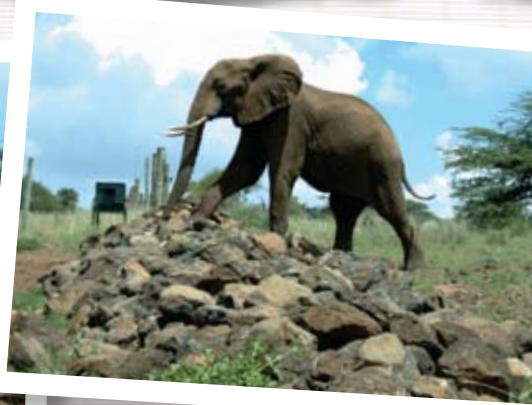


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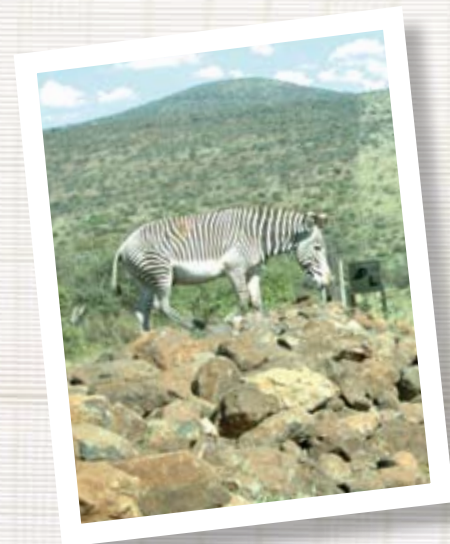
TRACKING MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS THROUGH THE ELEPHANT GAP

by Geoffrey Chege | Head of Research and Monitoring

There is over 140 kilometres of fence around the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, but there are also a number of important 'gaps' built into its boundary fences that allow free movement of animals in and out of the Conservancy. One such gap is the 'Elephant Gap' that links Lewa to the Northern Rangelands through the Livestock Marketing Department (LMD) land, owned by the Ministry of Livestock. Next time you visit this site, you will find infrared cameras that are triggered every time they sense movement. These cameras, operating round the clock, are designed to capture images of wildlife species moving in and out of the Conservancy without anyone being there to press the shutter button. Lewa operates two cameras positioned on each side of the gap to allow photography of both sides of the animal mainly for individual identification.

Data collected from the cameras is already enhancing and furthering our understanding about the types and extent of wildlife species that pass through the gap. Preliminary results have already shown that there is a very high traffic of giraffe and plains zebra moving out of Lewa into LMD in the evenings, only for them to return again in the morning. Other species that

also use the gap with high frequency include the elephant, Grevy's zebra, hyena, lion and leopard. These daily and nightly occurrences could be a response towards increased livestock numbers utilising LMD land during the day that in turn is discouraging wildlife from making use of the same area. Looking ahead, this research and monitoring tool is absolutely key in enabling us to record and analyse the timings of these movements through the gap, their seasonal variations and hopefully connect this information to their underlying triggers.



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A Catalyst for
Conservation

From the Chief Executive Officer

SECURING LEWA'S CONSERVATION INVESTMENT

by Dr. Jonathan Moss | Chief Executive Officer



In prior issues of this newsletter I have alluded to the fact that, with the guidance of The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy (LWC) is working to change the status of the land upon which it depends – securing in perpetuity the conservation gains of almost three decades, under the ownership of the 100% Kenyan, fully not-for-profit, LWC. Sufficient progress has now been made that, whilst

the process is as yet incomplete, I believe that it is constructive to share our plans with our supporters, partners and neighbours.

The 62,000 acre conservation area currently managed by the LWC consists of 40,000 acres owned by members of the Craig family and Anna Merz, 8,000 acres of additional private land purchased more recently by several individuals, and the 14,000 acre Ngare Ndare Forest Reserve (under the Kenya Forest Service). Protection of Craig family land is, at present, formal but temporary. In 1999, at no cost, the family granted the LWC a conservation easement, which gave the Conservancy the right to manage the land for the benefit of wildlife and compatible ecotourism for 30 years, subject to limited retained rights of abode and commercial use.

