

**GEORGE ADAMSON WILDLIFE PRESERVATION TRUST
THE MKOMAZI PROJECT
PHOTOGRAPHIC UPDATE FROM THE FIELD
April 2017**

The months are flying by and we wanted to give you all a photographic update on some of the work that has been going on in the field. We also wanted to thank you all so very much for continuing to support this project and all its many disciplines.

Mkomazi Rhino Sanctuary

We now have 29 rhinos in the Rhino Sanctuary. The last calf was born to Deborah (originally from the Czech Republic) in March 2017.



Deborah with her new calf – a female



The new fencing configuration; droppers and rings on the lower half of the fence creating a broad and solid mesh



New energizers and alarms fitted

With the huge improvements in the peripheral fence line and fence power, security is being continuously upgraded and this is a morale boost to the security force.

Workshop and Maintenance



Filling up water tanks at each Rhino Sanctuary outpost



Bulldozer at work on the creation of a new water source in Mkomazi National Park for elephant herds and other wildlife

African Wild Dog Breeding and Reintroduction Programme

All is going well with the wild dog programme. Wild dog sightings are on the rise; close to our Rhino Sanctuary there are two packs of 5 dogs each; and we now have a pack based at our camp. We also have a new litter of pups and three pregnant alpha females.



Wild dogs that were released back to the wild in July 2016 who now visit our camp at Kisima regularly. They are in good condition and self-sufficient.

Elephant Orphans



From arrival in Mkomazi, almost beyond help, to nine months later with Mr Tembo

Environmental Education Programme



The environmental education programme continues with its well choreographed and valuable educational day on the conservation of black rhinos, African wild dogs and Mkomazi National Park

Vocational Training Centre

The vocational training centre is going well with more students enrolling. The plan is to turn it into a joint vocational training centre / secondary school. This was along our original lines of thought, so that everybody would get a school certificate along with their VTC training, which would ultimately stand them in better stead.



Students in the automotive department

Our sincerest thanks to you all for underscoring all of these efforts with your fantastic support.

With kindest regards,

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