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EAWLS Moves to Strengthen Regional Conservation Partnership



Left to Right: Nancy Ogonje (Executive Director EAWLS), William Pike (board member EAWLS), Cissy Walker (Vice Chair EAWLS), Capt. John Otekat (board representative of EAWLS, Uganda), Mr. Michael Wamithi (board member EAWLS) and Elizabeth Gitari (Chairperson EAWLS) at reception for representatives of conservation groups in Uganda.

In an effort to forge greater bonds of collaboration in the region, the East Africa African Wild Life Society (EAWLS) hosted a cocktail reception for representatives from conservation groups in Uganda on June 28 where discussions focused on the need to form stronger partnerships between advocacy organisations in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

“We believe that collectively we can work towards reducing threats

that may have significant negative ecological, environmental and social impacts in East Africa,” said Elizabeth Gitari-Mitaru, Chairperson, EAWLS, addressing the 40 guests who attended the reception.

She invited the guests to become pioneering members of a Ugandan chapter of the Society that would champion sound conservation practices and policies in the country and the greater East African region.

“As distinguished members of

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the EAWLS, you will have the singular responsibility of leading current and future generations into innovative thought leadership in wild life conservation,” said Ms Gitari-Mitaru. “Our extensive networks and goodwill from likeminded institutions and governments across the African continent shall be at your disposal in our joint quest in ensuring that our wildlife endures forever,” she added.

Stressing the need to work together, Ms. Gitari-Mitaru noted that the three neighbouring countries had shared ecosystems that faced major threats from expanding human activities, over-exploitation, unsustainable agricultural practices, over-fishing, pollution, illegal wildlife trafficking and the rampant destruction of wetlands.

She highlighted the case of the Mara River, which flows from the Mau Forest in Kenya and cuts across Tanzania to drain into Lake Victoria.

“Currently, the Mara River has been making headlines on its reducing volumes due to various human-related factors and it is feared that if left unattended, we could see the disappearance of the great Mara River and consequently a key tributary of Lake Victoria in just a few years.

“The repercussions of this is already being felt along the Mara-Serengeti ecosystems and we have begun paying the price of massive destruction of the Mau Forest. As EAWLS, we are in the process of initiating a worldwide campaign to save the Mara River through rehabilitation of the Mau Forest, which is the main catchment for the Mara River,” said Ms. Gitari-Mitaru.

The reception was attended by key figures in conservation circles in Uganda, including Prof. Mary J. N. Okwakol, a former EAWLS Vice-Chair, Dr. Arthur Mugisha, who previously worked at FFI, and Hon. Ekwau Ibi Florence from the Uganda Parliament Sacco.



TOP: Left to Right: Cissy Walker, Dr. Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka (Founder and CEO, Conservation through public health), William Pike.

MIDDLE: Michael Wamithi and Dr. Arthur Mugisha (formerly with Flora and Fauna International).

BOTTOM: Nancy Ogonje giving a speech at the ceremony.

Young for Nature (YoNa) Tree Planting with Sunrise of Africa School

On 14th June 2019, the East African Wildlife Society (EAWLS) through our youth initiative Young for Nature (YoNa), partnered with Sunrise of Africa School for a tree-planting activity in Kitengela.

Sunrise of Africa School, located in Kitengela, is attended by over 300 students. The school offers nursery to grade 8 education based on Christian principles. Among the values instilled in the students is their role as stewards of the environment who live sustainably and care for the global wildlife heritage.

In keeping with these values, YoNa partnered with the School's administration through the environmental club to educate the children on the value of trees. The pupils were given a lesson on both the benefits that trees provide communities and the environment and on how to nurture them.

Through the project, the pupils planted 50 fruit tree seedlings -- avocado, orange, and mango. Each one of the seedlings was adopted by pupils of each grade who will nurture the trees on their journey through primary school and have a healthier snack alternative when the trees mature and start bearing fruit.

The project aims to build bonds between the students and the benefits of the natural environment and to promote environmental stewardship. These activities are at the core of YoNa's mission "to raise a generation of enthusiastic champions of the environment".



TOP: Students of Sunrise of Africa School learn about the value of trees

MIDDLE LEFT: EAWLS and Sunrise of Africa staff plant a tree with students.