After several years of careful deliberation, the Craig family, recognising the unique conservation value of Lewa, has now agreed on terms with LWC that provide for the acquisition and/or permanent protection by LWC of all 40,000 acres of Craig/Merz land.

A Letter of Intent (LoI) has been signed by all parties, setting out agreed terms, establishing a timeframe, and enabling us to proceed with due diligence and the drafting of legal agreements. The LoI provides for the purchase by LWC of land and stock from the Craig family representing roughly 29,500 acres. Anna Merz has generously donated her stock interest to LWC, representing a further 2,500 acres. The family is likely to retain approximately 8,000 acres in Lewa's northeast corner, but this will be subject to permanent conservation restrictions (new conservation easements). They will also lease-back, on commercial terms, certain abode and commercial rights, with access licences to all of Lewa.

The purchase price and value of abode, commercial, and access rights that the family wishes to lease-back are based on independent fair market value appraisals. The Craigs will only be paid for the value of raw land and limited commercial rights, with a discount applied based on their gift of conservation restrictions to LWC until 2029. They are not being paid for assets or improvements that conservation philanthropy has already purchased through donations to LWC. As a result, the Craigs are selling their land and limited commercial rights for less than full market value, representing a significant contribution to LWC by the family.

In working to secure Lewa's commitment to conservation and communities in perpetuity, we have been fortunate to obtain TNC's technical support – a partner recognised as world leaders in conservation land protection. We are particularly grateful that TNC will be supporting Lewa in raising funds for the transaction – a process that will entail a capital campaign well beyond anything in which Lewa has engaged to date.

I look forward to continuing to report on progress with this significant phase in the Conservancy's development - a process that will secure a sustained future for Lewa's wildlife and communities, as well as establish a new model for the ownership of conservation land in Kenya.

PETER AND KATHLEEN LINNEMAN – EDUCATION FIRST

by Elodie A. Sampéré | Head of Conservation Marketing

Peter and Kathleen Linneman have been supporting the Lewa Education Programme since 2002, and are among the donors to the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy.

Peter grew up and attended college in Ohio before heading to the University of Chicago, where he received both his Masters and Doctoral degrees, and was also on the Faculty. Peter always had a keen interest in business and, from the moment he finished his doctorate he got involved in commercial real estate, and has been on the Faculty at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business for over thirty years.

Peter's philanthropic focus is to **support scholarships**, specifically for first-generation students heading to college. Since he was a first generation student attending tertiary education, he understands implicitly that he would not be where he is today without education. Peter has focused mainly on supporting scholarships in the US, but has also extended his generosity and support to the **Lewa Education Programme**.

Peter first visited Lewa in 2002, and as he was waiting for his flight home he and his guide Karmushu discussed the **important role education** plays in children's lives. The education programme was then in its infancy, with very few children receiving support, but the conversation about the importance of education resonated with Peter, and he and his wife Kathleen began sponsoring children and increasing their support year on year. Peter returned to Lewa in 2007, and, as a direct result of having met and spent time with the children in their communities, he immediately doubled his support.

Peter saw firsthand the **impact** his donations had on children's lives, and how effectively and efficiently

his money was being used. He was confident he was making a **good investment** in the Lewa



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On his most recent visit to the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Peter spent time with the children he sponsors, sharing with them some of his photos and travel adventures.

programme. Peter views his investment in children as, 'high impact; low probability.' As far as he is concerned, if just one child makes it, it will be all worth it. He knows Lewa is doing its best to put all possible resources into the education system, and he's confident he has helped to nurture the talent, drive and creativity of the children.

Why did Peter choose Lewa? He found a well run organisation that could accomplish what he wanted: to give children access to educational opportunities. He realised that **Lewa's model** achieved great things with few resources; it had legitimacy with the local communities, and the infrastructure was in place - which all stacked up for him.

For more information about the Lewa Education Programme and to find out how to become a supporter, please visit our website at www.lewa.org or contact Faith Riunga at faith@lewa.org.



