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## Corporate Partners Join EAWLS to Restore Kinale Forest



**Dr. Thomas Kiptoo, Ag. Deputy Chief Conservator of Forests (DCCF) and EAWLS Executive Director Nancy Ogonje plant a tree in Kinale forest on May 16.**

The East African Wild Life Society (EAWLS), in partnership with the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) and Kijabe Environment Volunteers (KENVO), led over 60 corporate partners and conservation stakeholders in planting 32,300 indigenous tree seedlings on May 16, 2025, at the Old Kijabe Block of Kinale Forest in Kiambu County. This site lies within the greater Aberdare Forest ecosystem—one of Kenya's most important water towers.

The tree planting exercise is part of EAWLS' Forest Rehabilitation Programme, which targets the restoration of at least 600 hectares of degraded forest land by 2030. The seedlings planted during the event were funded through proceeds from the 2023 and 2024 editions of the Forest Challenge—an annual fundraising event that engages individuals and companies through outdoor adventure and teamwork, all in

support of forest conservation.

Restoration efforts on the ground are being led by the Kinale Community Forest Association (CFA) under the Plantation Establishment and Livelihood Improvement Scheme (PELIS). This integrated approach enables farmers from forest-adjacent communities to grow short-term crops such as potatoes and pyrethrum alongside young trees, guided by the principle "trees first, then crops." The model promotes forest recovery while supporting food security and household income.

The project is also creating green jobs for women, youth, and elders, while enabling CFA members to earn additional income by supplying seedlings to reforestation partners.

The next edition of the Forest Challenge is scheduled for November 29, 2025.



# EAWLS Marks World Environment Day 2025



**The East African Wild Life Society (EAWLS) marked World Environment Day 2025 with a series of impactful activities held in Nyandarua County from June 4 to June 6, 2025. The main celebration took place at the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO) offices in Ol Jororok, bringing together community members, partners, and conservation stakeholders within the Lake Ol Bolossat ecosystem catchment.**

In line with this year's global theme focused on *"Ending Global Plastic Pollution,"* EAWLS joined hands with stakeholders to raise awareness and take action on the growing threat of plastic waste. EAWLS team, including community scouts, who are part of an ongoing citizen science initiative around Lake Ol Bolossat, played a lead role in the pre-event activities, including a clean-up exercise and a plastic brand audit. These efforts not only helped rid the environment of plastic waste but also contributed to collecting data on plastic pollution trends and informing local

solutions.

Recognising that plastic pollution is only one aspect of environmental degradation, EAWLS team, together with partners and residents, planted over 4,000 indigenous tree seedlings to help rehabilitate the fragile Lake Ol Bolossat ecosystem—a vital wetland known for its rich birdlife and freshwater biodiversity.

The event brought together a wide range of partners, including the Nyandarua County Government, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Kenya Forest Service (KFS), Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), KALRO, Ewaso Ng'iro South River Basin Development Authority, VSO Kenya, the Lake Ol Bolossat Community



**EAWLS staff and community scouts participate in a clean-up exercise and plastic brand audit around the Lake Ol Bolossat ecosystem. They were joined by County Forest Conservator Richard Guya in planting a commemorative tree to mark World Environment Day 2025.**

Conservation Group (LOCCOG), Equity Bank Kenya, International Tree Foundation, Greens of Africa Foundation, and several local schools.



# Aberdare Road Dispute in Court: Conservation vs. Development

A three-judge bench of the Environment and Land Court in Nairobi concluded a pivotal three-day hearing on 29 May 2025 concerning the contested Ihithe-Ndunyu Njeru Road project, which would cut through Kenya's ecologically sensitive Aberdare National Park and Forest Reserve.

The case, presided over by Justices Lucy Gacheru, Benard Eboso, and James Olola, pits conservation groups against government agencies over the construction of the proposed 52-kilometre road.

The petitioners — including the East African Wild Life Society (EAWLS), Kenya Forest Working Group, African Centre for Peace and Human Rights, and lawyer Lempaa Suyianka — argued that the road would irreversibly damage the Aberdare ecosystem. They stressed that the project threatens critical water catchments supplying Nairobi and Lake Naivasha and endangers rare wildlife, including the critically endangered mountain bongo, of which fewer than 100 remain in the wild.

