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Black Rhinos**

**A safe space for iconic
species in the Aberdares**

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are on the move
Fenced Park is new
home for jumbos**

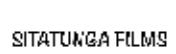
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in the Charge
KES 325m a huge boost
for forest ecosystems**



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S VIEW

CHRISTIAN LAMBRECHTS

When established 36 years ago, Rhino Ark had among its core objectives to protect and conserve the remnant black rhino population in the Eastern Salient of the Aberdare National Park, which has been almost wiped out by rampant poaching activities in the 1980s. Our seminal project, construction of a 38 kilometre boundary fence around the Salient area, had a great impact in securing this rhino population and its habitat. It also played a great role in protecting neighbouring farmers from the threats of human-wildlife conflicts.

Over three decades later, a very small population of black rhino survives in the Salient thanks to the protective function of our fence. But this population is not viable, as it is too small and vulnerable to threats, including predators.

As part of the recovery of the black rhino in Kenya, secured sanctuaries have been established in national parks and private conservancies to great success. Black rhino numbers increased from fewer than 400 in the 1980s to over 1,000 today, presenting a new challenge: providing sufficient secured space for them. This has led the Kenya Wildlife Service, with the support of Rhino Ark, to develop a proposal to establish an Intensive Protection Zone (IPZ) inside the Aberdare Salient.

This proposal was well received by the Government, which within a matter of weeks mobilized funding for the project and Rhino Ark committed to co-finance it.

As the Salient is also the core habitat of the world's largest group of the critically endangered mountain bongo antelope, the alignment of the rhino fence had to be designed carefully to avoid interference with bongo movement. This has called for various stakeholders to bring their expertise, knowledge and data together to determine the most suitable alignment. Finally, a 19-km-long rhino fence with associated infrastructure was agreed upon and will be built inside the Salient to provide a 40km² IPZ.

Re-introducing a critically endangered species is most often the "cherry on the cake". It can only happen after: (i) continuous engagement with rural communities adjacent to the protected area; (ii) substantial investment in habitat protection and restoration; and (iii) careful long-term management planning. This is the process that Rhino Ark has been following systematically with its government partner KWS, since our inception. The upcoming translocation of black rhinos also highlights our long-term commitment to the conservation causes we have embraced.

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.

2024 RHINO CHARGE OVERALL RESULTS

CAR	ENTRANT	DIST	SECTORS	FUNDS AWARDS			
				1st David Schaefer Trophy	Adil Khawaja, Jameel Sheikh, John Mokoro, Yannick Marty, Robert Butler, Elvis Charo	KES 175,100,595	Car 44
5	Graham Mckittrick	31.91	13	2nd Diamond Trust Trophy	Peter Kinyua, Robert Kariuki, Marshal Luusa, Andrey Sidelnikov, Anish Chouhan	KES 29,719,940	Car 23
38	Sean Avery	32.24	13	3rd Highest cash sponsorship	Stanley Kinyanjui, Bob Kaugi, Martin Kinyanjui, Anton Kinaiya, Peter Njogu, Ken Muthoni, Ruth Mariari	KES 8,845,492.00	Car 62
33	Jeremy Holley	35.08	13				
1	Eddy Verbeek	36.66	13				
40	Peter Francombe	37.14	13				
57	James Boorman	37.84	13				
48	Mark Glen	38.49	13				
24	Jaspal Matharu	38.76	13				
49	Patrick Garner	39.02	13				
9	John Bowden	39.84	13				
44	Adil Khawaja	40.51	13				
26	Asit Patel	41.03	13				
7	Mahesh Bhatti	41.12	13				
6	Manee Choda	41.2	13	1st Overall (Duncan Mitchell Perpetual Trophy)	Peter Serchin, Philip Walton, Kyle Ray, Zak Stephenson, Rob Anderson, Graham Mckittrick		Car 5
64	Peter Bonde Nielsen	41.26	13	2nd Overall	Sean Avery, Patrick Avery, Kieran Avery, James Boyd Moss, Alan De Boer, Dale Scott		Car 38
3	Gurmeet Mehta	41.29	13	3rd Overall	Mikey Hughes, Russell Hughes, Ryan Outram, Matthew Evans, Jeremy Holley, Ollie Outram		Car 33
35	Mark Tilbury	41.87	13	Victor Ludorum 1st (Land Rover Trophy)	Adil Khawaja, Jameel Sheikh, John Mokoro, Yannick Marty, Robert Butler, Elvis Charo		Car 44
4	Nicholas Foley	41.96	13	Victor Ludorum 2nd	Peter Kinyua, Robert Kariuki, Marshal Luusa, Andrey Sidelnikov, Anish Chouhan		Car 23
11	Ravi Patel	42.2	13	Victor Ludorum 3rd	Tim Carstens, Chadwick Poletti, Gabriel Oser, Jacob Van Niekerk, Scott Carruthers, Kevin Balloch		Car 63
55	Ramesh Halai	42.98	13				
12	Simon de la Rey	43.72	13				
63	Tim Carstens	44	13				
15	Anthony Stow	44.49	13				
19	Petra Somen	44.77	13				
25	Alasdair Keith	45.02	13				
32	Nikhil Vishram	45.06	13				
30	Edward Johnstone	45.23	13				
34	Rajesh Maini	45.58	13				
39	Jaspal Singh	46.68	13				
46	Mateus Finato	47.94	13				
10	Salim Wali Mohamed	49.9	13				
41	Amit Sharma	52.21	13				
14	Priten Patel	52.22	13				
27	Richard Hooper	55.5	13				
23	Peter Kinyua	57.09	13				
21	Jonathan Somen	36.35	12				
45	Ben-James Wade	33.97	11				
36	Adrian Wilcox	36.45	11				
43	Vishal Shah	26.69	10				
28	Torben Rune	28.41	10				
51	Dominic Rebelo	19.37	9				
47	Teresa Sapieha	71.11	9				
53	Jonathan Jackson	16.7	8				
50	Winnie Maru	38.3	8	Spirit of the Charge (Rob Combes Trophy)	Priten Patel, Vishal Patel, Shishir Patel, Dipan Patel, Joseph Mrema		Car 14
60	Ajitesh Kapoor	23.26	7				
59	Jason Varndell	32.73	7	Tiger Line 1 (Njia ya Ndume Award)	Gray Cullen, Tony Binks, Peter Tyrrell, Crista Cullen Rogers, John Rogers, Peadar		Car 22
16	Richard Waugh	15	6				
22	Gray Cullen	21.06	5	Tiger Line 2 (Njia ya Ndume Award)	Mark Glen, Gerard Beaton, Piers Daykin, Steve Outram, Johnny Harris, Ross Withey		Car 48
62	Stanley Kinyanjui	24.42	4				
42	Anthony Havelock	10.3	3				
2	Ian Duncan	3.45	1	The Kijabe Award (Best First Time Entrant)	Mateus Finato, Mathieu Dutrisac, Brian Nalyanya, Hillary Lutta, Gibons Miller, Ciprian Oprisanu		Car 46
56	Harveet Obhrai	0	9				

OUR TEAM SPIRIT

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FUNDRAISER HEROES MILLIONAIRE GOLD AWARD BY YEAR- 2024

Car No.	Participant	Ksh
44	Adil Khawaja - AK 44	175,100,595
23	Peter Kinyua - CAR No 23	29,719,940
62	Stanley Kinyanjui - MAGNATE CHARGERS	18,207,800
63	Tim Carstens - AUSSIE RULES	13,235,158
5	Graham McKittrick - TEAM 5	7,011,802
35	Mark Tilbury - HOG CHARGE TEAM	6,376,391
48	Mark Glen - TEAM 48	4,183,284
1	Eddy Verbeek - CAR No 1	3,770,040
64	Peter Bonde Nielsen - TEAM 64	3,631,248
14	Priten Patel - TEAM CHOMZ	3,588,792
38	Sean Avery - BUNDU FUNDI	3,507,563
3	Gurmeet Mehta - HATARIOUS CHARGER	3,200,500
6	Manee Choda - OLE CHODA	2,500,000
42	Anthony Havelock - TEAM 42	2,400,317
40	Peter Francombe - ROVING ROGUES	2,374,500
19	Petra Somen - BUSHBABES	1,880,657
21	Jonathan Somen - KING 21	1,864,510
36	Adrian Wilcox - ABERDAIR DEVILS	1,762,148
51	Dominic Rebelo - DERANGED ROVER	1,697,636
9	John Bowden - GUMTREE 4X4	1,651,655
28	Torben Rune - TEAM 28 TEAM TAZ	1,584,173
2	Ian Duncan - KTM CRUISERS	1,550,183
53	Jonathan Jackson - LORDSHIP AFRICA	1,540,000
47	Teresa Sapieha - WACUS GIRLS IN PEARLS	1,468,321
11	Ravi Patel - FRYING SQUAD	1,449,000
33	Jeremy Holley - TEAM HUZI	1,440,000
39	Jaspal Singh - TEAM 39	1,426,300
22	Gray Cullen - THE SMILING SHENZIS	1,425,852
25	Alasdair Keith - CHARGING HIPPOS	1,242,456
27	Richard Hooper - JEEPERS CREEPERS	1,217,448
7	Mahesh Bhatti - LOW RANGERS	1,182,549
30	Edward Johnstone - THE INTERNATIONALS	1,122,938
10	Salim Walimohamed - BUSH ROVER	1,040,000
59	Jason Varndell - BATUK 59	1,033,767
34	Rajesh Maini - MOTO MOTO	1,013,362
4	Nicholas Foley - FOLEY CHARGERS	1,010,000
45	Ben James Wade - THE CRUSADERS	1,000,004
12	Simon de la Rey - BUSHCATS	1,000,000

RHINO CHARGE FACTS



79,113,000 KES
Community Funds Raised

This money is raised from the Land Access Fees (LAF) paid for by all who access 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.



2,451,705,011 KES
RAISED SINCE 1989

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

7.02% >

Shortest distance ratio - in 1999 Car 5, Alan McKittrick & Bruce Knight, completed the course in 44.5km, only 7.02% greater than the shortest possible as the crow flies distance of 41.58km.



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 volunteer run. 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. Onsite at the event 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.

0.16%

In 2013, Terry Childs and Car 49 completed the Vineyard-Copycat Tigerline within 0.16% of the shortest possible distance.

A Tigerline is a specific route between two controls that provides a unique challenge. It is not compulsory but is designed to reward competitors for attempting a route that they may otherwise not consider.

10+ RECCES



As the Rhino Charge is the guest of the host community, whilst on recce much of the Main Organising Committee's time is spent building understanding with the host community. 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 on venue typically consists of:

- 4-5 Aircraft including fixed wing planes, helicopters and gyrocopters,
- 4-5 Cars in strategic positions,
- Team @ 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

The Rhino Charge is an annual off-road 4x4 competition held in Kenya in which entrants 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 must plot the guard posts on the map and decide his/her route. The winner is the competitor who visits the most guard posts in the shortest distance (GPS measured).

The event is organised in order to raise funds to support the activities of the Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust, an NGO which works towards a noble cause: 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 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 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

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

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HOW TO SPONSOR A TEAM

MPESA

MPESA payments must be done 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 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 <https://rhinocharge.co.ke/rhino-charge-2025/how-to-sponsor-a-team/>

Car 48 takes the 2024 Spirit of the Charge Award



Car 48 team members receive the Spirit of the charge award from Trish Combes.

Car 48, driven by Mark Glen and his team of passionate conservationists, won the 2024 Spirit of the Charge Award. This prestigious recognition is a testament to their unwavering dedication, hard work, and relentless commitment to the Rhino Charge and conservation efforts across Kenya.

Mark Glen, along with teammates Gerard Beaton, Piers Daykin, Steve Outram, Johnny Harris, and Ross Withey, exemplified the true spirit of the Charge - demonstrating resilience, teamwork, and a deep love for conservation as they navigated the rugged terrain of the annual Rhino Charge competition. Their collective effort went beyond the race; it was a representation of the vital work being done to protect Kenya's natural habitats and wildlife.

The Spirit of the Charge Award is presented annually to the team that embodies the ethos of the Rhino Charge, showing determination, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to the cause.

For Car 48, this honour is a reflection of not just their physical prowess, but their dedication to raising awareness and funds for the vital conservation projects supported by Rhino Ark.

As they battled the challenging conditions of the event, Mark Glen and his team proved that conservation is not just about racing - it is about pushing boundaries, working together, and making a real difference in preserving our natural world.

Congratulations to Mark and his entire team for their outstanding performance. Their commitment to the cause continues to inspire all of us, and their efforts are a powerful reminder of the impact we can make when we come together for the greater good of our environment.

The Rhino Charge is more than just a competition - it is a powerful movement that supports vital conservation work across Kenya. Every team, every race, and every effort contributes to the greater mission of protecting and preserving our wildlife and ecosystems for generations to come.

AK44 anchors record-breaking funds drive

The 2024 Rhino Charge fundraising campaign kicked off with an exciting milestone, marking a new chapter in the commitment to conservation.

On World Environment Day, June 5, Adil Khawaja, driving Car 44 (aka AK44), secured KES 2 million in sponsorship from ABSA Bank, a generous contribution that will help fund Rhino Ark's vital conservation projects across Kenya's key ecosystems.

In addition to this sponsorship, Adil Khawaja shattered his own fundraising record, amassing a remarkable KES 175,100,595 in donations - more than tripling his previous achievements. Adil and his team raised a staggering amount of KES 60,366,403 in the 2023 Rhino Charge event. This historic feat not only established a new individual fundraising record but also surpassed the highest total in Rhino Charge history, cementing his reputation as a dedicated champion for conservation.

The KES 2 million donation, channeled through Adil Khawaja, will directly support Rhino Ark's ongoing efforts to conserve and protect the five ecosystems where the organisation operates. These funds will contribute to efforts such as the rehabilitation of vital wildlife habitats, the construction of conservation fences, and the protection of endangered species like the

Mountain Bongo and Black Rhino.

ABSA CEO Abdi Mohamed handed over the cheque to Mr. Khawaja at the bank's headquarters in Nairobi. Present during the ceremony were Rhino Ark representatives, including Eric Kihiu, the Mau and Western Kenya Landscape Coordinator.

In his address, Mr. Khawaja highlighted the importance of long-term partnerships between Rhino Ark and ABSA Bank. This collaboration, he said, will contribute to the protection of key water towers and forest ecosystems in Kenya, ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come.

This partnership exemplifies the spirit of collaboration and commitment to conservation that is at the heart of Rhino Charge and Rhino Ark's mission. With ongoing support from individuals, corporate partners, and communities, Rhino Ark continues to make strides in securing the future of Kenya's most vital ecosystems.

The success of the 2024 fundraising campaign is a testament to the power of community, dedication, and the lasting impact of conservation efforts. Together, we are ensuring that Kenya's natural heritage remains protected



ABSA CEO Abdi Mohamed speaking during the handover.



Adil Khawaja of car 44 gives his remarks at the event.

Rhino Charge 2024 donates science lab to school

Torosei Mixed Day Secondary School will receive support to construct and set up a new laboratory block, thanks to KES 8.4 million raised by Rhino Charge 2024.

This community-driven project underscores Rhino Charge's impact beyond conservation, addressing local needs and creating lasting opportunities for young students.

The new science laboratory will help equip Torosei's youth with essential STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) skills, opening doors to a brighter future.

By investing in education, we are not only empowering the next generation of innovators

but also inspiring a deep commitment to sustainability and innovation within the community.

Rhino Charge's mission extends far beyond the thrill of adventure. At the core of it is creating lasting, positive change in every host community we touch.

The funds raised through this event not only support critical conservation efforts but also enable impactful community initiatives like the science lab project. These efforts help build stronger, more resilient communities while protecting our shared environment for future generations.

We thank every participant, supporter, and partner who made this transformative project possible. Your contributions are creating tangible change and fostering a more sustainable world. Let us continue charging forward, working together to build stronger communities and a brighter, more sustainable future for all.



Rhino Ark Deputy Director of Operations, Moses Muthoki and the contractor sign off on the project as Torosei officials look on.

Rhino Charge 2024 raises KES 325 million for conservation



CS, Environment and Forestry, Soipan Tuya (centre), Rhino Ark Board Chairman, Peter Kinyua and Adil Khawaja of Car 44 during the cheque handover ceremony.

Rhino Charge 2024 raised a record-breaking KES 325 million (US \$2,490,325), a significant increase from the KES 173 million raised in 2023.

This extraordinary achievement marks a milestone in Rhino Charge's history and highlights the unwavering commitment of

participants, sponsors, and supporters to the conservation of Kenya's mountain forest ecosystems.

The spotlight of the event shone brightly on Mr. Adil Khawaja, who, driving Car 44, shattered his own fundraising record by amassing an astounding KES 175,100,595 — more than tripling his previous fundraising total. This remarkable feat not only set a new personal best for Khawaja but also surpassed the highest individual fundraising record ever achieved in Rhino Charge's storied history.

For the past two years, Peter Kinyua's Car 23 had been the top fundraiser, with KES 39,517,947 raised in 2022 and KES 36,243,250 in 2021.

Mr Kinyua had set the previous benchmark in 2019 by raising KES 23 million, which had been the highest ever raised by an individual competitor since the event's inception in 1989.

Adil Khawaja's Car 44 took the top spot for two consecutive years, pushing the fundraising totals to unprecedented heights.