Peter and his family took the children shopping in a near-by town, giving them a fantastic day out, with lots of laughter and joy.

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Wildlife Conservation

DOUBLE TRAGEDY FOR LEWA'S BLACK RHINO

by Richard Moller | Chief Conservation Officer

On December 26, 2009, three armed men attempted to poach rhinos on the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, resulting in one female black rhino called Ntoye being shot dead, and another called Tana, being seriously wounded in the shoulder.

Very sadly, Tana died on March 5, 2010, as a result of the shoulder injury she sustained in December. Huge efforts were made to give Tana every chance to survive this

effectively to the incident conveys the clear message that our highly trained, well-equipped, and motivated wildlife security team is well-prepared to react to any future threats to Lewa's rhino and its other endangered species. And, these threats remain ever-present.

Looking Forward

Lewa is not complacent however, and this incident has made us even more aware of the extent of the potential

threat; even Lewa is not immune to the increased global threat to endangered species. Indeed, we are responding directly to this incident by taking clear steps to ramp up our security efforts and strengthen our existing security infrastructure. We have now completed the construction of a further security outpost in the area where the incident took place, and Lewa has diverted funds from a number of its other key projects to enable this to happen.

Lewa has also been working to enhance its existing informer network specific to this incident, and although we now have a number of different leads, sadly none of the culprits have been apprehended as yet. Lewa is working hard to follow this up until at least the group has been identified.

In short, we are confident and determined that we will find those responsible, eventually.



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Like many other rhino sanctuaries in Africa, Lewa has now suffered the loss of two black rhinos to poachers. This was a devastating event for all of us on Lewa and we are working diligently to make sure it never happens again.

attempted poaching incident; including three interventions by the Kenya Wildlife Service Vet Unit stationed on the Conservancy, to treat her with long-acting antibiotics; daily monitoring by a rhino surveillance unit; and the regular provision of supplementary feed. However, all of this was just not enough, and she eventually succumbed to her serious injuries, only surviving her very young calf by a few months, which had sadly died in the drought a few months earlier.

Lewa's Quick Response

The gruesome events of December 26th and loss of two of our black rhinos still weighs heavily upon us all but it is important to remind ourselves that this incident represents the very first partially- successful poaching attempt on the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy. Furthermore, the fact that our wildlife security units were able to respond so swiftly and



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Construction of the Njoora Security Outpost is now complete. This comprises of two uniports, kitchen, toilet and bathroom and will significantly increase our security on our southern boundary.

'SNIFFING OUT THE BAD GUYS'

by John Pameri | Wildlife & Security Manager

Lewa's Tracker Dog Team is a key element of its wildlife security toolkit. The canine team is made up of three highly-trained bloodhounds; two females called 'Tash' and 'Toffee', and one male named 'Pension.' They are trained and cared for by the four dog-handlers located on the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, and the dogs are housed in purpose-built kennels which were constructed to deter potential predators, like leopards.

In 2009 alone, the bloodhound team undertook 40 active follow-ups to security-related incidents working closely with Lewa Kenya Police Reservists teams, Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya Police and community scouts. The tracker dogs adapt quickly to their surroundings when they are working, and even love flying in Lewa's Super-Cub aircraft with our Chief Conservation Officer, where necessary!

Even though bloodhounds are regularly susceptible to illness, they are widely recognised as having a sense of

smell which is second to none in the canine world – and that's why in at least one in three follow-ups to security-related incidents, their noses lead to a successful outcome!

If you would like to support the Tracker Dog Team please contact Richard Moller at r.moller@lewa.org.



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Community Development

LEWA'S HEALTHCARE PROGRAMME – MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE FOR COMMUNITIES

by Lucy Ndirangu | Human Resource Manager

Lewa's Healthcare Programme started in 1997 with the opening of the **Lewa Clinic**, which was initially set up to cater for the needs of Lewa's staff. However, Lewa quickly realised that its surrounding communities would also benefit and the clinic's services were expanded to serve them.

