

George Adamson Wildlife Preservation Trust



PHOTOGRAPHIC UPDATE FROM THE FIELD

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We wanted to say a big thank you to all of you have supported this project and herewith a photographic update from the field.





A Visit from HRH The Duke of Cambridge, Royal Patron of Tusk Trust

It was a great honour to welcome HRH The Duke of Cambridge, Royal Patron of Tusk Trust, to the project in Mkomazi. The visit was part of a broader tour of range states of the black rhino in Africa with Tusk Trust and The Royal Foundation, and focused on the illegal wildlife trade and, specifically in Mkomazi National Park, the part that GAWPT has played in wildlife conservation and the protection of the black rhino. Tusk Trust have been a major supporter and conservation partner of GAWPT for over 25 years. We were also very pleased to welcome Charlie Mayhew, MBE and Sarah Watson of Tusk Trust and Naomi Doak of The Royal Foundation as well as other members of the Tour.



Whilst in Mkomazi, HRH The Duke of Cambridge held a meeting with the Chairman of our Tanzanian trust, Bernard Mchomvu; the District Commissioner for Same District, Rosemary Senyamle Sitaki; the Director General of TANAPA, Allan Kijazi; the TANAPA Chief Park Warden of Mkomazi National Park, Abel Mtui and Charlie Mayhew of Tusk Trust.

He also joined a group of school students during their educational day out in Mkomazi National Park on the 'Rafiki wa Faru' environmental education programme.



Mkomazi











Photo: Hannah Brooks

Mr Tembo

Words cannot describe how heartbroken we were - and still are - to have lost Mr Tembo, who weakened over a period of months, despite intensive treatment and care. He was a huge part of our lives and the lives of many of the staff here in Mkomazi. His keeper, Zacharia Nassary, had done a wonderful job with him from the start and was absolutely devastated. We hope that, in time, we will all come to terms with this loss.



Photo: Jules Parmiter





With HE The Governor for Kitui County, Charity Ngilu, and Steve Kameti of TAS



		KORA NATIONAL PARK FRAMEWORK MANAGEMENT PLAN		
Introduction The Kora National Park is a natural heritage site of national and international importance. It is a unique and diverse ecosystem that provides a habitat for a wide range of wildlife and plants. The park is a source of inspiration and recreation for the people of the region and a valuable resource for the country.		Kora Restoration Project The Kora Restoration Project is a multi-year program aimed at restoring the natural habitat of the Kora National Park. The project focuses on the conservation of the park's biodiversity and the improvement of the local community's livelihoods. The project is a partnership between the Government of Kenya, the World Bank, and the local community.		
The Management Plan The Management Plan is a document that outlines the vision, mission, and objectives of the Kora National Park. It provides a framework for the park's management and development. The plan is a living document that is reviewed and updated regularly to reflect the changing needs of the park and the community.		Funding The Kora National Park is funded by the Government of Kenya, the World Bank, and the local community. The funding is used for the park's management, development, and restoration. The local community also contributes to the park's management through their own resources and labor.		
Conservation Targets The Kora National Park has several conservation targets, including the protection of the park's biodiversity, the improvement of the local community's livelihoods, and the restoration of the park's natural habitat.	Zones The Kora National Park is divided into several zones, including the core zone, the buffer zone, and the transition zone. Each zone has different management objectives and activities.	Priority Re-introduction The Kora National Park has several priority re-introduction species, including the African elephant, the African lion, and the African leopard. The re-introduction of these species is a key objective of the park's management plan.	Summary The Kora National Park is a unique and diverse ecosystem that provides a habitat for a wide range of wildlife and plants. The park is a source of inspiration and recreation for the people of the region and a valuable resource for the country. The Kora Restoration Project is a multi-year program aimed at restoring the natural habitat of the Kora National Park. The project focuses on the conservation of the park's biodiversity and the improvement of the local community's livelihoods. The project is a partnership between the Government of Kenya, the World Bank, and the local community.	
Infrastructure The Kora National Park has several infrastructure projects, including the construction of roads, bridges, and water supply systems. These projects are essential for the park's management and development.	Community The Kora National Park is a source of livelihood for the local community. The park provides a source of food, medicine, and other resources for the community. The park is also a source of inspiration and recreation for the community.			



Kora





To all of our supporters and wonderful conservation partners, our sincerest thanks for another year of support and great progress here in the field. We now have 31 rhino in the Mkomazi Rhino Sanctuary, and ongoing breeding and reintroductions for the African wild dog. The Rafiki wa Faru bus trundles along full of keen students learning about conservation, and the vocational training centre has expanded to include a secondary school with student numbers slowly on the increase. Mkomazi National Park is developing and constantly improving under the management of TANAPA with increasing populations of elephant and other wildlife and together we have undertaken a number of joint infrastructural projects over the past year. The Kora Project is gathering momentum and we look forward to a progressive year ahead with the long term rehabilitation of Kora National Park. We will update you all with our next GAWPT newsletter which will give the details of the ongoing work here in the field. Our most heartfelt thanks to you all.

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