Rhino Ark thanks all participants, sponsors, and spectators who made this incredible achievement possible. The funds raised will be directed toward the protection of Kenya's vital mountain forest ecosystems, including the Aberdares, Mt. Kenya, Eburu, South Western Mau, and Kakamega forests.

These funds are essential in supporting Rhino Ark's ongoing conservation efforts, ensuring these crucial habitats are preserved for future generations.

As we celebrate this record-breaking success, we remain reminded that every contribution, no matter the size, plays a vital role in safeguarding Kenya's natural heritage.

Safaricom's KES 15 million boost for conservation

Telcom giant Safaricom gave a KES 15 million sponsorship to the 2024 Rhino Charge. This vital support will significantly bolster our conservation efforts in Kenya's mountain ecosystems, ensuring the continued protection of critical wildlife habitats.

In addition to the financial contribution, Safaricom also provided essential network connectivity, enabling seamless communication throughout the event, which

is crucial for the safety and coordination of participants and teams.

The 2024 Rhino Charge was held in Kajiado County on Madaraka Day, June 1st, with 58 rally cars competing in an exhilarating race to raise funds for conservation.

A heartfelt thank you to Safaricom for their unwavering commitment to sustainability, conservation, and the protection of Kenya's rich natural heritage.



Safaricom Officials hand over the sponsorship cheque to Rhino Ark Executive Director, Christian Lambrechts and Adil Khawaja of Car 44.

RHINO CHARGE 2024 CAR SPONSORS

Car 1;

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

Total Funds Raised: 3,770,040

Syngenta, HIS Kenya Ltd, Edward, Kongoni River Farm Ltd, Bruce, De Ruiter EA, Longonot Farm, William, Payal, Chrysal Africa Ltd, Florensis Holding BV, Ashtor Agricolla Euros 2,500, Bosman Van Zal, Tricca, Edward, Blooming Africa Ltd, Topcover Ltd, Arensen, Bethany, ND Project Africa Ltd, Odie Farms BV, Bayer EA Ltd, Van Den Berg (K) Ltd, Ocean Agriculture East Africa, Total Touch Cargo Ltd, Caremi, Brian, Florensis Real Estate Co. (K) Ltd, Edward Bermadus.

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Car 2;

Ian Duncan, Francesco Checchini, Andrew Pleasance, Anthony Nielsen, Manik Choda.

Total Funds Raised: 1,550,183

Ian, Jasmeer, George, Ian Duncan, Anne, Ali, Julius, Francesco, Maria, Sukhjiv, Andrew, Gillian Dukes, A. Brendel, D. Watson, Baker Tilly, Celestine, Sport Motorcycles.

Car 3;

Gurmeet Mehta, Caleb Liboyi, Aman Sodi, Arjun Patel, Aman Choda, Rohin Sharma.

Total Funds Raised: 3,200,500

Brisk Marketing, Nitro Chemicals Ltd, Diani Reef Beach Resort & Spa, BTB Insurance Brokers, Benjamin, Apex Piping Systems Ltd, Apex Steel Ltd, Gurmeet, Galana Energies Ltd, Salford Systems, Secure Kenya Group, Kalon Foods, Pugeot Spares, Sennik, Christopher, Aleem, Rizwan, Teja, Aniruddh, Anilkumar, Amita Kumari, Brea Cabs, MFI Technologies, RH Devani, Instrumental Engineers, Fidelity Security, PKF Foundation, Hardware Welding, HSC Systems Ltd, Vivek Mathur, Avane Ltd, Placid View, Prem Gidoomal, D & G Insurance Brokers Ltd, National Cement Co. Ltd, Velos Enterprises Ltd, Athi View Ltd - Phase II, Sky Management Ltd, Interland Ltd T/A SIYR Palm Spa, Caribon Ltd, Penzi Ltd, Khushul, Neer, Justus, Ian, Darshani, Buranli, Shaileen, Amrish, Uniserve Africa.

Car 6;

Manee Choda, Sachin Choda, Niccolo Amsellem, Sandev Choda, Tanav Choda, Aaron Rosenbohm.

Total Funds Raised: 2,500,000

Harpal Singh Choda, Burn Manufacturing LLC, Quentine, Shop & Deliver Ltd, Karan Thapar, Flamingo Hill Camp.

Car 7;

Mahesh Bhatti, Karan Sehmi, Atakhan Merdin, Ashish Bhatti, Mohamed Hussein, Pier Vigada.

Total Funds Raised: 1,182,549

Jeroem Lucas de Clercq, Airflo Ltd, Shamini, Avanti, Security Group Kenya Ltd, Neekunj, Rajneet, Rashpal, John, Aleem, James, Ashish, Total Touch Cargo Ltd, Fox Int. Logistics Ltd, Inter Aviation Services, Kapa Oil, Lift Cargo Ltd, Sudhir, Pierluigi, Biren, Ashish Bhatti, Mahesh Bhatti.



of Speed, Shere Hill Climb, Edenbridge Motor Show, Movember Quiz, Christmas Quiz, Christmas Raffle, 100th Quiz Raffle, James Finlay Ltd, Thames Electricals, Eagle Engineering, Kenai General Agencies, Simba Corporation Ltd, Peach Marketing Ltd.

Car 10;

Salim Wali Mohamed, Jan Quietmeyer, Ralph Winter, Xavian Walimohamed, Josef Brunlehner.

Total Funds Raised: 1,040,000

Christian, S. Winter, Alice Mkomba.

Car 11;

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

Total Funds Raised: 1,449,000

Flying Squad, Audrey, Carton Manufacturers, Mayfair Insurance, BTB Insurance, Dodhia Packaging, Elgon Kenya, Interplant Roses, Ravi Patel.

Car 12;

Brett Siewright, Simon De Le Rey, Jonathan Rawlins, Bruce Duxbury, Matthew Gearing, James Watson.

Total Funds Raised: 1,000,000

Platcorp Group Foundation, Platinum Credit Ltd, Premier Credit Ltd.

Car 14;

Priten Patel, Vishal Patel, Shishir Patel, Dipan Patel, Joseph Mrema.

Total Funds Raised: 3,588,792

Big Five, Silafrica, Kevin, Executive Commercial Officer, Kaumin Malde, Nidha Haq, Vegpro Kenya Ltd, Simbi Roses, Kamani Foundation, Prime Bank, Jackson, Afro Industrial Agencies, Steel Structures, Shop & Deliver Ltd (BETIKA), Pan Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Agnes Gitau, Shaiy Kurialacherry, Alice Nganga, Mahesh Chandaria, Nomuva Insurance Brokers, East African Elevators.

Car 15;

Anthony Stow, James Pugh, Eric Boulay, Sophie Pierce, Jonathan Mills, Amy Marsh.

Total Funds Raised: 855,569

Big Five, Rentworks Kenya Ltd, Duff Engineering, Captivate Africa Ltd.

Car 16;

Olivier Lauvaux, Jimmy Geeraerts, Richard Waugh, Didier Janssens, Simon Welch, John Herbert.

Total Funds Raised: 750,000

Bond, Animet Ltd, Image First, Galot Holdings, CISCO, Olivier Lauvaux.

Car 17;

Rishi Chauhan, Pavinder Panesar, Gagandeep Hayer, Suketu Radia, Raajpal Bharji, Paul Mwasia.

Total Funds Raised: 340,000

Evolution & Style, Rishi Hasmukh Chauhan.

Car 19;

Sabine Kontos, Petra Somen, Emma Morton, Catherine Coulson, Elspeth Morton, Sophia Coulson.

Total Funds Raised: 1,880,657

EABL, NCBA Bank, Hunter Gray & Hack Safaris Ltd, Smart Crop K Ltd, Design for Living Ltd, Tiny Town Interior Designs, Healthy U Two Thousand Ltd, Emma Morton.

Car 21;

Jonathan Somen, Michael Kontos, Derek Steele, Jeremy Ashworth, Tom Morton, Noah Somen.

Total Funds Raised: 1,864,510

Peach Marketing, NCBA Bank, DTB, Yara Animal Nutrition SA, Adili Corporate Services Kenya, Animet Ltd, Loudmouse, Philip, Kensalt, Analabs Ltd, Davis & Shirtliff Ltd, Redachem East Africa Ltd, Daniel & Simon Associates, Rongai Workshop & Transport Ltd, Open Cube, Grant Thornton, Virtual Human Resource, Statpack Industries Ltd, Famiar Generating, Polyflex Industries Ltd, Securex Agencies Ltd, Insight Consultancy, Rosewood Furniture, Power Controls, Michael Kontos.

Car 22;

Gray Cullen, Tony Binks, Peter Tyrrell, Crista Cullen Rogers, John Rogers, Peadar Brehony.

Total Funds Raised: 1,425,852

Chui Auto Springs, Specialized Fibreglass, Oriental General Stores, Brisk Marketing, Tony Binks, Gray Cullen, A Softech Ltd, Hans Kenya Ltd, Consolidated Appliances Ltd, Glass (East) Africa Ltd, Citizen Cooling Solutions Ltd, Kuolity Autoparts & Hardware Supplies, Real Autoparts Ltd, Pioneer Auto Parts, Unifilters Kenya Ltd, Isuzu, X'Ceptions Tyre Centre, Simba Corp, Nanak, Gworks Investments, Neoteric Chartered, Taran Engineering, Nixomb Ltd, Specialized Fibreglass, Max Tyres, Capital Creative, Taisho Parts, Arkemi Paints,

Silverstone Tyres, Carton Experts, Prime Cycle Services, African Curve, Peach Marketing, Amex Autoparts, Relac Ltd, Kahea Enterprises, Crystal Impex, Jantro Diesel Power Tech, Spare Tech Ltd, CACO Trading Co., Hansels Ltd.

Maria, Harvinder, Sean Garstin, Nariana Enterprises Ltd, Safinaz Foundation, Virdi Pharmacy, Arvind Meghji Shah, J S Rihal, Nitro Chemicals, Dr Rams, Mrs Soares, Mrs G K Rihal, Jaswinder Singh Rihal, Plancon K Ltd.

Car 23;

Peter Kinyua, Robert Kariuki, Marshal Luusa, Andrey Sidelnikov, Anish Chouhan.

Total Funds Raised: 29,719,940

Robert Kariuki, Bob Morgan, ICEA Lion Life Assurance, Ndegwa James Phillip Maina, NCBA Bank, Wyss Academy, Peter Kinyua, Nathalie, Nebiat.

Car 24;

Jaspal Matharu, Jatinder Singh Thethy, Zane Pierre Young, Keith Henrie, Shishir Vora, Amandeep Virdi.

Total Funds Raised: 846,184

Cybergrants, Amiran Kenya Ltd, Burn Manufacturing LLC, Jaspal Matharu.

Car 25;

Alasdair Keith, Sam Jethwa, Bruce Roberts, Maarten Piet, Samson Lokorodi, Andrew Hemingway.

Total Funds Raised: 1,242,456

EABL, Bayer East Africa Ltd, Alasdair Keith, Green Lite, Wars Mechanical Engineering, Njotland Marketing & Expert.

Car 26;

Uday Patel, Asit Patel, Bijal Patel, Teeku Patel, Sanjay Gautama, Kostas Alexandrou.

Total Funds Raised: 836,580

Intex Construction Ltd, Patrick, Hetal, Pankaj Patel, Rishi, Christopher, Dominique, Patel, NCBA Bank, Nine Stars Ltd, Uday & Asit Patel, Bijal Patel, Hetal Patel, MEPCCO Africa Ltd.

Car 27;

Richard Hooper, Robert Olivier, Peter Sweetnam, Tor Allan.

Total Funds Raised: 1,217,448

Samantha, Richard Paul.

Car 28;

Torben Rune, Alex Gibbs, Francois Rousseau, Luc De Villele, Paul Berriman, Xavier Verdelyn.

Total Funds Raised: 1,584,173

Dhirendra Velji Shah, Gras Savoye Kenya, Anthony & Jeremy, Torben, Joan, David Farrer, Binai Shah, G K Rihal, NCBA Bank, Taibjee & Bhalla Advocate, Plancon Kenya, Freight Forwarders, Hardial Singh, Banbros Ltd, Atul Savji Parmar, Hascons Company, J S Rihal, Nilesh Kumar Shah, Binai J Shah, Specialized Alluminium Renovators Ltd, Gurminder, Madatali, Frederic J &

Car 30;

Edward Johnstone, Michael Davis, Andrew Pitt, Jason Burbridge, Jason Reynard, Terje Width.

Total Funds Raised: 1,122,938

Excel Chemicals, Complete Solutions Ltd, Rabo Bank, Ali, Raj, Bharat, AGL Kenya Ltd, Edward Johnstone.

Car 32;

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

Total Funds Raised: 800,000

Fred, Aman Vishram, Tonomoka Rolling Mills, Molecular Kenya, Victoria Commercial Bank, Antarc Ltd, Adrian, Amika, Muzzamil, Tile & Carpet Centre Ltd, Intra Africa Assurance Co. Ltd, Bapa Insurance Brokers Ltd, Chameleon Solutions, Nikhil Vishram.

Car 33;

Anthony Stow, Mikey Hughes, Russell Hughes, Ryan Outram, Matthew Evans, Jeremy Holley, Ollie Outram.

Total Funds Raised: 1,440,000

Syngenta East Africa Ltd, STIHL E.A Ltd, Bayer E.A Ltd, Anthony & Jeremy Cricket.

Car 34;

Rajesh Maini, Nish Lakhani, Anuj Kent, Duncan Blount, Felix Ochieng Ndege, Hasit Patel.

Total Funds Raised: 1,013,362

Big Five, Rajesh Maini, Perfectpics Enterprises, Sachin, Daniel, Rajesh, Dentex, Bimeda Ltd, Apollo Tours & Travels Ltd, Lisa, Alp Management Ltd, Icon Kenya Ins. Agencies Ltd.

**Car 35;**

Mark Tilbury, Herman Ruijsenaars, Eric Kanyiri, Ian Elms, Richard Turner, Robin Tilbury.

Total Funds Raised: 6,376,391



Cave Restaurant, Lets Go Travel, Career Connections Ltd, Kenchic Ltd, Mark Tilbury, Hog Charge Teams.

Car 36;

Adrian Wilcox, Andrew Gay, Richard Hecke, Sebastian Mckinlay, Jon Blythe-Wood.

Total Funds Raised: 1,762,148

Flamex, AHL Venture Partners Kenya Ltd, Moringa Schools Ltd, Gras Savoye Kenya Insurance, Airwheel Investments, Mckinlay, Keshavjee, Joan, Richard Hechle.

Car 37;

John Kanyali.

Total Funds Raised: 335,000

John, Rock Plant, Balis Best Bar.

Car 38;

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

Total Funds Raised: 3,507,563

Joan, Big Five, Dale Scott, Harry Brainch, Ken Auto & Hardwares Ltd, Impala Auto Spares Ltd, Afro Industrial Agencies, Richard, Carol, Lets Go Travel, Patrick, Gras Savoye (K) Insurance Brokers, David Farar, Pathcare (K) Ltd, ASP Company Ltd, REA Vipingo Plantations, Neil Cuthbert, Kieran, Wouter, Menengai Oil Refineries, West Kenya Sugar (K) Ltd, AFRICA Fund for Endangered Wildlife Kenya (AFEW), Lake Turkana Wind Power Ltd, Lolomarik, Stephen, Dry Associates Ltd, Charles & Kathy Fraser.

Car 39;

Jaspal Singh, Harminder Bhambra, Felix Nyambega, Satnam Singh, Amit Patel, Sammy Abongo.

Total Funds Raised: 1,426,300

Bliss Healthcare Ltd, Menengai Oil, Nishma, Prime Bank, Healthy U Two Thousand Ltd, Khumek Ltd, Designworks Ltd, Mayfair Insurance Co. Ltd, Paras Shah, Adamson, Nejal, Woodways Ltd, Amex Autoparts Ltd, Pride Enterprises Ltd, Gurbir Singh Heer, Andrew Mugambi, Ikon Designs.

Car 40;

Peter Francombe, Shaun Miller, Oliver

Francombe, Robert Calder, Ross Field, Peter Thompson, Edward Cunningham.

Total Funds Raised: 2,374,500

Syngenta East Africa Ltd, Asilia Kenya Ltd, Fahari Aviation, Marania Ltd, Bayer East Africa Ltd, BASF EA Ltd, Kentalya Public, Lachlan Kenya Ltd, Skysha Logistics, Gordon, Christopher, Travel Affairs, Asilia Giving Africa.

Car 41;

Amit Sharma, Timothy Manyuira, Nishit Mediratta, Waikwa Wambugu, Anthony Gikonyo, Benson Kyalo.

Total Funds Raised: 762,000

Michelle, Timothy Gichaga, Caroline, Mumbi Coffee Merchants Ltd, Maneesh, Michael, Salaton, Ecopack Ltd, James, NCBA Bank, Landmark Holdings Ltd, Timothy Manyuira, Squarestone, Lexicon Plusion, PG Bison Ltd, Travel Affairs Ltd, Parmalen Investments.

Car 42;

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

Total Funds Raised: 2,400,317

Philip Coulson, Syngenta East Africa Ltd, Hass Consult Real Estate, Tilisi Developments PLC, Rory, Vitaplant, Nathalie, Bayer East Africa Ltd, Marania Ltd, Kisima Farm Ltd, Jinaro, Gordon, James, Adamson, Brian, Gary, Allen Kirchner, Eyes on You Safaris, Johnie Murray, Gordon & Vanessa Murray, Rasik Kantaria Foundation, Delta Properties Ltd.