Dr. Festus Ihwagi, a wildlife biologist and senior scientist at Save the Elephants, testified that the road would fragment habitats, increase poaching, and introduce invasive species. He also criticised the Environmental Impact



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Assessment (EIA), noting that it lacked a strategic assessment of adjacent areas and failed to account for long-term impacts on agriculture, pastoral communities, climate change, and water supply to Nairobi residents.

The petitioners presented joint witnesses, including Dr. Ihwagi and Dr. Fernanda Urzua, who were cross-examined by the respondents' lawyers. An affidavit by Ms. Nancy Ogonje,

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Justices Lucy Gacheru (centre), Benard Eboso, and James Olola during the hearing at Milimani's Environment and Land Court on May 29, 2025, on the contested Ihithe-Ndunyu Njeru road project through Aberdare National Park.

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Dr. Festus Ihwagi, wildlife biologist and senior scientist at Save the Elephants, delivers expert testimony during the Environment and Land Court hearing on the proposed Ihithe-Ndunyu Njeru Road.

Executive Director of the East African Wild Life Society, was admitted into the record without cross-examination, despite objections from the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA). The court also rejected a late application by the Attorney General's office to file an additional affidavit.

In a move that underlines the court's commitment to thorough deliberation, the judges scheduled a site visit for 18 July 2025. They will assess KeNHA's proposed routes alongside the petitioners' alternative path. Representatives from all parties will be present on-site to provide clarification and answer questions.





# EAWLS Champions Local Voices at Landmark UN Ocean Conference



The East African Wildlife Society (EAWLS) participated in the Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), which brought together over 15,000 participants, including 60 heads of state and government, from June 9 to 13, 2025, in Nice, France. Co-hosted by France and Costa Rica, the conference was held under the theme “Accelerating action and mobilising all actors to conserve and sustainably use the ocean.” With the 2030 deadline fast approaching, the conference focused on fast-tracking efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water.

UNOC3 concluded with the adoption of the Nice Ocean Action Plan, which comprises a political declaration and over 800 voluntary commitments from governments, NGOs, and international bodies to safeguard ocean sustainability. The political declaration titled “Our Ocean, Our Future: United for urgent action” reaffirmed the ocean’s critical role in regulating climate, sustaining biodiversity, and supporting livelihoods. It emphasised the urgent need to tackle climate

change, overfishing, plastic pollution, and inadequate conservation financing, while calling for the full implementation of global frameworks such as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the High Seas Treaty.

Representing EAWLS at the conference were Executive Director Nancy Ogonje and Marine Project Officer Kevin Lunzalu. Ms Ogonje also attended in her capacity as the newly elected President of the Consortium for the Conservation of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems in the Western Indian Ocean (WIO-C)—a regional alliance of non-governmental and intergovernmental organisations promoting marine ecosystem management.

Ms Ogonje delivered a joint message on behalf of 89 civil society organisations from 28 countries, one of 10 official civil society policy priorities presented during the conference. The message called for inclusive, science-based ocean governance frameworks rooted in community leadership and traditional knowledge. It also advocated for a global

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**EAWLS Executive Director, Nancy Ogonje (center), during a panel discussion at the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3).**

moratorium on deep-sea mining and the urgent translation of international agreements into locally relevant, actionable strategies.

During a high-level panel discussion titled “Elevating Local Voices in Global Ocean Governance,” Ms Ogonje showcased how EAWLS and WIO-C are contributing to national and regional marine policies. She underscored the importance of integrating local realities, indigenous knowledge systems, and evidence-based practices to inform policy and drive sustainable ocean management.

As preparations begin for the next UN Ocean Conference in 2028, EAWLS remains committed to strengthening its engagement with coastal communities, policymakers, and international partners to ensure that ocean governance remains equitable, inclusive, and effective.



# Citizen Science Initiative in Lake Ol Bolossat Ecosystem



**The East African Wild Life Society (EAWLS) has launched a citizen science initiative around the Lake Ol Bolossat ecosystem in Nyandarua County. The initiative seeks to empower local communities to take ownership of their environment through conservation and biodiversity monitoring.**

Seven community scouts have been recruited from villages around the lake. Using a mobile-based application called the Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART), they collect biodiversity data through daily patrols. The scouts also raise awareness about lake conservation and report illegal activities to the relevant authorities.

Ahead of the launch in April 2025, EAWLS conducted training on biodiversity monitoring and community engagement for key stakeholders and the seven community scouts. Participants included representatives from the Kenya Forest Service (KFS), Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), Nyandarua County Government, local conservation groups such as the Lake Ol Bolossat Community Conservation Group (LOCCOG) and Crane Conservation Volunteers (CCV), EAWLS staff, MSc scholarship

beneficiaries, and the Wangari Maathai Institute team. The scouts were also provided with mobile phones and power banks to support their work.

