



2021 IMPACT REPORT



LOISABA
CONSERVANCY

OUR MISSION

To protect and enhance critical wildlife diversity, abundance and habitat in the Loisaba landscape while concurrently supporting sustainable livestock production and improving the lives of neighbouring communities. Both tourism and livestock bring revenue to the land, in an aim to be self-sustainable and offer over 300 jobs to local communities.

"All you could want for a getaway safari. Stunning sunrise over Mount Kenya. I will treasure the memories and excellent leopard sightings. Three leopards in less than an hour, including the elusive, shy, rare black leopard. A truly remarkable real life black panther! Loisaba is carrying out good conservation work and has four of the Big 5. Good luck with your ambition to introduce the fifth."
- David W



A LETTER FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends and Supporters,

During the early part of the year we worked on finalising our 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, bringing to a close an involved process and credit to excellent input from our partners and stakeholders. Thanks to our dedicated and passionate team, we managed to complete and deliver on the majority of our 2015-2020 strategic goals. We now look forward to moving ahead to achieve more impactful results as we continue to deliver on our mission.

Going forward into 2022, our major focus is rhinos. With thanks to our partners The Nature Conservancy, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance and Space for Giants, we closed on our first round of fundraising at the end of 2021. This has allowed us to start developing the infrastructure and capacity needed to confirm our final approval for translocation from the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS). Our target is to complete the requirements by the end of our second quarter 2022 and our ambition remains having our founder population of 20 eastern black rhinos safely home at Loisaba in the near future.

I would like to mention, once again, that none of Loisaba's progress and development would be possible without the extraordinary dedication of the management team, the entire Loisaba workforce, our generous supporters and our faithful partners.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Silvester'.

Tom Silvester
CEO, Loisaba Conservancy



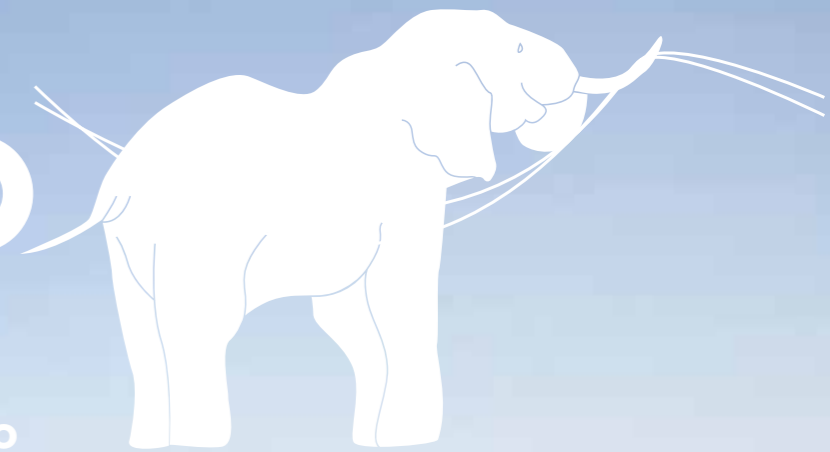
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security
training
courses
carried out

93%

of human-wildlife conflict
incidents reported from
communities responded to



0



poaching
incidents



acres of land
cleared of the
invasive *Opuntia
engelmannii*

2
3
3

115,000

km covered by
Loisaba security
patrols



LANDSCAPE SECURITY

Kenya experienced unusually low rainfall in 2021. Despite this, due to careful rangeland management, many conservancies in Laikipia had good quality grazing reserves. Unfortunately, this led to influxes of huge herds of livestock from neighbouring counties. The livestock, accompanied by armed herders, illegally grazed on conservancies and increased the grazing pressure on our neighbouring communities. With support from the County Government and Kenya Police, the Loisaba Security Department, together with other affected conservancies, mounted a successful operation to end the illegal grazing at Loisaba and the surrounding areas.

