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**Jonathan Pereira
Board Chairman
FoNNaP**

Dear Members,

The Month of August started with FoNNaP members participating in the bi-monthly Game Count on August 08, 2021. This was a special Game count as the statistics collected were used in the National Game count census that was being run countrywide. To the members who took part in the count, ASANTE SANA for your time and effort participating in the event.

On August 25th August, the board paid a courtesy call to the Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, Hon Najib Balala. The board had successful deliberations with Hon Balala. Also present were the PS in the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, Prof Fred Segor and the Director of Parks at KWS, Prof Musyoki. We have already shared the minutes of the meeting with members. We look forward to working closely with all the authorities involved in the management of Nairobi National Park in the future.

On August 28th, there was a successful online meeting to deliberate on the setting up of the FoNNaP youth council. At the end of the session members donated towards sponsoring youth members to join FoNNaP. Your donations are appreciated very much as this ensures youth members to be part of this great institution.

Unfortunately, at the beginning of August, another board member Mr Fizan Chaudry, resigned due to personal commitments. So far, we have received only two members who have expressed their interest to join the board.

Our financial position is slowly improving with new members joining FoNNaP. We welcome Circle of Life Charity as the newest corporate member of FoNNaP. They are based at Langata Link and members visiting FoNNaP offices can also pay their charity shop a visit.

Stay safe and healthy

Regards,

Jonathan Pereira
Chairman

LIONS IN AUGUST

By Patricia H. Hayes

LIONS – MPAKASI & KITILI

Both males together as usual, except for when one or both have been with a female mating. Kitili mated with Solo, then Naserian, while Mpakasi also mated with Solo. Also been actively walking up and down from Athi basin to hyena dam.



Mpakasi – Credit T H Hayes

Mpakasi walking down into the valley by the SGR Rangers post, both had been around the 7-8 Murram excavation area for a few days, wondered around at No 9, 8 and 14 also.



Kitili – Credit T H Hayes

A very active month also for Kitili, he's been seen on occasions with his family, Nala and her 3 cubs, together with Serena and Solo in the Athi basin and at No 10 waterhole. All the 3 cubs are doing well. Also been mating with both Solo and Naserian and constantly moving up and down from Athi to hyena and back to Athi. It is amazing how much distance he and Mpakasi cover in a short time.



Mpakasi – Credit T H Hayes

Very interested in the various scents of Sirikoi and his family of Leboia, Alamaya and their cubs who had been in the swamp area between road 1-4 and 2-3. Both he and Kitili had made various visits to the area around hyena dam Nos 5 back to 8 and around the SGR to 16. At the beginning of the month both Solo and Mpakasi were seen minus their collars which they had had on for a long time and must have been time expired. So nice to see Mpakasi's mane finally being able to fill out now.

LIONS – QUNTAI, LESHAN & MAKENA

Quntai and Leshan have been in the company of one of the young females, Makena, for the last month. They shared a buffalo kill and were seen in each other's company around 28A, Kingfisher and up in the forest where Quntai and Makena were mating. Leshan was told firmly to keep his distance, but the following few days the two males were seen alone again around Ivory and back of Hyena dam then back to Kingfisher. The both are looking very fit and healthy.



Makena – Credit T H Hayes



Quntai – Credit T H Hayes

LIONS –ALAMAYA, LEBOIA AND MORANA

The three sisters ... Alamaya and Leboia produced their cubs in June and July and various sightings of them have been posted with wonderful photographs. Alamaya has three cubs while Leboia produced two, sadly one of Leboia's was lost fairly early after it was seen, and now her little survivor who, although a lot smaller than Alamayas cubs, was active and kept up with the older ones, seems to have disappeared as well. Very sad.



Alamaya & Leboiya with all 4 cubs – Credit T H Hayes

LIONS IN AUGUST

By Patricia H. Hayes

I was lucky to see them briefly on the 2-22 plains one late afternoon, they disappeared into the grass and were gone. I decided to go and sit in some shade of a large tree half way along the track. Just as I arrived the two mothers and babes stepped out of the long grass in front of me and came to also enjoy the shade of the tree.



Alamaya , her cub climbed up as well Credit T H Hayes



Leboia, scanning the plains, Credit T H Hayes

Both lionesses climbed up into the tree, for the breeze and also to scan the plains as they were obviously keen to hunt.



