



# EAST AFRICAN WILD LIFE SOCIETY IMRE LOEFLER LECTURE



## WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES TO CONSERVE RHINOS AT OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY

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Ol Pejeta Conservancy works to conserve wildlife, provide a sanctuary for great apes and deliver a Community Development Program (CDP). The Conservancy holds significant rhino populations with a total of 121 black rhinos, 32 southern white rhinos and the only last 2 northern white rhinos on earth. The greatest threat to Ol Pejeta in its conservation work remains losses incurred on endangered species through poaching. These rhinos are under significant poaching threat necessitating Ol Pejeta to institute proactive measures in community engagement and law enforcement.

Ol Pejeta's CDP works in 18 focal community areas providing developmental support focused on supporting health, education, livestock and agriculture activities as a means to offset the negative social impacts that the Conservancy can have on its nearest neighbours, to enhance environmental sustainability and to build trust and relationships important in securing critical community support. This engagement encourages and strengthens the voluntary reporting of poaching activities by local communities to the conservancy and wildlife authorities.

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**VENUE:** Muthaiga Country Club in the Ballroom

**DATE:** 6th March, 2019

### PROGRAMME

**6.30 P.M.:** Bar and canapés | **7.00 P.M.:** Lecture starts

### LECTURE & CANAPÉS:

Members & Guests: **1,500**

Additional Dinner charges: **1,950/-**

Extra **500/-** at the door

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