Car 43;

Vishal Shah, Tariq Rashid, Gurdeep Bharij, Kunal Patel, Muzamil Khokher, Bilal Vaiani.

Total Funds Raised: 750,000

Vishal Shah, Basco Products (K) Ltd, Caroline, Impala Auto Spares, Jutsons, Berly, Tausi, BTB, Prime Bank, Willfreight Express Cargo Services Ltd, BigGive.

Car 44;

Adil Khawaja, Jameel Sheikh, John Mokoro, Yannick Marty, Robert Butler, Elvis Charo.

Total Funds Raised: 175,100,595

Aleem, Shweta, Nairobi West Hospital, Sheetal Rajendra Khanna, Jayesh Saini, Bob Ouma, Habiba,

Andrew, East African Safari Rally Ltd, Star Discover Life Insurance, Dinlas Pharma Africa Ltd, Safaricom Ltd, Beatrice, Jackline, Roopra, Mohammed, Bliss Healthcare, Lifecare Hospital Bungoma Ltd, Medical Insurance Administrators, Sololo Agriculture Ltd, Maasai Flowers Ltd, Agriflora (K) Ltd, Equator Flowers (K) Ltd, Flamex, Pioneer Assurance Company Ltd, The Star Publications Ltd, Bhachu Industries Ltd, Samuel, Bipin, Tende B2C, Nancy, Tuffsteel, Peter, Jayesh, Zhang, Kiran, Norah Ratemo, RSM Eastern Africa LLP, Kingsway Tyres, Rahim Dawood, Raza Hashmani, Kibos Sugar Allied Industries Ltd, Abdiwelli - BBS, Pioneer General Insurance, MFI Consulting & Technology Ltd, Angata Sugar Mills Ltd, Ahmed Mahmoud, Accurate Steelmills Ltd, Tile & Carpet Centre Ltd, Blue Nile Rolling Mills Ltd, Fallbrook Investments Ltd, Madhani, Madan, Burn Manufacturing LLC, Lexco One Ltd, Soma Associates, Nisk Capital Ltd, Majid Al Futtaim Hypermarkets Ltd, Amip Patel Kabuito, Hamilton Harrison & Mathes, Westlands Forex Bureau, African Banking Corporation, ABC Insurance Brokers Ltd, Stabex International Ltd, Intex Construction Ltd, Joshi Developers, Anthony, Josphat, Sameer, Michael, Apex Steel Ltd, EA Sea Food Ltd, Sonal Raval, DTBK, Morgan Forex Bureau, Bipinchandra, Joshua Nyamweya Oigara, Mukesh Jamnadas, Simone Ricci, Smart Auto Ltd, RAK Investments Ltd/ Milano Motors, KCB, China Road & Bridge Corporation Kenya, NCBA Bank Ltd, Baraka Lodges Ltd, Multiple Hauliers EA Ltd, Milestone Games Ltd, Huawei Technologies Kenya Co. Ltd, RSA Kenya Ltd, Muthaiga ABC Forex Bureau Ltd, Galana Energies Ltd, Omicron Resources Ltd, Delta Properties Ltd, Ahmednasir Abdulla, Cheli & Peacock Management, Masai Mara (Sopa) Lodge Ltd, MMA Advocates LLP, Shamas Perfomance Parts Ltd, J.S & Co. Hardware Ltd, Oxygene Marketing Co., Woodways (K) Ltd, Sidian Bank, DTB, CKL Africa, Chahil, Valentine (Faiza Abdalla), Caleb Mukhtar, Ma Chengyuan, Pankaj Ganjo, First Chartered Securities Ltd, Laboratory & Allied, Bobby Thomas, Telkom, Gulf Energy Ltd, Baker Tilly, Sunworld Safaris Ltd, Bean Plant Ltd, Universal Engineering Systems, Atua Enkop Africa Ltd, Tipilikwani Mara Camp, Poolshop E.A Ltd, Kibos Sugar & Allied, Kibos Distillers Ltd, Kibos Paper & Packaging, Arora Properties Ltd, Kenroid Ltd, National Cement Co. Ltd, National Bank of Kenya, MPESA Foundation, Mehta Electricals Ltd, KPLC, Stanbic Bank, WELD-CON Ltd, Shop & Deliver Ltd, Rongai Steel Co. Ltd, China Wuyi Construction Company, AMS Properties Ltd, Victoria Commercial Bank, Mumias Sugar (2021) Ltd, Master Power Systems Ltd, Farm Auto Spares Ltd, Strategic Consultants Ltd, Solitaire Construction Ltd, Amir Mughal, Nanak, Kiran, Raunder, Mitsumi Computer Garage Ltd, Co-operative Bank Ltd, Executive Health Care Resolution, Delta Resurgence Solutions Ltd.

Car 45;

Jason Pelosi, Jessica Blundell, Andrew Sheen, Florian Biziere, Lukas Sheen, Ben-James Wade.

Total Funds Raised: 1,000,004

Ben-James Wade.

Car 46;

Mateus Finato, Mathieu Dutrisac, Brian

Nalyanya, Hillary Lutta, Gibons Miller, Ciprian Oprisanu.

Total Funds Raised: 790,000

Geco Expeditions (K) Ltd, EABL, Mateus Finato.

Car 47:

Maryka Beckmann, Sweata Ostrowska, Nuria Martinez De Velasco, Teresa Sapeha, Ana Espana.

Total Funds Raised: 1,468,321

Oliver, Mary Gabrielle Eleonora Beckmann, Nuria, Teresa Sapeha.

Car 48:

Mark Glen, Gerard Beaton, Piers Daykin, Steve Outram, Johnny Harris, Ross Withey.

Total Funds Raised: 4,183,284

HM Clause Kenya, Dummen Orange, Olij Kenya Propagation, NINI Ltd, Stephen J Outram, Sumuni Ltd, Ol Njorowa Ltd, Continental Consultants, McCloy Fabricators, Apex Piping Systems, Ganantra Plant & Equipment, Gita Hamant Pravin, Northscape, Apex Steel Ltd, Sirikoi Ltd, Lorraine Beaton, AGTECH Kenya Ltd, Praful Chandra & Brothers Ltd, Davis Hardware Ltd, GT Bank, Kopokopo Merchant, Dugu Hardware, Amiran Kenya Ltd, Tende B2C, JS & Co. Hardware, John Mwigiria, Mukesh Velji Shah, Sanyati Ltd, Khetshi Dharamshi & Co, Byte IT Solutions, Pewaki Enterprises, Jane, Asilia Kenya Ltd, Kakuzi PLC, Margaret, Ocean Agriculture East Africa, Timaflor Ltd, Caroline, Mark Glen.

Car 49:

Patrick Garner, Anthony Childs, Christopher Childs, Joachim Bebbington, Rafe Gerner, Robin Bebbington.

Total Funds Raised: 836,411

Phil Mckrackin, Ressh Refrigeration, Anthony Childs, JS & Co Hardware, KWS, Geerlofs Kenya Ltd, H.G Thanawalla, Cool Link Technics Ltd, Heritage Insurance, Managers (Braeburn), Patrick, Bush & Beyond Ltd, Timaflor Ltd, Animet, The Papercraft Co. Ltd, Schreurs East Africa Ltd, Patrick Garner, Chillworth Ltd.



Car 50:

Agnes Mwanji, Winnie Maru, Elizabeth Thuku, Minnie Gitau, Marion Olongo, Esther Njoroge.

Total Funds Raised: 840,000

Old Mutual, Zambarau Team, Kenya Wine Agencies Ltd, Zambarau Heels on Wheels LLP.



Car 51:

Dominic Rebelo, Luisa Cetina, Qahir Neky, Jesse Wambugu, Oliver Benham, Kanz Soar.

Total Funds Raised: 1,697,636

Bernard, Koril, Julius, Edwina, Lynn, Matthew, Dorothy, Jacqueline, Clara, Faith, Dhruv, Timothy, Olive, Ivy, Huldh, Mutulis, Hackart, Patel, Dale, Nancy, Pauline, Caroline, Coop, Cynthia, Daisy, Nelson, James, Kimberly, Ian, Vianney, Emmah, Peter, Wairimu, Jacqueline, Finan, Lusia, Salimah Navrozali Chatur Popat, Adili Trustees Ltd, Shital Dipan Shah, Aisha Abdallah, Mohamed Jeilan, Wangui, NCBA Bank, MIC Global Risks, Carmenadelida, Lucy, Collette, Aleem, Esther, Dominic, Lorraine, John, Shreekunj, Benham, Jenice, Andrew, Africa Centric Entertainment, Dominic Rebelo.

Car 53:

Jonathan Jackson, Edward Ochego, Andrew Tirop, Samson Otieno, Dickens Origa.

Total Funds Raised: 1,540,000

Eighty-Eight NBI Ltd.

Car 55:

Ramesh Halai, Bhavesh Siyani, Romeet Halai, Nikhil Halai, Kishore Varsani, Rupesh Kerai.

Total Funds Raised: 784,800

Big Five, Basco Products (K) Ltd, Next Craft Ltd, Karsan Ramji & Sons Ltd, Sarit, Bhaves Kalyan Virji Siyani.

Car 56:

Harveet Singh, Robert Hugo, Ronald Ochieng, Tanvir Ali, Juma Patrick, Kalpesh Patel.

Total Funds Raised: 790,148

Carlow Andrea, Amar, Mehta, Harveet Singh, Rakesh, Mouch Hugo, Kenindia Assurance, Kim Bhari, Nyumbani Trends, Harveet, Ayisha, Hiten, BTB Insurance Brokers, Jetinder, Pelican Haulage Contractors Ltd.

Car 57:

Brandon Barbour, James Boorman, Emil Hallundbaek, Eric Hellerstedt.

Total Funds Raised: 761,495

Hallundbaek Marianne, James Boorman.

Car 58:

Luke Symonds, Niel Kaschula, James Frost, John Wells, Aubrey Seymour, John Pholoba.

Total Funds Raised: 328,744

Aberdair Aviation, African Ascents Ltd, Avenue Car Hire & Leasing Ltd, William Dalton, Jason Varndell.

Car 59:

Ewan Taylor, Jason Varndell, Will Dalton Hall, Luke Rostron, Alex Ward, Rich Exelby.

Total Funds Raised: 1,033,767

Jason Varndell.

Car 60:

Ajitesh Kapoor, Amaan Fazal, Jonathan Bovard, Harshit Patel, Alykhan Fazal, Sameer Kapoor.

Total Funds Raised: 788,275

Basco Products Ltd, Alykhan Fazal, Paras, Chopper Bhog Ltd, NCBA, DTB, Muthaiga Forex Bureau Ltd, Gurbaksh Singh (K) Ltd, Kifaru Forex Bureau Ltd, Hans Kenya Ltd.

Car 62:

Stanley Kinyanjui, Bob Kaugi, Martin Kinyanjui, Anton Kinaiya, Peter Njogu, Ken Muthoni, Ruth Mariari.

Total Funds Raised: 18,207,800

Zhejiang Goldcard Power Tech Co., Peach Marketing (VIVO), Broadway Bakery, Eco Power Group Ltd, Mathew Njenga, Mamicha & Co. Advocates, Magnate Ventures Ltd, NCBA Bank, Shop & Deliver Ltd, Theta Dam Estate Ltd, Stanley Kinyanjui, Ellams Products Ltd, Suntech United, Nanji Zahid A., Malibu Pharmacy, Conventional Cargo Conveyors Ltd, Road Track Solutions Ltd, Nila Pharmaceuticals, MKN and Company Advocates, Havi & Company, Soft Consult Ltd, Express Nova Ltd, Kimondo Gichoka & Co. Advocates, Strami Ltd, Longonot Agencies, Globe Flight, Alfatech Contractors, Finberry Capital Ltd, Seacons K Ltd, Pan African Syndicate, Thames Electricals, Betika K Ltd.

Car 63:

Tim Carstens, Chadwick Poletti, Gabriel Oser, Jacob Van Niekerk, Scott Carruthers, Kevin Balloch.

Total Funds Raised: 13,235,158

Base Resources Ltd, Stephenson Harwood LLP, Wogen Anniversary Trust.

Car 64:

Peter Bonde-Nielsen, Mbabu Muturi, Alastair Bush, Omri Cohen, Sidney Wachira, Matt Olivier.

Total Funds Raised: 3,631,248

Sidney, Peter Bon, Greg Nasmith, Peter Bonde, Liberty Afrika Technologies LIM, Irakli Chubinis, XPEDIA Management Ltd, Resource Protection Ltd.

RHINO ARK KENYA CHARITABLE TRUST STATEMENT OF INCOME
AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 KES	2023 KES
INCOME	7	301,617,111	220,427,811
EXPENDITURE			
Aberdare expenses	8	36,778,251	38,522,966
Mau Eburu expenses	9	15,546,310	13,541,037
Mt Kenya expenses	10	36,081,806	37,752,859
South West Mau expenses	11	31,253,323	24,866,794
Other project expenses	12	8,263,499	-
Fund-raising expenses	13	49,816,519	40,174,061
Kakamega forest	14	8,615,544	10,410,058
Administrative and general expenses	15	61,996,283	44,715,073
		<u>248,351,535</u>	<u>209,982,848</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u>53,265,576</u>	<u>10,444,963</u>

RHINO ARK KENYA CHARITABLE TRUST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 KES	2023 KES
ASSETS			
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property and equipment	2	<u>12,681,978</u>	<u>7,834,369</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments	3	2,775,642	2,527,617
Trade and other receivables	4	4,440,545	3,379,940
Cash and cash equivalents	16	77,047,548	23,991,663
		<u>84,263,735</u>	<u>29,899,220</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>96,945,713</u>	<u>37,733,589</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	5	<u>10,006,217</u>	<u>4,059,669</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>86,939,496</u>	<u>33,673,920</u>
FINANCED BY:			
General fund		<u>86,939,496</u>	<u>33,673,920</u>

RHINO ARK KENYA CHARITABLE TRUST NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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) Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised on payment.

(d) 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%

(e) 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.

(f) 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.

(g) Receivables

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

(h) 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.

(i) 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.

(j) 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.

(k) Payables

Payables are stated at nominal value.

The Rhino Charge is held in a different location each year and is organised in very close cooperation with the respective host community. Rhino Charge organisers have implemented the Vehicle Pass, known as the Landowner Access Fee (LAF) to benefit the local host communities. The money raised through this fee goes directly to the community. The money is then used for community projects, such as the construction of school classrooms or the installation of boreholes.

2. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Furniture, fittings	Motor Vehicles	and Equipment	Computers	Total KES
2024					
COST					
At 1 April 2023	53,153,493	40,871,975	5,794,764	99,820,232	
Additions	-	7,770,054	117,592	7,887,646	
At 31 March 2024	<u>53,153,493</u>	<u>48,642,029</u>	<u>5,912,356</u>	<u>107,707,878</u>	
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2023	52,563,508	34,059,519	5,362,836	91,985,863	
Charge for the year	230,605	2,554,842	254,590	3,040,037	
At 31 March 2024	<u>52,794,113</u>	<u>36,614,361</u>	<u>5,617,426</u>	<u>95,025,900</u>	
NET CARRYING AMOUNT					
At 31 March 2023	<u>359,380</u>	<u>12,027,668</u>	<u>294,930</u>	<u>12,681,978</u>	
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	<u>53,153,493</u>	<u>40,871,975</u>	<u>5,794,764</u>	<u>99,820,232</u>	
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	<u>52,563,508</u>	<u>34,059,519</u>	<u>5,362,836</u>	<u>91,985,863</u>	
NET CARRYING AMOUNT					
At 31 March 2023	<u>589,985</u>	<u>6,812,456</u>	<u>431,928</u>	<u>7,834,369</u>	

3. INVESTMENTS

	2024 KES	2023 KES
Old Mutual Money Market Fund	212,292	189,736
British American Money Market Fund	<u>2,563,350</u>	<u>2,337,881</u>
Movement	<u>2,775,642</u>	<u>2,527,617</u>
At 1 April 2023	2,527,617	2,335,746
Add: Interest earned and capitalised	248,025	191,871
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,775,642</u>	<u>2,527,617</u>
The investments are held at Britam and Old Mutual. The average rate of interest on the investments was 10%. (2023- 8%)		
4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Trade receivables	4,240,350	3,135,697
Other receivables	200,195	244,243
Rhino Ark USA	-	-
	<u>4,440,545</u>	<u>3,379,940</u>