Alamaya cub- Credit T H Hayes

One of Alamaya's cubs was keen to explore as well. He managed to climb up and look around but it wasn't so easy to get down again. He managed eventually by half falling and half scrambling.

The cubs were hidden in the depth of the large bush while the two mums went on the hunt. Unfortunately, they were seen by the zebra and kongoni which took off after they made a couple of attempts. They then gave up and returned to the cubs and also disappeared into the thick bush to sleep. I gather after I left, they came out to lay in the evening breeze.

LIONS - ALAMAYA AND MORANA

In the beautiful early morning light, along the hyena dam to 4b round, Leboia and Morana were hunting. Alamaya was nowhere to be seen and as she was the only one of the three now left with cubs presumably, she was with them as the other two were looking to hunt.



Leboia in the early light -Credit T H Hayes

A huge herd of buffalo came from 4b and were heading towards the hyena swamp area which caught Leboia's attention. Morana appeared out of the long grass and made her way to Leboia. Both watched the buffalo for a while then headed towards the swamp area themselves. Lots of buffalo calves with the herd! The buffalo got wind of the two lioness's and a dramatic chase ensued, with the two being chased off into the thick of the swamp rushes. The herd turned and headed towards 4a-5 plains and the two ladies decided to have a break. They disappeared into the swamp.



Leboia, checking out a herd of buffalo Credit T H Hayes



Tables were turned and they had to run -Credit T H Hayes

EXCITING CHEETAH SIGHTING

By Patricia H. Hayes

I got a report in the early morning that the three sub-adult cheetahs were close to the road at No 16. By the time I got there they had disappeared into the valley...big disappointment!!!

I continued down into the Athi basin, around Rhino plains and circuit and up to the No 10 waterhole where I spent time with other sightings.

On my way back I decided to go via Sosian Valley and was slowly going along the road towards 16, came to a slight bend in the road and there were the three cheetahs, right beside the road. I stopped at once and switched off the engine quickly. I was keeping fingers crossed they wouldn't get up and run as I fumbled around trying to sort my camera out!! I spent a good 15 mins with them alone, then another vehicle came and all was good, but when others came, that was the cue for them to leave. It was a wonderful sighting, I had only till then seen them in the far distance and its was pure joy to have them quietly to myself for so long.



Photo Credit -T H Hayes



Photo Credit -T H Hayes

Originally there were 4 cubs, but one disappeared while still very young. The three subs are in great condition and must be about 15 months old now. Mum is still around and last weekend we were lucky to see all 4 together, but again far off in the distance. She will be getting them used to being on their own now and hunting for themselves. Hopefully she will team up with the resident male Lukenya (very rarely seen) in a few months and start a new family.

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THE ROLE OF THE YOUTHS IN THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF NNP

By Mutwiri Felix

To establish a collaborative team of like-minded youths to focus on the protection of Nairobi National Park, FoNNaP is currently working on the establishment of an active youth council. The future of NNP is in doubt due to the progressive pressure in terms of wetlands degradation, invasive species, and political influence.

The National Park ordinance prohibits any foreign activities happening in protected areas gazetted as National Parks, not even neighboring communities allowed to harvest resources or graze livestock inside National Parks. However, the Kenyan government was the first ever in the world to disregard this regulation by allowing the Standard Gauge railway construction to happen across Nairobi national park when there were better alternatives other than the vandalization of an ecosystem that is already fragile.

If such an injustice can happen today, it is clear that the park is now regarded as a quick way to implement government's development projects. Tomorrow it will be a road, a tower, and other unsightly structures replacing our unique biodiversity. It is a dangerous course that we are taking.

To be on the safe side, it is time for the general public to wake up and defend natural resources from further exploitation. Kenyan youths account for over fifty percent of the total population and we cannot wait to inherit a degraded future yet we can educate, inform, and act before it is too late.

Through advocacy, awareness creation, and integration of informed youths we hope to create a community of people that will commit their time and resources to facilitate the protection of the only wildlife capital.

On 28th August FoNNaP held an online youth meeting to understand and come up with the framework to establish the FoNNaP Youth council. The online session had three panelists who talked about various activities that the youths can engage to establish a stable movement to help save Nairobi national park.