In the region, the nearest healthcare facilities are located in the towns of Meru, Isiolo and Nanyuki; all approximately 30 - 40 kilometres away. Not only is transport difficult to access, but also the majority of people coming from our surrounding communities cannot afford to travel far to seek medical attention. In the past, most patients went untreated, whilst others resorted to using traditional medicines. Consequently,

Lewa took measures to extend its healthcare provision to people from the immediate communities and offer the same range of services at a subsidised rate.

The programme has grown significantly over the past decade to include two other clinics. The **Leparua Clinic** on the northern side of Lewa was opened in 2006 and serves about 5,000 people. Opening the Leparua Clinic not only reduced human traffic across the Conservancy, minimising the potential for wildlife injuries - but also ensured that even the very sick and weak could now be treated at an easily-accessible clinic. The other Lewa facility is the **Ngare Ndare Clinic**, situated on the western side of Lewa. This clinic was previously closed in 2008 due to insufficient funds, however, **Lewa facilitated its re-opening in March 2009** and it now serves a community of over 3,500 people.

The three clinics are managed by Lewa but overseen by **Dr. Abid Butt** of **Nanyuki Cottage Hospital**.

As Dr. Butt explains; "I'm the medical adviser with oversight of all three clinics and nine staff members working there. I'm available 24/7 to the nurses on the telephone, if they need to consult me or have questions about a particular case." The Doctor visits the Lewa Clinic every other Saturday and attends to more than 30 cases referred to him by the nurses – cases



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which are likely to be more complex and require his special attention. As Dr. Butt points out, "by treating these types of cases, and administering the necessary medication on the spot, patients are not obliged to travel significant distances to the Nanyuki Cottage Hospital; saving their time and money in the process."



Agnes, the Head Nurse at the Lewa Clinic, works around the clock with her team to serve the Lewa surrounding communities. She is "coached" very closely by Dr. Abid Butt of Nanyuki Cottage Hospital who visits the Clinic every other Saturday.

Dr. Butt practices at the Nanyuki Cottage Hospital (about 1 hour's drive from Lewa) and explains that, "Thanks to the continued support of Lewa, the Hospital has been able to better deliver its vital services to the wider Laikipia community. We have purchased a new generator to power the facility, various essential surgical instruments and we are even working towards buying an ambulance." He also stresses that Laikipia and its visitors would not be able to benefit from the dedicated **animal-inflicted injury clinic** at the hospital, (which he also runs) – if it were not for Lewa's continued financial support. In short, Dr. Butt's view is firmly that Lewa's role in providing healthcare for its neighbouring communities is vital, but so too is its commitment to support healthcare provision to

the wider community across Laikipia through its support of various strands of Nanyuki Cottage Hospital's work.

The Lewa Healthcare Programme is of immense value

to the Lewa staff and people from the local communities, and the three clinics serve over 11,500 patients per year, not including the many children who are immunised, and also family planning cases. Those medical conditions which are treated most regularly across all three clinics are abdominal problems, upper respiratory tract infections, malaria and HIV/AIDS related illnesses.

Before the Lewa Healthcare Programme was introduced, most parents from the immediate communities were ignorant about **child immunisation** and therefore the vast majority of children were not being immunised. The Lewa Clinic was registered with the Kenya immunization programme, which means the clinics are able to obtain child immunisation medications directly from the Ministry of Health. The nurses began implementing this programme by visiting the communities and educating mothers on the importance of immunising their children, and now that the communities are aware, most children are inoculated at one of the three clinics, often for free. Nurses now set aside one day a week to focus on immunising children and this is accompanied by a broader package of childcare education, targeted at their mothers. Now, through the Lewa clinics, the **Ministry of Health** is able to reach children in Lewa's neighbouring communities to give them essential booster immunisations

when necessary.

Family planning advice and services are easily accessible and are also offered for free.

Comprehensive and professional laboratory services are also available at the Lewa Clinic, and furthermore, the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy also operates **one ambulance that serves all three clinics** to transport emergency cases from the surrounding communities to the clinic or major hospitals, for a nominal charge. Many lives have been saved this way; however this **essential service** is becoming increasingly stretched as the medical needs of communities increase.