On June 6, 2025, EAWLS held a follow-up session to hear the scouts' experiences, address challenges, and plan the way forward. The scouts reported growing community acceptance and shared how they are incorporating indigenous knowledge into their work. They were also issued with safety gear, including boots and raincoats.

The initiative aims to generate credible, community-driven data to complement the rapid biodiversity and socio-economic research conducted within the Lake Ol Bolossat ecosystem in 2023. The findings will support the designation of Lake Ol Bolossat as Kenya's 7<sup>th</sup> Ramsar Site and inform future conservation and policy decisions.

Running from April to December 2025, the initiative is part of a broader project funded by the JRS Biodiversity Foundation and implemented by EAWLS in partnership with the University of Nairobi, the Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies, and the Wildlife Research and Training



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**Jabes Okumu, EAWLS Programme and Advocacy Manager facilitates a training session for Lake Ol Bolossat community scouts.**

**BELOW RIGHT**  
**EAWLS team with community scouts fitted with new safety gear to support their patrol work.**

Institute (WRTI). The project, dubbed "Unlocking Biodiversity Data to Facilitate the Designation of Lake Ol' Bolossat as Kenya's 7<sup>th</sup> Ramsar Site", not only seeks to unlock biodiversity data but also to build the capacity of local communities to participate in managing and protecting the lake ecosystem meaningfully.



# EAWLS Champions Review of Wildlife Conservation and Management Bill

The East African Wild Life Society (EAWLS) has called for a more inclusive, transparent, and constitutionally aligned review of the proposed Wildlife Conservation and Management Bill (2025), warning that several of its provisions risk undermining conservation progress, institutional integrity, and the rights of local communities.

This call was made during a national public participation meeting held in Nairobi on May 26, 2025, convened by the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife. The forum brought together a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives from academic institutions, civil society organisations, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, county governments, conservation groups, and the private sector.

The Bill, intended to replace the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act of 2013, proposes sweeping reforms that could significantly alter wildlife governance, shift conservation responsibilities, and impact the rights of communities living adjacent to protected areas. Throughout the session, EAWLS and other participants raised concerns over the Bill's alignment with Kenya's Constitution, the transparency of its formulation, and the extent to which public input has been meaningfully integrated.

One of the most contested proposals was the creation of a new Kenya Wildlife Regulatory Authority (KWRA). EAWLS and other stakeholders questioned the rationale for establishing an additional regulatory agency, cautioning that it could create bureaucratic overlap, dilute accountability, and divert critical resources away from existing institutions such as the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), which are already mandated to manage and protect the country's wildlife. Many participants called for a comprehensive regulatory impact assessment before any institutional restructuring is undertaken.

Concerns also emerged over the proposed management of the National Wildlife Biodiversity Database. Questions were raised about access, data governance, and the roles of the Cabinet Secretary, the Wildlife Research



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and Training Institute (WRTI), KWS, and other conservation actors. Stakeholders emphasised the need for clarity and shared oversight to ensure that data remains a public good, accessible for research, planning, and conservation.

Promotion of a wildlife biodiversity economy was another concern. While EAWLS supports incentive structures that reward conservation efforts, the organisation cautioned against models that prioritise commodification or consumptive use of wildlife. It stressed that economic incentives must be carefully designed to ensure ecological sustainability, equitable benefit-sharing, and full compliance with the Public Trust Doctrine, which recognises biodiversity as a shared national resource.

The Bill's suggestion to reclassify national parks and devolve their management to county governments, citing the Maasai Mara as a precedent, was strongly opposed. EAWLS and other stakeholders warned that this could fragment conservation efforts, increase opportunities for mismanagement and corruption, and undermine national-level protection of critical habitats.

Participants also voiced concern over provisions that could open

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**Participants engage at the public consultation forum on the Wildlife Conservation and Management Bill, 2025, held at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre in Nairobi on 26 May 2025.**

protected areas to mining and large-scale infrastructure development. EAWLS reiterated that Kenya's national parks and reserves must remain off-limits to extractive activities, citing their irreplaceable ecological value and the long-term impacts such developments could have on biodiversity. EAWLS called for strict environmental safeguards to be applied to all infrastructure projects near or within conservation zones.