ACTIONS

1. Organize for a youth event every month, either a physical meeting or an online session. This can be done by inviting specialists talk to the youths in certain conservation topics. It can also be achieved by organizing for a lunch with a particular FoNNaP member in the park.

2. Establish a youth committee in FoNNaP Board. The committee will be looking into matters of the youths by tapping their energy and enhancing their engagement.

3. Update our social media presence by embracing upcoming platforms especially Tiktok, YouTube and others.

4. Facilitate our youth members in accessing available opportunities globally in terms of financing and proposals development.

5. Initiate school visit programs to reach out to more youths.

6. Come up with ways to encourage and persuade more youths in joining FoNNaP

7. Partner with other conservation organizations to facilitate youths engagement

8. Initiate a project to sponsor youths membership subscriptions especially for those that may not be able to raise the ksh.500 quotation

An informed youth council will:

Facilitate the targeted social media influence. Our presence on social media as an organization will highly facilitate advocacy and the FoNNaP membership drive.

FoNNaP events that require high man power especially the invasive species removal can be effectively done by the involvement of more youths.

Role of Scouts and Rangers in conservation within AKE

By Ms.Patita Nkamunu & Wanja Njihia



The knowledge sharing sessions provided an opportunity for the scouts to share challenges they experience in their line work and together brainstorm on most applicable solutions with help from the facilitators. By considering different struggles facing scouts from different conservancies and sharing information on different strategies that have proven beneficial to handling those struggles, the scouts were able to prepare for different challenges in case of future occurrence. The sharing of challenges by the scouts also helped the stakeholders in realizing which areas needed more focus on and how better to help the scouts to make their work easier.



The Wildlife Foundation, in collaboration with its partners: Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association (KWCA), Athi Kapiti Wildlife Conservancies Association (AKWCA) African Network for Animal Welfare (ANAW) and Association of Wildlife Conservancy Rangers recently in June and July held a peer learning and knowledge sharing workshop for conservancy scouts in Athi- Kapiti Ecosystem. This was after a rapid assessment of report on status of conservancies in AKE that stated one of the issues as limited capacity of rangers and game scouts due to lack of training on wildlife management. The goal of the workshop was to facilitate knowledge, information and experience sharing within the Athi Kapiti Ecosystem to enhance wildlife management and monitoring, which are key factors in ensuring protection of biodiversity.

In attendance were scouts from different conservancies in Athi- Kapiti including Ulu , Sholinke, Rimpa, Lisa Ranch, Ol donyo Sabuk, Maanzoni , Olerai, Olosira , Naretunoi and Kilimambogo. Most of these scouts had not undergone any prior training and therefore the training aimed at equipping them with skills relevant to being a scout and providing much needed knowledge. The community scouts are a link between stakeholders, communities and KWS. Therefore, understanding of their responsibilities is key in ensuring smooth running of operations and coordination within the Athi Kapiti Ecosystem (AKE). AKWCA covers Kajiado, Machakos, Makueni, Kitui and parts of Kiambu.

The training which was systematically coordinated by different facilitators focused on key areas included: Understanding their role in wildlife protection and conservation, understanding the ecosystem they operate in, standard operation procedures for wildlife scouts in Kenya, de snaring, security, endangered species and management of human wildlife conflict. The scouts play a major role in ensuring safety of the animals and the environment. This is mainly done through patrols in which the scouts are able to monitor wildlife. The facilitators from the workshop ensured that the scouts understood their roles and how to effectively conduct their work. By understanding the importance of wildlife to the community, economy, and the environment in general, it was clear to the scouts on the importance of conservation and protection of wildlife. This also created an incentive for the scouts to create education and awareness to the local communities coexisting with the wildlife.

The challenges include attack from poachers, human wildlife conflicts, unfavorable working conditions among others. The training, hence aimed at providing workable solutions to the challenges facing the scouts. With the cases of human wildlife conflicts being one of the greatest challenges, it is the role of scouts to ensure prevention and management of the conflicts if they occur, by understanding the main causes, threats, and mitigation measures. This can be through communication to relevant authorities, sensitization of peaceful coexistence and ensuring the safety of both humans and wildlife.

Rational for training the community rangers and scouts

1. The community rangers and scouts are the link between stakeholders such as KWS and the community. They need to be equipped with knowledge and skills to enhance wildlife monitoring, basic training on how to report problem animal control, and disseminating information such as creating awareness on the compensation process.
2. Promoting peer learning is key to motivating the community rangers and game scouts to identify key and common challenges, share their success stories, develop shared monitoring and report sharing strategy and thus enhancing coordination of wildlife management within the entire ecosystem.