In November, following the insecurity in the region, a training programme designed and delivered by Arcturus Consultancy Ltd. was hosted at Loisaba to advise prosecutors on criminal matters. Our Security Manager, Daniel Yankere, provided an overview of the challenges faced by security and the impact upon the community. Testimonies were heard from smallholders who had suffered due to the recent security issues. Training was delivered on updates in the law, powers relating to forfeiture, compensation and ancillary offences. Following the training, the group were taken on a game drive and given a tour of the conservancy, including a demonstration from the anti-poaching unit. All found the stay at Loisaba 'awesome' and 'something to treasure'.

"I learnt about the ripple effect of illegal grazing in conservancies to the environment, animals and the danger it poses to the neighbouring private citizens and law enforcements. I was able to appreciate how illegal grazing affects Loisaba Conservancy. "

"I loved the experience of seeing a tracker dog in action and its accuracy. I had taken the evidence of such an expert, but I had never really seen how such evidence is gathered in the field."



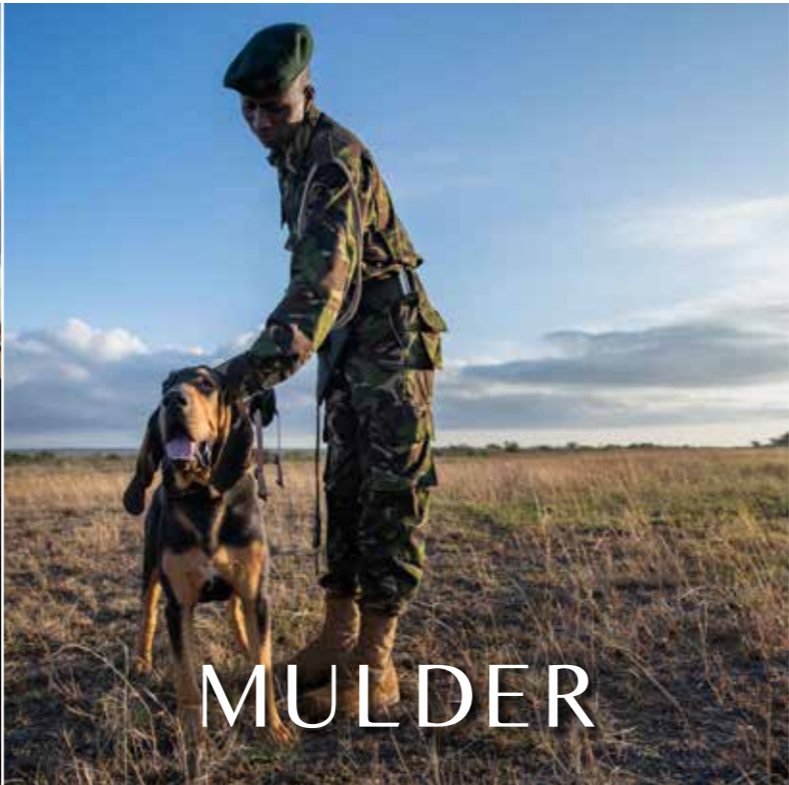
K9 UNIT

We expanded our K9 unit in 2021 with the addition of two new puppies. Scully and Mulder are bloodhounds, and were bred and initially trained at Ol Pejeta Conservancy.

Our team now comprises four dogs: Nanyokie, Memusi, Scully and Mulder, and five dog handlers: Joseph Ekan, Christopher Gikungute, George Lemeder, Stella Ekuam and Saruni Kashuma.



SCULLY



MULDER



MEMUSI



NANYOKIE



SUCCESSFUL DELTA REPORTS

No	DATE	INCIDENT	OUTCOME
1	26/02/21	Ol Malo stolen firearm	2 suspects were arrested
2	20/05/21	Tura stock theft	1 suspect arrested
3	27/07/21	Robbery/Theft at P4 station	1 suspect arrested
4	10/09/21	Stock theft at CS Okur Yatani's farm	3 suspects were arrested
5	05/10/21	Road banditry whereby three Sosian rangers were attacked	3 suspects were arrested
6	16/10/21	NYS Stock theft	3 suspects were arrested
7	17/10/21	Ewaso robbery	4 suspects arrested
8	10/10/21	Illegal Sandalwood harvesting	1 suspect arrested, sandalwood and two motorbikes were seized at Ivan's ranch
9	20/11/21	Ol Malo Stock theft	The canines led the rangers to the location where a bull was slaughtered by the raiders



