

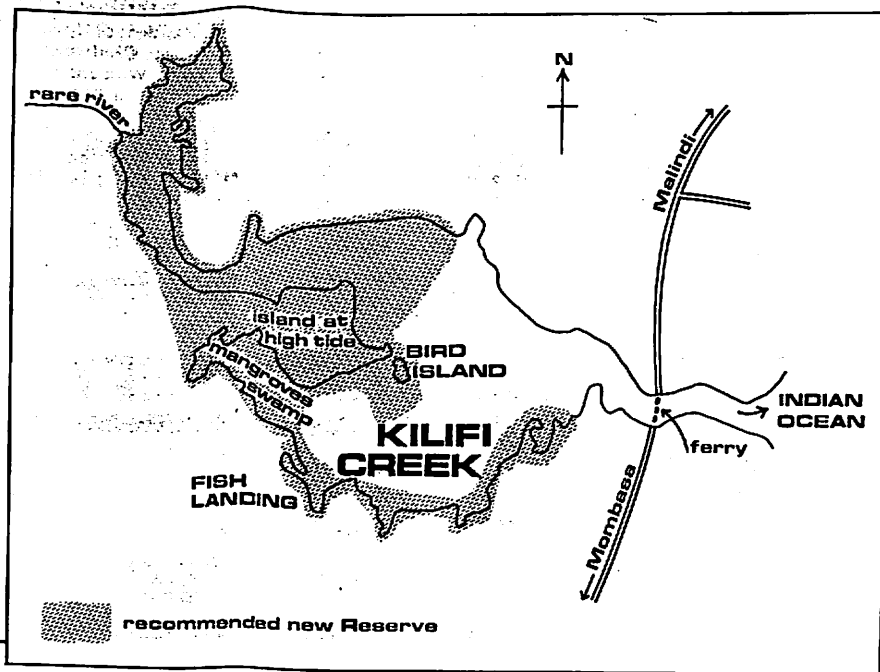
**NEW  
RESERVE  
RECOMMENDATION**

The D.C. Kilifi—Mr. Zacharia Orwa, the Game Warden, Malindi—Mr. M. B. Amoko and the Warden, Marine National Park, Malindi—Mr. Wilfred Asava inspected the shore line of Kilifi Creek in July 1975.

They have recommended that all land shown within the hatchings on the map be gazetted as a Reserve or Sanctuary.

This is excellent news and we congratulate these officers for their foresight and realisation of a valuable asset. It would be nice if this recommendation could be effected by the time the Carmine Bee-eaters return to the creek in November so that there is no possibility of them being molested during their stay.

The map reproduced is taken from the rough sketch supplied by Mr. M. B. Amoko.



**DUGONG REPORT**

MESSRS. R. B. Kater and A. C. Hillier have reported in Oryx 12 (4) 1974, that the dugong population which was 'very ge' about 30 years ago has decreased steadily over the last 20 years. It is now restricted to the Lamu archipeligo and Kipini, numbering about 200.

The animals are still hunted for meat on a commercial scale so, unless a Marine National Park is established north of Lamu, together with restrictions placed on the setting of fishing nets within the main dugong grazing areas and increased supervision of fishing boats, the Kenya population of the dugong could be exterminated.

Such an event would be a tragedy as this animal is being so persecuted that it is becoming threatened throughout its entire range. There are some preliminary investigations being carried out as to whether a full scale study would be more profitable on the Kenya or Somalia coast. Unfortunately Somalia has placed some preconditions on a coastal survey so, it is understood, the services of a Russian biologist are being sought for the work.

**COMMENT**

A CAR with the red number plate of the UNEP was seen in Nairobi with a blue notice stuck on the back, on which was a white, symbolic drawing of a whale. In the whale was printed, "Save the Whales—Boycott Japanese Goods".

Just below this sign was DISPLAYED—the make of the car DATSUN 120Y.

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**MARSABIT'S PROBLEMS**

Mrs. Hanka Lee has delivered a copy of her reports on human pressures in Marsabit National Reserve and Lake Turkana National Park. It appears that with such heavy pressures on Marsabit Reserve by people and livestock utilising water, grazing and, in some instances, its trees, a clear and strong argument must be advanced as to how this National Reserve can benefit both the country and people by being upgraded to National Park status.

Can the Marsabit people receive adequate funds to interest them in conserving not only the wildlife but the all-important habitat?

Can the remaining wildlife be built up to a level that will continue to impress tourist interests?

Can the erosion of the forest be curtailed? It appears that if the present land use around and on the mountain continued it may, eventually, convert to desert.

The mountain and surrounds represents considerable value to the Nation in terms of natural resources. It has fresh, unpolluted water and indigenous forest land. It has considerable tourist attraction in its wildlife. However a strict conservation policy must be established. This could be achieved if the Marsabit National Reserve become the primary responsibility of one agency. At present it is the responsibility of three organisations. Mrs. Lee has suggested that Kenya National Parks is able to give adequate protection to the area.

**LAKE TURKANA**

The strength and attraction of Lake Turkana National Park lies in its isolation. This becomes increasingly evident as more and more frustrated city dwellers try to get away from the unnaturalness of their life.

At the outset a firm policy has to be established where National Parks control all activities within the Park and Reserve.

