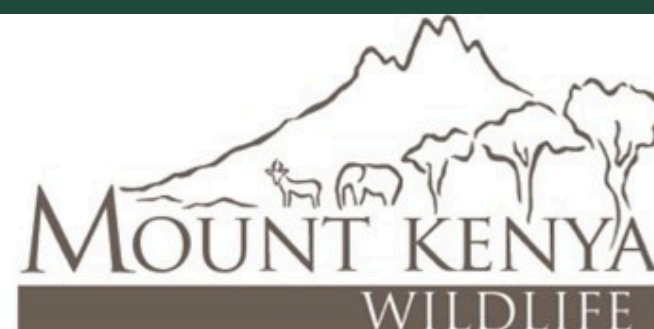




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# MOUNT KENYA TRUST

PROJECT PROFILE 2024





# ABOUT US

Mount Kenya Trust is a Kenyan-based Non-Profit organization passionately dedicated to safeguarding and enriching the UNESCO World Heritage site of Mount Kenya and its precious yet fragile ecosystem, ensuring the lasting sustainability of this natural treasure for present and future generations. As a dynamic force in conservation and development, we collaborate with communities, nonprofits, government agencies, and allies to drive the entire Mount Kenya ecosystem toward sustainable progress. At the heart of our mission is community-centered conservation. We empower local communities of all ages to lead the charge in finding solutions to the challenges facing Mount Kenya. With over two decades of impactful work, our evidence-based, holistic approach underscores our effectiveness in making a meaningful difference. Mount Kenya demands collective and urgent action from all stakeholders to combat the ecological threats it faces.



## MISSION

To drive collaborative action for the sustainable management of Mount Kenya's biodiversity and natural resources through partnership with government, communities and civil society.



## VISION

The Integrity of the Mt Kenya ecosystem for the welfare of all who depend on it.





# FOREST RESTORATION

Mount Kenya Trust collaborates closely with the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) and local communities to recover and safeguard indigenous forests that have suffered historical damage. This encompasses areas that were previously subjected to illegal cultivation, resulting in the loss of their natural regenerative capacity. We also direct our efforts toward sections of the Mount Kenya Forest reserves that have faced encroachment by human populations, including riparian lands.

This project not only enhances the environment but also has a positive impact on livelihoods by creating employment opportunities in reforestation activities and within the agribusiness sector.

Our initiative is specifically designed to accelerate the closure of the forest canopy within the shortest possible timeframe, restoring the vital environmental functions of a healthy ecosystem, which includes the return of wildlife. Simultaneously, it seeks to uplift the quality of life within the community members and promote environmental conservation awareness.