Photo: Down to Earth Films

GIRAFFE GUARDIANS - TWIGA WALINZI

The Twiga Walinzi ('giraffe guardians') project was set up in 2016 as a collaboration between San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance (SDZWA), Giraffe Conservation Foundation (GCF), Northern Rangelands Trust, Loisaba Conservancy, Namunyak Conservancy, and Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS). The mission is to reverse the decline of giraffe populations with the help of local communities. The team, which spreads across 18 conservancies, consists of 16 researchers who lead the efforts in both gathering data and spreading awareness. This research includes social science to better understand community members' views and behaviours toward giraffes, in order to guide conservation measures.

During the last quarter of 2021, the teams at Loisaba conducted focus group discussions in community conservancies with three participant groups: men, women, and 'morans' (young male warriors). The Twiga Walinzi and SDZWA teams hope to use this community input to inform a conservation practitioner workshop about designing interventions. This study should lead to new and informed community-based interventions to reduce giraffe poaching.

The Twiga Walinzi team is also heavily involved with Loisaba's conservation education programme. In 2021, the programme was expanded to take local students on field trips to Ol Pejeta Conservancy, situated south of Loisaba. Ol Pejeta is well known as the home of the last two remaining northern white rhinos. The field trip programme enables local students to celebrate Kenya's wildlife through positive experiences and safe encounters. During the field trips, the Twiga Walinzi use a workbook developed by Giraffe Conservation Foundation to share conservation education lessons that focus on the ecological role and importance of giraffes.



Photo: Maurice Schutgens

ELEPHANT RESCUES

On the 19th January, Loisaba received an urgent report of a female elephant stuck in the Ltingai dam in Tura, to the east of Loisaba. In collaboration with the Northern Rangelands Trust, the elephant was successfully pulled out by our team, using one of the Loisaba tractors. Thankfully, she had no physical injuries and immediately walked away to re-join her herd.

On the 17th June, a male elephant became stuck in the same dam. Happily, he was also pulled to safety and sustained no injuries.



Photo: Gurcharan Roopra

AVIATION

Loisaba's Piper Super Cub (5Y-TTX) continues to be a huge asset, both to the conservancy itself and our surrounding communities. In 2021, Loisaba's aerial patrols covered almost 50,000km - contributing significantly to security and wildlife operations.



Photo: Maurice Schutgens

LION LANDSCAPES

We continue to partner with Lion Landscapes in their collaring for coexistence, community coexistence training and Lion Ranger programmes, in an effort to reduce human-carnivore conflict in the area. Lion Landscapes' 'Collaring for Coexistence' initiative uses technology to help lions live alongside people and livestock. Specialised lion GPS collars are deployed and managed in order to provide livestock owners with real-time lion movement data via a mobile app, developed by Save the Elephants. This helps people keep their livestock away from lions in an area, and thereby reduces attacks on livestock and retaliation killing. The collars are also equipped with a chip that sets off an alarm when in close contact with Savannah Tracking's Boma Shield System. The harmless deterrents used (lights and alarms) often stop a lion attacking, and ensure that the night watchmen are awake and ready to chase it away.

Six members of Loisaba's Rapid Response Team have also been trained and equipped to respond effectively to incidences of human-carnivore conflict, following agreed best practises for lion conservation. This Lion Ranger training from the Peregrine Fund included information on how to respond to wildlife poisoning incidents in order to prevent further wildlife losses and minimise risk to human and livestock health.

In 2022, all of Loisaba's rangers will receive Lion Ranger training, which will increase our capacity to respond effectively to human wildlife conflict incidences in the area.

FELIX

In January 2020, one of five young adult lions was collared at Loisaba as part of Lion Landscape's ongoing research into how lions use human-dominated landscapes at different stages of their lives. When young males leave their maternal prides, they are not yet strong or experienced enough to take on older males and win a pride of their own. While avoiding the territories of more experienced males, they are often pushed into areas with less prey and more people and livestock, meaning they are at a greater risk of being killed either to prevent livestock loss or in retaliation.

