agencies. These interventions include conservation education, nature-based livelihoods, community-based patrols, training in fire-fighting, prosecution of wildlife and forestry crimes, aerial surveillance, natural forest rehabilitation, scientific research, and critically, construction of 795 kilometres of conservation electric fences to date.

More recently, Rhino Ark has embarked on the implementation of an eco-tourism programme to complement the above interventions. This growing programme aims to raise public awareness about the beauty and richness of important forest ecosystems, generate nature-based incomes for their custodians, and help to deter illegal activities. Our impactful programme is achieving tangible successes. In Eburu forest, we have developed a tourist guidebook, mapped out and signposted 15.6 kilometres of nature trails, and trained 9 community champions in birdwatching. In Northern Aberdares, we have trained and equipped 29 guides and porters, and mapped and marked 39 kilometres of nature trails.

MISSION, VISION AND KEY PRIORITY AREAS



Rhino Ark is a charitable trust established in Kenya in 1988 with the vision to restore and maintain harmony between humans, habitats and wildlife in Kenya.



To this end, Rhino Ark aims to be a trusted partner in advocating, developing and implementing high-impact forest, water catchments and endangered wildlife conservation initiatives that tangibly support adjacent local communities.



Rhino Ark's conservation programme is developed around six priority thematic areas:

1. Trusted Partner

Rhino Ark is the partner of choice in the long-term conservation of forests and their wildlife in Kenya.

2. Advocacy

Rhino Ark is a thought leader and senior advisor on forest and wildlife conservation in Kenya.

3. Innovation

Rhino Ark is a leader in the development and implementation of high-impact dynamic conservation solutions.

4. Forest and water catchment conservation

Rhino Ark develops and implements long-term management tools that protect and restore forest ecosystems and their water catchment values.

5. Endangered wildlife conservation

Rhino Ark develops and implements conservation interventions that protect and recover endangered forest species, including black rhino, mountain bongo and forest elephant.

6. Tangible community support

Rhino Ark develops and implements long-term solutions to human-wildlife conflicts, spearheads conservation education and champions conservation-based livelihoods within forest-adjacent communities.

2023 RHINO CHARGE OVERALL RESULTS

CAR	ENTRANT	DIST	SECTORS	FUNDS AWARDS			
				1st David Schaefer Trophy	Adil Khawaja, Marco Brighetti, Michele Brighetti, Massimiliano Brighetti, Abid Khawaja, Flomal Shekikh, Elvis Charo	KES 60,366,403.00	Car 44
48	Mark Glen	26.70	13	2nd Diamond Trust Trophy	Peter Kinyua, Robert Kariuki, Marshal Luusa, Jimmy Shiganga, Kandari Parasulaw, Loyaban Lemarji	KES 10,373,085.00	Car 23
38	Sean Avery	29.86	13	3rd Highest cash sponsorship	Tim Carstens, Juple Von Meherk, Chadwick Poletti, Kevin Balloch, Gabriel Oser, Scott Carruthers	KES 8,845,492.00	Car 63
5	Graham McKittrick	32.32	13				
2	Ian Duncan	37.08	13				
3	Gurmeeet Mehta	24.89	12				
60	Ajitesh Kapoor	27.42	12				
9	John Bowden	32.10	12				
52	Hemel Pindolia	35.14	12				
40	Peter Francombe	55.54	12				
42	Anthony Havelock	22.07	11				
33	Jeremy Holley	24.56	11				
21	Jonathan Somen	25.48	11				
44	Adil Khawaja	29.02	11	1st Overall (Duncan Mitchell Perpetual Trophy)	Mark Glen, Piers Daykin, Steve Outram, Johnny Harris, Gerard Beaton, Josh Outram		Car 48
35	Mark Tilbury	32.01	11	2nd Overall	Sean Avery, Patrick Avery, Kieran Avery, Dale Scott, Alan de Boer, James Boyd-Moss		Car 38
16	Olivier Lauvaux	37.20	11	3rd Overall	Graham McKittrick, Philip Walton, Paolo Kravos, Bruce Knight, Peter Serchen, Rob Anderson, Kyle Ray		Car 5
12	Simon de la Rey	39.68	11	Victor Ludorum 1st (Land Rover Trophy)	Graham McKittrick, Philip Walton, Paolo Kravos, Bruce Knight, Peter Serchen, Rob Anderson, Kyle Ray		Car 5
19	Petra Somen	49.45	11	Victor Ludorum 2nd	Mark Glen, Piers Daykin, Steve Outram, Johnny Harris, Gerard Beaton, Josh Outram		Car 48
55	Ramesh Halai	53.53	11	Victor Ludorum 3rd	Sean Avery, Patrick Avery, Kieran Avery, Dale Scott, Alan de Boer, James Boyd-Moss		Car 38
1	Eddy Verbeek	19.57	10				
14	Priten Patel	20.80	10				
25	Alasdair Keith	26.39	10				
10	Salim Walimohamed	56.79	10				
7	Mahesh Bhatti	14.29	9				
4	Nicholas Foley	16.36	9				
32	Nikhil Vishram	22.12	9				
27	Richard Hooper	33.71	9				
28	Torben Rune	34.41	9				
22	Gray Cullen	12.13	8	1st in Class U	John Bowden, Simon Davies, Lorian Campbell-Clause, Chris Ballard, Hugo Potgieter, Lawrence Bowden		Car 9
51	Dominic Rebelo	16.02	8	2nd in Class U	Mark Tilbury, Herman Ruijsenaars, Peter Roberts, Dan Vaulez, Eric Kanyiri, Ian Elms, Richard Turner		Car 35
57	James Boorman	22.98	8	3rd in Class U	Petra Somen, Sabine Kontos, Millie Seagon, Talia Somen, Catherine Coulson, Elena Kontos		Car 19
29	Tilana De Meillon	27.69	8	1st in Class M	Ajitesh Kapoor, Alykhan Fazal, Amaan Fazel, Rizwan Jiwani, Harshit Patel, Dash Patel		Car 60
23	Peter Kinyua	27.77	8	2nd in Class M	Peter Francombe, Shaun Miller, Ross Field, Pete Thompson, Edward Ansett-Cunningham, Oliver Francombe, Sheena Lyall		Car 40
41	Amit Sharma	35.10	8	3rd in Class M	Michael Kontos, Jonathan Somen, Jeremy Ashworth, Mark Somen, Derek Steel, D Szlapak		Car 21
56	Harveet Obhrai	37.35	8	Spirit of the Charge (Rob Combes Trophy)	Teresa Sapieha, Maryjka Beckmann, Marion De Velasco		Car 47
37	John Kanyali	52.63	8	Tiger Line 1 (Njia ya Ndume Award)	Mikey Hughes, Russell Hughes, Ryan Outram, Matthew Evans, Jeremy Holley, Ollie Outram		Car 33
47	Teresa Sapieha	109.20	8	Tiger Line 2 (Njia ya Ndume Award)	Gray Cullen, Tony Binks, Peter Tyrell, John Rogers, Guy Weston, Pedar Brehony		Car 22
26	Asit Patel	13.43	7	Most Meritorious International Team	Tim Carstens, Chadwick Poletti, Gabriel Oser, Jacob Van Niekerk, Scott Carruthers, Kevin Ballock		Car 63
11	Ravi Patel	18.11	7	The Kijabe Award:	Tilana De Meillon, Louise Collette, Ulisha Singh, Deven Maylie, Khevna Naran		Car 29
39	Jaspal Singh	18.20	7	Coupe Des Dames (Tim Nicklin Perpetual Trophy)	Sabine Kontos, Petra Somen, Emma Morton, Joanna Hechle, Catherine Coulson, Alexandra Kontos		Car 19
36	Adrian Wilcox	25.00	7				
6	Manee Choda	28.90	7				
8	Aadil Vaiani	13.08	6				
53	Jonathan Jackson	17.74	6				
64	Peter Bonde Nielsen	19.02	6				
20	Nicola Muthama	13.86	5				
63	Tim Carstens	24.46	5				
30	Edward Johnstone	31.95	4				
62	Stanley Kinyanjui	12.71	3				
15	Anthony Stow	12.87	3				
54	Eric Goss	15.48	3				
24	Jaspal Matharu	1.83	1				
34	Rajesh Maini	6.32	1				

OUR TEAM SPIRIT

ORGANISING COMMITTEE & OFFICIALS

Don White - Clerk of Course / Chairman
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 Bruce Field & Mike Cheffings - Giro Pilot
 Marco Brighetti - Helicopter Pilot
 Nigel Leakey - Aviation
 Raju Chagger - Scrutineering
 David Williams - Camping Information
 Raymond Kibanga & Stephen Muteshi - Waste Collection & Recycling
 Jason Levitan, Rohan Sanghrajka & Graham Roy - Logistics, Fuel & Water

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FUNDRAISER HEROES MILLIONAIRE GOLD AWARD BY YEAR- 2023

Car No.	Participant	Ksh
44	Adil Khawaja - AK 44	60,366,403.00
23	Peter Kinyua - CAR No 23	10,373,085.00
63	Tim Carstens - AUSSIE RULES	8,845,492.00
62	Stanley Kinyanjui - MAGNATE CHARGERS	8,278,346.00
5	Graham McKittrick - TEAM 5	6,869,523.92
35	Mark Tilbury - HOG CHARGE TEAM	5,870,608.28
1	Eddy Verbeek - CAR No 1	4,248,503.85
64	Peter Bonde Nielsen - TEAM 64	3,456,591.88
48	Mark Glen - TEAM 48	3,164,091.00
25	Alasdair Keith - CHARGING HIPPOS	2,527,514.20
42	Anthony Havelock - TEAM 42	2,481,517.71
38	Sean Avery - BUNDU FUNDI	2,360,884.50
14	Priten Patel - TEAM CHOMZ	2,339,169.00
51	Dominic Rebelo - DERANGED ROVER	2,313,549.51
21	Jonathan Somen - KING 21	2,214,074.00
6	Manee Choda - OLE CHODA	2,053,000.00
40	Peter Francombe - ROVING ROGUES	2,000,632.00
47	Teresa Sapieha - WACUS GIRLS IN PEARLS	1,854,262.50
33	Jeremy Holley - TEAM HUZI	1,790,000.00
3	Gurmeet Mehta - HATARIOUS CHARGERS	1,726,000.00
11	Ravi Patel - FRYING SQUAD	1,582,208.20
2	Ian Duncan - KTM CRUISERS	1,568,927.60
53	Jonathan Jackson - LORDSHIP AFRICA	1,540,000.00
19	Petra Somen - BUSHBABES	1,513,506.08
9	John Bowden - GUMTREE 4X4	1,453,394.20
29	Tilana De Meillon - FAT UNICORNS	1,414,377.48
36	Adrian Wilcox - ABERDAIR DEVILS	1,331,116.88
4	Nicholas Foley - TEAM No 4	1,325,388.88
52	Hemel Pindolia - RHINOSERIOUS	1,315,000.00
27	Richard Hooper - JEEPERS CREEPERS	1,237,430.40
20	Nicola Muthama - THE BIG FIVE	1,218,529.84
28	Torben Rune - TEAM 28 TEAM TAZ	1,176,531.14
22	Gray Cullen - THE SMILING SHENZIS	1,088,714.48
57	James Boorman - TEAM 57	1,083,824.04
39	Jaspal Singh - TEAM 39	1,051,000.00
30	Edward Johnstone - BAABAAS	1,037,890.32
34	Rajesh Maini - MOTO MOTO	1,004,257.00
24	Jaspal Matharu - FAT RHINOS	1,003,464.66
12	Simon de la Rey - BUSHCATS	1,000,000.00

RHINO CHARGE FACTS



65,392,000 KES Community Funds Raised

This money is raised from the Land Access Fees (LAF) paid for by everyone who accesses the venue. This money is then used for community projects in the area such as the construction of school classrooms or the installation of boreholes.



1,890,004,846 KES RAISED SINCE 1989

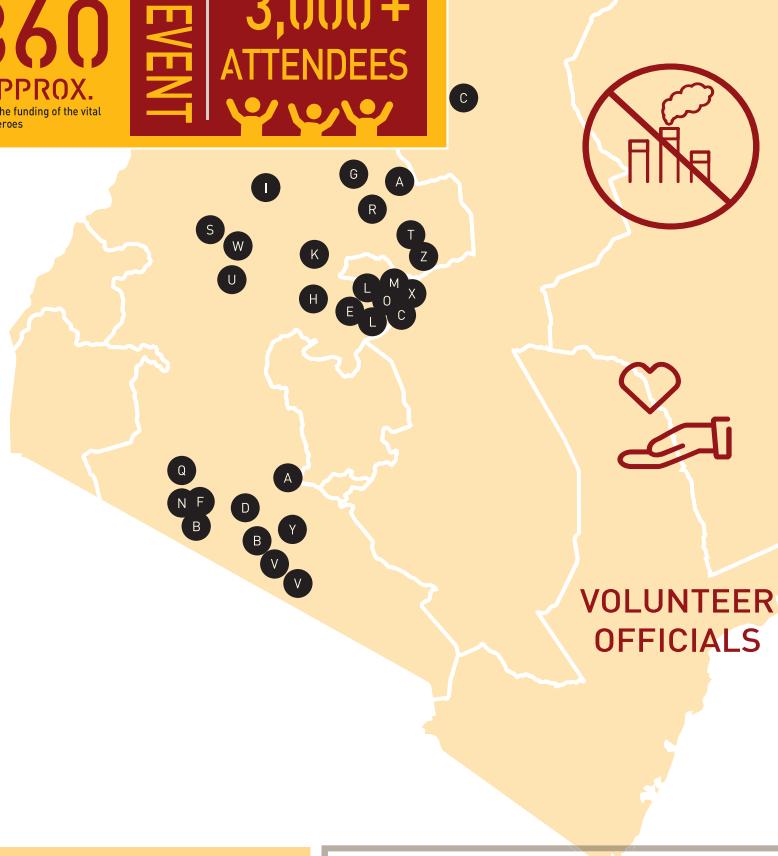
Total Sponsorship Raised by Teams since 1989
in aid of Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust

CARBON NEUTRAL EVENT

Rhino Ark fully offsets the event's carbon footprint by purchasing Certified Emission Reductions (CERs) which go towards UNFCCC certified projects that reduce, avoid or remove greenhouse gas emissions from the atmosphere.

VOLUNTEER-RUN

The Rhino Charge is primarily run by volunteers. The Main Organising Committee consists of 11 members. They plan the event year-round and spend up to 2 weeks on site before and after the Charge. At the event itself, another 60+ volunteer officials give their time and expertise to ensure the smooth running of the event. Volunteers not only donate time, but considerable resources which help reduce the overall costs of the event.