The Lewa nurses are community health nurses and their professional training has been instrumental in enabling them to deliver **healthcare education** at least once a month in each clinic, to members of the Lewa's surrounding communities and also to students in the surrounding schools. Members of the community are educated about **disease and illness prevention**, how to deal with certain types of illnesses, and also about HIV/AIDS. The nurses are also usually called upon to attend to medical situations affecting communities such as diarrheal outbreaks. The majority of mothers from these surrounding communities, and especially those in Leparua deliver their babies at home, and correspondingly Lewa's nurses have played a vital role in training traditional birth

attendants on **safe home deliveries**, and also in providing them with surgical gloves and equipment from the clinic.

Members of the surrounding communities regularly benefit from other free medical services offered through the Lewa Clinic; namely eye and dental clinics provided by visiting doctors. When this happens, these services are open to all the neighbouring communities ensuring that patients do not have to travel to town to seek very expensive services - sometimes costing more than their monthly income.

The **Lewa Healthcare Programme** has brought **enormous benefits** to its immediate surrounding communities. In short, people and their families are healthier now, since Lewa's neighbouring communities can more readily access professional healthcare services and vital education on disease prevention at Lewa's clinics.

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Sustainability

A FEW WORDS FROM LEWA WILDERNESS GUIDE, SIMON SHINKA

A Wonder in Its Own Right

Lewa's journey from its origins as a cattle ranch to its present-day role as a catalyst for conservation with a strong international brand identity, and reputation as a leader in privately-owned wildlife conservation - is testament to the Conservancy's, and to the Craig family's, vision, commitment, and management.

The Lewa Wildlife Conservancy is a wonder in its own right; it's a place that really should be on most visitors' 'must-see' lists. For me, the amazing thing is that it's possible to see the Big Five all in one game-drive! The abundant variety of birdlife in the area is also a 'must-see' - especially throughout January when Lewa plays host to a wide variety of migratory birds. Spotting endangered species like the black rhino, the Grevy's zebra and the rare sitatunga antelope is the opportunity of a lifetime - and it is all possible here on Lewa, precisely because the Conservancy offers its wildlife a secure environment in which to thrive. Amateur and expert botanists and geologists alike are in for a treat since Lewa's vegetation zones range from forest vegetation to savannah grasslands. Entomologists will have a field day, and there's something here for the anthropologist too as Stone Age tools and rock paintings have also been excavated and conserved on Lewa Downs.



Lewa's Support to Its Neighbours

Lewa also works hard to support its neighbours in a variety of ways from constructing schools, water projects,

to developing healthcare provision and establishing sponsorship programmes through the Lewa Education Programme.

Lewa has really assisted the local communities to alleviate poverty by promoting health, education and economic development linked to wildlife conservation.

Running in the Wild

Where else in the world can one run in a true wilderness area? The Safaricom Marathon on Lewa is an impressive annual spectacle which attracts runners and spectators from all over the world each June. I have been impressed with the dedication and commitment of all those involved, including Tusk Trust and Safaricom who have grown this initiative from its small beginnings into a major flagship event for Lewa, raising crucial funds for its community development programmes, and beyond.

The Eagle's Battle – The Sightings of a Wilderness Guide

This testimony wouldn't be complete without sharing one of my best-ever wildlife sightings during my time as a Lewa guide.

One day on a game drive I saw a female impala looking up a tree, so I pulled off the road and took out my binoculars. The impala continued to gaze upwards and I saw a crowned eagle looking down. The eagle was hunting the baby impala. Next, the eagle flew approximately a thousand feet into the air and then jettied back down in attack mode. The poor baby impala was speared by the bird's talons, lifted up and dropped down again near its mother, but the eagle was still attached to it and so in desperation the adult female impala fought the eagle by pressing him on the ground and falling on him with her forelegs. Eventually the eagle flew off.