In March 2021, Felix and his brothers attempted to expand their territory and win over some females in the Narok pride. Felix sustained serious injuries from the fight, and had been left behind by his four brothers as he could no longer walk. Due to lions being classed as vulnerable, a decision was made to call in a veterinary team from the Kenya Wildlife Service in order to treat Felix's injuries. He has made a full recovery and continues to be monitored along with his brothers.





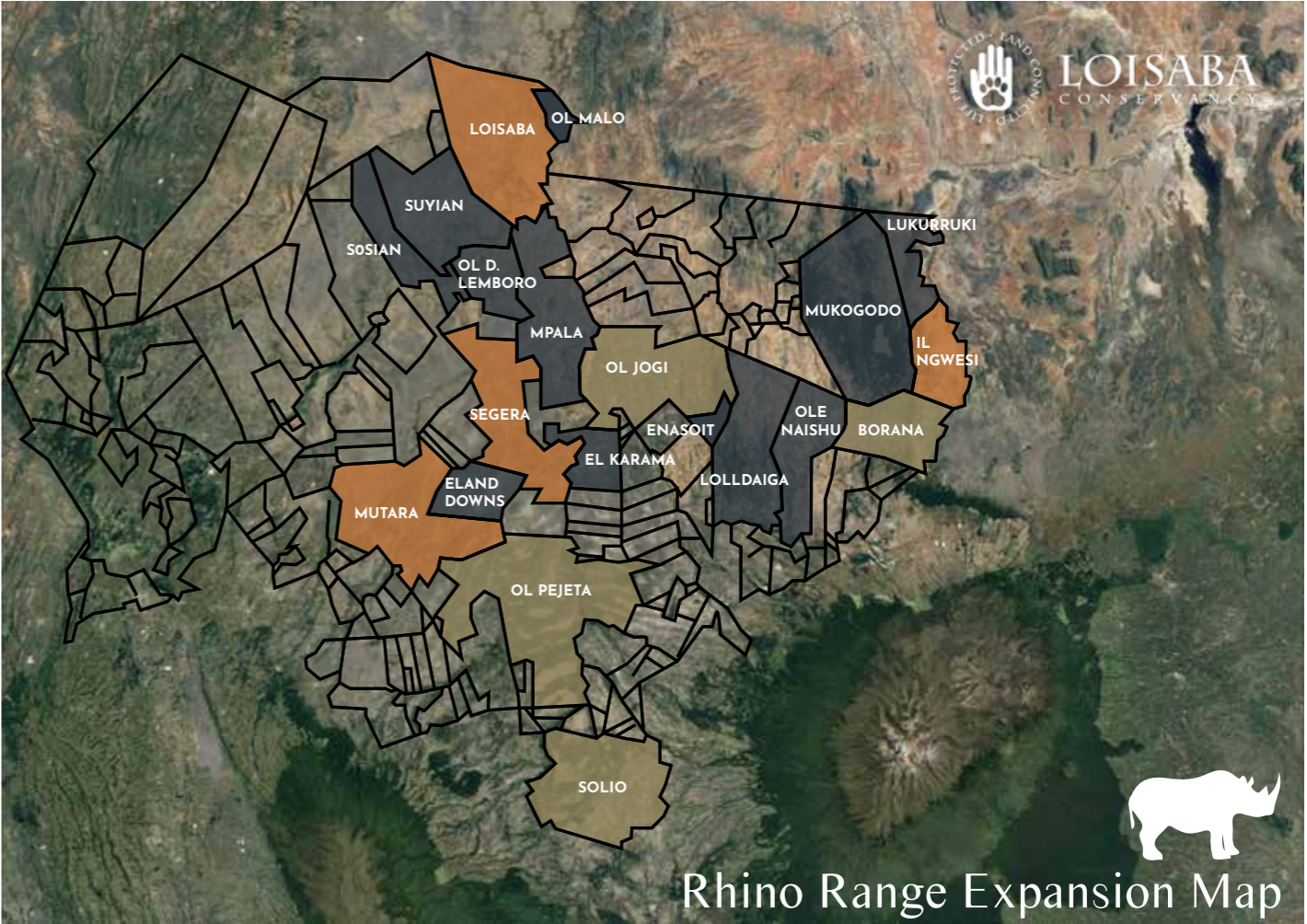
Photo: Kyle Smith




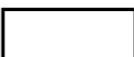
PROTECTING LEOPARDS WITH SDZWA

Our partnership with San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance (SDZWA) also includes the research and monitoring of the Loisaba leopard population. Thirty five individual leopards have currently been identified, with an estimated 40 resident at Loisaba. Of the six melanistic leopards the programme is tracking in the landscape, two are found at Loisaba.