At the close of the session, a majority of participants called for the draft Bill to undergo substantial revisions before it proceeds to Parliament. EAWLS strongly urged the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife to suspend the legislative process and reinstate a consultative dialogue that genuinely incorporates the voices of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, conservation scientists, and civil society.



# Swara magazine Recognised for Promoting Uganda's Tourism and Conservation



The East African Wild Life Society (EAWLS) reaffirmed its role in promoting cross-border tourism and conservation during the Uganda Familiarisation (Fam) Trip Review Meeting held on 30 May 2025 at the Uganda High Commission (Embassy) in Nairobi. The meeting, which brought together Kenyan tourism and conservation stakeholders, evaluated the impact of the November 2024 Fam trip to Uganda and identified

strategies to strengthen sustainable tourism collaboration between the two countries.

Organised by the Consulate General of Uganda in Mombasa in partnership with tourism stakeholders from both Kenya and Uganda, the Fam trip aimed to expose Kenyan travel and conservation actors to Uganda's diverse tourism offerings. A total of 70 Kenyan stakeholders, including representatives from the EAWLS, toured various attractions across the country to gain a deeper understanding and promote Uganda's tourism products.

The review meeting provided a platform to reflect on the trip's outcomes, assess Uganda's visibility in the Kenyan market since the visit, and share insights and challenges encountered in marketing cross-border tourism. Participants proposed ways to improve future collaborations and enhance the promotion of Uganda's destinations in the Kenyan market.

During the meeting, Ambassador Paul Mukumbya, the Consul General of Uganda in Mombasa, thanked EAWLS for its continued support in highlighting Uganda's conservation and tourism efforts through Swara magazine. He commended the EAWLS' dedicated

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Ambassador Paul Mukumbya (centre) with Kenyan tourism and conservation stakeholders at the Uganda High Commission in Nairobi on 30 May 2025.

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A past issue of Swara Magazine.

coverage across multiple editions, which has helped increase awareness of Uganda's natural heritage in the region.

The January–March 2025 issue of *Swara* spotlighted Uganda's iconic mountain gorilla experience—an anchor of the country's eco-tourism. The April–June 2025 edition featured the Pearl of Africa Tourism Expo (POATE) and the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary, showcasing Uganda's progress in rhino conservation. Another notable story explored Kidepo Valley National Park, portraying it as Uganda's untamed safari jewel, rich in wildlife, cultural heritage, and conservation potential.

These stories continue to inform and inspire regional audiences while underscoring the strong and growing partnership between Uganda and EAWLS in promoting sustainable tourism and conservation.





# Alarm Over Proposed Eco-Lodge in Ngong Forest Sanctuary



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**The East African Wild Life Society (EAWLS) participated in a high-level consultative stakeholder meeting convened by the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) following public uproar over a proposed luxury glamping eco-lodge within the Ngong Forest Block. The meeting, held at the Imre Loeffler Centre in the Ngong Road Forest Sanctuary on May 27, brought together residents, Community Forest Associations (CFAs), environmental organisations, representatives from the Green Belt Movement, the project proponent, Konyon Company Limited and an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) consultant.**

The meeting was prompted by concerns raised by the Green Belt Movement regarding the project's location and approval process. The widespread concern drew the attention of the Chief Conservator of Forests, who intervened to suspend all project-related activities pending further stakeholder engagement temporarily.

The meeting aimed to clarify the nature of the proposed development,

outline licensing procedures, shed light on the EIA process, and solicit feedback from stakeholders. However, several issues emerged, raising serious questions about transparency, compliance, and ecological safeguards.

Among the key concerns was the discrepancy between the project design and the approved EIA report. While the report indicated the use of eco-friendly, reusable materials and proposed the construction of 20 tented units, the on-site development reflected a different reality, with ongoing construction of 11 units that did not utilise the eco-materials initially promised. Moreover, construction had reportedly begun before the EIA had received formal approval, with KFS citing an "Early Entry Permit" as the basis for preliminary activity.

Local CFAs expressed frustration at being excluded from the public participation process, despite the EIA report claiming otherwise. The lack of a biodiversity assessment was also flagged, especially given the forest's critical ecological importance and its role as a

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**Construction site of a luxury camping facility hotel in Ngong Road Forest.**

habitat for endangered species.

The meeting further revealed governance shortcomings, including an absence of transparency in identifying the project proponent and inconsistencies in project timelines and stakeholder communication. Allegations of undue influence and dishonest consent by a few CFA officials only heightened tensions.