VOLUNTEER OFFICIALS

10+ RECCES



Since the Rhino Charge is the guest of the host community, the Main Organising Committee places a lot of importance on, and devotes much of its time to, building good relations with the community involved. They also spend time finding and designing the route, plus planning how to provide good camping for up to 3,000 people, including planning water provision, medical facilities, airstrips and other key parts of the event.

4-5 AIRCRAFT



Search and Rescue (S&R) at the venue typically consists of:

- 4-5 Aircraft including fixed wing planes, helicopters and gyrocopters,
- 4-5 Cars in strategic positions,
- 1 Team at HQ monitoring positions of cars and co-ordinating with S&R Team over the radio.

The S&R team remains on duty until all people have been safely accounted for and recovered. At Nannapa Conservancy, the S&R team ended their shift at 4am in the morning after the Charge. Stuck, lost or broken vehicles are often recovered the next day.

ABOUT THE RHINO CHARGE

www.rhinocharge.or.ke

The Rhino Charge is an annual off-road 4x4 competition held in Kenya in which competitors are required to visit 13 points (guard posts) scattered over approximately 100 km² of rough terrain within a 10-hour period. Entrants are supplied with a 1:50,000 scale map of the venue, co-ordinates of the 13 guard posts and their start position the night before the event. Each competitor team must plot the guard posts on the map and figure out their own route. The winning car is the team which visits the most guard posts in the shortest distance (GPS measured).

The event is organised in order to raise important funds to support the activities of the Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust, which works towards the conservation and protection of Kenya's mountain range ecosystems, the so-called "Water Towers".

How Can You Support the Rhino Charge

Attend as a Spectator

Attending the Rhino Charge as a Spectator is an amazing way that you can support the event and be part of all the action!

Sponsor a Car or The Rhino Charge Event

The Rhino Charge offers some fantastic branding and PR opportunities and is a unique way to support Rhino Ark's conservation efforts.

Help Out at The Event

If you are interested in volunteering at the Rhino Charge, please get in touch with us on info@rhinocharge.or.ke

ENTER A TEAM OR JOIN AN EXISTING TEAM

Spaces are limited and competition is fierce but once a Charger, always a Charger!
If you are interested in getting involved please contact us on info@rhinocharge.or.ke

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

For lots of news and information about the Rhino Charge follow us:

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- ⌚ @rhinocharge4x4

HOW TO SPONSOR A TEAM

MPESA

MPESA payments must be made in the following way:

- Lipa na M-PESA
- Pay Bill
- Enter business no. 855995
- Account No. (Car no. being sponsored e.g. CAR01)
- Enter amount

BANK TRANSFER

If you wish to make a donation by direct transfer to Rhino Ark's bank account, kindly contact us on: Email: info@rhinoark.or.ke,

Please include the relevant car number you are making payment for in the description for the transfer.

CHEQUE

Please ensure that all Cheques are made out to:

RHINO ARK KENYA CHARITABLE TRUST
When delivering a Cheque to Rhino Ark (Located at KWS Headquarters, Langata) please ensure that the relevant car number is clearly stated on the envelope.

ONLINE GIVING

Many of the teams have set themselves up with online giving pages please go to our website to see the teams' details. <https://rhinocharge.co.ke/rhino-charge-2023/competitors/>

RHINO CHARGE 2023 CAR SPONSORS



A landscape view of the Rhino Charge venue in Samburu County.

Car 1;

Eddy Verbeek, Michael T Diesbecq, Henry Fulbrook, Emily Woods, Tom Mortimore.

Total Funds Raised: KES 4,248,503.85

Aquarius Global, Annemarie Val Huslr, Edward Berbadus, Dudutech Integrated, Longonot Farm, Top Cover Ltd, Bayer East Africa Ltd, PKF LLP, Petrus Jacobus, Van Den Berg K Ltd, Celtic Kenya Ltd, Interplant Roses EA Ltd, Wildfire Ltd, Dennis White, DRVN Coffee, Asthor Agricola S.A, Edward Bermadus, William Coulson, Lena Wambui, Total Touch Cargo Ltd, Ocean Agriculture, Peter Dekken, HSI Kenya Ltd, De Ruiter East Africa Ltd, Amiran K Ltd, Syngenta EA Ltd, Florensis Real Estate, Emily Christine Woods, Brian Higgins.

Car 2;

Ian Duncan, Anthony Nielson, Francesco Checchini, Robbie Calder, Manik Choda, Imran Effendi.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,568,927.60

Choda M Singh, Jasmeer Kaur Sidhu, Sport Motorcycles Ltd, Wootton Automobile Ltd, Romageco K Ltd, Hiram Kariuki Mwangi, Pipe Manufacturers Ltd, Shivam Vinayak, Anne Troughton, Huzeifa Akburali, Grace Muriithi, Pepco K Ltd, KTM Cruisers, Kabura Joseph Mburu, Andrew Stuart Pleasance, Maria Groen, Baker Tilly, Geoffrey Mayes, Christopher Olobo, Gillian Dykes, Amiran Kenya Ltd, Bhupinder Sound, Alaga Celestine, Helen Louise Devane, Gillian Marie, Vanhutte Gilbert, Sports Motorally Ltd.

Car 3;

Gurmeet Mehta, Aman Sodi, Tom Otieno, Aman Choda, Arjun Patel, Hanif Msallam.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,726,000.00

Secure Kenya Group, Aman Savani, Mic Global Risks, SS Hotels Ltd, Penzi Ltd, C.G Betbead Nrb Ltd, Ayane Health Ltd, Caribon Ltd, BBEA Cabs Ltd, Kitchen Professionals Ltd, BTB Insurance Ltd, King Plastic Industries Ltd, Bhola Dev Prakash, Jivan Kuma, Galana Oil K Ltd, Qiya Wang, Felix, Bioki Ochako, Hardware & Welding Supplies, Arrow Cars Ltd, Intech EA Ltd, Cresto Wear, PKF Kenya, Velos Enterprises Ltd, Brisk

Marketing Ltd, Metropolitan Cannon General Insurance Ltd, Farm Engineering Ltd.

Car 4;

Nicholas Foley, Nicholas Hodgson, Martyn Bowen, Harry Minter, Philip Bowen, Kendall Own Evans.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,325,388.88

Goodhart Joan, Paul Mwangi, D'Olien Eleanor, Rajeshkuman Patel, Ghature, Anne Marie, Asif Aziz, Brian Kipkoech, Hemingways Hospitality, Impala Auto Spares Ltd, Charlotte Larsen, Joseph Mwangi Njeri, Maris Kenya Ltd.

Car 5;

Philip Walton, Paolo Kravos, Bruce Knight, Peter Serchen, Rob Anderson, Kyle Ray.

Total Funds Raised: KES 6,869,523.92

Unga Ltd, First Chartered Security, Magana Holdings, Q-Zone Integrated Management Ltd, Quality Plus Lab & Consultancy Services Ltd, Chloride Exide, Dave Moore, Dave Danov, Ndovu Custom Tuning Ltd, Mitchell Cotts Freight Kenya Ltd, Nadia Mathews, Jennifer Carr Hartley, Dixon John, Wendy Mckittrick, Richard Tindle Aubyn Harney, Moffat Mutheci, Lisa Christofferson, Emmaculate Muia, Joshua Ochola, Boniface Waweru, Elijah Awoche, Charles Mutisya, Ondiko Kevin, Nikita

Chandaria, Mwaniki Mageria, Brian Kiboi, Monica Mathenge, Rossalyn Ojowi, June Sirma, Claire Wanjiru, Bernard Kanga Ndeto, Graham Stephen Parsonage, Graham Mckittrick, Perminus Gakami, Kaleb Stanislav, Wendy Mckittrick, Nancy Natasha, Oprah Oyugi, George Gerard Mealy, Annikatriinah Valme Pirinen, Nawabzadi Firyal, Jeanne Lee Finnestone, Yasmin Shariff, Smita Mehta, Kiran Rajput, Rainer Frauemfeld, Anderson John, Nzialani Ltd, Unipro Ltd, Rosemaru Bridget Dolan, Ndegwa Alison Mary, Gurain Enterprises Ltd, Faith Wanjiku Kariuki, Duncan Wechuli Sifunah, Williamson Tea, James Kamande, Rajesh Vekana, Charity Kipsamo, Nutreco Africa B.V, Christopher John Spenser Nash, Nick Hutchinson, NCBA, NAS Airport Services, Tandu Alarm Systems Ltd, Kenchic Ltd, Associated Battery Manufacturers E.A Ltd, Uniform Distributors Ltd, Bidema Ltd, Aviagen Ltd, Associated Motors Ltd, Panorama Engineering & Trading Ltd.

Car 6;

Manee Choda, Sachin Choda, Niccolo Amsellem, Sandev Choda, Ali Abbas Jaffer, Aaron Rosenbohn.

Total Funds Raised: KES 2,053,000.00

Karan Thapar, Flaming Hill Camp.

Car 7;

Mahesh Bhatti, Ashish Bhatti, Karan Sehmi, Pier Luigi Vigada, Francis Gitau.

Total Funds Raised: KES 810,448.52

Harveet Sethi, Jeroem De Clerq, Gurbaksh Singh, Rinku Patel, Landmark Holdings Ltd, Julius Gertrude Delahaiji, SGA Kenya Ltd, Fredrick Mulandi, Lift Cargo Ltd, Inter Aviation Services.

Car 8;

Aadil Vaiani, Tamim Bhaiji, Naeem Saigar, Albert Omondi, Charanjeet Singh.

Total Funds Raised: KES 750,000.00

Zainab Taha Bhaiji, Rajchem Ploymers, X Pro Packaging, Lake Turkana Wind Power, Mart Networks, Nanak



Rhino Charge Car 5 charging at the gauntlet, dropping from KWS to AutoXpress control.

Trucking Co. Ltd, Palm Oil Transporters, Netplatoon Ventures Ltd, Fatuma Shisia, Naeem Mustafa Saigar, Sahra Noorali Noorbhai.

Car 9;

John Bowden, Simon Davies, Lorian Campbell-Clause, Chris Ballard, Hugo Potgieter, Lawrence Bowden.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,453,394.20

Ketan Zakharia, Dixon John, Nicola Potgieter, CMC Motors Group Ltd, Susan & Tony Church, Juliet & Charles Campbell, J. Onslow, J. Boyd- Moss, J. Brooks, I. Robertson, N. Fernandes, Marion Langham, Robin Davies, Rongai workshop, Crown paints, Kifkelion corner Ltd, Ballard CMH, NRG Ltd, Peerless Tea Services Ltd, EPK Ltd, Cassini & Tololo Ltd, Silverstone Tyres K Ltd, Brit Part, General Tyres, Shellagh Bellard, Agriquip Agr. E.A Ltd, Mascor Kenya Ltd, Karebe Gold Mining, Sheels Ballard, Jutsons Ltd, Noel Hugh Airey Lindsay-Smith, Thames Electricals Ltd, Modsan Hardware Ltd, Dugu Hardware & Tools Ltd, Stefanie Powers, Crown Paints K Ltd, Western Emporium 1975 Ltd.



Overseas team, Car 9, Gumtree charging at the 2023 Rhino Charge.

Car 10;

Salim Walimohamed, Ralph Winter, Josef Bruanlehner, Jan Quietmeyer, Xavian Walimohammed.

Total Funds Raised: KES 750,000.00

Salim Mohamed, Josef Brunlehner, Natasha Maherai, Jane Quietmeyer, Hassanali Thomas Sachedina.

Car 11;

Ravi Patel, Ashwin Gidoomal, Punit Mandaliya, Chetania Mukherjee.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,582,208.20

Greenspan Agri Tech Pvt Ltd, Dodhia Packaging K Ltd, Mayfair Ins. Co Ltd, Interplant Roses EA Ltd, Elgon Kenya Ltd, Smart Crop Kenya Ltd, Babafemi Jay Aderounmu, Julius Njuguna, Felix Bioki Ochako, Primarosa Flowers Ltd, Gearlofs Kenya Ltd, Carton Manufacturers Ltd, BTB Insurance Brokers Ltd, Biren Shah.

Car 12;

Simon De La Ray, Brett Sievwright, Dillon Sievwright, Bruce Duxbury, James Watson, Wayne Barratt.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,000,000.00

Eezy Track Ltd, Fanikiwa Microfinance Company Ltd, Premier Credit Ltd, Platinum Credit Ltd, Spectrum Credit Ltd.



Car 14 at the 2023 Rhino Charge.

Car 14;

Priten Patel, Shish Patel, Joseph Mrema, Vimal Patel, Dipan Patel.

Total Funds Raised: KES 2,339,169.00

Mayfair Insurance, Mital Shah, Mika, South Sioux Farms, Intra Africa Assurance, Jai Shah, Sachit Patel, Kaumin Malde, Kavit Shah, Sameer Merali, Joey Moodley, Vanguard Powersol, Fine Wood Works, Vanguard Group, Copycat Group, Toolcrafts, Pooja Patel, Salim Keshaujee, Ayla Keshaujee, Rumi Keshaujee, Betika (Shop & Deliver) Ltd, Prime Bank Ltd, Mahesh & Sobhna Chandaria, Afro Industrial Agencies Ltd, Kamani Foundation, Vending Services, Auto Industries Ltd, East Africa Elevators, Manmohan Dhillon, Skylift Cargo Ltd, Pan Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Steel Structures Ltd, Vishal Patel.

Car 15;

Anthony Stow, Lucy Gitonga, Eric Boullay, Jonathan Mills, Amy Marsh, Adam Loots.

Total Funds Raised: KES 851,292.16

Anthony S & Jeremy, Maxam Ltd, Captivate Africa Ltd.

Car 16;

John Herbert, Christopher Print, Oliver Lauvaux, Richard Waugh, Didier Janssens, Simon Welch.

Total Funds Raised: KES 959,599.52

Schreurs EA Ltd, Benevity, Animet, Bright Funds, Olivier Lauvaux, Didier Janssens.



Rhino Charge Car 16.

Car 19;

Petra Somen, Sabine Kontos, Millie Seagon, Talia Somen, Catherine Coulson, Elena Kontos.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,513,506.08

EABL, Amiran K Ltd, JW Seagon & Company Ltd, NCBA, Thomas S.D & Emma Grace Morton, Hunter Gray & Hack Safaris Ltd, Catherine Coulson.