EXCERPTS FROM RHINO ARK CHARITABLE TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		9. MAU EBURU EXPENSES		2024	2023
				KES	KES
Accruals	1,900,254	1,215,591	Staff costs	8,159,357	5,996,645
Payroll liabilities	2,736,977	1,266,739	Allowances	229,496	116,230
Rare Species Conservatory Foundation *	76,173	1,451,173	Community conservation	441,330	13,676
Sundry creditors	4,810,000	-	Tree nurseries project	194,693	380,699
Other liabilities	482,813	126,166	Eburu Rafiki	824,000	613,923
	<u>10,006,217</u>	<u>4,059,669</u>	Fence costs	2,393,412	2,817,605
*Movement			Other costs	2,781,873	2,848,357
Balance brought forward	1,451,173	2,712,983	Depreciation	84,600	84,600
Funds disbursed to Mike PretteJohn	1,375,000	1,261,810	Motor vehicle costs	437,549	669,302
Funds payable to RSCF	76,173	1,451,173		<u>15,546,310</u>	<u>13,541,037</u>
6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS		10. MT. KENYA EXPENSES			
		2024	2023		
		KES	KES		
Key management compensation:				Staff costs	10,212,886
Salaries	23,506,348	23,370,627	Allowances	16,469,058	15,872,476
Pension	240,000	240,000	Fence costs	6,719,387	5,307,445
	<u>23,746,348</u>	<u>23,610,627</u>	Aerial support	-	1,707,360
			Depreciation	60,155	60,155
			Motor vehicle costs	888,534	621,176
			Other costs	1,731,786	4,997,935
				<u>36,081,806</u>	<u>37,752,859</u>
7. INCOME		11. SOUTH WEST MAU EXPENSES			
Rhino Charge collections (note 7 (a))	214,945,796	167,661,796	Allowances	540,749	234,049
Other income (note 7 (b))	12,781,880	10,508,469	Depreciation	42,925	42,925
Other donations (note 7 (c))	70,415,916	41,117,019	Staff costs	5,950,156	6,481,506
Interest income – on current accounts and short term deposit	3,225,494	948,656	Fence and other costs	17,159,533	18,108,314
Interest income – on investments	248,025	191,871	Scouts Joint Surveillance Unit	4,910,071	-
	<u>301,617,111</u>	<u>220,427,811</u>	Guard Post construction	2,554,449	-
			Public relations	95,440	-
				<u>31,253,303</u>	<u>24,866,794</u>
(a) RHINO CHARGE COLLECTIONS		12. OTHER PROJECT EXPENSES			
Rhino Charge 2021	-	1,971,223	Carbon project for Mt Kenya	2,832,124	-
Rhino Charge 2022	13,948	129,839,183	Bodaboda Initiative with Jean Todt	5,431,375	-
Rhino Charge 2023	136,351,261	35,851,390		8,263,499	-
Rhino Charge 2024	78,580,587	-			
	<u>214,945,796</u>	<u>167,661,796</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 2023 RC donations will therefore be booked in two financial years, that is, the total 2023 RC donations are reflected in 2023 and 2024 financial years.					
(b) OTHER INCOME		2024	2023		
		KES	KES		
Operations base – Aberdare	5,259,982	4,140,708			
Miscellaneous income	7,521,898	6,367,761			
	<u>12,781,880</u>	<u>10,508,469</u>			
(c) OTHER DONATIONS		2024	2023		
		KES	KES		
M-Pesa Foundation	-	3,625,000	Depreciation on property and equipment	2,809,432	2,448,268
Platinum Credit	2,102,496	11,202,056	Bank charges	775,878	764,320
International Union for Conservation – BIOPAMA	5,323,649	1,515,220	Exchange loss	77,692	-
Calgary Zoo	11,267,174	3,868,479	Office management and administration	48,907,240	40,840,591
Wildlife Conservation Society	-	809,836	Auditor's remuneration	1,305,200	1,431,280
Total Kenya	989,770	783,348	Public relations and press	5,631,166	2,211,771
Eburu Rafiki	185,000	357,000	Bad debt expense	-	(4,229,335)
The Sustainable Trade Initiative	3,610,796	1,922,068	Vehicle running expenses	2,489,675	1,248,178
UNEP	1,893,261	-		61,996,283	<u>44,715,073</u>
Horne Family Foundation	2,659,335	-			
Guard Post Sponsorship	3,150,000	3,100,000			
Darwin Initiative	25,713,430	13,934,012			
James Finlays Kenya	6,235,163	-			
The Nature Conservancy	7,285,842	-			
	<u>70,415,916</u>	<u>41,117,019</u>			
8. ABERDARES EXPENSES		15. ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES			
Staff costs	8,950,234	8,681,662	Depreciation on property and equipment	2,809,432	2,448,268
Other costs	5,858,663	5,083,736	Bank charges	775,878	764,320
Fuel	1,455,952	1,559,912	Exchange loss	77,692	-
Motor vehicles costs	1,510,883	971,836	Office management and administration	48,907,240	40,840,591
Tools & materials	7,430,777	1,115,817	Auditor's remuneration	1,305,200	1,431,280
Depreciation	42,925	1,338,941	Public relations and press	5,631,166	2,211,771
Enhanced security	1,112,257	-	Bad debt expense	-	(4,229,335)
Community support	9,291,888	15,717,264	Vehicle running expenses	2,489,675	1,248,178
	<u>35,653,579</u>	<u>34,469,168</u>		<u>61,996,283</u>	<u>44,715,073</u>
Bongo surveillance project	1,124,672	4,053,798			
	<u>36,778,251</u>	<u>38,522,966</u>			
9. MAU EBURU EXPENSES		16. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Staff costs	8,159,357	5,996,645	Cash and cash equivalents included in the statement of cash flows comprise of the following statement of financial position amounts::		
Allowances	229,496	116,230			
Community conservation	441,330	13,676			
Tree nurseries project	194,693	380,699			
Eburu Rafiki	824,000	613,923			
Fence costs	2,393,412	2,817,605			
Other costs	2,781,873	2,848,357			
Depreciation	84,600	84,600			
Motor vehicle costs	437,549	669,302			
	<u>15,546,310</u>	<u>13,541,037</u>			
10. MT. KENYA EXPENSES		17. CONTINGENT LIABILITY			
Staff costs	10,212,886	9,186,312	No contingent liabilities have arisen from the activities of the Trust.		
Allowances	16,469,058	15,872,476			
Fence costs	6,719,387	5,307,445			
Aerial support	-	1,707,360			
Depreciation	60,155	60,155			
Motor vehicle costs	888,534	621,176			
Other costs	1,731,786	4,997,935			
	<u>36,081,806</u>	<u>37,752,859</u>			
11. SOUTH WEST MAU EXPENSES		18. LEGAL FORM			
Allowances	540,749	234,049	Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust was established in 1991 under an irrevocable trust in accordance with the Laws of Kenya.		
Depreciation	42,925	42,925			
Staff costs	5,950,156	6,481,506			
Fence and other costs	17,159,533	18,108,314			
Scouts Joint Surveillance Unit	4,910,071	-			
Guard Post construction	2,554,449	-			
Public relations	95,440	-			
	<u>31,253,303</u>	<u>24,866,794</u>			
12. OTHER PROJECT EXPENSES		19. TAXATION			
Carbon project for Mt Kenya	2,832,124	-	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.		
Bodaboda Initiative with Jean Todt	5,431,375	-			
	<u>8,263,499</u>	<u>-</u>			
13. FUND RAISING EXPENSES		20. CURRENCY			
General fund raising	49,816,519	40,174,061	The financial statements have been presented in Kenya Shillings (KES).		
14. KAKAMEGA FOREST					
Staff Costs	5,143,937	4,898,991			
Vehicle running	497,278	319,479			
Fence construction	2,974,329	353,684			
Environmental and Social Impact Assessment	-	3,534,053			
Depreciation	-	1,303,851			
	<u>8,615,544</u>	<u>10,410,058</u>			
15. ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES					
Depreciation on property and equipment	2,809,432	2,448,268			
Bank charges	775,878	764,320			
Exchange loss	77,692	-			
Office management and administration	48,907,240	40,840,591			
Auditor's remuneration	1,305,200	1,431,280			
Public relations and press	5,631,166	2,211,771			
Bad debt expense	-	(4,229,335)			
Vehicle running expenses	2,489,675	1,248,178			
	<u>61,996,283</u>	<u>44,715,073</u>			
16. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS					
Cash and bank balance	16,872,682	22,852,969			
Fixed deposit- Maturing in less than 90 days	60,174,866	1,138,694			
	<u>77,047,548</u>	<u>23,991,663</u>			
17. CONTINGENT LIABILITY					
No contingent liabilities have arisen from the activities of the Trust.					
18. LEGAL FORM					
Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust was established in 1991 under an irrevocable trust in accordance with the Laws of Kenya.					
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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.					
20. CURRENCY					
The financial statements have been presented in Kenya Shillings (KES).					



Peter Kinyua: Rhino Ark Board Chairman.

The year 2023-2024 was good for Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust.

During the year, a wide range of objectives were met. We maintained core surveillance of the Aberdares, comprehensively covered Mt. Kenya, the Mau Forest, Mau Eburu, Kakamega forest and South West Mau. We also raised funds and other forms of donations.

Overall funds 2023/24

In the year under review, we raised KES 487.54 million. This included in-cash donations amounting to KES 301.62 million (2023: KES 220.43 million) from Rhino Charge, corporates and individuals. In-kind donations amounting to KES 185.92 million was from international organisations, Government, various corporates, individuals and volunteers.

Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) covered the costs of the personnel maintaining the 400-km Aberdare fence and the 300-km Mt. Kenya fence. Kenya Forest Service (KFS) covered costs for the 43.3-km Eburu fence. These contributions amounted to KES 31.18 million.

Corporate/conservation bodies support

We received contributions from the following corporates and consensual grant supporters:

- The Nature Conservancy donated USD 50,000 (KES 7,285,842) to support the development of Mt Kenya and Aberdares Landscape carbon project.
- Horne Family Foundation donated USD 20,000 (KES 2,659,335) for enhancing Black rhino monitoring to stabilise the population.
- Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo donated CAD 103,658 (KES 11,267,173) in support of forest conservation and community livelihoods towards the recovery of the Mountain Bongo antelope and paying the salaries of the Ragati staff and Eburu trackers.
- European Union, through the International Union for Conservation of Nature, donated Euro 32,265 (KES 5,323,649) towards the conservation of the Aberdares and the maintenance of its fence.
- Platcorp Foundation donated KES 2,102,496 in support of reforestation in South Western Mau Forest Reserve.
- UNEP donated KES 1,893,261 in support of addressing human-wildlife conflicts in the Imenti Forest, Mt. Kenya.
- Various donors provided sponsorship for guard posts at the Rhino Charge amounting to KES 3,150,000.

Mau Eburu Ecosystem

Rhino Ark continues to provide materials to maintain the nine-year-old 43.3-km long fence and to equip and outfit the 12-man maintenance team engaged by Kenya Forest Service.

Forest patrols are conducted regularly by the Rhino Ark community tracker teams who work closely with KFS and KWS to keep the forest clear of snares and poachers. These patrols also provide a platform for government and community forest teams to work together. During the year in review, the patrol teams walked 1,269 kilometres in 141 man-patrol-days. They retrieved 81 snares, destroyed 35 charcoal kilns, and made seven arrests. They also took care of 16 camera traps.

A new initiative was launched in June 2023 that built the capacity of 48 Boda boda riders to become conservation and road safety champions. The initiative is a joint partnership between the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) and the UN Special Envoy on Road Safety, Jean Todt.

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.

Under the community livelihoods programme, the Eburu Natural Forest Honey Cooperative Society Limited has 41 active members selling their honey through the cooperative. Some 113 on-farm training sessions were facilitated by the National Beekeeping Institute. The honey programme is supported by the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo. We continue to facilitate on-farm

training on sustainable livelihood activities, covering a broad range of relevant farming best practices, water harvesting/conservation and installation and use of biogas.

Under the ecotourism component, Rhino Ark is facilitating nature trail clearing work with funding support from Eburu Rafiki. South Western Mau Ecosystem

Rhino Ark rehabilitated and continues to maintain 150 hectares of indigenous forest. Eight community scouts contracted to tend to the sites keep them free of human or livestock disturbance. They ensure that the investment made by ourselves and our partners, including MPESA Foundation, Darwin and Platinum Credit, is safeguarded.

We established a new SW Mau Joint Surveillance Unit (JSU) comprised of eight community scouts that conduct regular deep forest patrols, detect and remove threats to wildlife and forest habitat. Three security outposts at Bosta, Monges and Tiriya, respectively, were completed and operationalised. Support for these facilities has been provided by Darwin and Finlays under the aerial surveillance component of the Initiative for Sustainable Landscapes (ISLA) programme. A surveillance flight was conducted in October 2023. The location data on illegal activities observed was provided to law enforcement agencies for action.

Under our conservation education programme, we started a process to review the conservation education primary and secondary school curricula in collaboration with officials from the Ministry of Education. This process will enable our programme to align with the emerging requirements of the national Competency Based Curricula (CBC) system.

Our community outreach programme brought 80 churches into the conservation fraternity. This engagement has so far resulted in the churches or their members establishing 40 tree nurseries, with over 25,000 seedlings raised.

Under Rhino Ark's community livelihoods initiative, the rebuilding of the Ndoinet Community Forest Association (CFA) is ongoing. CFA member study visits and launch of the forest management plan and management agreement were important milestones achieved. Under the beekeeping programme, participating community members were trained. In March 2024, 55 community members visited Baringo county to observe and learn best practices from a well-established cooperative. The Ndoinet CFA was supported to establish a model tree nursery at Ndoinet forest station, which will provide an income opportunity for members.

Mount Kenya Ecosystem

In partnership with KWS, KFS and local

communities, Rhino Ark completed 62 kms of the electric fence in Kaburu and Naro Moru forest stations located in Nyeri county. This fence section was supported by the IFAD/Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project and the Kenya Pipeline Foundation. Furthermore, Rhino Ark supported the rehabilitation of the 28-km-long electric fence in Kangaita and Chehe forest stations that was built 15 years ago with support from the Global Environment Facility.

Rhino Ark, in partnership with the Mount Kenya Conservation Forum, KFS and KWS planted 16,000 assorted indigenous trees in the Mt. Kenya ecosystem. A main tree planting event took place in Gathiuru Forest on 13 November, 2023. The Government declared this day a special holiday in which people nationwide were expected to plant trees to help with Kenya's land restoration efforts.

With the support of the Wilder Institute Calgary Zoo, good progress was made towards the establishment of a release site for the critically endangered Mountain Bongo antelope in Ragati/Chehe forests. The security site was completed including a viewing platform. A draft management plan was prepared and an EIA study for the whole programme completed and submitted to National Environment Management Authority (NEMA). Our community scout team spent 171 days patrolling the forest. They removed 22 snares and traps and destroyed three charcoal kilns, whilst taking care of 20 camera traps.

To facilitate the movement of elephants in the Imenti Forest whilst reducing road kills, Rhino Ark is spearheading the construction of an elephant underpass on the Nanyuki-Meru highway. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study was conducted for the proposed underpass with the aim of obtaining the necessary authorisation from NEMA and Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA).

With the support of The Nature Conservancy, Rhino Ark and its partners, Mount Kenya Trust, KFS and KWS, are working to establish a large carbon project for the Mt. Kenya-Aberdare landscape. This has included initiating a feasibility study, developing an appropriate legal framework for the project and conducting a stakeholder analysis.

Aberdare Ecosystem

The maintenance of the nearly 400-km-long Aberdare Electric Fence has remained a key activity of Rhino Ark. With support of the Darwin Initiative, fencing work started to close the 10-kilometre gap at the bottom of the Wanjohi-Shamata escarpment. This section was left unfenced as elephants could not exit the protected area along the escarpment. However, it became an entry point for illegal activities, necessitating the gap to be closed.

In addition, an integrated community conservation project has been implemented in the Kipipiri-Geta-Shamata area of the Aberdares. It includes revamping and strengthening of the Geta Community Forest Association, the establishment of 54 kilometres of trekking routes towards the various summits and the training of guides, porters and cooks. A new tree nursery was established at Geta Forest Station which holds more than 80,000 seedlings. This nursery helped to rehabilitate 30 hectares of degraded forest. These activities are significant in advancing environmental conservation and sustainability in the northern part of the Aberdares. They were financed by the Darwin Initiative.

Rhino Ark supported the development by KWS of a proposal to establish a Black rhino sanctuary in the Aberdares. As an initial step in support of the sanctuary, Rhino Ark purchased a forest mulcher to re-open and maintain park roads in the proposed sanctuary, as well as to create and maintain firebreaks in the moorlands. Rhino Ark rehabilitated a KWS tractor to operate the mulcher. The Horne Family Foundation supported this intervention.

The Aberdare Joint Surveillance Unit has continued to be a key initiative involving scouts from adjacent communities in patrolling the fenced forest ecosystem. Some of the scouts were formerly poachers with great knowledge of the ecosystem.

Kakamega Forest Ecosystem

As the only equatorial rainforest in Kenya, Kakamega Forest holds a unique assemblage of fauna and flora, incorporating primates, birds, butterflies and plant species. Efforts to conserve the biodiversity-rich forest are multifaceted, involving a combination of habitat protection, community engagement, law enforcement, and education initiatives.

The first phase (15 kilometres) of the Kakamega Electric Fence supported by the Government of Japan through UNDP has been completed. The 117-km-long fence project which is implemented 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.

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.

MPESA Foundation committed to match support provided by other partners. It donated an initial KES 60 million towards the construction of the 34-km-long Phase II of the fence. The County Governments of Kakamega and Vihiga also provided KES 25 million and KES 10 million respectively.

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.

Rhino Ark UK and Rhino Ark USA

Over the past year, we have been working towards strengthening our presence in the USA and the UK. In June 2023, a series of PR & fundraising events were held in Los Angeles and in London. A number of grants have been secured by our sister charities in the USA and UK from several foundations. As of 31 March, 2024, Rhino Ark USA and Rhino Ark UK were holding USD 146,193 and GBP 20,363.24 respectively, from Rhino Chargers' online sponsorships as well as from grants.