The knowledge sharing sessions, is an opportunity to also share their successes, challenges and experiences and learn from each other the different strategies that are proving beneficial within their respective areas of work

The draft Nairobi National Park management plan commitment

Under the Community Partnership and Conservation Education Program the plan aims “to enhance the support and participation of NNP adjacent communities in wildlife conservation”. Key in achieving this aim is ensuring that NNP management and adjacent communities can effectively communicate and collaborate. The key priority actions that will be implemented to achieve the program’s aims are:

1. Establish sponsored protected area tours for the local community.
2. Support establishment of community wildlife conservancies.
3. Support development of a Conservancy Livestock grazing plan.
4. Train community scouts in relevant skills.
5. Support wildlife-related community enterprise projects.
6. Support formation of Water Resource Users Associations for management of the section of Mbagathi River in NNP.
7. Work with the County Governments of Kajiado and Machakos in maintaining wildlife dispersal areas.
8. Construct and maintain a wildlife fence to protect people and their property.
9. Create awareness on the wildlife compensation process among the local community
10. Work with other stakeholders to explore other legal Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)

SECRETIVE SERVAL CATS

By Gareth Jones

When driving in the Nairobi National Park, always be prepared for those “suddenly” moments when you see something rare or special. It is good to drive with your camera ON! and READY! and next to you, if possible, plus if you have binoculars have them out as well, slow driving is obviously necessary for good sightings.

Well, such a “suddenly” moment happened late one afternoon a few years ago, when I was driving around a corner on the Mbuni loop, suddenly a serval stood looking at me on the right side of the road. I immediately stopped and switched off the engine, thankfully my camera was already in hand and I was able to take some good close-up photos before the serval walked off into the long grass towards some trees. The serval stopped below one tree and reached upward and in typically cat way, stretched its body while briefly clawing the bark. In a moment the serval walked away to the next tree and disappeared into the grass. I was just about to go, when suddenly the serval leaped out of the grass and landed about three meters up the previous tree, the intended prey, a bird, just managing to fly away by a fraction.



Photo Credit- Gareth Jones



Photo Credit- Gareth Jones

The serval stayed up the tree for a few moments allowing me the opportunity for some action photos, before jumping down and bounding away into the long grass. WOW !!...what a rare moment to witness, it is a special moment to see any serval, but leaping up a tree is incredible!

Yes! Serval sightings cannot be planned, but it is good to have some tactics that increase the possibilities to see them. On another occasion I was driving slowly through the Sosian valley early on morning, then suddenly a serval cat crossed the road about 50m ahead of me. I deliberately drove past the point of the serval crossing, and parked at an angle so that I could see back down the road. The parked position was also better for photography should the serval return. After sitting quietly for quite a few minutes, the serval slowly moved back onto the road, and began to walk towards me. These types of moments are very special, especially when creatures behave naturally, the serval appeared to be very relaxed and did not appear to be concerned about the vehicle parked next to the road. After a short while the serval walked of the road and pasted my vehicle , and I was thankfully privileged to be able to take a few decent photos of these special moments .



Photo Credit- Gareth Jones



Photo Credit- Gareth Jones

The serval (*Leptailurus serval*) is a medium-sized African wild cat. DNA studies have shown that the serval is closely related to the African golden cat and the caracal . Servals have the longest legs of any cat, relative to their body size. Most of this increase in length is due to the greatly elongated metatarsal bones in the feet. The toes are also elongated, and unusually mobile, helping the animal to capture partially concealed prey. Another distinctive feature of the serval is the presence of large ears and auditory bullae in the skull, indicating a particularly acute sense of hearing. To see a serval cat anywhere is very special, and the Nairobi National Park is a good place to find them. They are not common and are difficult to see due to their markings, some people could mistake them for a miniature cheetah, but they are much smaller than cheetahs. They also have a shy reserved nature, and as a result their habits are often sneaky and secretive.

To see a serval cat anywhere is very special, and the Nairobi National Park is a good place to find them. They are not common and are difficult to see due to their markings, they are quite small cats, that could look a bit like a cheetah, but are much smaller.