Car 20;

Nicola Mueni Muthama, Ngina Muthama, Megan White, Koome McCourt, Kendi M'mbijene, Alex Osita.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,218,529.84

Nelson Chemos, Peter Muiruri, Caroline Karugu, Wambui Kristine, Alexander Dietze, Martuna Bolognesi, Jomo Gecaga Mareka, George Kariuki, Kathleen Kihanya, Salina Prat, Isaiah Toroitich Chesire, Joseph Kihanya, Zara Muthama, Fadil Abdirahman Haji, Thomas Kulei, Maia Elizabeth Blume, Martha Wanjiru Muigai, Martha Wariithi, Margaret Wanjiru Gakuo, Barney Joseph Barrow, Waruru Wachira, Lucy Njoki Kihanya, Constance Gakonyo, Koome McCourt, Justo Casal, Sheila Alakhaya Kaaya, Kennedy Kulei, Kandi Mimbijewe, Erica Wanjiru Kanja, Nyokabi Muthama, Ndirangu Ruhiu, Mburu Hillary Karanja, Alexander Dietz, Ngina Kenyatta, Nicola Mueni, Vivian Ngugi, Selina Pratt, Ndindi Muigai.



2023 Rhino Charge 5 PM pre-charge drivers' briefing.

Car 21;

Michael Kontos, Jonathan Somen, Jeremy Ashworth, M Somen, Derek Steel, D Szlapak.

Total Funds Raised: KES 2,214,074.00

Davis & Shirtliff Ltd, Mitchell Cotts Freight Kenya, Arichem Ltd, Kensalt Ltd, Analabs Ltd, Mart Networks, Sultec IT Solutions Ltd, Daniel & Catherine Szlapak, Daniel & Simon Associates, Michael Kontos, Grant Thornton CSR, Adili Corporate, Animet Ltd, Nevira Mineral Ltd, NCBA, Open Cube Enterprises Ltd, Refhub Ltd, Optace Networks Ltd, All Cargo Global Logistics, Redachem East Africa Ltd, Virtual Human Resources Services, Polyflex Ltd, Fibrecom Solutions Ltd, Modernways Ltd, Flexo World Ltd, Farmiar Generating Systems Ltd, Diamond Trust Bank, Insight Consultancy Services Ltd.



Car 22 – Smiling Shenzis – at the 2023 event.

Car 22;

Gray Cullen, Guy Western, Peter Tyrrell, Crista Cullen, Max Armbrust, Tony Binks.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,088,714.48

House in the Wild Ltd, Chui Auto Springs Industries, Saf Auto Spares Ltd, Toolcrafts Ltd, Allied Filtration Ltd, Bhekams Traders Ltd, Treadsetters Tyres Ltd, Auto Vested Ltd, Maxy Ltd, A Softech Ltd, Tony Binks, Farmer Max Products, Flex Air Charters Ltd, Top Suit Apparel Ltd, Simba Corporation Ltd, Nixomb Ltd, Consolidated Appliances Ltd, Arrow Cars, Saf Auto Spares Ltd, Capital Creative, Silverstone Tyres Kenya Ltd, Unifilters Kenya Ltd, Consolidated App Ltd, Gray Cullen.

Car 23;

Peter Kinyua, Robert Kariuki, Marshal Luusa, Jimmy Shiganga, Kandari Parasulaw, Loyaban Lemarji.

Total Funds Raised: KES 10,373,085.00

Servicoff Ltd, NCBA, Equity Bank, Amdocs, Muhozo Kenyatta, Computech Ltd, Swiss Philanthropy, NCBA, Joseph Mwangi.

Car 24;

Jaspal Matharu, Jatinder Thetty, Keith Henrie, Zane Young, Amandeep Virdi, Shishir Vora.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,003,464.66

Jatinder Thetty, Zane Young, Shishir Shah, Amandeep Singh Virdi, Keith Henrie, Deven Jadeja, Prateek Shah, Monil Patel, Rajan Bhurji, Viru Jadeja, Jaspal Matharu.

Car 25;

Alasdair Keith, Bruce Roberts, Dylan Ker, Samuel Hodson, Sam Jethwa, Dan Davies.

Total Funds Raised: KES 2,527,514.20

Tilisi Development, Siginon Group Ltd, Dion Wines & Spirits, Mars Mechanical Engineers, Neat Logistics Ltd, TWB Cellar Ltd, Syngenta EA Ltd, Bayer EA Ltd, EABL, Greenlife Crop Protection, Njotland Marketing & Export.

Car 26;

Asit Patel, Uday Patel, Teeku Patel, Bijal Patel, Dr Sanjay Gautama, Rohan Gautama.

Total Funds Raised: KES 796,816.88

MAPCCCO Africa Ltd, Nine Stars Ltd, Sanjay, Godfrey Karaba, Deborah Swai, Rishi Ramrakha, Kanji Patel,

Anthony Koome Mutungi, Dominique Catherine Frencken, Bijal Patel, Pankaj Patel, NCBA.

Car 27;

Richard Hooper, Robert Olivier, Robert Oliver, Shaun Ferris.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,237,430.40

Biggive, William Gray.

Car 28;

Torben Rune, Alex Gibbs, Xavier Verpeyen, Luc Deville, Peter Kaufmann, Verner Mortensen.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,176,531.14

Gras Savoye Kenya Ins. Brokers, David Farrar, Abdulaziz Ahmed, Mohammed Butt, Nariana Ent. Ltd, Brother Unitwear, Nuesakumar Shah, Atul Sayji Parmar, Msanaka Inv. Ltd, Verdi Pharmacy, Deljinder Mudher, Narvinder Singh, Chartur Matali, Arvird Velji, Techno Plast Ltd, Sean Garsten Motors, Banbros, Safinar Foundation. NCBA, Nitro Chemicals Ltd, Anthony S & Jeremy K Cricket.



An emergency response medical officer.

Car 29;

Tilana De Melion.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,414,377.48

Jaspal Singh Matharu, World Bank, Ulisha Singh, Texas Alaruis Ltd, Amiran Kenya.

Car 30;

Edward Johnstone, Tom Taylor, Tim Walsh, Mike Davis, Ian Cox, Jason Reynard.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,037,890.32

Grocop LLP, Bollore Transport & logistics (K) Ltd.

Car 32;

Nikhil Vishram, Bharat Pitrola, Kaushil Halai, Ashish Vishram, Aman Vishram, Paul Walucho.

Total Funds Raised: KES 750,000.00

Victoria Commercial Bank, Evolution & Style Ltd, Massai (K) Ltd, GA Insurance, PJ Dave Flow, Pelican Auto Trading.

Car 33;

Jeremy Holley, George Dodds, Matthew Evans, Mikey Hughes, Russell Hughes, Ryan Outram.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,790,000.00

Jason Boorman, Interplant Roses EA Ltd, Rhino Safaris Ltd, Bayer East Africa Ltd, Direct Marketing Ltd, STIHL East Africa Ltd, KENROID Ltd, Anthony S & Jeremy K Cricket.

Car 34;

Rajesh Maini, Anuj Kent, Felix Ndege, Nish Lakhani, Yaniv Gelnik.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,004,257.00

Lyndon D'Souza, Perfectpics Ent., Cr 34, BIMEDA Ltd, Vignjevic Miroslav, Bojic Dragana, Alykhan Keshajee, Punit Vadgama, Imran Rattansi, Pratik Mandaliya, Jagdeep Channa, Rumi Shah, ALP Management (K) Ltd, Big Give Team.

Car 35;

Mark Tilbury, Herman Ruijsenaard, Peter Roberts, Dan Vaulez, Eric Kanyiri, Ian Elms, Richard Turner.

Total Funds Raised: KES 5,870,608.28

Thanawalla Insurance Brokers, Kalee Investments Ltd, Dixon John, Sallie & Mark Tilbury, Beatrice Munilia, Diana Strydom, Justus Sejero, Millicent, Bowman, Caroline.

Car 36;

Adrian Wilcox.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,331,116.88

Stanbic Bank, Jason Manyara Nyakundi, Lauser Technologies Ltd, Dimension Data Solutions EA Ltd, Sebastian M Sinclair McKinlay, Jagdishkumar Patel Bhanubhai, Sharon Gordon, Brent Networks Ltd, Troulan Charles, Aberdair Aviation.

Car 37;

John Kanyali, Willy Miringu, Peter Kanyali, Joe Kimani, Jamal Mambo Kimani, Anton Kinaiyia.

Total Funds Raised: KES 760,500.00

Rock Plant (K) Ltd, Paras Rameshchandra Pandya, Ashvi Building Ltd.



John Kanyali's team at the gauntlet

Car 38;

Sean Avery, Patrick Avery, Kieran Avery, Dale Scott, Alan de Boer, James Boyd-Moss.

Total Funds Raised: KES 2,360,884.50

Write on Communications, Timaflor Ltd, Gras Savoye, Pathcare Ltd, ASP Company Ltd, Matthew & Alice Owen, Jan Verwiel, Lolomarik, REA Vipingo Plantations, Neil & Linda Cuthbert, Fifty-One Degrees, Big Give, Stephen Mills Schenck, Menengai Oil Refineries, George Zibawas.

Car 39;

Jaspal Singh Harbhajan, Harminder Singh, Felix Nyambega, Manmohan Singh, Charles Owino, Satnam Singh.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,051,000.00

Tina Manku, Adamson Duncan Lindsay, Jupiter Real Ltd, Maurine Sikobe, Tejinder Rihal, Farmparts Ltd, Hyrax Gen Supplies, Mayfair Ins. Co Ltd, Jaswaran Singh Sehmi, Anthony Thumbi, Sitima Ent. Ltd, Prime Bank, Forest Rd Develop Ltd, Emplan Ltd, Nishil Gudka & Friends, Mehta Electricals Ltd, Woodways Kenya Ltd, Victoria Commercial Bank, Crown Solutions Ltd, Winnie Wangari Mwangi, Tejinder Rihal.

Car 40;

Peter Francombe, Shaun Miller, Ross Field, Pete Thompson, Edward Ansett-Cunningham, Oliver Francombe, Sheena Lyall.

Total Funds Raised: KES 2,000,632.00

Pete Thompson, BASF EA Ltd, Bayer East Africa Ltd, Oliver- Kisima, Shaun Miller- DWA, Bryn Llewelyn- Ol Donyo, Fahari Aviation, Syngenta EA Ltd, Asilia (K) Ltd, Rainbow Claire, Phoebe Kalunda, Moses Kaagu, Overseas Export, Specialised Fibre, Nipsur Hardware, Thiber Corner, Shashi Ins Brokers Ltd, Benjamin Langat, Ross Field, Shaun Miller, Kisima Farms Ltd, Nelly Kabathia, Gillian Marie, Farm Engineering Ltd.

Car 41;

Amit Sharma, Anthony Nduati, Timothy Manyuria, Nishit Mediratta, Waikwa Wambugu.

Total Funds Raised: KES 755,000.00

Know Advocates LLP, Maneesh Sama, Parmalon Investments Ltd, Mumbi Coffee, Harveet Sethi, Anthony Gikonyo, Tim, Tandem Stark Ltd, NCBA, Timothy Manyuria.



Rhino Ark UK trustee Kit Kaberry, his wife (right) and a Gumtree member spectating.



Rhino Charge volunteers.

Car 42;

William Carr-Hartley, Anthony Havelock, Gary Hopcraft, Neil McRae, Damian Fison, Mikey Carr-Hartley.

Total Funds Raised: KES 2,481,517.71

Gary Hopcraft, Knight Frank Kenya, Pallazo Ltd, Lifecare International Insurance Ltd, Patrick Low, Hass Real Estate, Damion Fison, Riverside Towers Ltd, Adamson Duncan Lindsay, Vitaplant, Zurbier Josef, James Douglas, Ian Douglas, Jessie Emma De Boer, Andria Maria Urig, Nathane Danjon, Van Woustraat Ltd, Marania Ltd, Kisima Farms Ltd, James Murray, Prime Bank, Philip Coulson, Grid Construction, J & S Vetch.

Car 44;

Adil Khawaja, Marco Brighetti, Michele Brighetti, Massimiliano Brighetti, Abid Khawaja, Flomal Sheikh, Elvis Charo.

Total Funds Raised: KES 60,366,403.00

Kibos Distillers, Fortune Apartments Ltd, Daiga Group Holdings Ltd, Oxygene Marketing Communication Ltd, Marco Brighetti & Donna Lynn, Elegant Fittings Ltd, Triad, Safaricom PLC, Nancy Waithera Gitau, Pravin Maru, Westminster Consulting Ltd, Executive Healthcare, Diamond Trust Bank Kenya, China Nat Aero Tech, Avic International Real Estate, Star Discover Insurance Ltd, Medical Administrators (K) Ltd, Shreeji Power System Ltd, Canaan Altura LLP, Kibos Sugar & Allied, Kibos Distillers Ltd, MMA Advocates LLP, Kingsway Tyres Ltd, Gulf Energy Ltd, Poolshop EA Ltd, Nanak, Kiran, Raunder, RSA Logistics Ltd, Pioneer Assurance Co. Ltd, Nadeem Ahmed, Sai Office Supplies Ltd, Deftech Ltd, Nazir Manji, Zahir Manji, Universal Engineering Systems, Bliss Healthcare, Morgan Forex Bureaude, Baker Tilly, Motonguvu East Africa Ltd, Nareshkumar S Mehta, Insta Products (EPZ) Ltd, Galana Oil (K) Ltd, Moez Ismail Jamal & Amina, Sai Ram Investments Co. Ltd, William Pike, Mayfair Insurance Co. Ltd, Thames Electrical Ltd, Africa Equipment Trading (Pty) Ltd, Reza Hashmani, China National Aero-Technology Int Eng Cop, Diamond Trust Bank, Sigeet Koech, SBM Bank Ltd, Westminster Consulting Ltd, Telkom Kenya, China Wuyi, Pioneer Gen Insurance, Westlands Forex Bureau Exchange Ltd,

J.S & Co Hardware Ltd, Kenroid Ltd, Arora Properties Ltd, NCBA, Ahmed Rahim Mohamud Mohammed, Resort Kenya Ltd, Bolomil Industries Ltd, Atulesh J. Patel, Laboratory & Allied Ltd, Khawaja S.A, Synergy Industrial Credit Ltd, National Bank of Kenya, Shop & Deliver Ltd, RSA Kenya Ltd, Executive Healthcare, Intex Construction Ltd, Mohamed Amer Mughal, Master Power Systems Ltd, Masai Mara (SOPA) Lodge Ltd, Plumbing Systems Ltd Kisumu, Babu D. & Nishma B. Mehta, Apex Business Parks Ltd, Apex Steel Ltd-Nairobi Division, LEXCO One Ltd, Shaheen Omar, Basil Criticos, Pankay Ganjoo, Solitaire Construction Ltd, Pan Africa Transformers & Switch, Gears Ltd, Bobby Thomas, Co-operative Bank of Kenya, KCB, Gas Africa Ltd, Solitaire Construction Ltd, Tuffsteel Ltd, African Banking Corporation, ABC Insurance Brokers Ltd, Hass Consult Real Estate Ltd, Bharat Kumar KJ Thakrar, Salute IWorld Ltd, Lorna Mainnah, Elgon Kenya Ltd, Bean Plant Ltd, AMS Properties, Hypermart Ltd, The Kenya Power & Lighting Company PLC, Frigoken Ltd, Shamira Dostmohamed, RSM Eastern Africa LLP, Atua Enkop Africa Ltd, Tipilikwani Mara Camp, First Chartered Securities, Ustawi Grain Millers Ltd, Farm Auto Spares Ltd, Sunworld Safaris Ltd, Majid Al Futtaim Hypermarkets Ltd, Resort Kenya Ltd, Strategic Consultants Ltd, Ahmednasir Abdullahi Advocates, Andrew Mugambi, Ahmed Rahim Mohamud, Thames Electricals Ltd.