Trees  
Planted



Hectares  
Restored



Survival  
Rate



# WILDLIFE & HABITAT PROTECTION

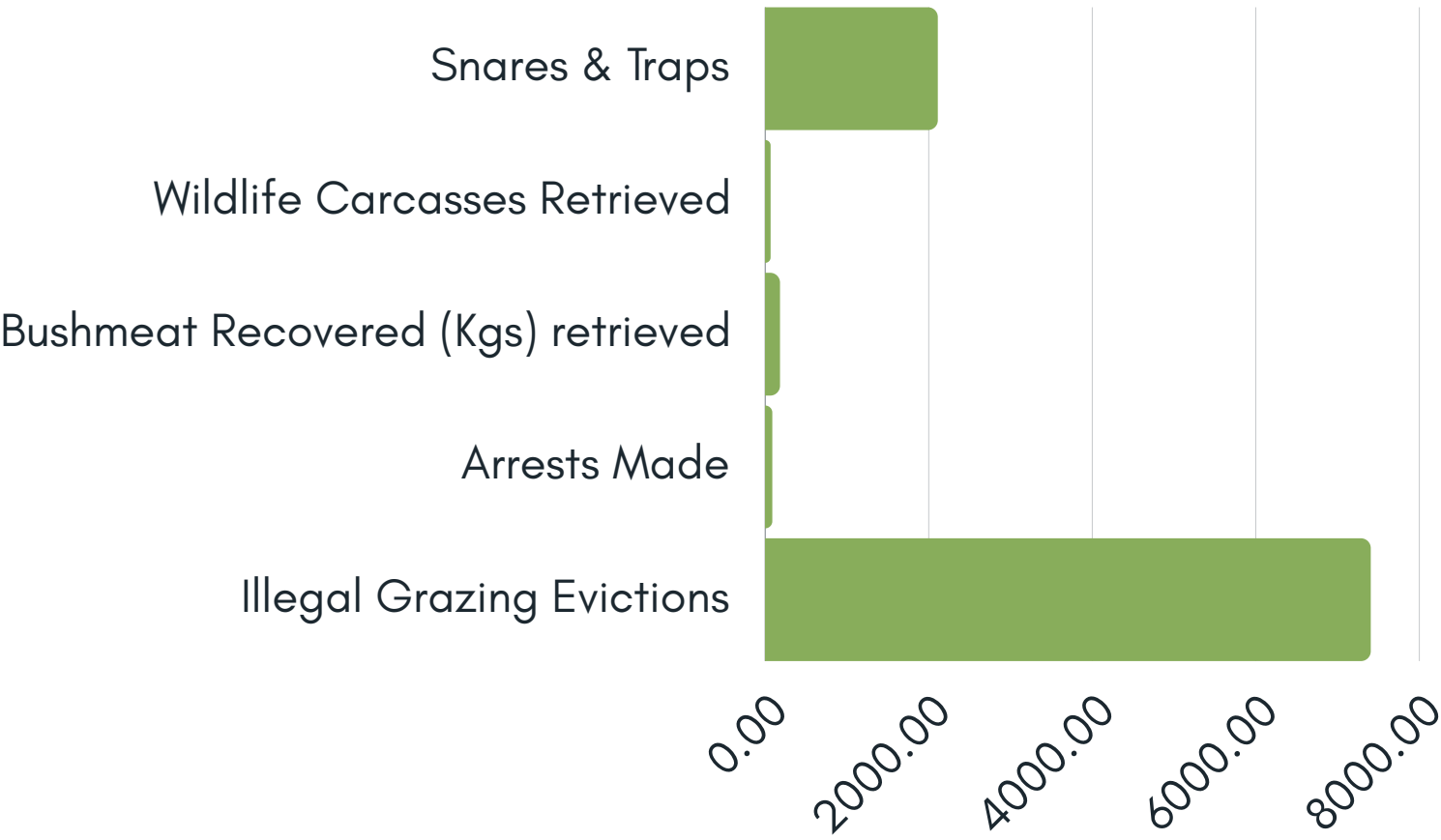


The Trust operates with four dedicated community ranger teams: the Imenti Patrol Team (IPT), the Horse Patrol Team (HPT), the Marania Wildlife Guard (MWG), and the Joint Wildlife Patrol Team (JWPT). These teams collaborate closely with the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and the Kenya Forest Service (KFS), in a collective effort to combat poaching and forest destruction on Mount Kenya.



## Patrol Efforts.

### Interventions On Wildlife Protection



Our rangers have covered a total of 31938 Kms in patrols. During this patrols, we have eliminated 2111 traps and snares, made 87 arrests based on logging and poaching cases, recovered 181.09 Kgs of bush meat and retrieved 66 animal carcasses. In addition to this, we have intercepted illegal grazing incidences, evicting a total of 7406 domestic animals grazing in protected areas.