Thousands to thank

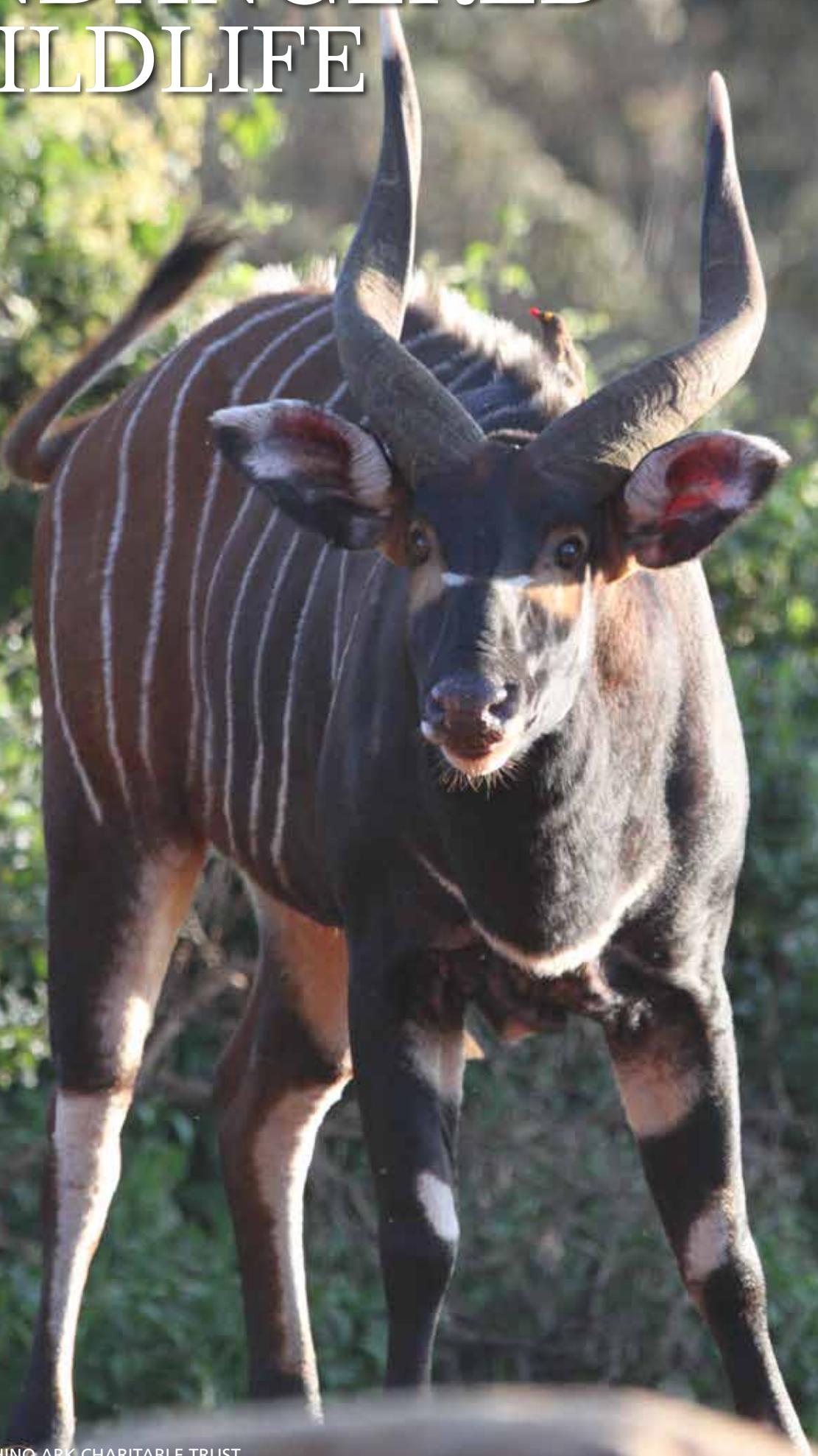
There are many individuals and organisations, both local and international, who have contributed to our conservation triumphs in this past year. While it may not be possible to mention each one here, we at Rhino Ark deeply appreciate and treasure their support. We do not take it for granted. It is the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

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

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 organisation going forward.

Peter Kinyua
Chairman, Board of Directors

ENDANGERED WILDLIFE



Cutting-edge technology deployed to protect endangered animals

Rhino Ark and the Wilder Institute/ Calgary Zoo have entered into a long-term partnership to harness cutting-edge technology in the protection of endangered wildlife.

This partnership is utilising modern camera traps placed in Mt.Kenya and Mau Eburu habitats to gather real-time data on wildlife populations and behaviours, providing invaluable insights into the lives of these remarkable creatures.

The camera traps allow conservationists to monitor the movements of endangered species, document their interactions, and gain a deeper understanding of their habitat usage. This real-time data is essential for crafting more targeted and effective conservation strategies, ensuring that we can adapt our efforts to meet the evolving needs of the species we seek to protect.

A prime example of this initiative's impact is the Mountain Bongo, a species once abundant in the wild but now severely threatened by habitat loss and poaching. As their numbers continue to dwindle, it becomes even more critical to understand their behaviours, movements, and habitat preferences.

The camera traps provide a unique window into their world, allowing us to collect data that will directly inform conservation measures tailored to the Mountain Bongo's specific needs.

This partnership marks an exciting step forward in our conservation journey, offering the tools necessary to ensure the survival of endangered species. By leveraging the latest technology, Rhino Ark, the Wilder Institute, and Calgary Zoo are working together to build a more sustainable future for Kenya's wildlife, driving impactful change in the preservation of these precious animals.

Experts meeting shares unique insights in Mountain Bongo reintroduction

Experts from various fields recently came together to review progress, share knowledge, and refine strategies for the reintroduction of the iconic Mountain Bongo into the Mt. Kenya ecosystem.

The Expert Advisory Committee (EAC) convened on November 15th, 2024, for an inspiring series of sessions focused on the Mt. Kenya Mountain Bongo Reintroduction Programme.

The gathering brought together a team of veterinary experts and reintroduction specialists, marking an important step forward in the programme's mission to restore the endangered Mountain Bongo to its natural habitat.

The sessions were a dynamic blend of productive exchanges, collaborative meetings, and site visits, offering valuable opportunities for in-depth information sharing.

This gathering underscored the power of teamwork in conservation. Each participant brought a unique set of skills, experience, and expertise to the table, reinforcing the importance of collaboration in tackling the complex

challenges of wildlife reintroduction.

The collective energy and passion for conservation were palpable, serving as a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when dedicated professionals unite for a common cause.

As the Mt. Kenya Mountain Bongo Reintroduction Programme continues to gain momentum, the insights and recommendations from the Expert Advisory Committee will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of this critical conservation effort.

Together, we are one step closer to securing a sustainable future for the Mountain Bongo and safeguarding the biodiversity of the Mt. Kenya ecosystem.

Mapping the future of the Mountain Bongo

Rhino Ark has begun mapping the key tracks and trails within the Ragati and Chehe forests in a crucial step in Mountain Bongo conservation.

Field teams set out on the important mission in August 2024. This vital work brings us closer to the ultimate goal: the reintroduction of captive-bred Mountain Bongos into their natural habitat.

Why mapping matters: The dense forests of Mt. Kenya are home to an incredible diversity of wildlife and are vital for biodiversity conservation. However, striking a balance between human activity and wildlife protection is no easy task. Our mapping project is designed to address this challenge head-on. Mapping the forest's key trails will establish a clear zonation plan, defining areas for Mountain Bongo habitation and human activity.

The role of zonation: Zonation is a cornerstone of effective wildlife management. This process involves dividing the landscape into distinct sections based on their intended uses. By doing so, we can ensure that human activities do not disturb critical wildlife habitats.

For the Mountain Bongos, this means creating secure, undisturbed zones where they can thrive and live free from the pressures of human encroachment. Zonation not only benefits the Bongos, but it also enables the sustainable use of forest for activities like eco-tourism, research, and the well-being of local communities.

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Mountain Bongo ©John David

What our mapping efforts will achieve: Through this mapping initiative, we aim to:

- **Identify key habitats:** Pinpoint the most suitable areas for Bongo reintroduction by considering factors like vegetation, water sources, and minimal human disturbance.
- **Plan for sustainable human use:** Designate specific trails and zones for sustainable human activities, ensuring a harmonious co-existence between wildlife and communities.
- **Monitor and protect:** Implement robust monitoring strategies to keep the Mountain Bongos safe in their newly designated habitats, ensuring they can thrive for generations to come.

As we move forward with this crucial work, we are one step closer to realising the dream of a thriving, protected population of Mountain Bongos in the wild, safeguarding the ecological integrity of Mt. Kenya for future generations.

New Black Rhino sanctuary coming up in Aberdares National Park

Rhino Ark, in partnership with Kenya Wildlife Service and other stakeholders, is establishing a sanctuary for the endangered Black Rhino in the eastern salient of Aberdares National Park.

This project is a critical step in enhancing conservation efforts for one of Kenya's most iconic and threatened species.

As part of ongoing work, 13 km of the planned 19-km rhino fence has been cleared, in preparation for the next phase of fence installation. This fence is designed to protect the rhinos within the sanctuary, preventing human-wildlife conflict and reducing the risks of poaching, while ensuring the safety of other species within the ecosystem.

In addition to the fence clearing, the construction of all four animal grids along the sanctuary's perimeter has been completed. The grids will allow for the safe and controlled movement of wildlife in and out of the sanctuary, while maintaining the security of the rhinos and other vulnerable species.

The new sanctuary is a vital step in Black Rhino conservation, strengthening efforts to enhance Aberdares' biodiversity. As the sanctuary continues to take shape, it will serve as a vital refuge for these incredible creatures, providing them with the space they need to thrive while fostering a healthier, more diverse ecosystem.

Rhino Ark remains steadfast in its commitment to wildlife conservation, and this sanctuary will play a pivotal role in securing the future of the Black Rhino species, ensuring that generations to come can experience the beauty and significance of these magnificent animals.

Elephants moved from Mwea to end conflict with communities

Five elephants have been successfully translocated from Mwea National Reserve to Aberdare National Park in a groundbreaking conservation effort.



Rangers on foot patrol.

This remarkable achievement was made possible by the 400km-long Rhino Ark electric fence that surrounds the Aberdare ecosystem, transforming the park into a sanctuary for wildlife and a model of human-wildlife co-existence.

With the electric fence in place, the Aberdare National Park now offers these magnificent elephants a safe, secure environment, free from the threat of human-wildlife conflict.

The translocation is a significant milestone, not only for the elephants but also for the broader conservation efforts in the region, demonstrating the tangible benefits of carefully planned and executed wildlife protection strategies.

This success story highlights the crucial role that conservation initiatives like the Aberdare fence play in preserving Kenya's rich natural heritage. The fence ensures that wildlife can thrive in their natural habitats while minimising human-wildlife conflicts, which are often detrimental to both species and local communities.

Rhino Ark is grateful to the Kenya Wildlife Service and all the partners involved in this groundbreaking project. Their collaboration has made it possible to provide a safe haven for these elephants, marking another significant step forward in protecting Kenya's wildlife and fostering sustainable co-existence between humans and animals.

FOREST ECOSYSTEMS

MAU EBURU

Rangers get new uniforms

Rhino Ark has provided the Eburu Joint Security Unit with new uniforms as part of an ongoing commitment to strengthen wildlife protection. Equipping our ranger teams with the right tools and resources is crucial for effective conservation.

This vital initiative, in collaboration with the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo, plays a key role in enhancing the unit's capacity to safeguard the Eburu ecosystem, one of Kenya's most important forested areas. The new uniforms are not just a symbol of support, but a practical tool that ensures the rangers' safety and boosts their morale.

By providing the necessary equipment, we also foster a greater sense of unity and pride among the team, enabling them to work more effectively together in the face of the challenges they encounter.

The Eburu Joint Security Unit's work is critical in preventing wildlife crime and preserving Kenya's rich biodiversity. With the support of these new uniforms, rangers are better equipped to carry out their duties, ensuring the continued protection of the forest, its wildlife, and the surrounding communities that rely on this precious ecosystem.

This partnership between Rhino Ark and the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo is a testament to the power of collaboration in conservation. By empowering those on the frontlines of protecting our natural heritage, we are making a lasting impact on the preservation of Kenya's forests and wildlife for future generations.



Rhino Ark and Calgary Zoo officials hand over the uniforms to a community scout.

Updated conservation education curricula for schools

In 2024, Rhino Ark hosted a validation workshop to unveil its updated conservation education curricula for primary and secondary schools. The event brought together a dynamic team, including conservation education teachers from the Eburu and South Western Mau ecosystems, officials from the Ministry of Education, the Water Resources Management Authority, Kenya Wildlife Service, and Rhino Ark.

The workshop's goal was to refine and align the existing conservation education programmes with the national Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC). After an intensive review process, a set of curricula booklets was produced, which not only meet the CBC guidelines but also adopt a more practical and hands-on approach to teaching conservation.

These updated materials focus on equipping students with real-world skills, fostering a deeper connection to nature and sustainability practices in their local environments.

In addition to the curriculum booklets, an implementation strategy was developed, ensuring that the new materials are effectively integrated into schools within the targeted ecosystems. The curricula were carefully vetted by the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD), solidifying their educational value and adherence to national standards.

This initiative is part of Rhino Ark's ongoing commitment to promoting environmental awareness and conservation education. By engaging

students and communities in practical conservation, Rhino Ark aims to nurture the next generation of conservation leaders who will protect Kenya's vital ecosystems for years to come.



Conservation education curriculum workshop in progress in Molo.

Rhino Ark hands over Completed Monges Outpost to KFS

Rhino Ark has officially handed over the Monges Forest Outpost to the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) marking a significant milestone for conservation. This new facility will play a vital role in enhancing the monitoring and protection of the South Western Mau ecosystem, one of Kenya's most critical water towers.

The Monges Forest Outpost is more than just infrastructure - it is a commitment to the ongoing protection of Kenya's rich biodiversity and vital natural resources. It will strengthen forest surveillance, improve the welfare of rangers, and foster better community engagement in the conservation efforts that are crucial to safeguarding the forest's future.

Located in a strategic part of the SW Mau ecosystem, the outpost serves as a key tool in Rhino Ark's broader conservation strategy. By working in close collaboration with KFS, the initiative will ensure that this vital area is sustainably managed, benefitting not only the environment but also local communities who rely on the forest for their livelihoods.

This handover reflects the long-standing partnership between Rhino Ark and KFS in their shared mission to protect Kenya's forested landscapes.

Through initiatives like this, Rhino Ark continues to demonstrate its dedication to Kenya's environment and its wildlife, ensuring that critical areas like the South Western Mau remain safeguarded for future generations.



Rhino Ark and KFS officials inspect the outpost signage at Monges.

Churches set up tree nurseries in reforestation efforts



A community member tending to the seedlings.

Through this initiative, communities have learned to grow and sell tree seedlings, turning underutilised lands into thriving green spaces. This hands-on approach not only empowers local residents to contribute to environmental restoration but also provides them with a source of income from the sale of seedlings.

Among the success stories, the World Wide Church at Chemare stands out. The church's 100 members cultivated an impressive 6,000 seedlings, generating KES 120,000 in sales. This achievement is a testament to the power of community involvement in conservation efforts. Nearby, both the Ngariet Church and the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Tumoyot have also thrived, collectively selling 3,000 seedlings and contributing significantly to their local economies.

However, not all nurseries have had smooth sailing. Some faced challenges that led to lapses in activity, highlighting the hurdles the community must work together to overcome. Despite these setbacks, the overall impact of the initiative has been positive.

With 14 active nurseries and 15,800 seedlings sold, the communities have earned a total of KES 432,500, providing financial empowerment to local families while rejuvenating the environment.

Rhino Ark is committed to supporting this transformative programme, continuing to build the capacity of local churches to establish and manage tree nurseries.

This initiative is not just about growing trees, but about creating a sustainable future where communities play a key role in the conservation of their natural resources. Rhino Ark will continue to work hand-in-hand with the communities of South Western Mau to nurture both the environment and local economies for years to come.

Joint patrol targets traps and charcoal burning

A recent joint forest patrol, led by Rhino Ark scouts, successfully targeted illegal grazing, charcoal burning, and dangerous traps in the South Western Mau forest. These illegal activities are a big threat to the region's ecosystem.

Carried out jointly with KFS rangers, one of the objectives of the patrol was to map key nature trails and dismantle traps that endanger wildlife and disrupt the natural habitat. By addressing these illegal activities head-on, the team helped to reduce the impact on the forest's biodiversity and promote long-term conservation in this critical ecosystem.

The operation was made possible through the support of the Darwin Initiative, whose funding and resources enabled the scouts and rangers to carry out these crucial patrols.

Rhino Ark remains committed to protecting Kenya's forests and wildlife, and these efforts represent a significant step in ensuring the South Western Mau Forest remains a safe and thriving natural space for generations to come.



Scouts dismantling a charcoal kiln.

Ndoinet nursery targets 50,000 seedlings by end of 2024



Ndoinet community tree nursery.