Shortly afterwards a martial eagle joined in and perched up on the same tree, I thought that maybe he was watching the drama unfold nearby and wanted a piece of the action. The crowned eagle tried to chase the martial eagle away. Both birds fought for about twenty minutes on the ground, and then continued their duel in the sky, engaging in an amazing acrobatic display after their talons locked. Eventually, the crowned eagle relented and the martial eagle won out, but had to wait for hours before the female impala realised that her young was dead, and the martial eagle was able to drag his prey into the shade to eat.

For more information on how to visit the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, please visit our new website at www.lewa.org. You will be able to view the various lodges on the Conservancy.



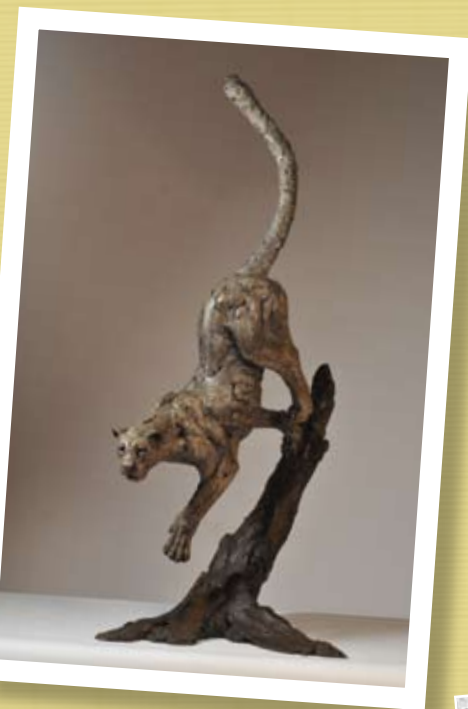
MEET ONE OF BRITAIN'S TOP WILDLIFE ARTISTS

Hamish Mackie is a sculptor steadily establishing himself as one of Britain's top wildlife artists. Hamish first came to the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy on his 'gap year' in 1996 where the sculpting bug took hold. He has been sculpting full time ever since and now has works in public and private collections around the world.

Many of you may have seen Hamish at Lewa perched in the back of his car modelling Lewa's wildlife out of plastercine. "To be able to spend time following elephants in their natural environment as a 'job' is almost too good to be true. Studying animals in their natural habitat

gives me a chance to get under their skin and understand why they are what they are." The plastercine originals have now been cast into bronze in preparation for Hamish's major solo show later this year. **On the 14th October Hamish in conjunction with Tusk Trust and Lewa UK will host a champagne reception and private view of his collection for Friends of Lewa in the UK at The Gallery in Cork Street, London. All the funds raised from the evening will be donated to the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy.**

Please visit Hamish Mackie's website at www.hamishmackie.com for further details or contact Tusk Trust's Sarah Watson at sarah@tusk.org to be sent a private view invitation.



STAY CONNECTED WITH LEWA ONLINE!

The Lewa Wildlife Conservancy recently launched a newly redesigned website, thanks to the generosity of a few individuals who support Lewa USA!

The new website is a state-of-the-art tool which will allow our supporters to stay in touch with the work the Conservancy is doing. It includes a photo and video library, an interactive map, news, information about our wildlife and community programmes and new ways to support the work we are doing.

Visit www.lewa.org and let us know what you think about the new website. We look forward to your comments.

You can also join Lewa on Facebook and on Twitter!



Did you know that there is a Lewa Fan Page on Facebook, where over 2,000 people have joined us and that you can also follow us on Twitter! Please help us grow our online community by joining us on Facebook and Twitter and by encouraging your friends and family to do the same.



LEWA WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY AND THE NATURE CONSERVANCY. A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN? by Elodie A. Sampéré | Head of Conservation Marketing

An interview with Sam Lawson, TNC's Programme Director for Northern Kenya

Sam, can you tell us more about The Nature Conservancy?

The Nature Conservancy, or TNC, is a non-governmental organization that works to protect ecologically important lands and waters. We strive for tangible conservation results at the scale of whole ecosystems because we believe that only at this large scale can we achieve benefits for both people and the environment. Since our founding in 1951, TNC has helped conserve more than 119 million acres of land, 5,000 miles of rivers, and more than 100 marine environments throughout the U.S. and in 30 countries around the world.