EASTERN BLACK RHINO TO RETURN TO LOISABA!

Loisaba received conditional approval from KWS in October 2020 to re-introduce the eastern black rhino to the conservancy. During 2021, we worked with our partners at The Nature Conservancy, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance and Space for Giants on fundraising for a five year budget to cover both capital and operational costs. In 2022, we will be focusing on constructing infrastructure, purchasing equipment and building capacity in order for us to be ‘rhino ready’ and receive final approval from KWS to bring rhinos back to Loisaba.



-  Rhino conservancies
-  Applied for rhinos
-  Potential rhino conservancies
-  Other properties

Laikipia has big plans for rhinos! The ambition is to establish a stable connected landscape (private, community and government land) under good conservation management by creating East Africa’s largest rhino sanctuary (±750,000 acres) in partnership with KWS and the Laikipia Conservancies Association (LCA).

INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL

Opuntia engelmannii is a prickly pear common across south-central and south-western United States and northern Mexico. It goes by a variety of common names, including desert prickly pear, discus prickly pear and Engelmann's prickly pear.

Here in Laikipia, it is an invasive species that is thriving in the dry climate and outcompeting many other native species. At Loisaba, we are working on controlling the spread and removing as much as possible using both mechanical and biological methods.

In 2021, the donation of a silage bucket and a change in methodology allowed us to start removing these invasive plants at a much faster rate. In 2022, the rate of mechanical removal will be further increased with the addition of a second team including a JCB backhoe, thanks to another generous donation through TNC.

In partnership with CABI (Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International) and KePHIS (Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service), a biocontrol agent for *Opuntia engelmannii* has been identified and imported to Loisaba Conservancy. It is now being mass-reared in greenhouses, released and monitored by our Conservation Officer.



12 
outreach clinics held



570
students provided with
school meals for the year



721
patients treated at
Ewaso Dispensary
and outreach clinics

63 
scholarships
provided

305 
households
supported
with dry
season grazing



366
366 community livestock
recovered by Loisaba Security

SECURITY SUPPORT

Loisaba's Security Department continues to provide support to our neighbouring communities and has carried out 18 successful community stock theft recovery operations in 2021.

ANTI FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM)

On the 18th and 19th December 2021, an event was held at the neighbouring Koija Community with the theme 'Pamoja Tukomeshe Ukeketaji' (Together Let's End FGM). The event was centred around a football and volleyball tournament, and focused on raising awareness of the dangers of FGM, advocacy (targeting local, religious and youth leaders) and capacity building of community health workers.

The response from the players, community members and leaders who attended was positive, and further awareness through sports, workshops and schools was requested. Elizabeth Samaita (a Government representative) welcomed the initiative, and said it will create awareness among younger generations who are key to spreading the word and bringing an end to the practice recognised internationally as a violation of human rights.

"I want to thank KGPCI (Koija Girls Pastoralists Community Initiative) and Loisaba Community Trust for the initiative of using sport as a tool to end FGM in our region." - Elizabeth Samaita



Photo: Ami Vitale

LAIKIPIA NORTH TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL COLLEGE

Education remains key for transforming communities to attaining better livelihoods. Harmful cultural practices such as FGM have been affecting the education of girls in the surrounding communities, with most not given a chance to progress beyond primary education. The construction of a girls' dormitory in 2020 allowed Laikipia North Technical and Vocational College to start running courses specifically designed for young ladies rescued from FGM, and passed instead through the Alternative Rite of Passage. Loisaba currently supports four girls at the college.