The Ndoinet Community Tree Nursery, that was launched by Rhino Ark in August 2023, has made impressive strides in its first year.

An inspection in August 2024 revealed that the nursery was nurturing 31,000 seedlings of various tree species contributing to the restoration and conservation efforts in the South Western Mau ecosystem. The species include *Cussonia holstii*, commonly known as Cussonia hoist and *Syzygium cumini* or Java plum.

A major milestone has been reached with root pruning completed for 7,200 seedlings, ensuring they are healthy and nearly ready for transplanting into the forest. The nursery has the capacity to grow up to 100,000 seedlings. With the dedicated efforts of the Community Forest

Association (CFA), it is on track to reach its goal of 50,000 seedlings by the end of 2024.

This project, supported by the Darwin Initiative, plays a crucial role in promoting sustainable land use and enhancing the ecosystem's resilience. The community-driven efforts at the Ndoinet Nursery are not only fostering environmental regeneration but also creating opportunities for local engagement in conservation activities.

We look forward to the continued growth and success of this nursery, as we work together to protect and restore vital ecosystems for future generations.

FOREST RESTORATION: BENEFITING COMMUNITIES AND WILDLIFE



Forest restoration a success, inspection shows

An inspection of three forest restoration sites in the heart of the South Western Mau ecosystem have revealed promising results.

The inspection showed that the trees planted at Kapkembu, Tirigoi A, B, and Tirigoi D were thriving.

These sites, critical to our ongoing conservation efforts, were assessed for tree growth, fence integrity, and overall survival rates.

The trees, which were planted as part of our long-term restoration programme, are flourishing. At all three sites, the young trees are growing strong, signaling the success of our efforts to regenerate this vital ecosystem.

The fences, which serve as a protective barrier, are in excellent condition, ensuring that the newly restored areas remain secure from external threats. Perhaps most encouraging of all was the survival rate of the trees, which exceeded expectations, demonstrating that the foundation for a healthy, thriving forest is being firmly established.

This inspection was not just about assessing the trees and fences; it was a crucial step in understanding the broader impact of our restoration work. Regular field assessments are integral to the success of any conservation project, allowing us to track progress and adapt strategies as needed.

Monitoring tree survival rates is a critical measure of success - healthy forests begin with robust tree growth, and these high survival rates are an indicator that we are on the right track.

Equally important is the role of the fences. These structures are not just about marking boundaries; they are essential for safeguarding the regenerating areas from the damage caused by wildlife and livestock. With these fences in place, we can ensure that the new growth remains undisturbed and that the area remains a sanctuary for biodiversity.

The health of the South Western Mau forest is particularly important because it serves as a vital water source for many communities and wildlife in the region. The success of this restoration project will contribute to the protection of these water catchments, benefiting both people and wildlife for years to come.

Our efforts in these rehabilitation sites have been made possible by the support of Platinum Credit, whose backing at Tirigoi A, B, and D has been invaluable. Their commitment to the environment and to the restoration of the South Western Mau ecosystem is a key factor in the progress we have made.

This inspection is just one part of our ongoing efforts to restore ecosystems, improve livelihoods, and enhance biodiversity. As we continue to monitor these sites and expand our restoration initiatives, we are confident that the South Western Mau will remain a vital, thriving part of Kenya's natural heritage.

Through our collective dedication to these efforts, we are creating a healthier, more sustainable future for both the environment and the communities that depend on it.

Tick-borne pathogens study at Ragati and Chehe starts

Research has begun on tick-borne pathogens affecting livestock near forests. The findings will help protect both wildlife and community health.

The tick-borne pathogens survey at Ragati and Chehe is advancing steadily with the support of teams from the Kenya Wildlife Service and Rhino Ark's Mt. Kenya field unit.

A team of veterinarians recently interviewed 50 forest-edge farmers and collected livestock blood samples for pathogen analysis. This data collection phase is essential in identifying the ticks that pose a risk to both livestock and wildlife in the region.

The next step in the research involves the preparation of samples for DNA extraction and PCR processing, which is currently underway. The team is following a meticulous process to ensure the accuracy of results, with reagents

being used to begin the pathogen detection phase in the coming weeks. This will help pinpoint the tick-borne diseases affecting cattle that graze near the forest.

The ultimate goal of the study is to create a disease-free buffer zone around the Mt. Kenya ecosystem, reducing the risk of livestock diseases being transmitted to wildlife, particularly the endangered Mountain Bongo.

This effort is critical for the successful reintroduction of the Mountain Bongo into the wild, ensuring a healthy population and supporting the broader ecosystem's health.

The research not only strengthens our wildlife conservation efforts but also brings tangible benefits to local communities. By safeguarding the health of livestock, this project fosters a sustainable balance between human livelihoods and environmental preservation.

Rhino Ark is committed to continuing this vital work and looks forward to sharing the results of the study, which will ultimately contribute to both the recovery of the Mountain Bongo and the well-being of local communities.



Veterinarians and lab technicians conducting the study.

Camera traps secured against animal damage



A trap camera mounted on a tree in the forest.

Rhino Ark is adding protective cages to its camera traps to prevent damage by large animals such as elephants and hyenas, who are known to occasionally interfere with the equipment.

Securing camera traps ensures they remain functional, allowing uninterrupted wildlife data collection. This advancement is a crucial part of our broader conservation strategy, helping us to gain deeper insights into the behaviour and movement of species in the region.

With these added protections in place, we are confident that we can continue to expand our understanding of Mt. Kenya's rich ecosystems, ensuring we can effectively protect and preserve them for future generations.

New gear for Mount Kenya scouts

Rhino Ark scouts in the Ragati/Chehe region of Mount Kenya have received a vital upgrade—brand-new, weather-proof riding gear.

This essential equipment will help them face the mountain's relentless rain, thick fog, and chilly conditions while ensuring they remain safe, comfortable, and effective as they carry out their crucial work in protecting one of Kenya's most precious ecosystems.

Mount Kenya's unique biodiversity and fragile environment require constant vigilance, and

our rangers play a critical role in safeguarding this natural treasure. With their new gear, they are better equipped to navigate the challenging terrain and weather, allowing them to respond swiftly to any threats to the forest and its wildlife.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our supporters and partners who have made this upgrade possible. Your generosity strengthens the work of our rangers and boosts our efforts toward the continued conservation of Mount Kenya.



Solomon Wachiuri from Rhino Ark hands over riding gear to a scout in Mt. Kenya ecosystem.

Donor teamwork puts up new signboard



The signboard displaying all partners involved in Mt. Kenya conservation.

A new donor signboard has been completed at the Ngonde Kenya Forest Service outpost, located along the Sagana-Tigithi electric fence Section.

This important milestone marks the continued collaboration and shared commitment to conserving the Mt. Kenya ecosystem.

This accomplishment would not have been possible without the support of our dedicated partners, whose contributions are integral to the success of this project. A heartfelt thank you goes out to:

- Upper Tana Natural Resources Management
- Kenya Pipeline Company
- National Treasury
- Rhino Charge
- Mount Kenya Trust

- Kabaru Community Forest Association
- Hombe Integrated CFA
- Mt. Kenya West Naro Moru CFA

By working together, we are ensuring the protection and sustainability of one of Kenya's most vital ecosystems, safeguarding it for future generations. The completion of this Phase 6 of the electric fence is a significant step towards curbing human-wildlife conflict, preventing poaching, and enhancing biodiversity conservation within the region.

We are proud of the progress made and look forward to continuing our journey towards a healthier, more secure Mt. Kenya. Thank you to all our partners for their unwavering commitment and support in making this project a reality. Together, we are protecting the heart of Kenya's natural heritage.

More motorcycles to enhance security operations

Rhino Ark's motorcycle fleet in the Mt. Kenya Ragati Chehe region has been expanded with two more motorcycles, bringing the total to five.

This is part of ongoing efforts to improve conservation and security operations. This expansion is a major milestone in enhancing our ability to protect this critical conservation area.

These additions equip our team of five skilled riders with the necessary mobility to cover vast, rugged terrains. This improved capacity will allow for faster responses and more efficient forest patrols, ensuring that we can better protect wildlife and safeguard the ecosystem.

The new motorcycles will significantly bolster our efforts in several key areas:

- Wildlife monitoring: The ability to cover more ground allows our team to track wildlife movements and gather essential data, contributing to more effective conservation strategies.
- Anti-poaching efforts: With faster response times, we can more quickly address poaching threats, improving the overall security of the area's wildlife.
- Community engagement: The enhanced mobility strengthens our ability to connect with and engage local communities, fostering greater collaboration on conservation initiatives.

These motorcycles will play a pivotal role in preserving the integrity of the Ragati Chehe ecosystem, ensuring the continued protection of Mt. Kenya forest.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all our partners and supporters whose contributions make these advancements possible. Together, we are one step closer to securing the future of this vital ecosystem.



A rider tries out the new motorcycle.

Fencing protects Mt. Kenya's rich biodiversity

Rhino Ark has completed a new 62-km section of a fence in Mount Kenya forest and rehabilitated an additional 28 kms of fencing, a key part of our broader conservation strategy.

This has been possible because of the support of our partners who include the Kenya Pipeline Company, Mount Kenya Trust, Upper Tana Natural Resource Management, and various Community Forest Associations.

This fencing initiative plays an essential role in safeguarding the region's rich biodiversity, minimising human-wildlife conflict, and fostering sustainable livelihoods for local communities.

By establishing these physical boundaries, we ensure that wildlife populations are protected from encroachment, while providing a controlled environment that supports both conservation and community development efforts.

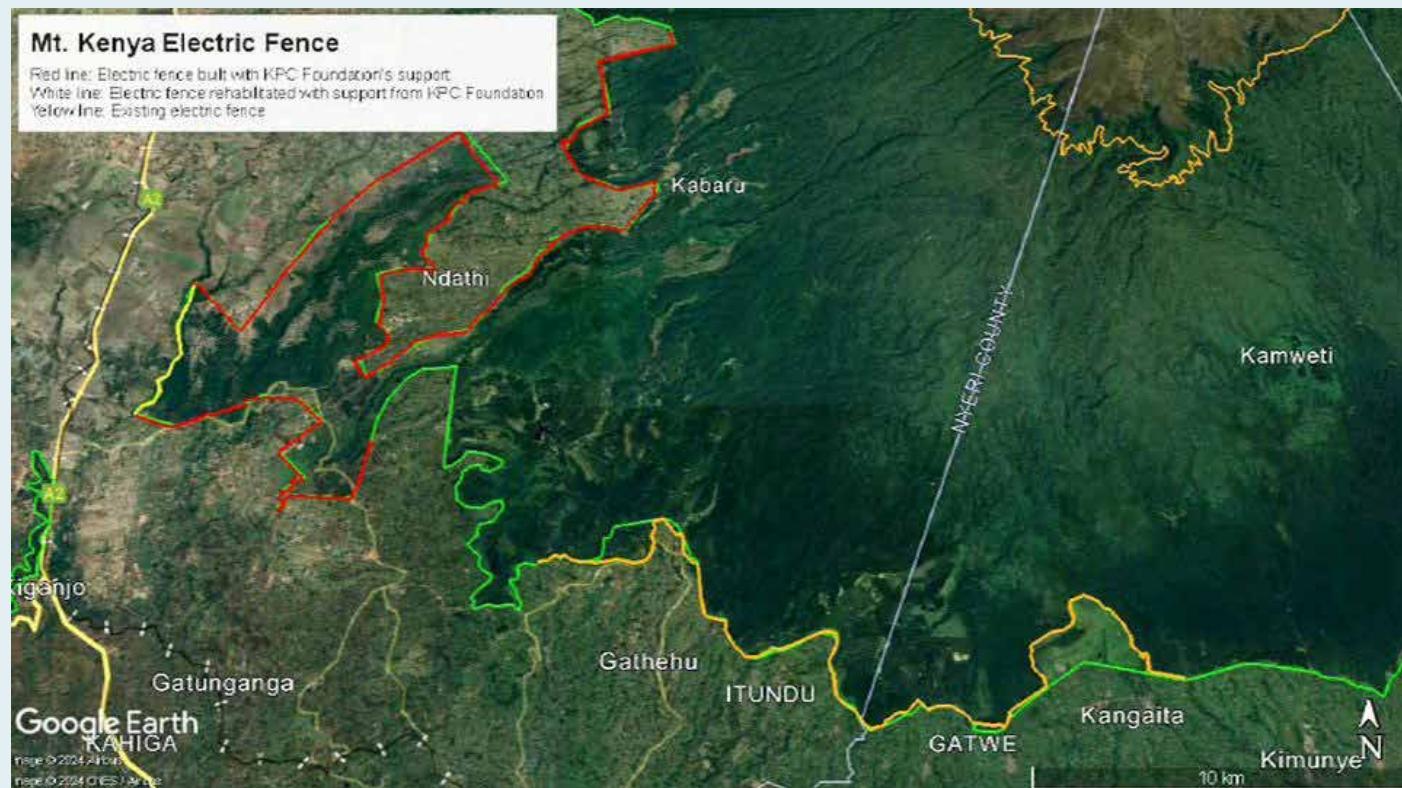
The map included in this article illustrates the extent of our work: areas where the fence has been newly constructed and those where vital rehabilitation has taken place.

These efforts are part of our ambitious long-term goal to complete 450 kms of fencing across the Mt. Kenya ecosystem. To date, Rhino Ark has successfully constructed 300 kms, bringing us

closer to securing the entire ecosystem.

This achievement is a testament to the power of collaboration, commitment, and the unwavering support of our partners, stakeholders, and local communities. Together, we are creating a more resilient and sustainable future for Mt. Kenya's wildlife and the people who depend on its resources.

The project continues to be a source of pride, showcasing how collective efforts can bring about lasting change for both nature and the people who coexist with it.



Caught on camera: Hidden lives of animals

Cameras in Mount Kenya are giving us a rare glimpse into the lives of animals often unseen by the human eye.

Step into the hidden wonders of Ragati and Chehe forests, where our latest camera traps have captured stunning images of the vibrant wildlife that thrives in the heart of the forest.

Among the incredible shots, we have captured the elusive leopard stealthily prowling through the dense undergrowth, showcasing its remarkable hunting skills and agility.

A majestic elephant, its massive form gliding through the forest, reminds us of the sheer power and grace of these gentle giants. And,

in a lighter moment, a playful monkey couldn't resist getting in on the action - snapping a selfie as it frolicked among the trees.

These images not only highlight the diverse and thriving wildlife in the region but also underscore the importance of conservation efforts in protecting the delicate balance of Mt. Kenya's ecosystems.

Thanks to our innovative camera trap programme, we are learning more about these magnificent creatures and gaining valuable insights into their behaviours, movements, and habitats.

Every image captured tells a story and reinforces

the critical need for ongoing protection of these pristine forests. Stay tuned as we continue to share the beauty and richness of Mt. Kenya's wildlife through these captivating snapshots.



A leopard captured by a trap camera.

Work starts on Wanjohi to Shamata fence project

Twelve kilometres of land has been cleared in preparation for installation of a fence in the Wanjohi to Shamata section of the Aberdares to prevent human-wildlife conflict.

Erection of posts, installation of high-tensile wire and power looping are also ongoing, enhancing the fence's effectiveness in keeping wildlife within protected areas.

The work is a significant step in the preservation of the Aberdare ecosystem. This initiative is a collaboration between Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya Forest Service, Rhino Ark, and the Geta Community Forest Association. It aims to address one of the most pressing issues in conservation today - human-wildlife conflict - while safeguarding this vital ecosystem.

The construction of the high-tensile fence is designed to provide a safer

environment for both wildlife and local communities. By acting as a barrier between human settlements and wildlife habitats, the fence will help reduce crop raiding and livestock predation, fostering a more peaceful coexistence. Additionally, the fence will promote sustainable land use by protecting crucial habitats from encroachment and degradation.

This ambitious project is supported by the Darwin Initiative and represents a major step toward preserving Kenya's rich natural heritage. It not only contributes to wildlife conservation but also strengthens the relationship between conservation efforts and the local communities who live alongside these precious ecosystems.

We look forward to sharing more updates as the project progresses and continues to make a lasting impact on both wildlife conservation and community well-being.



Planting of the fence posts during the launch.



The plaque commemorating the launch of the fence project.

Geta Forest Station indigenous tree nursery thrives

The Geta Forest Station indigenous tree nursery now holds 71,539 seedlings, marking a critical milestone in the restoration of the Aberdare ecosystem. These seedlings will play an essential role in rehabilitating degraded areas of the forest, boosting biodiversity, and contributing to the region's climate resilience.

A team from Rhino Ark worked at the nursery for a week from October 7th. The team, in collaboration with the Kenya Forest Service and local community members, made significant progress. This initiative is a key part of ongoing efforts to rehabilitate and restore the Aberdare ecosystem through the planting of indigenous trees.

Key activities carried out during the week included:

- Weeding seedling tubes to ensure the young plants have the best chance for healthy growth.
- Potting new seedlings to expand the nursery's capacity to nurture more trees.
- Digging forest soil for planting, preparing the land for future planting efforts.
- Ongoing seed sowing and seed collection to ensure a continuous supply of seedlings.

This initiative is supported by the Darwin Initiative, and together with our partners, we are helping to build a greener future. The progress made at the Geta Forest Station is just one example of how community collaboration and dedicated conservation efforts are making a tangible difference in protecting and restoring Kenya's vital ecosystems.