So next time you are thinking about what to do with recreational time ?, why not come and spend it in the Nairobi National Park , pack a picnic basket , relax and enjoy taking in the “Soul Tonic” of God’s creation.

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NNP POETRY



By
**Emmanuel
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Let's all give it a thought,
The fascinating southern scenery ,
Making the rowdy city look like an haven.
Concealing the unfriendly streets .
The major source of the almost timely rains
bounding our capital.
The ultimate destination to our foreign
friends
A home to our precious wild lifes
Calling it jungle is an insult ,
I would rather sit under those lovely shades .
Below that towering giraffe
Graceful devouring those ever green
vegetation
And definitely drowning in the lovely vocals
of those ever happy birds
This park is our home,
Our goldmine and our pride.
Nairobi city is a fairyland
But the park makes it Shangri la.
Keep the park safe !
Keep Nairobi dreamy !



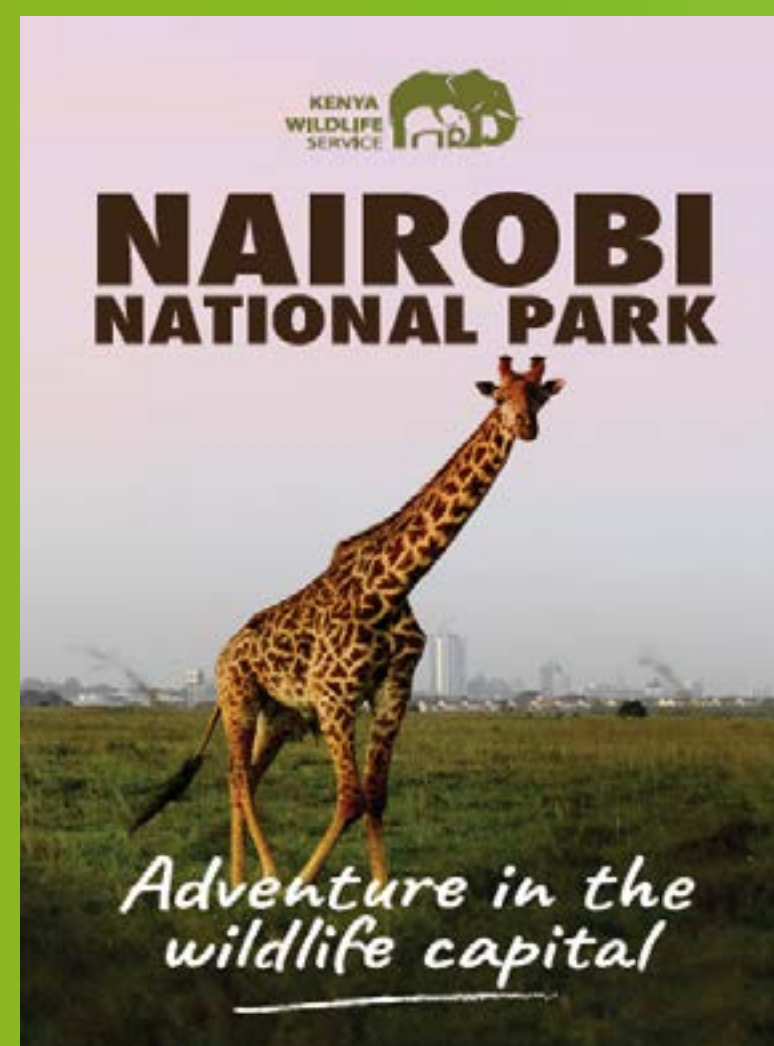
By Tamara
Juma

With age has come beauty,
Seventy-five years of serenity,
Nairobi National Park a prodigy,
A jewel to behold in its entirety.

Making people all around aware,
For the animal's welfare,
Creating an environment full of care,
Where our wild can be healthier.

A task not so easy,
Patrolling and keeping busy,
The staff have been diligent,
A trait so eminent.

We celebrate you today,
A moment worth the praise,
Nairobi National Park, a glass we raise,
Seventy-five and still on the rise.



By Denis
Njoroge

Animals our concern
We got the best view
Quite refreshing habitats
With the ordeal greatness
We pursue the best in the ozone

For the endangered we offer a home
Because animals are family.
Our friends be the species
For in you we found solace

Great and super within us
The big five nature we roam
Not even the little species
We offer habitats too.