In a united call for action, participants demanded that all project activities be halted until the outlined irregularities are rectified. The Green Belt Movement signalled its intention to seek legal redress should the issues remain unresolved. In response, KFS urged stakeholders to exhaust alternative dispute resolution mechanisms before resorting to litigation. Meanwhile, the EIA consultant committed to revising the report and initiating a more inclusive engagement process.



# Harnessing Technology and Community Voices for Forest Conservation in Kenya



**The East African Wild Life Society, alongside members of the Kenya Forest Working Group (KFWG), participated in a national forest monitoring workshop organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) from May 20 to May 22, 2025, in Nairobi.**

The forum brought together over 100 participants drawn from government institutions, civil society, academia, Indigenous Peoples, and the private sector.

The workshop was part of the Accelerating Innovative Monitoring for Forests (AIM4Forests) programme. A five-year programme funded by the Government of the United Kingdom, and supports six African countries, including Kenya, to harness modern technologies—such as satellite data, remote sensing, and geospatial tools—for enhanced forest monitoring. These innovations are instrumental in strengthening forest governance, improving restoration tracking, and aligning national efforts

with global climate and biodiversity commitments.

The workshop focused on refining Kenya's National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS), with discussions centred on improving the quality, accuracy, and accessibility of forest data. Participants explored ways to ensure the system supports national reporting to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), attracts climate finance, and effectively engages Indigenous Peoples and local communities in conservation processes.

EAWLS actively contributed to conversations around inclusive forest monitoring, drawing from its work through the Forest Rehabilitation Programme and advocacy efforts under KFWG.

At the heart of the dialogue was the recognition that robust forest monitoring systems are critical to implementing REDD+—a global framework that rewards countries for

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**Theresa Aoko, EAWLS Policy and Advocacy Officer, and Kevin Lunzalu, EAWLS Marine Project Officer, with members of the Blue Carbon Working Group Secretariat and the Kenya Forest Working Group during the AIM4Forests national workshop in Nairobi.**

reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation while promoting conservation, sustainable forest management, and carbon stock enhancement. With Kenya progressing toward REDD+ readiness, the workshop provided EAWLS with opportunities to advance preparedness at both policy and grassroots levels.

EAWLS also explored collaborative opportunities for integrating forest monitoring with marine and freshwater conservation efforts, particularly in mangrove and wetland ecosystems.



# Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihoods Strengthened in Mukogodo and Mt Kulal Forest



**Between February 2024 and January 2025, the East African Wild Life Society (EAWLS), with funding from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) through the Global Environment Facility (GEF)-funded Restoration Initiative (TRI Kenya-GEF 6), successfully implemented a community-led conservation project in the remote yet ecologically rich landscapes of Mukogodo and Mount Kulal.**

Blending ecological restoration with community empowerment, the project aimed to conserve the two forest ecosystems, restore degraded habitats, promote alternative livelihoods, and improve food and nutrition security. It also sought to build climate resilience and enhance the conservation status of Mount Kulal by pursuing its designation as an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA).

At the core of this initiative was agroforestry—a nature-based solution that integrates trees with crops and/or livestock to create more sustainable, productive, and climate-resilient landscapes. In collaboration with local Community Forest Associations (CFAs), county government officers, and Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology Enterprises Services (JKUATES), EAWLS trained 1,097 farmers

(574 women and 523 men) in both the theory and practice of agroforestry. Topics ranged from planting techniques and aftercare to pest management and the economics of agroforestry, all tailor-made for local contexts.

To support adoption, 1,020 farmers received 23,975 seedlings, comprising 13,508 fruit trees and 10,467 other agroforestry species that provide fodder, timber, and fuelwood. By project close, 97% of the seedlings had been planted, restoring an estimated 63.34 hectares of land. Over time, households are projected to earn additional annual incomes ranging from KES 7,715 to 27,662 from fruit harvests alone.

The project also supported 15 institutions across the two landscapes with 2,145 assorted seedlings to create green spaces on their premises.

To ensure sustainability, two model tree nurseries were established in Mount Kulal—one at Gatab and the other at Two Sisters School in Civicon. Both nurseries were and equipped with certified seeds, water tanks, and essential tools. And a total of 24 community members were trained in nursery management. A practical guidebook, *Agroforestry: A Pathway to Resilient Landscapes*, was developed, translated into the Samburu language, and distributed across both landscapes.