Community members taking care of the tree nurseries.

50 acres of forest land reclaimed in Shamata

More than 50 acres of forest land has been reclaimed along the Wanjohi-Shamata fence alignment, marking a critical step in the restoration of the Aberdare ecosystem.

This reclaimed land had previously been encroached upon by local farmers, threatening the health and integrity of the forest. During the initial clearing process for the fence, it became clear that areas of the forest were being used by farmers for cultivation, which posed a risk to the area's biodiversity.

In response, Rhino Ark worked closely with the Kenya Forest Service to reinstate boundary beacons and reassert the true boundaries of the forest reserve. The collaboration between Rhino Ark and KFS was instrumental in addressing

this issue and securing the land for future conservation.

By restoring these 50 acres, we not only expand the protected forest area but also enhance the forest's ability to support wildlife, contribute to carbon sequestration, and sustain local water catchment areas. This success is a testament to the power of collaborative conservation efforts and to the ongoing commitment of all involved to protect the Aberdare ecosystem for generations to come.

With the support of the community, stakeholders, and partners like the Kenya Forest Service, we continue to work towards a more sustainable future, ensuring that our natural heritage remains intact for years to come.



Reclaimed forest land in Shamata.

Native trees that are a lifeblood for reforestation

The Geta Forest Tree Nursery is playing a key role in rehabilitating forests by growing a diverse range of native tree species that are perfectly suited to the region's unique environmental conditions.

Supported by the Darwin Initiative, this community-driven nursery currently holds an impressive 68,539 seedlings, each one contributing to the restoration of degraded forest areas and fostering biodiversity. Here are ten native species we are cultivating to ensure the long-term sustainability of our forests:

Juniperus procera (African Red Cedar)

A resilient tree valued for its durable wood, African Red Cedar thrives at high altitudes. It is not only important for carpentry and building materials but also plays a role in maintaining the forest's ecological balance.

Olea africana (African Olive)

Known for its drought resistance, the African Olive is a critical species in preventing soil erosion — a major issue in our region. Its deep roots help stabilise the soil, especially in areas prone to degradation.

Hagenia abyssinica (Rosewood)

A vital part of montane forests, Rosewood contributes to maintaining highland biodiversity, making it an essential species for forest regeneration and ecological health.

Nuxia congesta (Brittle-wood)

A versatile tree that supports wildlife, Brittle-wood plays a key role in maintaining the

ecological integrity of our forests, providing shelter and sustenance to various species.

Rapanea melanophloeos (Cape beech)

With its adaptability to various environments, this tree is particularly important for reforestation projects, contributing significantly to water conservation and soil stabilisation.

Warburgia ugandensis (Ugandan greenheart)

Revered for its medicinal properties, Warburgia is highly valued not only for its healing benefits but also for its role in maintaining the health of both people and the environment.

Dombeya torrida (Forest dombeya)

Known for its fast growth and soil stabilisation capabilities, Dombeya is especially useful for rehabilitating degraded forest areas, helping to restore the ecosystem to its former vibrancy.

Prunus Africana (African cherry)

The bark of this tree is used in traditional medicine, making it a vital species for local healthcare. Beyond its medicinal value, it plays a crucial role in maintaining biodiversity within the forest.

Podocarpus falcatus (African pine)

This evergreen tree thrives in high-altitude, moist conditions, providing valuable timber while supporting local economic activity and strengthening the forest ecosystem.

Yushania alpina (Bamboo)

Bamboo plays a vital role in stabilising soil

and conserving water, particularly in the mountainous regions of Geta. It helps reduce erosion and acts as a natural water purifier, benefiting both the environment and local communities.

These ten tree species represent more than just vegetation; they are the lifeblood of our reforestation efforts. By focusing on indigenous species, we ensure that our restoration projects are not only effective but also sustainable, resilient, and in harmony with nature.

As we continue to nurture these trees, we are building a brighter, greener future —one that benefits both the environment and the communities that depend on it. Together, we are replanting the roots of conservation and fostering a thriving ecosystem for generations to come.



Rhino Ark Public Relations Officer Kate Mwangi at the Geta tree nursery.

Wanjohi to Shamata fence project officially launched

Rhino Ark and its partners officially launched the 10-km conservation fence from Wanjohi to Shamata in the Aberdares on August 14th, 2024.

The event was a significant occasion, bringing together community members, stakeholders, and local leaders to celebrate the progress made and the positive impact this project will have on conservation efforts in the Aberdares.

As part of the ceremony, trees were planted symbolising the stakeholders' commitment to restoring and protecting the Aberdare ecosystem.

The team also placed additional fence posts and conducted the straining of high-tension wires, marking an important step toward completing this vital conservation infrastructure.

The ceremony concluded with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque by Ms Wanjiku Muhia, the Member of Parliament for Kipipiri Constituency.

The fence project is a combined effort of Rhino Ark, the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), the Kenya Forest Service (KFS), and the Geta Community Forest Association.

Funded by the Darwin Initiative, this project is aimed at protecting the Aberdare ecosystem, promoting biodiversity conservation, and mitigating human-wildlife conflict in the region.

The next phases of the project will focus on completing the fence installation, ensuring its sustainability, and expanding the reach of conservation efforts in the Aberdares.



Fence under construction.



AJSU team receiving their new gear.

Security team receives all-weather gear

The Aberdare Joint Surveillance Unit (AJSU) have been equipped with new rain gear, warm clothing, and uniforms, ensuring they can perform their vital work in comfort and safety.

Each team member has received a full set of protective gear, including mud boots, raincoats, jackets, shirts, trousers, and pullovers, all designed to withstand the harsh and unpredictable conditions of the Aberdare ecosystem.

This new equipment is a game-changer, allowing the AJSU team to carry out their conservation and anti-poaching duties effectively, whether it is pouring rain or chilly fog that greets them in the field.

We are grateful for the support from our donors and partners that has made this possible. Their contributions help ensure that our rangers are not only well-protected but also motivated to continue safeguarding the Aberdares, one of Kenya's most precious ecosystems. With this new gear, the AJSU is better equipped than ever to protect the Aberdares' biodiversity.

New mulcher will ease access and fight wildfires

Rhino Ark has expanded its conservation toolkit with the acquisition of a new forest mulcher, thanks to the support of the Horne Family Foundation and the Kenya Wildlife Service.

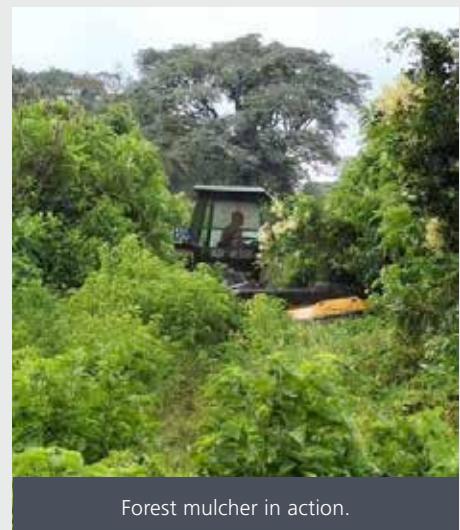
Acquired in July 2024, this mulcher, the second of its kind in Kenya, is already proving invaluable in our efforts to protect the Aberdares ecosystem.

The powerful mulcher, paired with a heavy-duty tractor provided by KWS, is helping to reopen overgrown secondary roads in the park, which are vital for access during conservation operations. By clearing these roads, the mulcher allows our teams to move more efficiently, monitor wildlife, and respond quickly to any threats in the area.

The mulcher is playing a critical role in maintaining firebreaks in the moorlands, helping to protect the delicate mountain ecosystem from the devastating effects of uncontrolled fires. By clearing vegetation that could fuel fires, the mulcher enhances fire management strategies, reducing the risk of destructive wildfires.

With this new equipment, Rhino Ark's conservation efforts are stronger than ever, ensuring that we can continue to safeguard the rich biodiversity of Mt. Kenya.

We are grateful for the continued support from our partners and look forward to the lasting impact this tool will have in preserving this unique and important ecosystem.

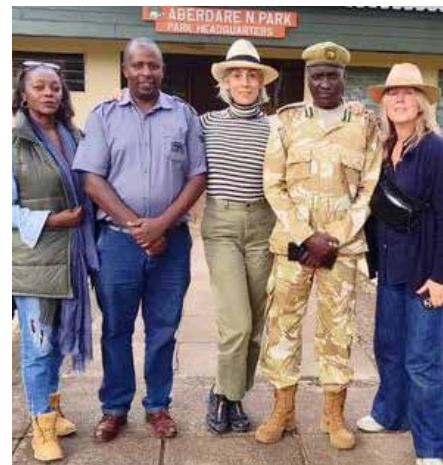


Forest mulcher in action.

Coming soon: A documentary film on conservation



Rhino Ark Director, Lucy Chodota with the film crew and rangers in the forest.



Rhino Ark officials and the film crew at the Aberdare Park Headquarters.



Rhino Ark officials, the film crew and community members at the School of Hope.

A film crew visited the Aberdares in August 2024 to explore the potential for creating a documentary highlighting Rhino Ark's impactful conservation work.

Led by Ms Lucy Chodota, Rhino Ark's Board Director and Senior Producer at C-Through Ltd, the talented team of filmmakers included Isabella from the USA and Debra from Canada.

The team's journey began with a courtesy call on the KWS Assistant Director at Aberdare National Park. The KWS representative spoke about the Private-Public Partnership (PPP) between Rhino Ark, the Kenya Wildlife Service, and other key partners. This collaboration is central to the ongoing conservation successes in the region and the protection of Aberdare's diverse ecosystems.

After this insightful discussion, the team travelled to Bondeni Primary School, where they engaged with both teachers and students.

Ms Emma Maina, a teacher at the school, spoke about the school's involvement in various conservation initiatives, including the innovative Laptop Project, the Rainwater Harvesting Project, and the Aberdare Fence Relay Run.

The team also visited the School of Hope Library, a community-driven resource that is improving educational access in the area. These projects are pivotal in supporting Rhino Ark's broader efforts to engage and empower local communities in conservation.

The next stop on their tour was the Aberdare Fence Commissioning Site, where they observed firsthand how the fence is helping to protect farmers from wildlife incursions. The fence secures agricultural land from marauding wildlife, ensuring a safer co-existence between humans and animals.

As the team explored the area, they witnessed herds of buffalo, zebra, waterbuck, and

warthogs peacefully grazing on the lush forest glades, which is a direct result of the successful fencing efforts.

An especially poignant moment occurred when the team interviewed community elder Peter Maina Kibuka, chairman of the Bondeni Community Conservation Group.

Community elder Kibuka shared valuable insights into the changes that had taken place in the area since the installation of the fence, detailing how the community's relationship with the forest and its wildlife had transformed for the better.

The visit provided a deeper understanding of the vital conservation work being done by Rhino Ark. It also set the stage for a future documentary that will showcase these efforts, shining a light on the collaboration, dedication, and positive outcomes of Rhino Ark's ongoing mission to protect Kenya's ecosystems.

Positive impact for Kakamega fence project

The Kakamega forest fence has played a key role in reducing deforestation, enhancing wildlife protection, and fostering greater collaboration between local communities and conservation efforts.

By securing the forest boundaries, the project not only contributes to biodiversity conservation but also supports local livelihoods through sustainable environmental practices.

While presenting the progress of the project to government officials recently, Rhino Ark's Deputy Executive Director Moses Muthoki, said the

fence project was designed to secure this vital ecosystem, ensuring the protection of both the forest and its biodiversity.

He made the presentation to Environment Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale and Vihiga County Governor Wilbur Ottichilo. The presentation marked a crucial moment in the ongoing efforts to protect Kakamega forest, Kenya's only tropical rainforest, from human-wildlife conflict and illegal activities.

The initiative seeks to mitigate human-wildlife conflict, reduce illegal activities such as poaching

and logging, and promote sustainable practices that benefit both the environment and local communities.

As the Kakamega Fence Project progresses, it continues to demonstrate the importance of partnerships between conservation organisations, government bodies, and local communities in safeguarding Kenya's unique ecosystems.

Rhino Ark remains committed to driving impactful change, ensuring that Kakamega Forest thrives for future generations.

Great progress in efforts to protect unique forest

The Yala-Kamulembe section of the Kakamega forest fence has been completed while work on the Kibiri fence line has started.

The completion of the River Yala-Kamulembe fence marks a major milestone in efforts to protect Kenya's only tropical rainforest, and to promote long-term conservation in the region.

Fencing Kakamega forest is integral to preserving its rich biodiversity, mitigating human-wildlife conflict, and protecting its delicate ecosystem.

The fence will not only offer a secure boundary but also help protect the wildlife and plant species that call this forest home.

This project forms a crucial part of Rhino Ark's larger strategy to protect and restore Kakamega forest, which is home to unique biodiversity and vital ecosystems.

The completion of the Yala section represents not just progress in infrastructure, but a shared vision for the preservation of Kakamega forest and its biodiversity for future generations. Together, we are taking meaningful steps to protect Kenya's natural heritage.

On July 11th, 2024, the Mpesa Foundation visited the Kibiri construction site to inspect the ongoing work. Such partner inspections play an essential role in ensuring that conservation projects are progressing as planned, while also fostering collaboration, accountability, and transparency within the effort.

We thank our partners who have made this project possible: NetFUND, UNDP, Safaricom Foundation, Kenya Forest Service, Kenya Wildlife Service, the Kakamega and Vihiga county governments, and all of our valued supporters.

Their collaboration and unwavering commitment are driving the success of this vital conservation initiative.

Together, we are taking crucial steps to ensure that Kakamega forest remains a thriving sanctuary for wildlife and plants for future generations.



Kakamega fenceline at Kamulembe.



Kibiri fenceline.

COMMUNITY LIVELIHOODS

MAU EBURU

Beekeepers can now enjoy the sweet fruits of their labour

The Eburu Beekeeping Cooperative's natural honey is now available for purchase at the newly-opened Eburu CFA tuck shop. Eburu honey is more than just a sweet treat - it represents the hard work and dedication of local beekeepers and the cooperative's strong commitment to both conservation and community development.

Each jar of Eburu honey is a product of sustainable beekeeping practices, ensuring minimal impact on the environment while supporting the local ecosystem. By purchasing this honey, you are not only enjoying a high-quality, local product, but you are also directly contributing to sustainable income for local families and supporting the

continued protection of Eburu forest.

The Eburu Beekeeping Cooperative plays a vital role in enhancing livelihoods while promoting environmental stewardship.

By choosing Eburu honey, you are making a meaningful impact - helping to preserve Eburu forest for future generations, while supporting the hardworking beekeepers who rely on its resources. Visit the Eburu CFA Tuck Shop today and take home a jar of nature's goodness, knowing that your purchase is contributing to a brighter, more sustainable future for all.



Packaged Eburu honey.

CFA tuck shop showcases power of partnerships



Eburu community office.

The official opening of the Eburu Community Forest Association (CFA) tuck shop was a celebration of years of hard work and collaboration in conservation.

The event was a testament to the power of partnerships, bringing together a range of stakeholders, including Rhino Ark, Calgary Zoo/Wilder Institute, Kenya Forest Service, Kenya Wildlife Service, Eburu Rafiki, the local administration, and the Eburu CFA and fence maintenance teams.

The tuck shop, now serving as a welcoming stop for visitors, offers a variety of locally sourced products such as Eburu honey, hiking sticks, snacks, and other essentials. By promoting these local goods, the shop plays a key role in boosting tourism within the Eburu forest, while simultaneously providing a sustainable income

for the community. This initiative offers visitors the chance to enjoy local flavours and products, while contributing to the economic development of the Eburu area.

A highlight of the event was the speech by Dr. Typhenn Brichieri-Colombi, Senior Manager of Conservation Programmes at Calgary Zoo. She spoke passionately about the importance of partnerships in conservation, emphasising that effective teamwork strengthens initiatives and amplifies the impact of conservation projects.

The opening of the shop marks another important milestone in the ongoing efforts to protect and preserve the Eburu Forest. It not only supports conservation but also empowers the local community, ensuring that the benefits of preserving the Eburu ecosystem are shared by all.

High-quality beeswax on sale

At Eburu, the rich biodiversity of the forest is not only preserved through conservation efforts but also celebrated through the work of our dedicated communities.

Here, beekeepers harvest high-quality beeswax, directly sourced from the heart of the forest. This pure, natural product, available at our honey shop, is more than just a commodity - it is a symbol of sustainable conservation and community empowerment.

By purchasing this beeswax, you are not only acquiring a premium, eco-friendly product, but you are also playing an integral role in supporting

our ongoing efforts to protect Kenya's vital ecosystems.

Every transaction helps fund conservation programmes and initiatives aimed at safeguarding the environment while directly benefiting the hardworking local communities involved in its production.

Your support through these sustainable practices goes a long way in ensuring that both the environment and the people of Eburu continue to thrive together. Thank you for being a part of this meaningful journey.



Beeswax being weighed.

Beekeepers trained in commercial honey production



Bee farmers in the forest.

Seventy-three beekeepers were recently trained in commercial honey production at the Ndoinet Forest Station.

The training workshop, organised by Rhino Ark under the Darwin Initiative, aims to establish a sustainable cooperative for the bulk collection and processing of honey. In addition, it will enable the beekeepers to take ownership of this promising initiative.