Why is TNC interested in the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy?

Our interest in Lewa flows from our focus on protecting whole ecosystems, a goal that requires core protected areas, buffers and corridors, combined with strategies that protect keystone species and benefit people. The wildlife and variation in habitats going north from Mt Kenya National Park to Marsabit, and the opportunity to maintain landscape connectivity across the entire region is unrivalled anywhere in the world.

Lewa is the critical first step in a long-term strategy to protect and sustain Northern Kenya's ecosystem. A) Wildlife cannot survive without Lewa's refuge and reliable water during periods of extreme drought and stress. B) Lewa is the critical link that connects Mt. Kenya and the lower elevation rangelands to the north—it is the "waist in the hourglass". And C) without Lewa's support and protection of its critical habitat, surrounding communities will be unable and unwilling to make the transformational change from current grazing practices to sustainable range management that will be required to support healthy wildlife populations and a healthy livestock-based economy.

What is your personal interest in Lewa and Northern Kenya? Why did you choose to come here?

My background is in community development, building sustainable organizations, transactional real estate, conservation finance and fundraising. Lewa and Northern Kenya offered a challenge and an irresistible opportunity to put my skills to work to develop a compelling "conservation investment" and bring new donors to Northern Kenya conservation. Both Lewa and the Northern Rangelands Trust presented an exciting opportunity to help develop enduring institutions that vest responsibility, power, and accountability for conservation results in people and communities who share the land with wildlife.

What has been the biggest challenge to protecting Lewa, so far?

Designing a protection strategy and establishing economic values for Lewa's land-base has been complicated and challenging—Lewa's wildlife needs the Craig Family's land to survive, but it doesn't need the family's homes which they don't want to sell and Lewa couldn't afford to purchase in any event. On the other hand, Lewa needs ecotourism revenues and other income to help support the cost of maintaining the land and protecting the wildlife. So the agreement between the family and Lewa is a win-win—Lewa will purchase only the land that wildlife need to survive, and family members will keep their homes which are of great value to them but of no value at all to the wildlife. And Lewa will buy the land based on values that are reduced due to restrictions that limit the Family and Lewa's ability to intensify development in the future—a very cost-effective arrangement that has already proven to be attractive to donors as a "conservation investment opportunity".

How do Lewa and NRT fit into TNC's vision for Northern Kenya?

Lewa and NRT share TNC's vision of ecosystem-scale conservation for the benefit of wildlife and people. NRT conservancies build on Lewa's success; they enhance Lewa's conservation value; and their core areas, buffers and corridors allow both wildlife and pastoral communities to disperse and to move safely and freely across the landscape. Like Lewa, NRT conservancies help establish economic value for wildlife and nature, both through ecotourism and by stabilizing and enhancing pastoral economies.

NRT conservancies vest communities with the power, capacity, and the will to protect the wildlife around them because it is in their economic self-interest to conserve and manage it like they would any other valuable income-producing, wealth-building asset. Working together, Lewa, NRT, and TNC have an opportunity to protect an entire ecosystem for the benefit of nature and people—to preserve landscape connectivity from sea level to Mt. Kenya's peaks—an objective that is important today, and will become increasingly valuable in the future as climate change forces people and wildlife to adapt to an ever-changing world. The lessons we learn in Northern Kenya—successes and false-starts alike - will apply and help accelerate similar processes in other parts of Africa and around the world.

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The Safari “Link” with Conservation

As part of its important and ongoing corporate social responsibility programme, **Safarilink** donates \$5 to the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy for each of its passengers travelling into or out of Lewa Downs.. In turn, the funds donated by Safarilink are used by Lewa to support its mission as a catalyst for conservation across a range of wildlife conservation priorities, and community conservation and development goals. So every time you fly on Safarilink you are supporting the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy and its programmes. It’s a great way to give back!