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**Community members from the Mukogodo landscape pose for a group photo after a training session.**

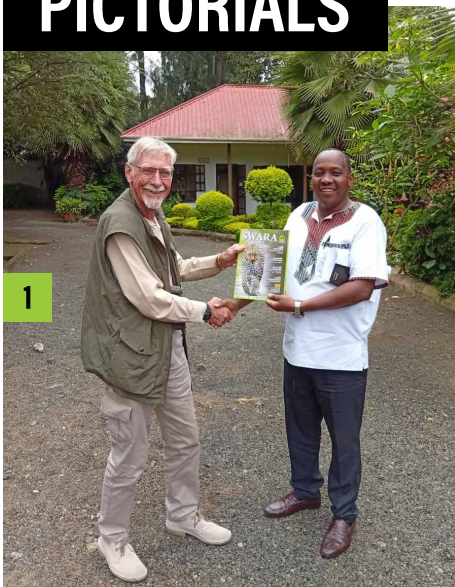
To deepen learning and build local conservation capacity, members of the Mount Kulal CFA participated in a cross-county exchange with CFAs in Meru, Embu, and Nyeri counties, gaining insights into forest governance, community engagement, and sustainable management.

Rapid bird and plant surveys conducted in Mount Kulal documented high biodiversity value, including endemics and globally threatened species such as the white-headed vulture, hooded vulture, and *Aloe kulalensis*, among others. The community strongly supported the proposal to designate Mount Kulal as an IBA, and an application has been submitted to the National IBA Secretariat for onward submission to the global secretariat.

While the initiative has delivered meaningful impact, sustaining and scaling these gains will require continued support and collaboration. Visit our website to stay informed and join us on this journey toward lasting resilience and conservation.



# PICTORIALS



**1/2 Gideon Bett, EAWLS Development and Marketing Manager reconnects with long-time partners Peter Lindstrom of Hoopoe Safaris East Africa and Sanjay Pandit of Roy Safaris Ltd, who renewed their EAWLS memberships at the 2025 Karibu-KiliFair in Arusha, Tanzania.**

**3. Gideon Bett presents the latest issue of Swara Magazine to Gilbert Mutembei, Chair of the Laikipia Tourism Association, during the inaugural Laikipia Wildlife & Tourism Expo in Nanyuki.**

**4. Gideon Bett presents a copy of Swara Magazine to H.E. Josephat Chirema Kombo, Deputy Governor of Kwale County, and Hon. Michael Mutua, CECM for Tourism, Trade and Enterprise Development, during the 2025 Pearl of Africa Tourism Expo in Kampala.**

**5. Rose Chemweno is joined by colleagues, family, and long-time members during a farewell celebration honouring her 39 years of dedicated service to EAWLS as Membership Officer.**

**6. Moses Esabu, Uganda Membership Development Officer, takes part in a panel discussion at Uganda's annual Aerospace Experience, highlighting opportunities for collaboration between the aviation and conservation sectors.**





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# On the Edge: Carnivore Conservation in Peril

A Talk by Professor Craig Packer

As East Africa's human population grows and climate pressures mount, coexistence between people, livestock, and large carnivores is becoming ever more precarious. Protected areas no longer serve as reliable refuges for wildlife—lions, hyenas, leopards, and other predators increasingly come into conflict with expanding pastoralist activity, while communities suffer mounting livestock losses.

Despite years of effort, few lasting solutions have emerged because the complexity of these issues has been largely ignored by both conservationists and development agencies. Carnivore conservation has reached a crisis point—and unless we confront these challenges head-on, both wildlife and pastoralist ways of life may face an uncertain future.

**Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear from a global authority on carnivore ecology. Come, learn, question, and be part of shaping new directions in conservation.**



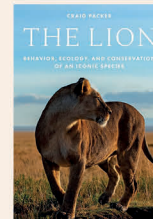
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## About the Speaker

**Craig Packer** is Distinguished University Professor in the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior at the University of Minnesota. One of the world's foremost experts on lions, he has authored over 200 scientific papers and three acclaimed books, including *Into Africa* (John Burroughs Medal winner) and *The Lion: Behavior, Ecology and Conservation of an Iconic Species* (Choice Outstanding Academic Title). A recipient of the Guggenheim Fellowship and the Dawkins Award in Conservation, he is currently Scientific Director of the Mara Predator Conservation Program.

## PROGRAMME

6.30 P.M: Bar and canapés  
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(Native American saying)