During the event, participants elected an interim committee to guide the formation of the cooperative. The committee is composed of David Ruto (Chair), Josiah Mutai (Secretary), and Eunice Kenduiywa (Treasurer). These leaders will steer the cooperative's efforts until formal elections are held post-registration.



Participants of the training.

50 farmers were awarded certificates in beekeeping, underscoring the workshop's focus on skills development and knowledge-sharing. The beekeepers' enthusiasm for the project was palpable, with participants emphasising the importance of teamwork and shared responsibility in building a thriving business.

This initiative is poised to offer not only economic benefits for the local community but also promote sustainable forest protection, as the beekeepers work to integrate their businesses with conservation efforts.

As the beekeepers move forward with their cooperative venture, their commitment and collaboration are sure to foster long-term success and environmental stewardship, creating a buzz of opportunity for both people and the planet.

Farmers trained on turning beekeeping into business

Ndoinet Community Beekeepers were trained in transformative beekeeping in Molo as part of the Commercial Honey Project.

The training in June 2024, led by Rhino Ark and supported by the Darwin Initiative, aims to empower farmers by equipping them with the skills and knowledge to turn beekeeping into a sustainable business.

Conducted by experts from the National Beekeeping Institute in Nairobi, the training provided the farmers with comprehensive insights into the commercial potential of bee products. This is part of Rhino Ark's broader vision to improve livelihoods in the community, with plans to organise the farmers into a cooperative for bulk honey processing and sales.

The course manual covered a wide range of essential topics for successful beekeeping. They included constructing and maintaining beehives, selecting optimal apiary locations, attracting and caring for bees, understanding the plants that benefit them, and managing pests and predators. Participants also learned honey harvesting skills, processing, packing, and branding, giving them

the tools to create a marketable product.

This training was the second phase of a broader effort following the successful registration and launch of the Ndoinet Forest Association's Participatory Forest Management Plan (PFMP) in August 2023.

The PFMP serves as a five-year framework for forest conservation and sustainable livelihoods, incorporating activities such as livestock management, tree nursery establishment, herbal medicine extraction, and beekeeping.

The plan is designed to protect and preserve the vital South Western Mau Forest while providing the community with avenues for economic growth and environmental stewardship.

The training is a significant step toward realising the goals of the PFMP, helping farmers to not only enhance their beekeeping skills but also build a more sustainable future for themselves and their environment. Through these efforts, Rhino Ark is creating lasting impacts, turning conservation efforts into tangible benefits for local communities.



Training in session.



Bee farmers during the practicals.

Study: Fruit trees cultivation enriches biodiversity

Fruit trees cultivation helps preserve the ecosystem, combat soil erosion, and enhance biodiversity, while providing a reliable source of nutrition and economic stability, a Rhino Ark survey has shown.

The comprehensive survey was conducted among 30 farmers in the Ragati-Chehe Forest area of Mount Kenya. The survey aimed to gain a deeper understanding of how fruit tree cultivation contributes to sustainable livelihoods and supports environmental conservation efforts

in the region.

In line with our commitment to inclusivity, the survey was designed to engage an equal number of men and women, ensuring a diverse range of perspectives. Through these interviews, we gathered valuable insights into the role of fruit trees not only as a source of income but also as a tool for fostering environmental stewardship.

The results of this survey will significantly contribute to Rhino Ark's ongoing efforts to

promote sustainable agricultural practices in the Mt. Kenya region. By supporting local farmers in adopting eco-friendly farming techniques, we aim to create a balance between human development and environmental preservation, ensuring that both the community and the ecosystem thrive.

We thank all the farmers who took their time to share their knowledge and experiences. Your contributions are invaluable as we continue our mission to protect and preserve the rich biodiversity of Mt. Kenya for generations to come.



Rhino Ark official conducting the survey.



Ragati - Chehe community members



Farm studies in progress.

Chehe Primary School gets improved sanitation blocks

Modern toilet blocks have been constructed at Chehe Primary school to serve students and teachers.

Access to clean and safe sanitation is a fundamental right, not a luxury. However, for Chehe Primary School, situated on the edge of Mt. Kenya forest, the lack of proper toilet facilities posed a serious threat to the school's continued operation. The outdated and unsafe latrines were not only unhygienic but also put the health and safety of students and staff at risk.

Thanks to the generous support of the Rhino Ark/ Wildlife Nature Conservation Club and the Donna Had A Dream scholarship, a crucial intervention was made.

These upgraded sanitation facilities are a game-changer for the school, ensuring that the students and staff have access to safe and hygienic restroom facilities, essential for their well-being and continued education.

This initiative underscores the importance of collaboration in addressing community needs and highlights the role that conservation and education efforts can play in improving the quality of life in the Mt. Kenya region.

Thanks to the efforts of all involved, Chehe Primary School can now continue to provide its students with the education they deserve, in a safe and conducive environment.



Before: Sanitation block under construction.



After: completed sanitation blocks.

Lessons from Ruguru's female-led conservation group

A female-led conservation group is making waves in Ruguru location on the edge of Mt Kenya forest.

The Rhino Ark team recently visited the community conservation group as part of our benchmarking process for developing the Community Conservation Champions programme. The programme aims to promote sustainable environmental practices across the Mt. Kenya region.

The Ruguru group, known for its success in establishing a thriving tree nursery, shared invaluable insights with us during the visit. Their approach to nursery management, focusing on sustainability and community involvement, offers a model for future conservation efforts. The group's success is a testament to the power of local knowledge and the importance of community ownership in conservation projects.

As we continue to design the Community Conservation Champions

programme, the lessons learned from the Ruguru group will play a pivotal role in shaping its structure.

Their experience has highlighted the need for fostering strong community engagement and supporting local leadership, particularly among women, to ensure the long-term success of conservation initiatives.

We are grateful for the opportunity to learn from the Ruguru group, whose dedication to conservation serves as an inspiring example for communities across Mt. Kenya.

With the collective efforts of local communities, we can continue to make a significant impact on protecting Mt. Kenya's unique ecosystems for future generations.



Members of the Ruguru group.



Fruit seedlings.

Empowering young nature caretakers

Our young conservationists from Rhino Ark Mt. Kenya Nature Conservation Clubs recently rolled up their sleeves for a meaningful hands-on experience - participating in a rubbish clean-up session aimed at promoting environmental stewardship.

The event not only focused on removing waste from the local environment but also served as an educational opportunity. The young participants learned about the biodegradability of various materials, gaining a deeper understanding of the long-lasting impact waste can have on our ecosystems. This valuable lesson reinforced the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling to protect our planet.

We are proud of the dedication shown by these young leaders, who are helping ensure a cleaner, greener future for both the local community and the world. Through such initiatives, Rhino Ark continues to foster a sense of responsibility in the next generation, empowering them to be active guardians of nature.



Student members of the nature conservation clubs.

ABERDARES

More tour guides trained as visitor numbers surge

Rhino Ark has trained 29 locals in the scenic northern Aberdares as guides, porters, and cooks and equipped them with essential camping gear as part of its drive to promote sustainable ecotourism.

These skills not only help individuals gain sustainable livelihoods but also foster a greater sense of ownership and responsibility towards conservation.

The training is ongoing, ensuring that the local workforce continues to grow in expertise and capability. Additionally, new markers have been installed along the Shamata route to Ole Satima, the highest peak in the Aberdares, making the 39.5 km trail more accessible and safe for adventurers.

Hikers on the trail will be treated to an unforgettable journey, with highlights including Table Mountain, the peaceful Seven Ponds, and the iconic Twin-Rock Summit. Recent trail enhancements, such as improved signage, ensure that both seasoned hikers and newcomers can safely enjoy this stunning landscape. As a result, visitor numbers have surged from 80 to 250 per

weekend, reflecting the growing popularity of the route and the ecotourism opportunities it offers.

This increased visitation has created numerous jobs for the local community, providing an alternative to illegal activities in the region. Rhino Ark is committed to ensuring that these efforts contribute positively to both the environment and the livelihoods of local people.

We are proud to spearhead this transformative sustainable ecotourism programme, made possible by the generous support of the Darwin Initiative. This project is designed not only to promote eco-friendly travel but also to uplift local communities, providing them with new economic opportunities while ensuring the conservation of this vital ecosystem.

We invite you to experience the beauty and serenity of the Aberdares firsthand. Plan your visit today and explore this natural masterpiece, where adventure, conservation, and community thrive together.



Aberdare tour guides during a training session.

Where conservation knows no gender boundaries

An inspiring display of teamwork, with women and men working together, is being witnessed in the construction of Phase II of the Kakamega fence at Kaptik, Vihiga County.

The combined efforts highlight the power of collaboration and showcase the strength, resilience, and dedication that is driving the success of this project. This inclusive approach not only strengthens the fence's construction but also reinforces Rhino Ark's commitment to promoting gender equality in conservation. By ensuring that both women and men are actively involved in the process, we are helping to build a sustainable future for Kakamega forest and the surrounding communities.

The construction of the fence is a critical step in protecting one of Kenya's most important tropical rainforests, and the collaboration between all members of the community is a testament to the power of collective action.

With continued efforts like these, we are safeguarding this vital ecosystem for generations to come - proving that conservation knows no gender boundaries.

We thank all those involved for their hard work and dedication, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact of this collaborative effort on both the environment and the local community.

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Workshop offers lessons in project management

The Darwin Initiative's workshop for project leads that brought together conservation leaders and experts from across the globe was an opportunity for sharing lessons on project applications, management, and best practices.

Rhino Ark's Executive Director Christian Lambrechts, and Deputy Executive Director of Fundraising and Public Relations Gloria Waswa, attended the workshop.

The workshop served as a dynamic platform for exchanging valuable insights and fostering collaboration among like-minded conservationists. Through this event, Rhino Ark strengthened its connections with other conservation professionals and gained new strategies for enhancing sustainable

environmental protection efforts.

The knowledge shared at this session will be instrumental in refining Rhino Ark's approach to managing critical conservation projects. By leveraging the collective expertise of the Darwin Initiative network, we aim to improve the effectiveness of our work and maximise the impact of our efforts toward safeguarding Kenya's biodiversity.

We thank the Darwin Initiative for organising this empowering workshop. It has equipped us with the tools and strategies necessary to take our conservation projects to the next level, ensuring that we continue to contribute meaningfully to the protection of our planet's precious ecosystems.

A big welcome to our new leaders



Gloria Waswa

Ms Gloria Waswa has joined Rhino Ark as our Deputy Executive Director of Fundraising and Public Relations. With more than a decade of experience in development and sustainability, Gloria is well-equipped to enhance our grant initiatives and support our mission.

Previously, Gloria served as Manager for Institutional Relations at Rainforest Alliance, where she worked with regional teams and international colleagues to secure institutional donor funding in support of programmes. Her role involved identifying new funding sources, securing donor meetings in focal countries, and cultivating relationships with foundations, bilateral, and multilateral funders to grow the organisation's standing in Africa.

Gloria brings a wealth of experience in high-level fundraising strategies and managing relationships with diverse donors. Her experience in conservation fundraising, paired with her ability to network and form partnerships, make her a significant asset to Rhino Ark.

Gloria also worked with Nature Kenya where she led key fundraising events such as the Lungs for Kenya charity Golf and corporate partnerships. She combines extensive experience with a passion for creating systemic, sustainable change for both people and the planet.



Moses Muthoki

Mr Moses Muthoki has joined our team as the Deputy Executive Director, Operations.

With more than 18 years of experience in operations, programmes and strategic management, Moses has a proven track record in enhancing organisational efficiency and fostering community development through conservation initiatives. His leadership at Ol Pejeta Conservancy, where he managed multi-million-dollar donor-funded programmes significantly improved livelihoods for more than 35,000 people.

Moses's deep expertise in government relations, stakeholder engagement, and partnership building will be invaluable as we continue to drive impactful conservation programmes.

We believe that his visionary approach will inspire our team and strengthen our collaborative efforts in protecting Kenya's unique forest ecosystems. Welcome aboard, Moses! We look forward to achieving great things together.

Biodiversity tips for St. Andrews School, Turi students

Rhino Ark officers engaged students from St. Andrew's School, Turi on forest protection and wildlife conservation during this year's Round Square Week. The event focused on the fight against poaching and illegal snaring, highlighted the critical role of modern technologies and community-based efforts in safeguarding ecosystems.

The students participated in an educational forest patrol, led by Rhino Ark scouts, where they were tasked with detecting snares and identifying signs of illegal activities. Armed with GPS devices and radios, the students worked alongside the scouts, navigating through the lush forest and uncovering a neck snare and leg snare, which led them to a symbolic poachers' camp.

At the mock camp, the students witnessed

a staged ambush, where two poachers were apprehended, and evidence, including snares and tools, was collected for further investigation.

This hands-on demonstration served as a powerful example of the work done by Rhino Ark's South Western Joint Surveillance Unit, in collaboration with the Kenya Forest Service and Kenya Wildlife Service, in their tireless efforts to combat forest crimes.

The students gained valuable insights into Rhino Ark's multifaceted conservation initiatives. These include forest patrols, the rehabilitation of degraded areas, installation of protective fences and the protection of endangered species such as the Mountain Bongo.

By engaging students in real-world conservation

activities, Rhino Ark's Conservation Education Programme fosters a deeper understanding of the importance of environmental stewardship.

This collaboration with St. Andrew's School, Turi is part of Rhino Ark's ongoing efforts to reach young minds and inspire the next generation of conservation leaders. The school's strong commitment to leadership and environmental responsibility aligns perfectly with Rhino Ark's mission, and through such programmes, the students were able to directly contribute to conservation awareness.

Thanks to the support of 178 schools participating in Rhino Ark's Conservation Education Programme, more students are becoming active agents of change, learning how to protect the planet and its precious wildlife for future generations.

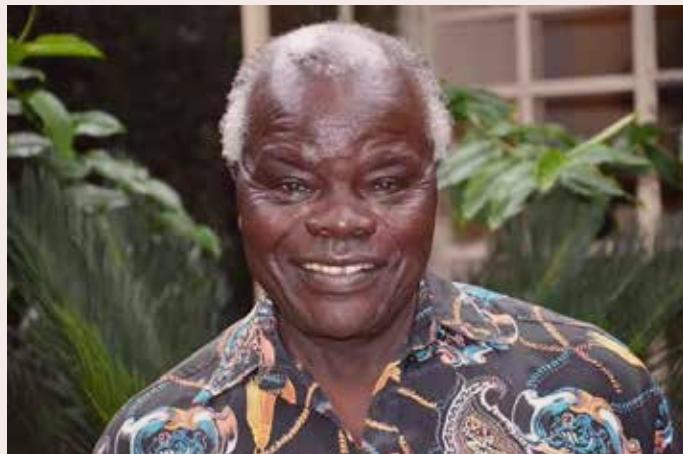


Rhino Ark's Zach Okoth with the scouts at St. Andrews School.



Training the students.

Transition



Dr. Perez Olindo (1938 – 2024)

Dr. Perez Olindo, who died on July 29th, 2024, was a visionary leader and trailblazer in wildlife conservation. Dr. Olindo's legacy spans decades, with his groundbreaking contributions shaping the course of conservation efforts not just in Kenya, but across the globe.

In 1964, Dr. Olindo made history as Kenya's first Zoology graduate. His commitment to preserving the nation's natural heritage led him to become

the first Kenyan Director of National Parks at the young age of 27. Under his leadership, one of the most significant milestones in Kenya's conservation journey was achieved – the gazetting of Lake Nakuru as a National Park, a vital step in protecting the area's unique wildlife and ecosystem.

Dr. Olindo's remarkable contributions to the environment earned him a well-deserved place on UNEP's Global 500 Roll of Honour, among other prestigious awards and recognitions. His unwavering dedication to conservation and sustainable management of natural resources set a standard for future generations of environmental stewards.

In 1991, Dr. Olindo became a founding trustee of Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust, where he continued to serve with commitment and passion until his passing. His leadership and guidance in advancing the mission of Rhino Ark have left an indelible mark on the organisation and the larger conservation community.

Dr. Olindo's work and legacy will continue to inspire and guide conservationists and environmentalists alike. His passion, integrity, and dedication to Kenya's natural world have had a profound and lasting impact.

We extend our deepest condolences to Dr. Olindo's family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time. Rest in peace, Dr. Olindo. Your contributions to wildlife conservation will never be forgotten, and your spirit will live on in your work that continues to protect Kenya's precious natural heritage.

THANK YOU!

- **ChallengeAid** - Support to the Schools of Hope (Aberdares)
- **KWS** - Rhino Ark Offices
- **IDH-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
- **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
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- **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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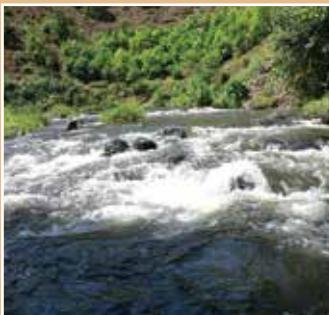
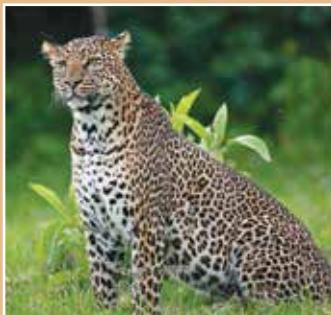
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WHY IT MATTERS

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
- 770 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
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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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