Environment be our concern
Survival of the fittest be our motto
Fine we deserve day and day
Taking care of God's creation.



By Sophia
Kaberia

For sustainability, plant a tree

For good health, embrace fruits trees
For food security, embrace agroforestry
For Mother nature is life

Young, old, busy & free
Let's Conserve the wild
To avoid global warming, litter not
For Mother nature is life

For economic excellence, preserve our parks
Nature is non forgiving
Do her good, she does you best
For Mother nature is life



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RHINO DAY OUT AT No. 10 WATERHOLE

By Olga Levari Ercolano

On Sunday 22nd August, 2021, the number 10 waterhole was a hive of rhino activity, with 2 mums with their 2 babies, one auntie and one big male, from whom the others kept a good social distance. Protocol measures in place even for the rhinos, but only from the male!

Interestingly, a kongoni was following one of the babies, very closely, as if he/she were part of the family. Wherever baby went, kongoni followed to the point of being between mum and baby rhino. Did kongoni feel safe there, or was there some attraction?



Photo Credit- Olga Levari



Photo Credit- Olga Levari

After refreshment at the waterhole, mum felt it was time to teach baby some rhino movement skills.



Photo Credit- Olga Levari



Photo Credit- Olga Levari

With baby alongside her and him watching her every move, she showed him how to have face to face contact. Baby followed every step and did exactly the same. This is how they learn from their mums.



Photo Credit- Olga Levari



Photo Credit- Olga Levari

Next time, you are in the park, please do spend some time observing animal behaviour. It is fascinating and you will be "hooked". There is so much to learn.

CORPORATE MEMBERS IN AUGUST:

Circle of Life- Charity

Circle of Life - Charity

What we do: We are a small Charity Shop that runs out of a container situated inside the Langata Link Complex. We rely on generous donations of actual items, given to us by donors within and around Nairobi. Once we receive the donations, we sort through them, to determine if they are of saleable quality or not. We literally accept any items donated as we seem to always find someone who needs or wants the goodies, even if they are well used or have small inaccuracies and damages



Where it goes: If we can indeed sell the items, we do so by placing them in the shop at very reasonable prices. The proceeds of which we use to buy food stuffs, sanitary towels, pampers and other necessary items to donate directly to various reputable charities. We also use the proceeds to support charities with cash donations, corporate memberships or building materials for projects. Donations received that are not of high enough quality to sell are packed up in organized bundles and directly donated to homes, refuges and other such people in need

Who we support: We have a number of charities that we support including; various children's homes, conservation projects, animal welfare organizations, women's refuges, medical assistance, education based and many, many more. We have made sure they are reputable before 'giving' anything to them. We are constantly receiving new requests from other charities too, so we take time to 'vet' these in order to make sure the well-meaning donations we have received, go to the right places

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NEW MEMBERS SECTION



My name is Modester Lynn. A graduate of bachelor of science in Environment and Natural Resource Management from Africa Nazarene University.

My familiarity with the environment and its conservation was intensified in my institution, and bordering the Nairobi National Park allowed for the appreciation of how important conservatory community interaction with wildlife was essential for the great landmark that is the park.

I foresee a future where the community will be greater custodians of the park with no limitations to those who live around the park. Generations who are more educated, aware, advocate and appreciate the park for its growth and flourish of its biodiversity.

My name is Vivian Kemboi. I am a Monitoring & Evaluation Expert, Founder & Executive Director to 3Es Experience and; I am a Digital Content Creator with a YouTube channel Known as "Where is Vivienne?".