AMANI SCHOOL

Amani School is located in Suguta, Naibor - a cosmopolitan community comprising Turkana, Pokot and Samburu tribes. Led by Laikipia North MP, Sarah Lokerere, the school began construction in 2019 with support from Loisaba Conservancy, Loisaba Community Conservation Foundation and The Nature Conservancy.

Sarah is a huge supporter of education, especially for girls. She sees it as a critical part in the fight against retroactive cultural practices such as FGM, early marriage, cattle rustling and banditry which create strife and chaos in communities.

The school was constructed with a vision of bringing peace for these communities which have had tribal and ethnic conflicts in the past. It is close to the site of two ethnic massacres in the 1990s: the Kinambui Massacre where nearly 40 Samburu men, women and children were slaughtered by Pokot; and the Ol Moran Massacre where Samburu clashed with Kikuyu. The school will be an avenue to help break down ethnic barriers, promote peace and bring communities together.

With support from Loisaba and The Nature Conservancy, the school was further expanded in 2021 to include an additional classroom, bathrooms, staff quarters, solar electric fencing and water installation. The school now has a total of 137 students and four teachers, with plans to further expand the school in 2022.



EDUCATION DAYS

With restrictions around COVID-19 easing at neighbouring schools, we were able to resume education days at the Loisaba Conservation Centre in November 2021. A total of 82 children from three different schools visited Loisaba and learned about the importance of conservation with short presentations on the various conservation initiatives that are ongoing at Loisaba.



RHINO AWARENESS

As part of our progress towards becoming 'rhino ready', we have been carrying out rhino awareness outreach in our surrounding communities in order to ensure the reintroduction of rhinos to Loisaba is seen as a positive, rather than something that may negatively impact communities in terms of security and livestock grazing. Four meetings were held in March 2021, and the community members were all extremely positive about our ambition and willing to support the reintroduction in whatever way they could. They saw it as a return of a totemic species that had been robbed from them by foreign poaching gangs.

During 2022, we will be carrying out trips to existing rhino sanctuaries for community members as part of the awareness outreach, as well as working closely with our partners at SDZWA in order to carry out perception awareness surveys.

CATTLE

Low rainfall during 2021 meant that there was very little grass for both wildlife and livestock in areas with poor rangeland management. At Loisaba, our cattle herds are carefully managed with an appropriate stocking rate to ensure the habitat is not overgrazed, and that livestock can live alongside wildlife without outcompeting it. During the drought, we were able to offer grazing support to members of our neighbouring communities, which helped highlight the importance of conservation and careful habitat management for the wellbeing of both wildlife and people. Five hundred households benefited from the drought relief grazing programme during 2021.



TOURISM

We are pleased to report that after the closure of the tourism properties at Loisaba during the COVID-19 pandemic, Loisaba Tented Camp, Loisaba Star Beds and Loisaba Lodo Springs are all now open.

It is a great testament to the professionalism and commitment of the fantastic team at The Elewana Collection (www.elewanacollection.com) that our tourism operations experienced a profitable year with a revenue of Ksh 40 million (US\$400,000) in a time when most tourism properties across the world were barely able to stay afloat. We are most grateful to Elewana for their incredible passion and professionalism, and look forward to many more years of partnership.

If you would like to book a stay at Loisaba, please email enquiries@loisaba.com.



LOISABA TENTED CAMP

Perched on the edge of an escarpment, Loisaba Tented Camp is designed to capitalise on unhindered views across Laikipia's mottled landscape all the way to Mount Kenya. African-themed sophistication and style is the flavour of Loisaba Tented Camp. Spacious and airy tents are custom-built with large floor-to-ceiling doors and windows, high ceilings and polished wood floors. The tent suites are adorned in chic Africana furniture with a modern European twist. The inviting main areas of Loisaba Tented Camp include a large open dining area, separate open lounge and bar, a large wooden decking area (for outside dining, relaxing and enjoying the view) and one of Africa's most picturesque infinity pools.