Safarilink is also involved in an indigenous tree planting exercise in conjunction with **The Bill Woodley Mt. Kenya Trust**, which aims to support the reforestation of Mt Kenya Forest Reserve foothills, to optimise its resources as a vital water catchment area. Safarilink’s engagement in this project is targeted at offsetting the carbon emissions from its fleet; reducing its environmental footprint and helping it to achieve status as the only carbon neutral airline in Kenya. www.mountkenyatrust.org.



How You Can Help Lewa

Lewa’s Wildlife Conservation, Community Development and Education initiatives continue to have a lasting impact on the well-being of communities, endangered wildlife species protection, and poverty alleviation. Below are some of the areas where you can help us in continuing to achieve our mission:

- \$35** This will help feed one child in school for the whole year. Through the Feeding Programme, children are provided with at least two nutritious meals a day
- \$650** An orphaned child will be educated for one year; this cost covers school fees and supplies
- \$800** Pays for one year of high school for one child
- \$2,000** Will cater for spring conservation costs for one year, ensuring the proper management and sustainable utilisation of water by communities from the springs surrounding Lewa.
- \$3,000** Purchases 10 sets of Binoculars for anti-poaching patrols for our rhino monitoring teams
- \$4,000** Will cater for a set of night vision goggles, critical in enhancing our capability to combat rhino poaching in the night
- \$5,000** Will cover costs for yearly Grevy’s zebra foals monitoring, including survival and recruitment rates
- \$7,500** Annual operating costs for a 3-man rhino surveillance team
- \$9,775** Pays for the salary of a nurse at the Lewa Clinic for one year, a vital part of Lewa’s HealthCare Programme
- \$16,000** Will help build two basic ranger outposts at two vulnerable parts of the Conservancy to enhance field security surveillance
- \$23,000** Will cater for a year’s supply worth of drugs and equipment for the Lewa Clinic
- \$24,000** Purchase a year’s worth of drugs for the Wildlife Vet to continue his operations

These are just a few of the items that Lewa needs help with. For additional information on how to support Lewa, please contact Joanne Machira at joanne@lewa.org.

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Our Mission

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



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*A Catalyst for
Conservation*

About the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy

A BRIEF HISTORY

The Craig/Douglas family first came to Lewa Downs in 1922, and managed it as a cattle ranch for over 50 years, also engaging in wildlife tourism and placing importance on the role of the wildlife living here. So, in the 1980s when the plight of the black rhino became desperate in Africa, the ranch was converted into the Ngare Seroi Rhino Sanctuary, and with the enthusiastic support and funding of co-founder and rhino conservationist, Anna Merz, the sanctuary operated for more than 10 years.

WHO WE ARE TODAY

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

WHAT WE DO

- Monitor and protect endangered species and habitat
- Ensure conservation directly benefits neighbouring communities through our dedicated education and community development programmes (e.g.: healthcare, enterprise, water development)
- Finance conservation by combining tourism and carefully focussed donor support
- Support the Kenyan Government with wildlife translocation, veterinary intervention and armed anti-poaching teams across northern Kenya

LEWA AS A CATALYST BEYOND ITS BOUNDARIES

Lewa's mission is to act as a catalyst for conservation and its successful model combines the protection of wildlife, community development, and sustainable tourism. Acting as a corridor of security and development, we help to stimulate community-owned conservation throughout northern Kenya, and beyond. And, that is why the Conservancy has been instrumental in supporting the creation of the **Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT)**, headquartered on Lewa. NRT is an innovative partnership which works to facilitate community-led conservation initiatives in Northern Kenya, promoting the collective management of ecosystems to improve human livelihoods, biodiversity conservation and rangeland management. This dynamic partnership has increased the amount of land under integrated observation management from the original 26,000 acres to around 2million allowing wildlife to begin to migrate throughout their historical natural ranges once more.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Lewa's mission of stimulating the conservation of endangered wildlife, and supporting community development linked to wildlife-conservation, has been made possible by generous supporters from all over the world. For more information and to pledge your support, visit us at www.lewa.org or send an email to info@lewa.org.