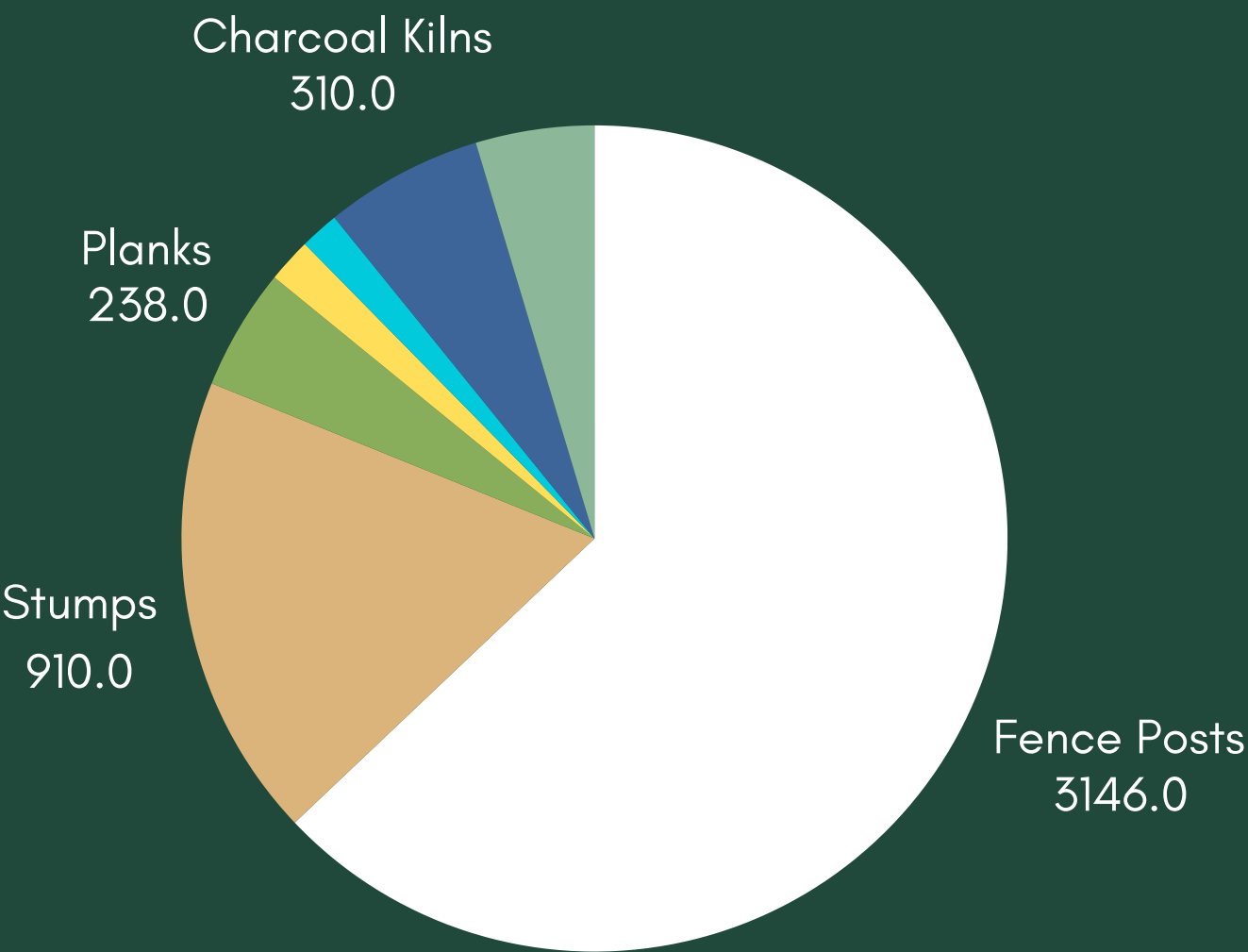


# WILDLIFE & HABITAT PROTECTION

## Patrol Efforts.

### Interventions On Forest Protection

The chart indicates the number of illegal logging incidences intercepted by our rangers by confiscating various wood products and destroying charcoal kilns. As we compare the year 2022 and 2023 trends and projections, we have observed that illegal logging cases have reduced by 60%



## COMMUNITY SENSITIZATION

Our rangers actively engaging in community sensitization efforts. They become catalysts for change, inspiring local residents with their passion for conservation. Through engaging discussions and interactive sessions, our rangers empower communities to understand the importance of preserving their natural treasures.