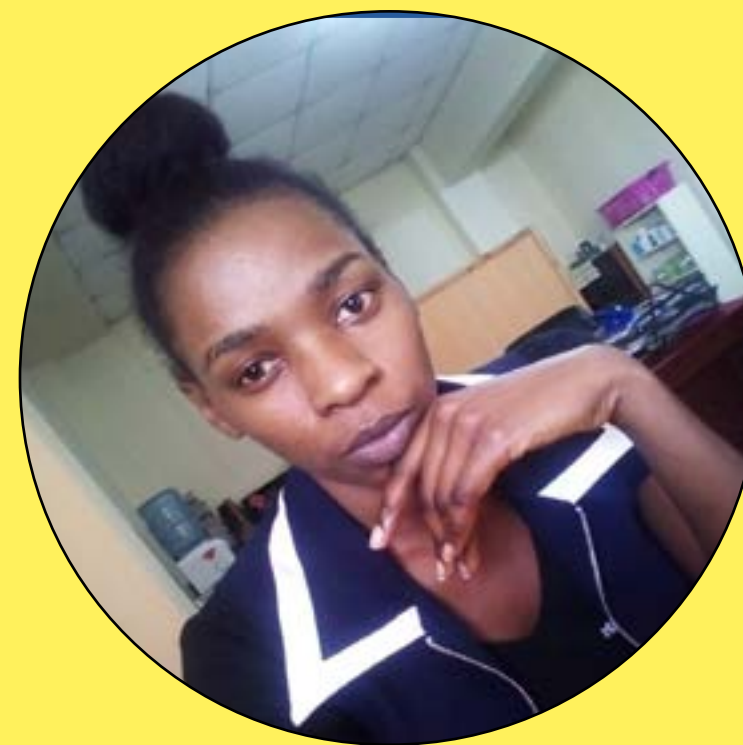
am a proud member to Friends of Nairobi National Park. I love visiting Nairobi National Park and i support its preservation. This is because it is the only National Park in a city in the world. It plays a huge role in preserving and purifying the Nairobi's environment. The park's vegetation moderates' temperatures by providing shade and cooling for plenty of resident animals. The Park is not only habitat for animals but also a great social space for humans. In addition, the park attracts both domestic and international tourists, contributing foreign exchange to Kenya.

In Kenya, the government banned the Single Use Plastics in a bid to conserve the environment and its wildlife. However, enforcement of the policy in the public spaces is still a giant challenge.

As an Organization, 3Es Experience is working to support the implementation process by providing solutions and alternatives to compliment the government efforts hence, the Waste Free Park Initiative.

The Waste Free Park Initiative is aimed at environmental conservation and wildlife protection of the Nairobi National Park ecosystem by discouraging littering and encouraging environmental friendly ways of waste disposal through distribution of environmental friendly litter bags and sensitizing visitors on the dangers of littering. This is so that non-biodegradable waste does not end up inside the park, causing harm to the ecosystem and endangering lives of animals with threats of extinction.

I look forward in continuing to engaging with the FONNAP members and supporting the preservation of Nairobi National Park.



My name is Martha Moseti, Accounts collection manager Garth Day Auctioneers. I have bachelor's degree in environmental science achieved from Maasai Mara university.

I stand as an environmentalist who strives for sustainability. Covering all living and non-living beings majorly the living captures my attention greatly. I will never fail to appreciate the kind of beauty that our wildlife shines both in and outside the country.

Having sustainability as a vision, I will never fail to wonder about the endangered species and the measures to put in place to curb their loss. Having sustainability as a vision, NNP will be on a stable condition if human wildlife conflict as a major issue will be resolved of which I'm pretty sure that it's being worked on. Let conservation be the key drive for achieving a healthy environment for all.