BOTTOM LEFT: Students of Sunrise of Africa School carry seedlings to the field.

BELOW RIGHT: From L-R: Veronica Ojiambo, EAWLS/ YoNa coordinator; Mr Musau, head-teacher of Sunrise of Africa School; Anne Muthoni, EAWLS/ KFWG representative and guest speaker; Philip Merian, Deputy head-teacher of Sunrise of Africa School; Rose Chemweno, EAWLS staff.

EAWLS Leads Capacity Building Efforts on Conservation of Lake Ol Bolossat

Through a funded project by the Rufford Foundation, the East African Wildlife Society (EAWLS) organised a workshop in Nyahururu in late June. The workshop brought together representatives from Water Resource Users Associations (WRUAs) and Community Forest Associations (CFAs) to reinforce their respective roles in natural resource management.

The workshop also explored whether the two groups could collaborate to fulfil overlapping responsibilities. Both groups acknowledged the similarity between many of their roles and welcomed the idea of working together to fulfil their mandates. They agreed to have further discussions on developing a mechanism that would enable them to work together to conserve and better manage Lake Ol Bolossat in Nyandarua County.

The EAWLS team also visited some of the tree nurseries established by members of the Tree Nursery Operators Association to determine whether the training previously provided on tree nursery management is being implemented. The visit revealed that most of the tree nursery operators trained previously had made noticeable improvements in the general nursery design and record-keeping while others have established new nurseries.

However, EAWLS staff found that issues of nursery identification, seedling separation and labelling and hygiene remained a challenge. Subsequently, a meeting was convened on the 28th June 2019 and attended by representatives from tree nursery operators to discuss accomplishments and challenges



facing them. Participants agreed that the previous training that was conducted with a grant from the Rufford Foundation had provided invaluable knowledge, especially with regard to nursery record-keeping and seedlings arrangement.

The participants agreed to collaborate in order to strengthen their capacity as an association and gain better access to markets. EAWLS also participated in a tree planting exercise at South Marmanet Forest during the monitoring of the

TOP: EAWLS staff, a KFS representative and members of the Laikipia and Nyandarua associations of tree nursery operators.

BELOW: EAWLS staff visit the nurseries of previously trained tree nursery operators.

tree nurseries to check on the quality of seedlings that members of the local community -- especially those who had received training -- had produced towards the initiative.

WORLD OCEANS DAY 2019



Some members of the Ngomeni Community in Kilifi County plant mangroves on World Oceans Day.

The World Oceans Day is marked on June 8 every year to remind people of the major that oceans play everyday life. They provide most of the oxygen we breathe. The theme of the Day in 2019 was Gender and Ocean.

EAWLS joined the Ngomeni community in Kilifi County on Kenya's Indian Ocean Coast to mark the Day by promoting "Women in Conservation" through a mangrove restoration activity. The event was intended to motivate women to take a leading role in protecting marine resources as sources of their livelihoods. An estimated 200 people who attended the event planted some 5,000 mangrove seedlings.



A delegation from China and the Mara Conservation Fund paid a courtesy call to EAWLS to establish synergies on possible areas of collaboration on wildlife conservation.



The new Chief Conservator of Forests, Mr Julius Kamau visits EAWLS Executive Director, Nancy Ogonje to discuss partnerships in efforts towards forest rehabilitation in Kenya.

Kenya's Efforts towards Sustainable Waste Management

An increasing population and a rapid pace of urbanization pose various environmental challenges, including waste management. In Kenya, inadequate waste disposal systems continue to imperil human health and cause environmental pollution.

To address the problem, the Ministry of Environment and Forestry is drafting

three documents to guide waste management in Kenya. They are the National Sustainable Waste Management Policy, National Sustainable Waste Management Bill and National E-waste Strategy. The drafts have been presented to various stakeholders for comment.

In May, EAWLS participated in a national validation workshop organised by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry to finalize

a review of the draft documents. A new law and a policy on waste management are expected to be in place by December 2019. The workshop brought together participants from the public, county governments, community-based organisations, NGOs, professional bodies, people living with disabilities, faith-based groups and women and youth groups.

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