## WILDFIRE MITIGATION

Our rangers are not just protectors of the forest; they are elite firefighters, honed to perfection through rigorous training provided by 'Working on Fires,' a reputable South African company. This training equips them with the knowledge and skills to effectively combat wildland and structural fires, making them invaluable in safeguarding Mount Kenya's ecosystem.



## HUMAN-WILDLIFE COXSISTENCE

Since 2012, MKT spearheaded the Mt Kenya Elephant Corridor and built East Africa's first and second elephant underpass at the time. This greatly reduced Human-Elephant Conflict (HEC) in the region, improved community relations, increased adjacent land prices and the corridor now receives over 1,000 elephant journeys a year. Our team of fencers maintain the corridor, monitoring wildlife and ensure that the fence is free of damages.





# COMMUNITY HEALTH

50,000 Community Members  
Gain Access To Affordable  
Healthcare Services Annually



Our Community Health Project empowers local communities by providing vital healthcare services and education. This initiative encompasses curative care, family planning, cancer screening, menstrual health and hygiene and comprehensive education on adolescent sexual and reproductive health. The project plays a crucial role in bridging the gap between conservation, population, and development, emphasizing the importance of healthier families for responsible resource stewardship. Through health promotion campaigns, we educate the community on essential topics such as reproductive health, sanitation, and mental well-being, contributing significantly to their overall well-being and development.





# SCHOOL PROJECTS

## School Woodlots

Mount Kenya Trust's School Woodlots Project, provides students with seedlings to nurture into trees. Once grown, these trees serve as sustainable sources of fuel for school feeding programs and timber production, reducing the reliance on traditional but environmentally harmful sources.

To date, approximately 71,758 seedlings have been planted, enhancing school aesthetics, meeting fuel needs, and notably reducing illegal logging and deforestation, thanks to students influencing sustainable practices in their communities.



## Energy-Saving Jikos

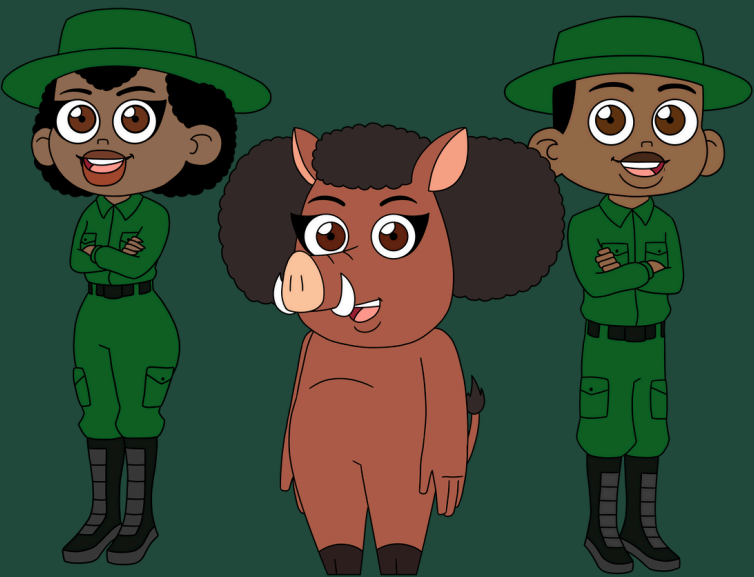
Mount Kenya Trust has implemented a complementary initiative by installing energy-saving cooking jikos to provide access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for educational institutions.

## Water Harvesting

Mount Kenya Trust has made significant strides in enhancing hygiene and sanitation within schools through Water Harvesting projects. These initiatives are pivotal in providing clean water, a fundamental necessity in preventing the spread of diseases like Cholera, especially among young children. This initiative involves the installation of water harvesting and storage technology.



## Junior Ranger Program



The Junior Ranger Program (JRP) is a conservation education initiative designed to seamlessly blend technology and interactive and engaging conservation concepts. Its primary aim is to cultivate a sense of care and responsibility among young individuals towards the Mount Kenya ecosystem, recognizing them as the next generation of conservation stewards essential for a sustainable future.

With JRP, students are better equipped to understand, engage with, and tackle environmental challenges in innovative ways as they develop their careers.



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