This would be complementary to the activities associated with research being carried out by the National Museum. This new and exciting area has a great deal to offer the visitor not only from the wildlife but from its unique juxta position to the palaeontological sites dating back to the dawn of man.

It is a fragile area, one that is not used to the modern ways of life which will have to be introduced carefully to people who have not before seen it.

**ORPHANAGE NEWS**

AMONG THE new arrivals at the Animal Orphanage is "Undiri", a very young male baby duiker. He was found at Alliance School, apparently abandoned by his mother. He is now in the Orphanage hospital, taking his milk quite happily at feeding time and readily making friends with the hospital staff. Animals such as "Undiri" will be kept in the Animal Nursery in the future. Construction of this new building is now being carried out, and the Orphanage is very grateful to the public for donations towards its cost. The Nursery will have complete kitchen facilities and the public will be able to watch the Rangers feeding and caring for the baby animals which will be kept there, rather than in the hospital, which is, of course, closed to the public.

A silver backed jackal and a serval cat have recently been released from the Orphanage into Nairobi Park. Mr. Sampson Mosi, Assistant Warden in the Orphanage, reports that he regularly sees both of these animals in the Park. They seem to be adjusting well to their life in the wild.

Kioko, the baby rhino from Amboseli is progressing well. He is strong and healthy and he spends only the night inside the hospital. During the day, he stays in a large outdoor pen with three goats to keep him company. He gets plenty of exercise in trying to herd them around the pen, and he is becoming very independent. It is hoped that when he is old enough to fend for himself that he will be released back into Amboseli.

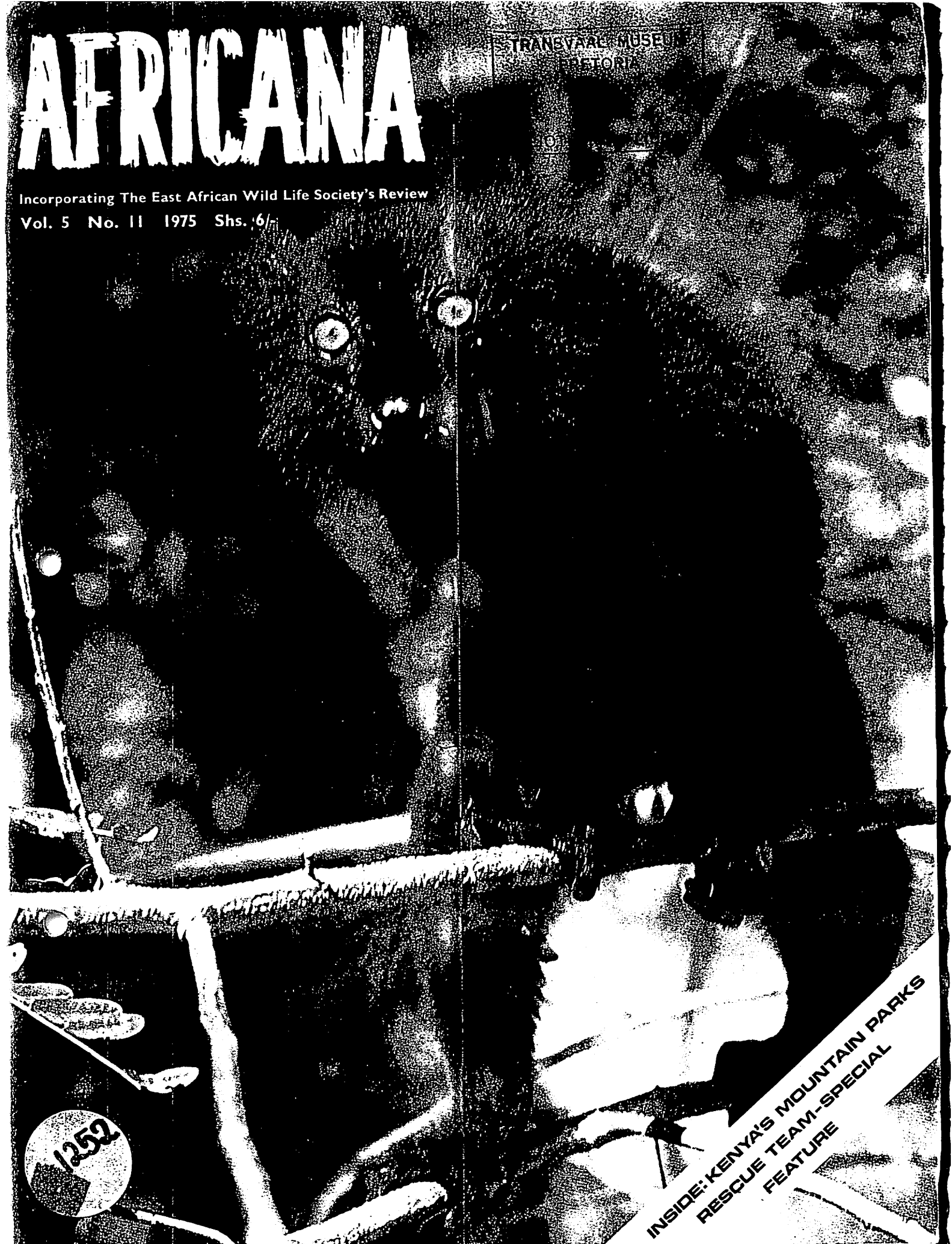
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