Car 47;

Teresa Sapieha, Maryjka Beckmann, Marion De Velasco.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,854,262.50

NCBA, Nuria Mtz de Velasco, Maryjka Beckmann, Ania Henley.

Car 48;

Mark Glen, Piers Daykin, Steve Outram, Johnny Harris, Gerard Beaton, Josh Outram

Total Funds Raised: KES 3,164,091.00

Mr & Mrs John Loveland, A. Scorpio-tech Services, Byte IT Solutions, Northscape LLP, ESSO Motor Sales & Services, Woodmakers Kenya Ltd, Tile & Carpet Ltd, Shree Hari Narok Ltd, McCloy Fabricators, Stephen J Outram, Nini Ltd, Rift Valley Roses K Ltd, Ol Njorowa



A search and rescue helicopter on standby at the Rhino Charge headquarters.

Ltd, Ndume Ltd, Bloodmine Oasis, Timaflor Ltd, Sawarn Singh, Nelly Kwamboka, Glen Kerry Linda, Agtech Kenya Ltd, Asilia Kenya Ltd, The Real IPM Co. (K) Ltd, Ketan Zakharia, HM Clause (K) Ltd, Paresh Shah, Satchit Patel, Amiran Kenya Ltd, Sanyati Ltd, Khetshi Dharamshi & Co., JS & Co Hardware Ltd, Margaret Glen, Sirkoi Ltd, Kakuzi PLC, Asilia Kenya, Mudlark Auto Spares.

Car 51;

Dominic Rebelo, Jesse Wambugu, Luisa Cetina, Marek Fuchs, Qahir Neky, Yaniv Yehoshua Notea.

Total Funds Raised: KES 2,313,549.51

Shah, Paul Festus, Ian Wahome, Zillah Moka, Salimah Navrozali Chatur Popat, Adili Trustees Ltd, Shital Dipan Shah, Abbas Alihussein Esmail/Khan, Anjarwalla & Khanna Office, Aisha Abdallah & Mohamed Jeilan, Michelle Alexandra, Nikhil Patel, Michelle Alexandra, Nikhil Patel, Cynthia Mburu, Ophelia Njeru, Shreya Hemant Karia, Juho Cezar De Souza, Kenneth Murage, Victor Onyango, Eunice Gaituri, Eva Mary Mwangi, Hatanga Herbert, Sallinder Nyawira, Sandra Kayaki, Jaqueline Wamututu, George Kazungu, Lucy Njahra, Virginia Wambui, Grace Njeru, James Mungai, Nikhil Pandys, NCBA, Mutulis Junior, Nelson Kimathi Kinyua, Daisy Gathoni Mwangi, Elizabeth Nungari Munuya, Michelle Gitumbi, Bhari R Associates, Eugene Mbugua, Rochshore Tropical (Emmanuel), Kennedy Njoroge, Shelomith Irungu, Michelle Timanto Mukenye, Abdullahi Ali Abdirahman, Hulda Ateka, Duncan Ngari Gichohi, Stanley Mwangi Kabui, Korir Kiplagat Robert, Luisa Cetinatevera, Sanjeet Thethy, Angelica Gutierrez, Beth Wanjiru, Shrekunj, Yaniv Yehoshua, Shana Fernandez, Angela Muriuki, Shop & Deliver Ltd, Harrison Nyonje, Carmenadelaida Paez Taver.

Car 52;

Hemal Pindolia, Paren Hirani, Arun Raghwani, Raj Shah, Bhavin Solanki, Palpreet Juttlia.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,315,000.00

Chameleon Solutions, Avenue Car Hire, Avenue Liase & Rentals Ltd, Relcon Power & Systems, Prime Cartons, Kibos Paper & Packaging, DMC Business Park, Paren C/O Aquosys, GT CSR Ltd, Chester Insurance Brokers Ltd, Sentrim (K) Ltd, Synergy Gases (K) Ltd, Victoria Commercial Bank, Seyani Brothers & Co, Nyalkaran Plumbing, Project Link (K) Ltd, Steel Stone (K) Ltd.

Patel, Venkateswara, Liva Kagaure, Mandeesh, Pelican Haulage Contractors Ltd.

Car 57;

James Boorman, Jamie Manuel, Benjamin Hellerstedt, Brandon Barbour.

Total Funds Raised: KES 1,083,824.04

Lovat Carnelley.

Car 60;

Ajitesh Kapoor, Alykhan Fazal, Amaan Fazel, Rizwan Jiwani, Harshit Patel, Dash Patel.

Total Funds Raised: KES 839,874.80

Harcharapltt Singh Lochab, Muthaiga – ABC Forex Bureau Ltd, PKF Kenya LLP, Bussem Ltd, Dodhia Packaging Kenya Ltd, Complast Industries Ltd, Holiday Bazaar Ltd, Gurbakh Singh (K) Ltd, Sarirand Reena Shah, Harvinder Rihal, Diamond Trust Bank, Hans Kenya Ltd.

Car 62;

Sharon Wambua, David Mwaura, Sophia Amani, Elizabeth Mugure, Charles Wambua, Edward Muniu.

Total Funds Raised: KES 8,278,346.00

Lisa Mugure, Serah Ngene, Stanley Kinyanjui, Finberry Capital Ltd, Robert Kinyanjui, Muchoki Kangata & Company, Malibu Pharmacy Ltd, Central Farmers Garage, Soft Consult Ltd, Crystal Adhesives Ltd, All Seasons Communications Ltd, Com Twenty One Ltd, Nanji Zahid A., Kimondo Gachoka & Co. Advocates, Oil Seals & Bearings Centre Ltd, Miss Nazima Malik, Galaxy Paints & Coatings Ltd, Strami Ltd, Motivated Motors, Pan African Syndicate, Thames Electricals Ltd, GEOID Technologies Ltd, Longonot Stores, Globeflight Worldwide Express, Catch – All Enterprises, Velka Engineering (Riteshkumarshibhai Rangani), Raken Investment, FGEE Technology Ltd, Magnate Ventures Ltd, Broadways Bakery, VIVO Energy, NCBA, Edward Oloo, Martin Kinyanjui, Brian Muchene, Moses Mwangi, Sophia Nyawira.

Car 63;

Tim Carstens, Juple Von Meherk, Chadwick Poletti, Kevin Balloch, Gabriel Oser, Scott Carruthers.

Total Funds Raised: KES 8,845,492.00

Base Resources Ltd, The Wogen Anniversary Trust.

Car 64;

Peter Bonde Nielsen, Mbabu Muturi, Sidney Wachira, Alastair Bush, Matt Olivier, Ouma Cehen.

Total Funds Raised: KES 3,456,591.88

Alastar John Bush, Came Ngim, IKM Containers Ltd, Nordic Advisors Ltd, Resources Protfator Ltd, Liberty Afrika Technologies Ltd, Irakli Chubini, Gregory Nasmyth.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM RUTO ATTENDS THE RHINO CHARGE 2023



H.E. President William Ruto joins traditional dancers in a jig during the Rhino Charge.



H.E. The President presents a prize to one of the participating teams.



Rhino Ark Board Chairman, Peter Kinyua (left), receives the sponsorship cheque from H.E. The President.



Rhino Ark Executive Director, Christian Lambrechts talks to H.E. The President during the prize giving event.



H.E. The President addresses chargers, sponsors, participants and the local Samburu community.

The 2023 Rhino Charge held on June 3, 2023 at the scenic Nkoteyia Community Conservancy in Samburu County, raised an impressive KES 173 million for conservation work.

The overall winner was Mark Glen (Team 48), followed by Sean Avery - Bundu Fundi (Car 38) while in third position was Graham McKittrick (Team 5). Fifty-two out of a maximum total of 65 potential competitors took part in the weekend charge, with 14 prematurely pulling out of the competition due to a variety of reasons, including mechanical failure.

Prizes were awarded at a colourful ceremony held at the Charge venue presided over by H.E. President William Ruto, who congratulated the Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust for its conservation work and the Rhino Charge competitors and their sponsors for impressive fundraising efforts in the last 35 years.

The President reiterated the government's commitment to conserving the water towers in the country, including the Mau, and pledged to match shilling for shilling in an endowment fund arrangement proposed by Rhino Ark Chairman Peter Kinyua.

The President reaffirmed the government's commitment to climate change, environmental conservation and the carbon credit market.



Addressing the Chargers and their sponsors, President Ruto said: "Your partnership in fencing off some of our very important assets around our water towers is something that we are eternally grateful. What you have done in Mt Kenya, what you are doing in Aberdare, what you have started in Kakamega and shortly we will work together in fencing off the Mau as well."



RHINO ARK KENYA CHARITABLE TRUST STATEMENT OF INCOME
AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 KES	2022 KES
INCOME	7	<u>220,427,811</u>	<u>157,769,574</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Aberdare expenses	8	38,522,966	22,856,232
Mau Eburu expenses	9	13,541,037	15,708,289
Mt Kenya expenses	10	37,752,859	30,653,073
South West Mau expenses	11	24,866,794	10,427,742
Fund-raising expenses	12	40,174,061	29,863,823
Kakamega forest	13	10,410,058	5,681,564
Administrative and general expenses	14	44,715,073	46,373,254
		<u>209,982,848</u>	<u>161,563,977</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>10,444,963</u>	<u>(3,794,403)</u>

*Twenty percent of each year's Rhino Charge donation is allocated specifically for maintenance of existing fences.

RHINO ARK KENYA CHARITABLE TRUST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 KES	2022 KES
ASSETS			
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property and equipment	2	<u>7,834,369</u>	<u>9,261,789</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments	3	2,527,617	2,335,746
Trade and other receivables	4	3,379,940	7,157,170
Cash and cash equivalents	15	<u>23,991,663</u>	<u>15,378,535</u>
		<u>29,899,220</u>	<u>24,871,451</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>37,733,589</u>	<u>34,133,240</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	5	<u>4,059,669</u>	<u>10,904,283</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>33,673,920</u>	<u>23,228,957</u>
FINANCED BY:			
General fund		<u>33,673,920</u>	<u>23,228,957</u>

RHINO ARK KENYA CHARITABLE TRUST NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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 Directors. The financial statements are presented in Kenya Shillings (KES), which is the Trust's functional and presentation currency.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost basis of accounting except where otherwise stated in the accounting policies below.

(b) Income recognition

Donations and Rhino Charge collections are recognised on receipt.

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 depreciation 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 reporting date, which are expressed in foreign currencies, are translated at the rates ruling at that date. The resulting differences from conversion and translation are dealt with in the income and expenditure account.

(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 investments in the money market, trade and other receivables, bank balances and cash and trade and other payables.

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

(f) Receivables

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

(g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

(h) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires that 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 process is related to the determination of provision for doubtful debts. Although some variability is inherent in these estimates, management believes that the amounts provided are adequate.

(i) Investments

Investments are held in the money market fund with Old Mutual and Britam asset managers. Interest is earned on a monthly basis from these placements and rolled over as principal.

(j) Payables

Payables are stated at nominal value.

2. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

		Furniture, Motor fittings and	Vehicles	Equipment	Computers	Total
		KES	KES	KES	KES	KES
2023	COST					
At 1 April 2022		52,638,393	38,140,690	5,146,904	95,925,987	
Additions		515,100	2,731,285	647,860	3,894,245	
At 31 March 2023		53,153,493	40,871,975	5,794,764	99,820,232	
ACCUMULATED						
DEPRECIATION						
At 1 April 2022		49,041,361	32,475,933	5,146,904	86,664,198	
Charge for the year		3,522,147	1,583,586	215,932	5,321,665	
At 31 March 2023		52,563,508	34,059,519	5,362,836	91,985,863	
NET CARRYING AMOUNT						
At 31 March 2023		589,985	6,812,456	431,928	7,834,369	
2022	COST					
At 1 April 2021		52,231,074	35,929,050	5,146,904	93,307,028	
Additions		407,319	2,211,640	-	2,618,959	
At 31 March 2022		52,638,393	38,140,690	5,146,904	95,925,987	
ACCUMULATED						
DEPRECIATION						
At 1 April 2021		44,977,320	30,883,912	4,968,861	80,830,093	
Charge for the year		4,064,041	1,592,021	178,043	5,834,105	
At 31 March 2022		49,041,361	32,475,933	5,146,904	86,664,198	
NET CARRYING						
AMOUNT						
At 31 March 2022		3,597,032	5,664,757	-	9,261,789	
3. INVESTMENTS						
		2023	2022			
		KES	KES			
Old Mutual Money Market Fund		189,736	173,911			
British American Money Market Fund		2,337,881	2,161,835			
Movement		2,527,617	2,335,746			
At 1 April 2022		2,335,746	2,159,612			
Add: Interest earned and capitalised		191,871	176,134			
At 31 March 2023		2,527,617	2,335,746			

The investments are held at Britam and Old Mutual. The average rate of interest on the investments was 8%. (2022- 8%)

4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables	3,135,697	5,317,172
Other receivables	244,243	6,069,334
Rhino Ark USA	-	456,012
	3,379,940	11,842,518
Less: Provision for bad debts	-	(4,685,348)
	3,379,940	7,157,170

EXCERPTS FROM RHINO ARK CHARITABLE TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Accruals	1,215,591	5,546,978
Payroll liabilities	1,266,739	1,785,702
Rare Species Conservatory Foundation *	1,451,173	-
Sundry creditors	-	3,571,603
Other liabilities	126,166	-
	<u>4,059,669</u>	<u>10,904,283</u>
*Movement		
Funds received from RSCF	2,712,983	
Funds disbursed to Mike PretteJohn	1,261,810	
Funds payable to RSCF	1,451,173	

6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

	2023 KES	2022 KES
Key management compensation:		
Salaries	23,370,627	21,492,516
Pension	240,000	240,000
	<u>23,610,627</u>	<u>21,732,516</u>

7. INCOME

Rhino Charge collections (note 7 (a))	167,661,796	121,398,498
Other income (note 7 (b))	10,508,469	13,752,121
Other donations (note 7 (c))	41,117,019	21,594,924
Interest income – on current accounts and short term deposit	948,656	847,897
Interest income – on investments	191,871	176,134
	<u>220,427,811</u>	<u>157,769,574</u>
(a) RHINO CHARGE COLLECTIONS		
Rhino Charge 2019	-	4,419,900
Rhino Charge 2021	1,971,223	98,699,096
Rhino Charge 2022	129,839,183	18,279,502
Rhino Charge 2023	35,851,390	-
	<u>167,661,796</u>	<u>121,398,498</u>

Donations for the Rhino Charge (RC) are booked in the financial year that they were received. As the RC is held in the month of June each year; total 2022 RC donations will therefore be booked in two financial years, that is, the total 2022 RC donations are reflected in 2022 and 2023 financial years.