CAMEL RIDES



GAME DRIVES



HORSE RIDING



BUSH WALKS

"This is the Africa of dreams: the air fragrant with the smell of greenery, alive with the sound of creatures..."
- The Telegraph



LOISABA STAR BEDS

Loisaba Star Beds offer a truly authentic and intimate African experience. Handcrafted four-poster wooden beds, sitting on raised wooden platforms that jut out from thatched-roof accommodation, are rolled out each night for guests to enjoy the most memorable sleep under the endless African sky. Rustically designed to complement the surrounding environment, each star bed is individually built in harmony with the natural rocky features, incorporating a sitting area, and open plan bathroom with a view. A team of traditional Samburu & Laikipiak Maasai warriors welcome and host you with their customary warm African hospitality.



LOISABA LODO SPRINGS

The most recently established on the Conservancy, Elewana Loisaba Lodo Springs, offers an ultra-private experience comprising eight individual, spacious tented rooms with impressive views that reach across the magical landscape of northern Kenya, stretching out to Mount Kenya. Service is paramount, with each room assigned an Elewana Guest Ambassador to serve and cater to guests' every need, as well as a dedicated safari vehicle and a highly qualified field guide to accompany guests for the duration of their stay.



"Wild animals roam around this bedroom under the stars in the African wilderness..."
- Daily Mail, UK.



THANK YOU

We would like to thank all our partners for contributing to another successful year at Loisaba Conservancy.



The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

TNC is a global environmental nonprofit, working to create a world where people and nature can thrive. Founded in the U.S. through grassroots action in 1951, The Nature Conservancy has grown to become one of the most effective and wide-reaching environmental organizations in the world. Thanks to more than a million members and the dedicated efforts of our diverse staff and over 400 scientists, we impact conservation in 76 countries and territories: 37 by direct conservation impact and 39 through partners.



Space for Giants (SFG)

SFG is an international conservation organisation that protects the great wildlife landscapes that Africa's remaining wildlife needs to survive and thrive.



San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance (SDZWA)

SDZWA is an international, nonprofit conservation organization with two front doors: the San Diego Zoo and the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. We integrate wildlife health and care, science, and education to develop sustainable conservation solutions. SDZWA is committed to saving species worldwide by uniting our expertise in animal care and conservation science with our dedication to inspiring passion for nature.



Elewana Collection

The Elewana Collection is our tourism partner, and is known for its unique accommodations in iconic locations across Kenya and Tanzania. Elewana crafts authentic and memorable safari experiences, providing the highest quality of luxury and comfort. Warm and genuine East African hospitality characterises a safari with Elewana, where guests are indulged with a luxurious and personalised stay.



Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT)

NRT is a membership organisation owned and led by the 43 community conservancies it serves in northern and coastal Kenya. NRT was established as a shared resource to help build and develop community conservancies, which are best positioned to enhance people's lives, build peace and conserve the natural environment.



Lion Landscapes

Lion Landscapes is a registered UK Charity, affiliated with the University of Oxford, which works to ensure peaceful coexistence between lions and people.



Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association (KWCA)

The KWCA mission is to work with landowners and communities to sustainably conserve and manage wildlife and their habitat outside formal protected areas for the benefit of the people of Kenya. Since the emergence of the first conservancies in the 1970s, they have grown in number and their impact has broadened beyond wildlife conservation and tourism. While wildlife conservation is a key objective, conservancies have the unique power to transform communities while safeguarding our iconic wildlife by uniting communities, promoting peace and security and improving livelihoods. As the national umbrella body uniting the dynamic and diverse voices of wildlife conservancies in the country, we exist to harness this power.



Laikipia Conservancies Association (LCA)

A regional association of the KWCA, The Laikipia Conservancies Association is a member-led organisation established in 2019, with the goal of bringing together conservancies in Laikipia to address common challenges and amplify our individual impacts. As one of the most important wildlife areas in Kenya, the future of Laikipia as a conservation landscape depends on conservancies. These institutions form a diverse mosaic - with different land tenure, governance and management models - yet are aligned through a common recognition that a collaborative vision and management approach is critical to the future of conservancies as the core of a broader conservation landscape that supports people and wildlife.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Donate: www.loisaba.com/donate
- Visit: email enquiries@loisaba.com with your planned dates and preferred accommodation
- Fundraising for Loisaba
- Leaving a legacy for Loisaba

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