



CARE FOR THE WILD KENYA

BRIEF PROFILE

MISSION STATEMENT:

Care for the Wild Kenya promotes the conservation and welfare of wild animals and their habitat in Kenya through direct projects, education, research science led advocacy and community based conservation.

REGISTRATION:

Registered as an NGO under the Kenyan Act

OUR GOALS:

- i. CFTWK promotes the conservation and welfare of wildlife and their habitat in Kenya through direct projects, education, research
- ii. CFTWK promotes the conservation and welfare of wildlife and their habitat in Kenya through education
- iii. CFTWK promotes the conservation and welfare of wildlife and their habitat through research
- iv. CFTWK promotes the conservation and welfare of wildlife and their habitat through science led advocacy
- v. CFTWK works with other partner organisations on community based conservation projects. Partner organisations we work with are the Anne Kent Taylor Fund USA and Project Jambo USA

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

1. Species and habitat protection
2. Commercial exploitation
3. Rescue and rehabilitation
4. Community based conservation

AREAS OF OPERATION IN KENYA

1. Tsavo National Parks
2. Masai Mara game reserve
3. Sweetwaters Chimp sanctuary

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Anti poaching patrols in Tsavo National Parks and the Masai Mara Game Reserve.

This programme concentrates on controlling the bushmeat trade using wire snares in both areas as well as commercial poaching. Bushmeat is one of the major threats to the declining numbers of wildlife in Kenya; an alarming issue which needs attention in order to protect Kenya's heritage from being depleted in the hands of bushmeat poachers and traders. Both target species such as plains game as well as non target species



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such as the cats and elephants are caught in wire snares leading to a very painful death.

CURRENT PROJECTS

1. De-Snaring

De-snaring is a passive anti-poaching strategy that involves searching for set snares and lifting them.



Assorted bushmeat caught



Poached bushmeat



Elephant caught in a wire snare losing the most important part of its trunk



Zebra caught in a wire snare



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2. OUR RESCUE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

Apart from the anti poaching patrols we also rescue and rehabilitate injured animals. Most of the injuries to wild animals are inflicted by wire snares laid by poachers.



Lion caught in a wire snare



Wildebeest being rescued from a wire snare

3. OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

As part of our conservation programme, we also support communities in various field. Some of our projects involve educational support, addressing the human wildlife conflict by constructing predator proof bomas, supporting water storage facilities, pilot feeding programme with Ololomongi Primary School Masai Mara.



Donating chain links and water tanks to the Masai Community



Working with schools in rural areas



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Achievements in 2009

MONTH	AREA OF OPERATION	SNARES REMOVED	ARRESTS MADE
JAN	MARA	9	0
	TSAVO	149	3
FEB	MARA	35	5
	TSAVO		
MAR	MARA	22	0
	TSAVO	87	1
APR	MARA	185	0
	TSAVO	81	1
MAY	MARA	49	9
	TSAVO	27	0
JUN	MARA	7	0
	TSAVO	98	11
JUL	MARA	27	0
	TSAVO	124	1
AUG	MARA	7	0
	TSAVO	253	0
SEP	MARA	29	0
	TSAVO	167	1
OCT	MARA	27	2
	TSAVO		
NOV	MARA	21	2
	TSAVO		
DEC	MARA	38	0
	TSAVO		
2009	TOTAL	1442	36

On a more conservative side, each snare set is able to trap 5 wild animals of different species. Removing 1442 snares set for wildlife has saved 7210 animals from being snared during the year 2009.

With increasing poverty levels and unemployment, the pressure on wildlife and habitat is bound to increase in the coming years. With Care for the Wild's presence in the Mara and Tsavo ecosystem, bushmeat poachers face a major challenge in their quest for bushmeat. Increasing night patrols and a better equipped vehicle will certainly go a long way in achieving better results.