(b) OTHER INCOME

	2023 KES	2022 KES
Bongo surveillance project	-	5,194,868
Operations base – Aberdare	4,140,708	3,283,055
Miscellaneous income	6,367,761	5,274,198
	<u>10,508,469</u>	<u>13,752,121</u>

(c) OTHER DONATIONS

	2023 KES	2022 KES
M-Pesa Foundation	3,625,000	2,985,500
Platinum Credit	11,202,056	-
International Union for Conservation – BIOPAMA	1,515,220	-
Calgary Zoo	3,868,479	3,896,925
Wildlife Conservation Society	809,836	2,626,334
Total Kenya	783,348	627,090
Eburu Rafiki	357,000	535,325
IDH, The Sustainable Trade Initiative	1,922,068	1,072,373
Elephant Cooperation	-	5,678,107
Tusk Trust	-	3,303,270
Guard Post Sponsorship	3,100,000	870,000
Darwin Initiative	13,934,012	-
	<u>41,117,019</u>	<u>21,594,924</u>

8. ABERDARES EXPENSES

	2023 KES	2022 KES
Staff costs	8,681,662	7,581,339
Other costs	5,083,736	3,138,383
Fuel	1,559,912	886,038
Motor vehicles costs	971,836	773,939
Tools & materials	1,115,817	598,264
Depreciation	1,338,941	1,338,941
Community support	15,717,264	2,780,540
Bongo surveillance project	34,469,168	17,097,444
	<u>40,53,798</u>	<u>5,758,788</u>
	<u>38,522,966</u>	<u>22,856,232</u>

9. MAU EBURU EXPENSES

Staff costs	5,996,645	5,452,346
Allowances	116,230	107,275
Community conservation	13,676	2,763,389
Tree nurseries project	380,699	1,137,262
Eburu Rafiki	613,923	1,389,675
Fence costs	2,817,605	2,888,046
Other costs	2,848,357	1,438,210
Depreciation	84,600	41,675
Motor vehicle costs	669,302	490,411
	<u>13,541,037</u>	<u>15,708,289</u>

10. MT. KENYA EXPENSES

	2023 KES	2022 KES
Staff costs	9,186,312	8,006,269
Allowances	15,872,476	9,226,120
Fence costs	5,307,445	3,434,098
Aerial support	1,707,360	-
Depreciation	60,155	60,155
Motor vehicle costs	621,176	1,102,577
Other costs	4,997,935	8,823,854
	<u>37,752,859</u>	<u>30,653,073</u>

11. SOUTH WEST MAU EXPENSES

Allowances	234,049	169,333
Depreciation	42,925	670,669
Staff costs	6,481,506	5,515,599
Fence and other costs	18,108,314	4,072,141
	<u>24,866,794</u>	<u>10,427,742</u>

13. KAKAMEGA FOREST

Staff Costs	4,898,991	4,131,456
Vehicle running	319,479	246,257
Fence construction	353,684	-
Environmental and Social Impact Assessment	3,534,053	-
Depreciation	1,303,851	1,303,851
	<u>10,410,058</u>	<u>5,681,564</u>

14. ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES

Depreciation on property and equipment	2,448,268	2,418,814
Bank charges	764,320	570,230
Office management and administration	40,840,591	34,105,060
Auditor's remuneration	1,431,280	1,189,489
Public relations and press	2,211,771	3,606,041
Bad debt expense	(4,229,335)	3,619,335
Vehicle running expenses	1,248,178	864,285
	<u>44,715,073</u>	<u>46,373,254</u>

15. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents included in the statement of cash flows comprise of the following statement of financial position amounts:

	2023 KES	2022 KES
Cash and bank balances	22,852,969	9,103,744
Fixed deposits	1,138,694	6,274,791
	<u>23,991,663</u>	<u>15,378,535</u>

16. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

No contingent liabilities have arisen from the activities of the Trust.

17. LEGAL FORM

Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust was established in 1991 under an irrevocable trust in accordance with the Laws of Kenya.

18. TAXATION

The Trust has been granted exemption from taxation under the First Schedule to the Kenyan Income Tax Act (Cap 470) under Certificate number KRAEXM0096130722 valid from 15 February 2022 for 5 years.

19. CURRENCY

The financial statements have been presented in Kenya Shillings (KES).

Audit by **Deloitte**.

THE RHINO ARK CHARITABLE TRUST 17



Peter Kinyua: Rhino Ark Board Chairman.

Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust was initially formed to assist the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) in building an electric fence along sections of the Aberdare National Park on its Eastern Salient area which has the highest concentration of Black rhino and borders directly onto farmland. The scope of the initial project then evolved into a much more ambitious programme.

Today, Rhino Ark is a leading Kenyan conservation organization that develops and implements practical solutions to the challenges affecting Kenya's mountain forests, also known as water towers, and their diverse wildlife, with a focus on threatened species. These solutions are high-impact forest, water catchments and endangered wildlife conservation initiatives that tangibly support adjacent local communities.

Overall funds 2022/23

The total funds raised during the financial year under review were KES 372.13 million. This included in-cash donations amounting to KES 220.43 million (2022: KES 157.77 million) from Rhino Charge, Corporates and individuals. In-kind donations amounting to KES 151.70 million was from international organizations, Government, various corporates, individuals and volunteers.

KWS covered the costs of the personnel maintaining the 400 kilometres Aberdare Fence and the 270 kilometres Mt. Kenya Fence already built whilst Kenya Forest Service (KFS) covered such costs for the 43.3 kilometres Eburu Fence. These contributions amounted to KES 26.62 million.

Corporate/conservation bodies support

We received several contributions from the following corporate and consensual grant supporters:

- M-Pesa Foundation for donating KES 3,625,000 for the maintenance of the Eburu Electric Fence;
- Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo for donating KES 3,868,479 in support of forest conservation and community livelihoods towards the recovery of the Mountain Bongo antelope;
- Wildlife Conservation Society for donating USD 7,000 (KES 809,836) for the construction of an underpass in Imenti forest;
- European Union through the International Union for Conservation of Nature for

donating Euro 12,410 (KES 1,515,219) towards the maintenance of the Aberdare Fence;

- Platinum Credit for donating KES 11,202,056 in support towards reforestation in Southern West Mau Forest Reserve;
- Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH) for donating Euro 14,185 (KES 1,922,068 million) for the activities at South Western Mau Forest Reserve;
- Total Energies for donating KES 783,348 in fuel credit in support of the Rhino Charge 2022 event;
- Darwin Initiative for donating GBP 99,833 (KES 13,934,012) for support towards the conservation of the Aberdare and South Western Mau forests; and,
- Eburu Rafiki for donating KES 357,000 in support of education outreach around Eburu Forest. This includes funds from Musiara Ltd, Governors Camp and several other donors.
- Various donors contributed for the guard post sponsorship at the rhino charge amounting to KES 3,100,000.

Mau Eburu Ecosystem

Fencing

Rhino Ark maintained the 43.3-kilometre long-Eburu Electric Fence, providing materials for maintenance and equipping (uniforms, tools, technical support) the 12-man fence maintenance team engaged by Kenya Forest Service. We further provided technical support for the fenced wildlife corridor that runs through Loldia Farm and links Eburu Forest to Lake Naivasha. To take stock of the impact of the fence and other interventions, Rhino Ark organized a 3-day strategic workshop on the Eburu Forest in October 2022. The workshop, organized jointly with Kenya Forest Service was attended by 40 participants from key stakeholder organizations. The workshop report provides an important formal baseline for the project.

Forest and wildlife habitat security

Our 6-man community scouts' team, working in collaboration with Kenya Forest Service carried out forest patrols that had the following outputs: 98 snares recovered; Sites for illegal activities detected charcoal (23), wood products harvesting (74), illegal grazing (11), grass harvesting (17); 6 arrests of suspects conducting illegal activities. Under the Rhino Ark / Calgary Zoo Mountain Forest Conservation Partnership, the long-term wildlife monitoring programme continues to document wildlife in the forest using 16 strategically placed trap cameras. This programme is providing comprehensive baseline data about wildlife species that will support future wildlife conservation interventions, including for the Mountain bongo antelope.

Rhino Ark continued to play a central role in coordinating and providing logistical support for firefighting work during the fire season, thus

helping to protect the forest. To build capacity for firefighting, a 5-day professional forest fire fighting training programme for a 22-member Eburu Community Fire Brigade was organized. The trainees received both theoretical and practical knowledge on how to fight forest fires. The training was funded by the Tusk Trust.

Community livelihoods

Rhino Ark facilitated a total of 9 on-farm training sessions for farmers from the local community. Practical, zone-specific lessons learnt by members included subjects ranging from farming best practices, soil and water conservation, installation and use of biogas. Seventy-two farmers have now fully adopted biogas within the ecosystem. A total of 194 farmers were direct beneficiaries of diverse training sessions provided by experts from the Ministry of Agriculture. Coupled with this was ongoing support for the community beekeeping project under the Rhino Ark / Calgary Zoo Mountain Forest Conservation Partnership: 36 community members received training in basic beekeeping at the National Beekeeping Institute. Twenty-eight members also participated in a study visit to a beekeeping project in Baringo County. Registration of the beekeeping cooperative was completed and the central processing plant was established at Eburu Forest Station with equipment valued at over KES 400,000 procured. The beekeeping cooperative now has 73 members.

South Western Mau Ecosystem

Forest rehabilitation

A total of 60 hectares of degraded indigenous forest were rehabilitated by Rhino Ark during the reporting period, with 77,000 seedlings planted. The work comprised 30 hectares at Tirigoi D, supported by Platinum Credit, and 30 hectares at Korabariet supported by the Darwin Initiative. The sites are secured using micro fencing, and each is guarded and maintained by community attendants. The two new sites join existing Rhino Ark maintained sites at Kipkoris (40ha), and Kapkembu (10ha).

Forest and wildlife habitat security

A new forest security outpost has been established at Korabariet with funding support from the Darwin Initiative.

This new outpost will provide a base for forest rangers and community scouts to carry out forest protection work in the northern sector of the Ndoinet forest block. The outpost also enhances security for the newly rehabilitated adjacent 30ha site. Nineteen collaborative forest patrols with Rhino Ark staff, community scouts and forest rangers recovered 22 snares, 14 timber posts and destroyed 24 illegal charcoal kilns within the reporting period.

Rhino Ark has procured equipment for 15 rangers (Kenya Forest Service and Kenya Wildlife Service) with forest hiking gear and camping equipment for extended forest patrols. The gear and equipment is enabling the rangers to carry out extended, multi-day security patrols deep

inside the forest. The patrols aim to address illegal human activities detected through the aerial surveillance programme spearheaded by Rhino Ark. The items will greatly assist in wildlife and forest protection work by the security teams.

Community livelihoods

With funding from the Darwin Initiative, we have initiated a new phase of the beekeeping project within the landscape. Community mobilization has been carried out and a baseline survey with 104 beekeepers commenced (completed in April 2023). Our outreach team is continuing to engage with the community through local churches, youth groups and other forums to sensitize the community about conservation. This drive is complemented by Rhino Ark's formal conservation education programme running in 46 schools within the landscape. Close monitoring of this programme is carried out by Rhino Ark's team in collaboration with officials of the Ministry of Education.

Mount Kenya Ecosystem

The Mount Kenya Electric Fence has been making good progress. Of the 60-kilometre-long phase of the fence in Nyeri County that was launched in November 2021, 45 kilometres have been built. This phase stretches from River Sagana to River Tigithi, along the forest reserve/community boundary. It is implemented through a public/private partnership between the Upper Tana Catchment Natural Resources Management Project, Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya Forest Service, Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust and Mount Kenya Trust. Support is also received from the Kenya Pipeline Company who provided KES 20 million through Car 23 and the Fresno Chaffee Zoo (USA). The activity is a continuation of the Mt. Kenya Electric Fence programme through which 275 kilometres of comprehensive fence have already been built.

The Imenti Forest, in the northeast of Mount Kenya, has been one of the most challenging forest areas fenced by Rhino Ark to date. This is due to elephant movement and fence breakage. Together with KWS and the Upper Tana Catchment Natural Resources Management Project, two additional elephant grids have been built, bringing the number of grids in the Imenti forest to four. These add to the 53 kilometres of double fences and the two one-way automatic elephant gates already built in the same area. Rhino Ark has also completed the technical design of an elephant underpass to be constructed on the Nanyuki-Meru Highway where it crosses the Imenti Forest. This forest has likely one of the highest concentrations of applied technology to enable elephant movement and human development side-by-side.

Through the Rhino Ark – Wilder Institute / Calgary Zoo Mountain Conservation Partnership and in collaboration with other partners, Rhino Ark has made great progress towards the re-introduction of Mountain Bongo antelope in Ragati and Chehe forests in the south-western

part of Mt. Kenya. A Mountain Bongo Expert Advisory Committee comprising of international and national advisors has been assembled to provide technical advice on veterinary, re-introduction, and ungulate translocation issues. The Committee held its inaugural meeting in October 2022. A feasibility study was prepared and finalized, as well as an environmental impact assessment study. Two prior informed consent processes were conducted in Ragati and Chehe forest stations. The management plan for the re-introduction is also nearly completed. To ascertain the remnant population of the Mountain bongo in these forests, as well as the population of other wildlife, camera traps has been set up in these forests.

Aberdares Ecosystem

Maintaining the 400-kilometres-long electric fence remained a priority area for Rhino Ark. This is a critical activity to deter poachers, illegal loggers, and charcoal burners as well as forest encroachment but largely to protect forest-adjacent communities from marauding wildlife. Fence maintenance received support from European Union's Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) to run our fleet of fence vehicles, procure new uniforms for the 114 fence attendants and purchase fence tools and fence materials.

This year's Aberdare Relay Run was also supported by the European Union's BIOPAMA. The Run aims to raise awareness among young people living around the Aberdare ecosystem of the importance of conserving this critical water tower, which provides most of the drinking water for Nairobi and population centres located around the Aberdare ecosystem.

Rhino Ark secured a large grant from the Darwin Initiative to boost conservation efforts in the north-western part of the Aberdare. With Darwin support, Rhino Ark procured fence material to close the 10-kilometre gap that was left at the bottom of the Wanjohi-Shamata escarpment. A survey of some of the most degraded forest areas was conducted and a tree nursery established to support replanting. Training and gears were provided to the Guides and Porters Association based in Geta to promote eco-tourism in the area.

Wildfires have been a major concern in the Aberdare. Several fires affected various parts of the moorlands from Kinangop to Shamata. In February 2023, a major fire broke out and spread across the central moorlands destroying approximately 40,000 acres of vegetation. Resources were mobilized from Rhino Ark, KWS, KFS, Mount Kenya Trust, National Youth Service and the Kenya Pipeline Company to contain the fire.

Kakamega Forest Ecosystem

Rhino Ark spearheaded the setup of a strong partnership to conserve and fence Kakamega Forest. The partnership includes Rhino Ark, KFS, KWS, National Environment Trust Fund

(NETFund) and the county governments of Kakamega and Vihiga. A partnership agreement and a fence implementation agreement were signed between the partners on 24 February 2023. This follows the undertaking of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment study for the fencing of Kakamega Forest, financed by Rhino Ark. A NEMA licence was issued after the successful submission of the study report.

Funding from UNDP to build the first 15 kilometres of fence was secured by Rhino Ark. Disbursement was made through NETFund who procured and delivered the fence material in December 2023. The Kakamega Forest Fencing and Conservation was officially launched by Hon. Soipan Tuya, Environment Cabinet Secretary on 24 February 2023.

Rhino Ark UK and Rhino Ark USA

Over the past year, we have been working towards strengthening Rhino Ark US and Rhino Ark UK. Rhino Ark US has expanded its Board with the addition of two new members: Dr. Paul Reillo and Mark Somen. With the in-kind support of Ballantines PR, we have been pitching the stories of Rhino Ark and Rhino Charge in the US market towards securing donations. In the UK, the branding and social media channels of our sister charity have been revamped. A professional fundraiser has been contracted in the US, while in the UK a fund-raising committee has been working towards securing grants. As of 31 March 2022, Rhino Ark US and Rhino Ark UK were holding USD 187,425.59 and GBP 33,908.77 respectively, from Rhino Chargers' online sponsorships as well as from grants.

Thousands to thank

There are many individuals and organizations, both local and international, who have contributed to our conservation triumphs in this past year. While it may not be possible to mention each one here, we at Rhino Ark deeply appreciate and treasure their support. We do not take it for granted, and it is the sacrifices, support and input of each one that have collectively ensured that Kenya's critical forests and water towers remain secured for another year through our fences, conservation programmes and advocacy.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the Rhino Charge Community – officials and volunteers. Their energetic efforts, skill and innovation in running this exceptional annual event continue to set new benchmarks and enable competitors to participate and raise the funds that support Rhino Ark's paradigm shifting work to be carried out.

I would also like to appreciate the staff of Rhino Ark and the Board members who continue to provide day to day operational support to keep our organization going forward.

Peter Kinyua
Chairman, Board of Directors

ENDANGERED WILDLIFE





Rhino Ark officials conduct a household survey on Bongo re-introduction in Mt Kenya.

Bringing the Mountain bongo back from the brink of extinction

Mountain bongos in zoos in Kenya and around the world are playing a crucial role in efforts to save wild populations from extinction. New members of the species are being bred in the zoos for later release in the wild.

The endangered Mountain bongo, found exclusively in Kenya, is on the brink of extinction with fewer than 80 individuals left in the wild across four ecosystems.

Poaching and habitat loss are two of the main reasons causing dwindling numbers of the antelopes and Rhino Ark is also working to address these challenges. The Mountain bongo is at home in the indigenous forests of Mt. Kenya, the Aberdares and the Mau Complex.

Rhino Ark is engaging communities around these ecosystems in a bid to save the rare antelope scientifically known as *Tragelaphus eurycerus isaaci*. Camera traps and GIS maps are being used in Mt. Kenya and Mau Eburu to study bongo demographics including population size and ranging patterns in addition to protecting their habitat.

Our ultimate goal is to recover the Mountain bongo species to their former glory, roaming Kenya's mountain forest slopes in large and healthy wild herds. To meet with success, we work closely with community stakeholders to bring about tangible forest-friendly economic benefits and establish bio enterprises to add value to local industries.

Citizen surveys with forest-adjacent households help us to better understand attitudes toward the forest environment, to conservation and to mountain bongo in particular. Building from this research, we are able to implement locally relevant programmes to meet with the greatest degree of success for people.

Complex conservation problems can only be solved with collaboration. We work with government, community, NGOs and private partners. We would like to acknowledge and thank Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya Forest Service, Wilder Institute / Calgary Zoo, Bongo Surveillance Project, Mt. Kenya Trust, Eburu Rafiki, Ragati River Management, and the Eburu, Ragati and Chehe Community Forest Associations for their dedication to collaboration.

Rhino Ark was part of a recent stakeholder meeting in Ragati forest, reflecting on two years of dedicated efforts to recover the Mountain bongo. The meeting emphasised collaboration, progress, and the collective commitment to safeguarding biodiversity.

Rhino Ark also conducted a survey on the mountain bongo targeting secondary school students near Ragati and Chehe Forest blocs, which are located in the southwest of the Mt Kenya water tower ecosystem. The survey aims to gather information about the environmental knowledge of the youth in the area. Some 200 questionnaires out of a target of 300 were completed.

Rhino Ark aims to assess the students' familiarity with the Mt Kenya forest and the critically endangered antelope species. The findings from the survey will play a vital role in shaping environmental education programmes and developing lesson plans for the Rhino Ark Wildlife Club.

By understanding the level of awareness and knowledge among the local youth, we can design targeted initiatives to enhance their understanding of the importance of conservation and the need to protect the natural resources in the region.

As a forest dependent flagship species of Kenya's remaining mountain forests, the bongo is in need of immediate protection and population recovery.



The Mountain bongo management plan.

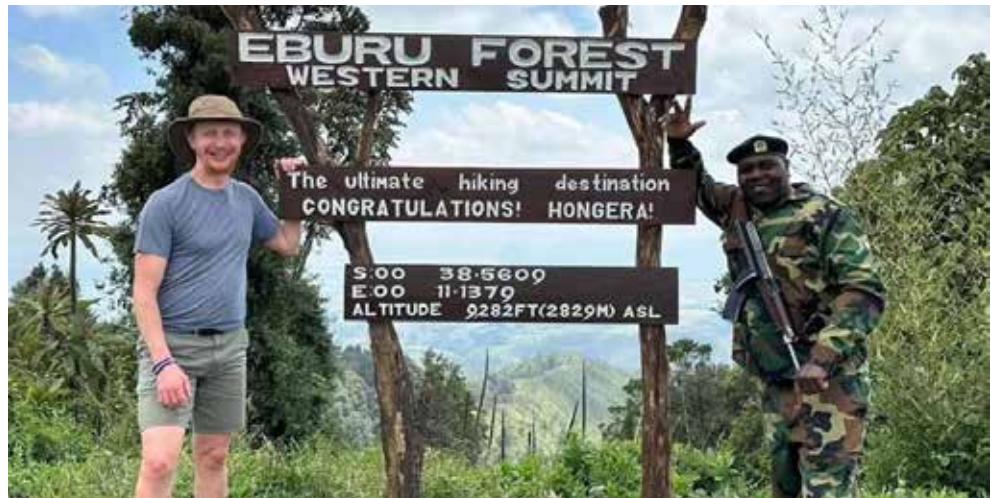
FOREST ECOSYSTEMS

MAU EBURU

Signboards make Eburu forest easy to explore

Rhino Ark and Eburu Rafiki have erected signboards in Eburu forest, making it easy to experience the beauty of nature.

The signboards mark the culmination of a collaborative endeavor to enhance our connection with nature.



Eburu Forest trail signage erected.



Jean Todt, UN Special Envoy for Road Safety, rides on a Bodaboda during the launch of Eburu forest Bodaboda conservation champions programme in Naivasha.



Jean Todt adjusts a Bodaboda helmet donated during the launch.

Boda Boda riders trained on conservation and road safety

Forty-eight Boda Boda riders around the Eburu ecosystem were trained on conservation and road safety in June 2023.

The training, at Eburu forest station, marked the launch of the joint Rhino Ark and National Transport Safety Authority (NTSA) community conservation champions programme.

The riders completed Module 1, a two-day training course covering topics on conservation, taught by Rhino Ark and road safety, taught by NTSA.

The chief guest for the launch event was Jean Todt, United Nations Special Envoy for Road Safety.

The riders received UN standard motorcycle helmets, donated by Mr. Todt, and high visibility reflective riding vests, provided by Rhino Ark.

With the knowledge provided to them, the riders will help to propagate good practices in road safety and conservation within their respective communities and amongst their boda boda operator peers. They will help to drive positive change through leading by example.

The programme has a long-term approach: it will provide progressive learning experiences for the riders through continuous engagement between them and mentors from Rhino Ark and NTSA, under a conservation champions framework established by Rhino Ark.

This collaboration offers a holistic approach that not only protects lives but also empowers local communities to actively participate in preserving their natural heritage.

SOUTH WESTERN MAU



Jesica Chepngenyo setting up a tent during a joint forest patrol in South Western Mau.



Members of the South Western Mau Joint Surveillance Unit destroy a charcoal kiln during deep forest patrol in Mau forest.

Fresh patrol team at work in South Western Mau

A newly-trained Joint Surveillance Unit had a feel of the work ahead of them by camping in the South Western Mau forest for three days. The eight members were accompanied by Kenya Forest Service (KFS) officers from Ndoinet Forest Station. The team conducted robust and successful forest patrols in Kusumek area, destroying charcoal kilns, making arrests and de-snaring.

The Darwin Initiative provided much needed funding to support this community scouts programme that is vital in safeguarding our delicate ecosystem.

The unit was trained at the Kenya Wildlife Service Law Enforcement Academy. On graduation, they are required to undertake foot patrols in some of the most isolated locations within

the South Western Mau ecosystem, featuring inconceivable gradients and poor weather.

In order to raise community knowledge and sensitisation on conservation, JSU will also serve as Conservation Champions. In an effort to bring people, wildlife and the forest into harmony, they will keep building bridges and giving local communities conservation awareness.

Outpost an antidote for forest destruction

Rhino Ark has officially handed over the newly-constructed Bosto forest outpost to the Kenya Forest Service (KFS). The outpost is situated within the Itare Forest Station of the South Western Mau Forest Reserve, a notorious hotspot for illegal activities due to the absence of rangers.

The establishment of the outpost will enable KFS to deploy a team of five rangers. The rangers will conduct regular patrols acting as a strong deterrent against illegal activities such as grazing, logging and charcoal burning, thereby significantly enhancing the security of the forest.

Joseph Kingori, the Bomet County Forest Coordinator, received the outpost during a ceremony attended by the local community, representatives from the Nyayo Tea Zones Development Corporation, and government officials, including the area chief and sub-chiefs.

The construction of the Bosto outpost was made possible by Rhino Ark, with funding support from The Darwin Initiative.

Rhino Ark's strategic approach to forest protection involves providing essential infrastructure like this outpost. The organisation has constructed four forest outposts along the South Western Mau Forest boundary, covering the counties of Kericho, Bomet, Narok and Nakuru.



Rhino Ark and Bomet County Government officials inspect the outpost.

Overflight reveals illegal activities in South Western Mau

A joint surveillance flight over the South Western Mau was conducted on November 3, 2023 to observe illegal activities in the forest. The flight was comprised of a team from Kenya Forest Service, Kenya Police, The Judiciary and Rhino Ark.

An after flight debriefing meeting in Kericho town discussed the observations and agreed on action points. The geo information science (GIS) data collected during the flight will be compiled and shared with ground operations teams for follow-up actions.

The surveillance flights programme, coordinated by Rhino Ark, plays a crucial role in the forest protection strategy by enabling the detection of activities that might otherwise go unnoticed in the vast forest.



Members of the multi-agency team that were on the surveillance flight over the South Western Mau forest.

GIS technology to boost forest restoration



Silvi App founder Djimo Serodio during his official visit to South Western Mau forest rehabilitation site.



A Rhino Ark field officer mapping out a tree nursery on Silvi App.

Rhino Ark is hoping to partner with Silvi Earth, a geo information science (GIS) technology firm to conserve forests. This emerged after a team from Silvi Earth visited South Western Mau to evaluate the level of success in Rhino Ark's forest restoration work.

Silvi Earth uses the Silvi App to track the health and wellbeing of planted trees and share their growth progress. The app registers individual trees at rehabilitation sites and groups them together to show the reforestation zone.

Rhino Ark is looking to use the technology to gain a deeper understanding of forest dynamics and protect the newly rehabilitated sites in the South Western Mau ecosystem.

The dynamics of the technology blended with art and design are projected to influence Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV), which is an important system aimed at improving rehabilitation productivity, accountability and minimising supervision time.

Technology has proven to be a game-changer in the crucial task of sustainable forest management. Satellite data and drone images, among other cutting-edge tools, have revolutionised the way we track and monitor forest rehabilitation, changes to the forest area and identify different tree species.

With every passing day, technology is becoming increasingly crucial for forest management and conservation, leaving no doubt that it is here to stay.

Indigenous trees planted at 30-hectare Tirigoi site

A total of 33,000 trees were planted during the launch of the Platinum Credit-sponsored forest rehabilitation project at Tirigoi Site D. The 30-hectare site was identified and mapped jointly by the Kenya Forest Service, Rhino Ark and the Community Forest Association (CFA).

To protect the seedlings from potential damage caused by livestock or human activity, a micro fence was constructed using six-strand barbed wire on main posts with a spacing of 2.5 metres.

Additionally, dropper posts were installed, with 13 droppers placed between each main post. The indigenous tree seedlings were sourced

from local communities and in accordance with specifications provided by the Ndoinet Forest Station Manager.

Rhino Ark is overseeing the maintenance of the site for a period of three years, employing two on-site community scouts who will work under the supervision of the forest manager and Rhino Ark.

The maintenance activities will include periodic spot weeding and bush clearing to ensure the survival of the newly planted seedlings.



Seasonal maintenance of rehabilitated forest site.

Financial lessons for Ragati CFA at Karura Forest

A benchmarking visit to Karura Forest by the Ragati and Chehe Community Forest Associations received useful lessons. The Friends of Karura Forest, Nairobi is one of the best-run CFAs in the country. The interactions provided valuable insights into Karura's financial and administrative achievements.

The visitors said they left with a clear vision and determination to achieve similar success. "The commitment of The Friends of Karura Forest is truly commendable, and we are inspired to set new benchmarks for ourselves. Collaboration and learning from the best are key elements of our progress, and we are excited to apply the knowledge gained during this benchmarking trip to our own CFAs. Together, we can make a positive impact on our community and environment."



Ragati and Chehe Community Forest Associations benchmarking visit at Karura Forest.



WhiteCap officials plant a fence post during their monitoring and evaluation visit in Mt Kenya fence project, assisted by Rhino Ark and KWS.

Car 19 and WhiteCap visit Mt Kenya fence project

A team from WhiteCap and Captain Petra Somen's Rhino Charge Car 19 (Bushbabes) visited the Mt. Kenya ecosystem's recently finished 60-km electric fence line.

The purpose of the October 5, 2023 tour was to evaluate how well Rhino Ark's solar power system was working to reduce conflicts between people and wildlife.

WhiteCap has provided funds through Car 19 for Rhino Ark to carry out some of its projects in the water towers we work in. In total, Car 19 has given Rhino Ark approximately KES26 million, which has been used for conservation efforts.

The generosity of our contributors, partners and sponsors is what enables Rhino Ark to carry out its conservation efforts.

Caught on camera

In June and July, our camera traps positioned in the southwestern corner of the Mt. Kenya Forest Reserve and National Reserve recorded a diverse array of wildlife, including both large and small creatures.

Among the notable sightings were the Suni, as well as a pair of young Honey badgers. Additionally, elephant herds were frequently observed.



Buffalo trap camera image.



Dyker captured on trap camera.

Sagana-Tigithi fence project nears completion

The 60-kilometre Sagana-Tigithi section of Mt Kenya Forest Electric Fence project is about to be completed. The Fence Technical Committee recently inspected the project near Sagana State Lodge.

The fence is supported by Rhino Ark, Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya Forest Service, Upper Tana Natural Resources Project and Mount Kenya Trust. Kabaru, Hombe and Naru Moru Community Forest Association host the project.

Meanwhile, repairs were carried out on the steel lockable gates installed along Phase 1 of the fence. Broken gate hinges at Muthigi Gate and Rutune Gate were replaced.

Rhino Ark is dedicated to ensuring the effectiveness and durability of the Mt Kenya Electric Fence, and these repairs are just one example of our ongoing commitment to this important conservation project.



A local administration official inspects a section of the Sagana-Tigithi electric fence.



A botany expert at work in Ragati forest.

Survey reveals botanical secrets of Ragati forest

A team of botanists, ecologists and nature enthusiasts is carrying out a floral survey of Ragati forest on the slopes of Mt Kenya.

Led by the esteemed Dr. Quentin Luke, the team has reported incredible progress as it delves deep into the captivating forest to unravel the secrets of its unique ecosystem.

A total of 321 distinct plant species have so far been identified, each contributing to our understanding of the astonishing biodiversity that flourishes within Ragati Forest.

Tree planting holiday helps restore degraded ecosystems

Rhino Ark, in partnership with the Mount Kenya Conservation Forum, Kenya Forest Service and Kenya Wildlife Service, planted 12,000 assorted indigenous trees in the Mt. Kenya ecosystem.

The tree planting event took place in Gathiuru Forest, Gakawa location. It came after the government declared Monday, November 13, 2023, a special holiday in which people nationwide were expected to plant trees to help with the country's land restoration efforts.

It was part of Kenya's Landscape and Ecosystem Restoration Programme, which aims to grow and nurture 15 billion trees by 2032 to restore and conserve 10.6 million hectares of degraded landscapes and ecosystems.

The Mt Kenya tree planting was led by Ms Alice Wahome, the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development.

Other guests present included Rhino Ark

Executive Director Christian Lambrechts, Nyeri County Governor Mutahi Kahiga and Kieni MP Wainaina Anthony Njoroge. Partner organisations present included Mt. Kenya Conservation Forum, Kenya Air Force, Mau Mau Original, National Youth Service, Kenya Police, Kenya Prisons, NACADA, Local Administration led by the Central Regional Commissioner, and the local community.

Ms Wahome said President William Ruto's government had rolled out an "All Government, All People Approach" to growing trees to save the country from the adverse effects of climate change.

The event was aimed at fostering environmental awareness and sustainable practices. The CS encouraged Nyeri residents to actively participate in reforesting areas like Gathiuru, previously impacted by human activities.

In his speech, Mr Lambrechts said Rhino Ark had invested KES 4 billion in the conservation

of Kenya Water Towers over the past 34 years. Additionally, Rhino Ark had built and maintained 754 kilometres of electric fences, which address key challenges facing these ecosystems, including human-wildlife conflict and illegal forest resource destruction.



Ms Alice Wahome, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development speaks during the tree planting day at Gathiuru Forest.

Joint surveillance units get practical tips in Nyeri training



Members of surveillance units from the Aberdares, South Western Mau and Kenya Forest Service gathered at the Wildlife Research & Training Institute in Nyeri for training.

The 25 participants were trained by Rhino Ark staff. The curriculum included:

- (i) a general overview of Rhino Ark;
- (ii) strategies for improved collaboration among Kenya Forestry Service, Kenya Wildlife Service, and Rhino Ark;
- (iii) discussions on safeguarding policies;
- (iv) use of digital cameras and GPS for navigation;
- (v) insights into deploying camera traps;
- (vi) guidelines for general forest patrols; and
- (vii) practical sessions on pitching up and dismantling tents.

Tender care for Geta forest tree nursery

Personnel from Rhino Ark, the Kenya Wildlife Service and dedicated community members were at the Geta Forest Station to help care for seedlings in its nursery. The visitors helped to prick out, weed and ensure proper watering for each of the 80,200 seedlings in the nursery. In addition, they took steps to safeguard water supply by building dykes for water pipes.

This noteworthy project has received support from Biodiversity Challenge Funds, which underscores its significance in advancing environmental conservation and sustainability. The collaboration between conservation organisations, local communities, and the backing of the Darwin Initiative exemplify our collective dedication to preserving biodiversity and safeguarding Kenya's forest ecosystems.

Personnel from the Kenya Forest Service also participated in transplanting the seedlings, weed control, watering and propagation of locally sourced seeds. Seedlings from the nursery were planted in the Sophia area during the previous tree planting season, while others are primed for the upcoming forest rehabilitation season.

Meanwhile, a team from Geta received training from the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) on the cultivation of ceremonial trees. This training encompassed various aspects, including seed collection, processing, storage and techniques for overcoming seed dormancy.

The Rhino Ark tree nursery is raising Hagenia trees using seeds collected from the forest reserve.



Visit to KEFRI tree nursery project.

Darwin Initiative supports the construction of a 10-km fence in Shamata to deter cedar loggers



Aberdares 10km fence project posts delivered.

Posts for a 10-kilometre stretch of fence in the Aberdares have been delivered to the site and are ready for the construction phase.

The project, supported by the Darwin Initiative, aims to bridge a 10km gap in the Aberdare fence. The construction had previously stopped at the cliff section extending from Gitobu in Shamata to Rayetta in Wanjohi.

While the cliff has effectively contained wildlife within the protected area, there has been an issue with illegal cedar loggers who have found a way to extract timber and produce charcoal, posing a serious threat to the cedar trees in the River Malewa catchment.

Road repairs to break fires in the Aberdares

Roads in the Aberdares national park that have been disused for years will be reopened to ease access for fire fighters and tourists. Rhino Ark Executive Director Christian Lambrechts and senior KWS officials toured the park to survey the targeted roads.

Re-opening the roads will help establish new firebreaks; ease access for firefighting teams and provide access to visitors to experience the beauty

of the central moorlands that have been inaccessible for decades.

The team also did a recce to identify the alignment of a new road that would prevent fires in the northern moorlands spreading into the central moorlands, as it happened in March 2023. This follows deskwork undertaken by Rhino Ark to identify passages used by fires to move from northern moorlands to central moorlands.



Members of the Kakamega fence construction committee pose for a picture after a meeting.

Phase 1 of 117-km Kakamega forest fence complete

The first phase of the Kakamega Forest Fence Project supported by the Government of Japan through UNDP has been successfully completed.

The 117-km project which is in four phases aims to protect the unique and fragile biodiversity of Kakamega Forest. This will also help reduce human-wildlife conflicts and promote ecotourism development for socio-economic growth.

Project partners that have collaborated in the project include the Ministry of Environment, Rhino Ark Kenya, County Governments of Kakamega and Vihiga, NetFUND, UNDP, Kenya Forest Service, Kenya Wildlife Service, Embassy of Japan and local communities around the forest.

The project's senior management committee conducted an assessment of the initial stretch of the live fence, spanning 15.4 kilometers, which terminates at Shenyende.

Subsequently, the committee met to deliberate on their observations and discuss the outcomes of the inspection. Separately, a senior team from Mpesa Foundation also visited the project on July 6, 2023 to meet with project partners.

Mpesa Foundation's support, coupled with funding by the other partners, will see completion of Phase II of the project. The Foundation has given the project a KES 60 million grant. This support through Rhino Ark will go towards

construction of the 35-km long Phase II of the fence.

The timely entry of Mpesa Foundation as a funding partner comes after completion of the 15-km Phase I of the fence from Isecheno to Kakamega showground.

The Foundation's support will also enable commencement of complementary community-based activities, including the conservation education programme.

This support is highly significant, marking the entry of the Kenyan corporate sector as a key partner in conserving this critical ecosystem.



Fence Technical Committee project inspection.



Kakamega fence project energizer station.



A Kenya Forestry Service official inspects fence voltage.

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MAU EBURU



Lydia Nyota, a farmer at Eburu, attends to her cabbage crop.



Cabbage farm.



Kate Mwangi, Rhino Ark's Public Relations Officer, displays a healthy cabbage.

Eburu fence protects farmers' crops from wildlife

The establishment of the Eburu Fence by Rhino Ark has brought about positive outcomes for farmers residing near the forest. This forest harbours a variety of wildlife species, some of which have caused harm to crops in the past.

Serving as a physical barrier, the fence effectively prevents wildlife from encroaching upon agricultural land and causing crop damage. By segregating the forested region from the farmland, the Eburu fence has addressed conflicts between humans and wildlife. This

has enabled local farmers to concentrate on their agricultural pursuits without the perpetual concern of wildlife-related damage or threats, leading to enhanced productivity.

For each ecosystem in which we work, fence maintenance procedures and routines have been established, and personnel have been provided to undertake constant maintenance of the fences.

A fence attendant recruited from the forest-

adjacent communities maintains each successive four-kilometre-long fence section continuously. Supervisors monitor the maintenance work of the fence attendants. A Fence Technical Committee that meets monthly and comprises the main partners that built the fence regularly reviews the status of the fence.

The Handbook of the Management of Electric Fences guides the overall maintenance and management of the fences.

Fence scouts receive bags from Sandstorm Kenya



Kate Mwangi (right), receives a donation of bags for the Eburu fence project from Brenda Wangui of Sandstorm Kenya.

Sandstorm Kenya has donated 12 backpack bags to the Mau Eburu fence project. Methuselah Moshi, Production Manager at Sandstorm Kenya, donated the bags to Rhino Ark Kenya in support of the maintenance of the electric fence.

The bags will be used by fence scouts who manage the fence daily to carry their tools of operation. The donation was officially handed

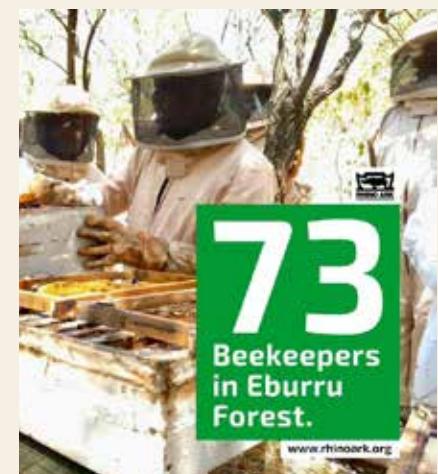
over to Rhino Ark on September 19, 2023 by Sandstorm Marketing Officer, Brenda Wangui.

Rhino Ark Public Relations Officer Kate Mwangi thanked Sandstorm for the donation. "The donation will help in reducing the costs of operation on fence scouts and make it possible for Rhino Ark to expand its conservation interventions in the mountain forests of Kenya," she said.

Honey Cooperative set up in Mau Eburu

Rhino Ark, in collaboration with the Wilder Institute and the Calgary Zoo Mountain Partnership, has set up a honey cooperative in the Eburu region.

This cooperative has 73 initial members and continues to experience a steady increase in its membership.



Why conservation champions matter

Community Conservation Champions are the stewards of our environment who are on the frontlines of biodiversity awareness.

Rhino Ark equips them with skills that enable them to actively engage in environmental education in local communities. These are:

Expertise in Flora and Fauna: They are trained to identify unique plant and animal species within our forests. As a result, they become a crucial resource for conservation efforts, ensuring the survival of many threatened and endemic species.

First Aid Skills: Their first aid training equips

them to respond swiftly to any emergencies in the wild, protecting both human and animal lives.

Environmental Education: Through their tireless efforts in local communities, they spread awareness about the importance of conservation, inspiring the next generation to cherish and protect our natural treasures.

The Rhino Ark Conservation Champions are true heroes in the fight to safeguard our biodiversity. Their work not only preserves our ecosystems but also enriches our lives, ensuring a harmonious coexistence with nature.



Community scouts complete KWS training

Eight Rhino Ark community scouts graduated from the Kenya Wildlife Service Law Enforcement Academy in Manyani on November 2, 2023. The scouts, who were recruited in August 2023, make up the core of our newly established South Western Mau Joint Surveillance Unit (JSU).

The scouts will be deployed as a permanent team in place to carry out regular forest patrols jointly with Kenya Forest Service and Kenya Wildlife Service rangers. They will find and remove wildlife snares and traps, disrupt illegal

activities such as logging, charcoal burning and livestock grazing. They will also be ambassadors of conservation in their respective forest adjacent communities.

The three-month community rangers conservation certificate training they have completed has armed them with a comprehensive mix of skills and discipline to professionally carry out conservation work within the South Western Mau forest landscape.

Of the 70 graduates drawn from diverse conservation areas and institutions, our team distinguished themselves by scooping two of the three personal awards on offer. Jesca Chepngenyo and Leonard Kipkirui earned "Best in Drill and Turnout" honours for Ladies and Men respectively.

We are proud of our scouts for their successful completion of the grueling course.



Ogieks get help to add value to forest products

Rhino Ark has entered into agreements with various stakeholders for sustainable management of Ndoinet forest.

The Participatory Forest Management Plan (PFMPs) and the Forest Management Agreements were launched in collaboration with Kenya Forest Service, the South Western Mau Ogiek and Ndoinet Ogiek CFA in Bomet County.

The PFMP provides a five-year framework to guide forest conservation and sustainable livelihood development through activities such as livestock keeping, grazing, tree nursery establishment, herbal medicine extraction and beekeeping for the CFA.

The indigenous Ogiek community of the South Western Mau forest ecosystem has a long tradition of beekeeping and using herbal medicines from the forest to treat various ailments. However, they have not yet been able to build on this knowledge to further improve their incomes.

Ms. Charity Munyanya, the acting SDCCF for Strategy, Partnerships and Resource Mobilisation who was the chief guest applauded the community for their great effort in conserving the wider South Western Mau forest.

Rhino Ark's community conservation work

initiated in 2017 has resulted in constructive engagement with the Ogiek, some of whom have already benefited from our honey production training since 2018.

This engagement is enabling the development of conservation-based livelihoods among the community. Our initiative is now extending further to upskilling in value-addition processing and marketing of herbal products.

This will enable the Ogiek community to build on their traditional knowledge and derive economic benefits while, in turn, participating further in forest conservation.

Ragati CFA office nears completion

The construction of the Ragati Community Forest Association (CFA) office at Mount Kenya is in the final stages. The office is funded by Rhino Ark and the Wilder Institute Calgary Zoo.

It will empower community members to more effectively oversee and manage their forest-related activities.



Ragati CFA office under construction.



Mt Kenya fence construction team recruitment.

Recruitment of Mt Kenya fence workers

Interviews to select 26 workers for the Mt Kenya electric fence construction took place at the Wazaro Jet Assistant Chief's office on August 3. The workers will be from Wazaro Jet and Kambura-ini location communities.

The engagement of people from the forest adjacent area helps to foster a sense of community ownership for the electric fence project.

The interview panel consisted of representatives from the Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya Forest Service, Rhino Ark, the Office of the Ministry of Interior, and Narumoru Community Forest Association.

New primary schools join wildlife clubs

Fourteen more primary schools have been enrolled into the Rhino Ark Conservation Clubs programme in Mt. Kenya.

Pupils in the schools will now benefit from Rhino Ark's educational classes on wildlife conservation.



A pupil goes through practical lessons of a Wildlife Club.



Members of a school Wildlife Club pose for a picture.



A section of Geta Community Forest Association (CFA) members who visited Njukiri CFA.



A frame hotel room roofed with bamboo leaves.

Bamboo tips for Geta CFA at Njukiri tree nursery

Members of the Geta Community Forest Association (CFA) toured the Njukiri CFA tree nursery, where lessons in bamboo propagation took centre stage. At the end of the visit, Geta CFA purchased some bamboo seedlings from the Njukiri nursery.

This benchmarking trip experience has inspired and motivated the members, who are in the process of establishing their own bamboo tree nursery. It marked an exciting new chapter in their journey towards sustainable forestry and community engagement.



Geta CFA members listen keenly during a lesson.



Geta CFA members follow a practical lesson during their visit to Njukiri CFA.

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Guests at the Rhino Ark fundraising dinner held in Los Angeles, USA.

Fundraising events in UK and US a big success

Rhino Ark trustees have conducted two successful fundraising events in the United Kingdom and the United States. Funds were raised at a dinner and silent auction.

The UK event featured notable speakers including Lord Aberdare and Kenyan High Commissioner Manoah Esipisu.

There were also presentations by the Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust Chairman, Mr Peter Kinyua, and the Executive Director, Mr Christian

Lambrechts. The keynote address was delivered by Jonathan Scott, a renowned wildlife photographer, presenter and author.

The US event took place on June 13, 2023 at the picturesque art workshop of Sarah Robarts in Los Angeles.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sarah and Melissa from Ballantines PR for their exceptional efforts in organising these events.

Rhino Ark, TNC sign carbon grant deal

Rhino Ark has signed a carbon grant agreement with The Nature Conservancy (TNC), amounting to KES 11.12 million. The agreement aims to support the development of a groundbreaking carbon project in the Mt. Kenya and Aberdare ecosystems.

The public-private partnership comprises the Kenya Forest Service, Kenya Wildlife Service, Mount Kenya Trust and Rhino Ark. Its primary goal is to pave the way for securing long-term revenue streams, with a special focus on the voluntary carbon markets.

By doing so, we aim to bolster our partners' conservation objectives in the majestic Mt. Kenya and Aberdares regions. The ultimate vision is to create a sustainable future that harmoniously blends conservation efforts with economic viability.

With this grant, Rhino Ark and its partners will forge ahead to develop the initial project design and meticulously assess the technical and financial feasibility of the carbon project.

We thank The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Mount Kenya Trust and our government partners, whose invaluable support has made this remarkable development possible. Together, we will work tirelessly to safeguard these breathtaking landscapes and protect their rich biodiversity.

Rhino Ark signs KES 11 million carbon initiative grant with The Nature Conservancy.

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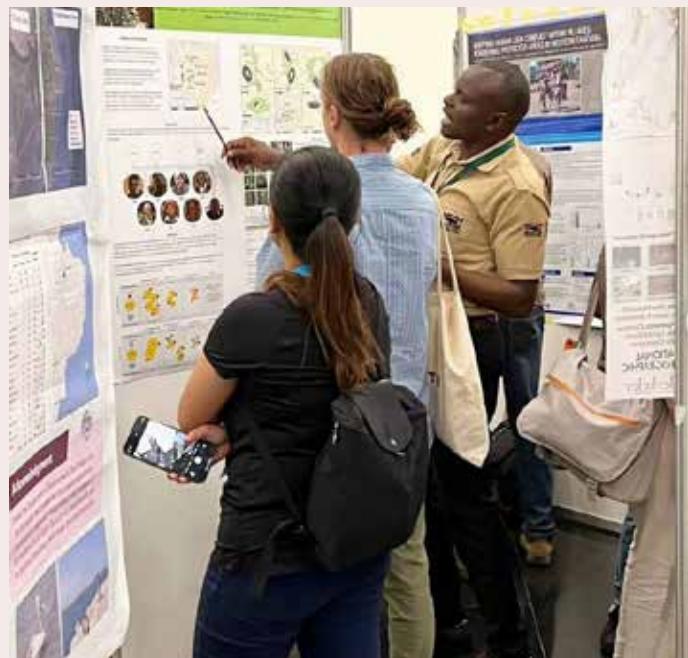
Bongo hunters research findings shared at global Biology congress in Kigali

Rhino Ark attended the International Congress for Conservation Biology 2023 in Kigali, Rwanda, at which it shared findings of a study on bongo hunters. Mr Solomon Wachiuri and Dr. Donna Sheppard led a successful scientific poster session.

They presented the outcomes of Rhino Ark's Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Study, which involved interviewing historical bongo hunters to gather crucial insights supporting the recovery of the bongo species.

The data collected from eight individuals was highly consistent, instilling confidence in the information shared. The TEK is expected to play a pivotal role in informing and guiding effective bongo recovery programmes in Kenya.

The conference's theme, "The future is now: Sustaining Biodiversity for Today and Tomorrow," attracted 1,200 participants from 93 countries, creating a global platform to exchange valuable conservation knowledge.



The Rhino Ark delegation at the International Congress for Conservation Biology in Kigali, Rwanda.



Top and Below:
Rhino Ark's grant writing and monitoring team from North America during their visit to Kenya.



Key Rhino Ark partner visits Kenya

Dr. Gráinne McCabe, Chief Conservation Officer of the Wilder Institute Calgary Zoo (WICZ), recently visited Kenya and observed how the organisation's collaboration with Rhino Ark is protecting our water tower ecosystems.

Dr McCabe engaged with our on-site teams during the visit. Productive and inspiring discussions took place between Rhino Ark's Executive Director, Mr. Christian Lambrechts, and our decade-long partner from Canada.

Rhino Ark's grant writing and monitoring team comprising of Stacey Smith and Gabby Mora from North America and Canada also visited.

The two-person team extensively explored the ecosystems where Rhino Ark operates, engaging with staff, partners and community members, gaining firsthand insights into the mountains.

This visit is a crucial stride in enhancing their comprehension of the local context within which we execute our conservation programmes.



Rhino Ark Executive Director Christian Lambrechts meets with Dr Gráinne McCabe, the Calgary Zoo Chief Conservation Officer, at the Rhino Retreat in Aberdares.

THANK YOU!

- **ChallengeAid** - Support to the Schools of Hope (Aberdares)
- **KWS** - Rhino Ark Offices
- **DH-ISLA & Finlays** - Support to the surveillance flights (South Western Mau)
- **Wilder Institute / Calgary Zoo** - Support to forest conservation / community livelihoods in Eburu Forest
- **Wilder Institute / Calgary Zoo** - Support to forest conservation / community livelihoods / bongo recovery in Ragati Forest, Mt.Kenya
- **Rare Species Conservatory Foundation** - Support to the conservation of the mountain bongo
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- **Elephant Cooperation** - Construction of one wildlife underpass in Imenti Forest
- **Wildlife Conservation Society** - Construction of one wildlife underpass in Imenti Forest
- **Eburru Rafiki** - Support towards community work at Eburu Forest
- **AutoXpress** - Provision of tyres for all Rhino Ark vehicles
- **MPESA Foundation** - Support for the maintenance of Eburu Electric Fence
- **MPESA Foundation** - Support for the construction of the Kakamega Electric Fence
- **Platinum Credit & Platcorp Foundation** - support towards reforestation in South Western Mau
- **Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project (IFAD-GoK)** - support towards the fencing of Mt. Kenya
- **BIOPAMA** - support towards the maintenance of the Aberdare fence
- **Darwin Initiative** - support towards the conservation of the Aberdare and South Western Mau
- **Kenya Pipeline Company** - support towards the fencing of Mt. Kenya
- **UNDP/Government of Japan** - support towards the fencing of Kakamega Forest
- **Horne Family Foundation** - support towards the conservation of the black rhino

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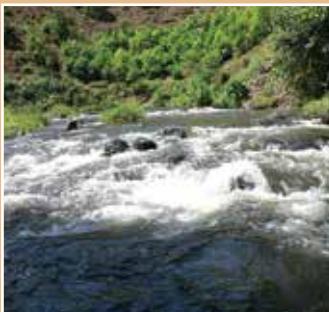
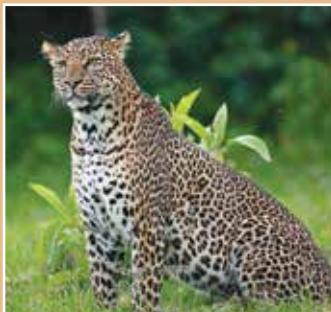
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WHY IT MATTERS

The Aberdares, Mt. Kenya and the Mau mountain forests are key 'water towers' of Kenya. They are the sources of major rivers that provide much-needed water to the city of Nairobi, which is the main contributor to the country's GDP. These rivers support the livelihoods of millions of households in rural areas and are the lifeline of key conservation and tourism areas downstream. Together these three mountain ecosystems provide yearly ecological services to Kenya worth KES 412 billion (US\$ 4.12 billion).

These important forests include World Heritage Sites, Important Bird Areas and National Parks. The critically endangered Black rhino and Mountain bongo antelope, the African elephant and the vulnerable leopard are among the iconic wildlife species that inhabit them.

Forest-adjacent communities are critical to the conservation of these forests; they are their front-line guardians who are the most directly dependent on the forests and also the most impacted by human-wildlife conflict.



WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

- 1.6 BILLION KENYA SHILLINGS (US\$ 16 MILLION) invested in conservation
- 710 KILOMETRES of electric fences built and maintained to date
- 172 FENCE ATTENDANTS maintaining Rhino Ark electric fences full time
- 21 VEHICLES supporting Rhino Ark conservation work
- 85,000 HOUSEHOLDS protected from human-wildlife conflicts
- 178 SCHOOLS providing conservation education
- 570,000 HECTARES of protected areas and water catchments better conserved
- 15 THREATENED SPECIES (mammals and birds) better protected
- 6 FOREST REHABILITATION projects on going
- 2 CORRIDORS for wildlife established

DONATE!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We always welcome your kind donations to support our work. Your important contributions help us achieve the following:

1. Fencing programme

Our comprehensive game-proof electrified fences help secure prime indigenous forests and resolve human-wildlife conflict, keeping forest-adjacent communities engaged in conservation. One kilometre of electrified fence costs KES 2.5 million (US\$ 25,000). Once built, fences must be maintained continuously and we deploy 174 fence attendants maintaining our fences on a daily basis, supported by eight 4x4 vehicles. Fence maintenance costs KES 80,000 (US\$ 800) per kilometre per year.

2. Endangered species and forest conservation

Support our community-based patrol programme:

The Aberdare Joint Surveillance Unit (AJSU) is an elite, seven-man team of community scouts that patrols the Aberdare ecosystem. AJSU targets illegal activities such as logging, charcoal kilns, snaring and wildlife trapping. The team also monitors wildlife abundance and distribution, gathers intelligence information, and participates in forest fire fighting. KES 73,500 (US\$ 735) can cover a two-week field mission.

In Eburu, a five-man Foot Patrol Team responds to local intelligence reports to carry out highly-skilled operations to catch would-be wildlife or forestry criminals. Their main targets are wildlife snares, illegal logging and charcoal kilns. KES 24,000 (US\$ 240) can cover a two-day field operation.

Support forest rehabilitation:

Large areas of prime mountain forest habitats degraded by illegal human activities and forest fires, need to be rehabilitated. Donate to help restore our mountain forests. KES 100 (US\$ 1) will enable planting and caring for a tree seedling.

3. Community conservation and livelihoods

Our community programmes are geared towards reducing forest-adjacent communities' reliance on forest resources, improving their livelihoods, and raising their environmental awareness. These interventions result in their engagement in forest conservation, adoption of on-farm best practices and improvement of incomes.

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