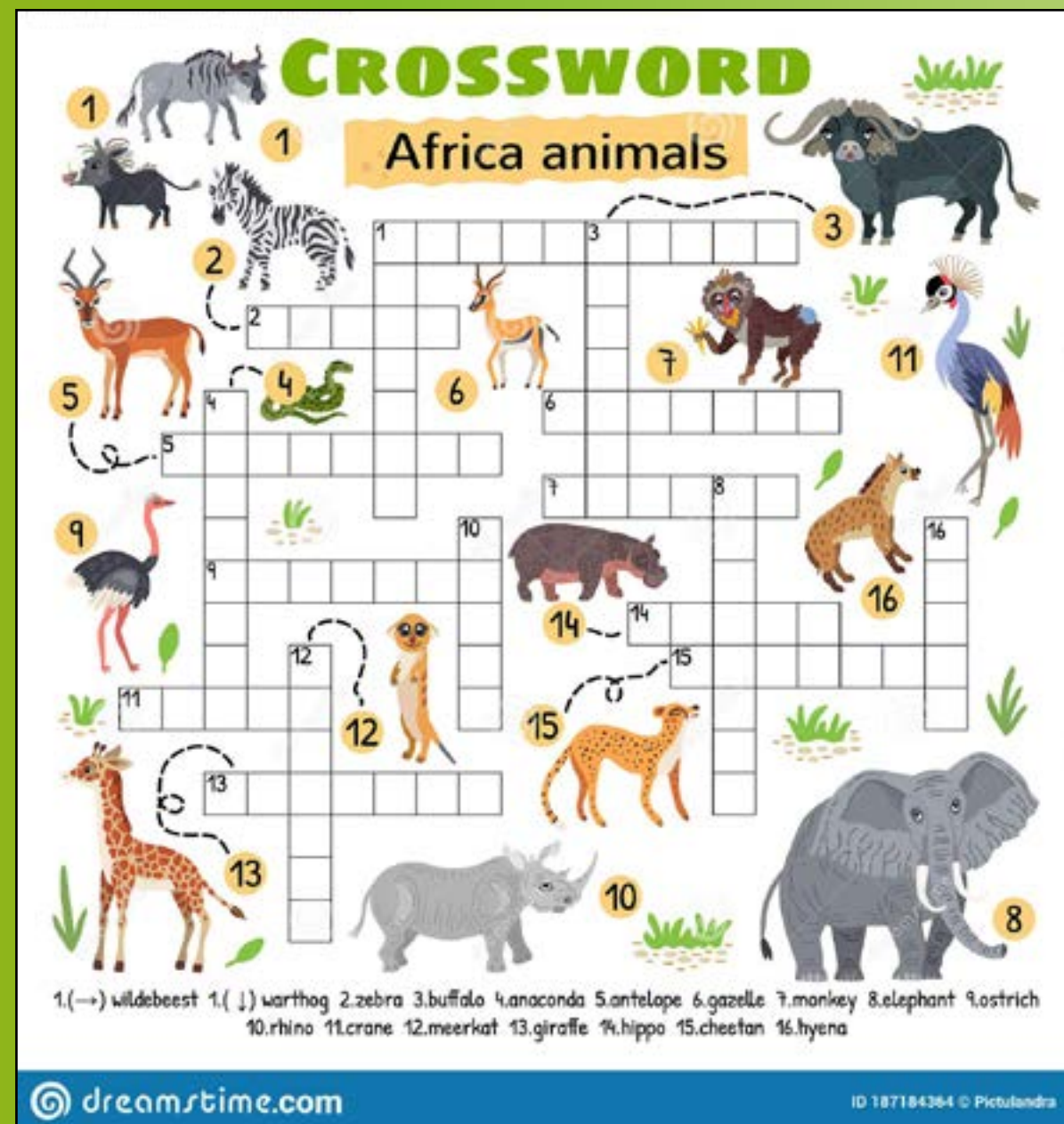
Hi my name is Kavin Acharya. I am currently in Premier Academy. I am 16 years old.

I am determined to stay with NNP throughout my life. I hope to see FoNNaP grow in terms of youth numbers and overall recognition.



My name is Precious Muturi I am a second year student in Mount Kenya university. I have an interest in wildlife and also admired the activities that the group happens to be doing. Being a new member of the FoNNap I now have the opportunity to interact with new people and together help and conserve conserve our park of NNP.

I'm beyond grateful to join the group and believe it's gonna be the best adventure one would ask for I'm honoured to be in such a dedicated team with people from all walks



THE LEOPARD IN HIS TREE

There was once a leopard in the jungle and a very nocturnal leopard he was too. He could hardly sleep at night and, lying on a branch of his magnificent tree, he spent his time watching what was happening in the forest at night. This is how he came to learn that there was a thief in that forest. He would watch the thief go out every night with empty hands and return loaded up with his stolen loot. Sometimes the thief had nabbed the senior monkey's bananas, other times he had filched the lion's wig, or pinched the zebra's stripes. One night he even snuck home with the big elephant's false tusk, which the elephant had been secretly wearing for quite some time.

However, as the leopard was a very quiet sort of cat, who lived at the margin of everything, he didn't want to say anything to anyone. He didn't see it as his business, and, if truth were told, he rather enjoyed discovering these little secrets. And so, thanks to the stealthy thief, quite a stir was being created in the world of the animals: the elephant felt ridiculous without his false tusk, and the zebra now looked like a white donkey, not to mention the lion who, now as bald as a lioness had lost all respect. Most of the other animals were in some similar position too. They were furious, confused or ridiculous, but the leopard lay quietly in his tree, each night enjoying the thief's escapades.

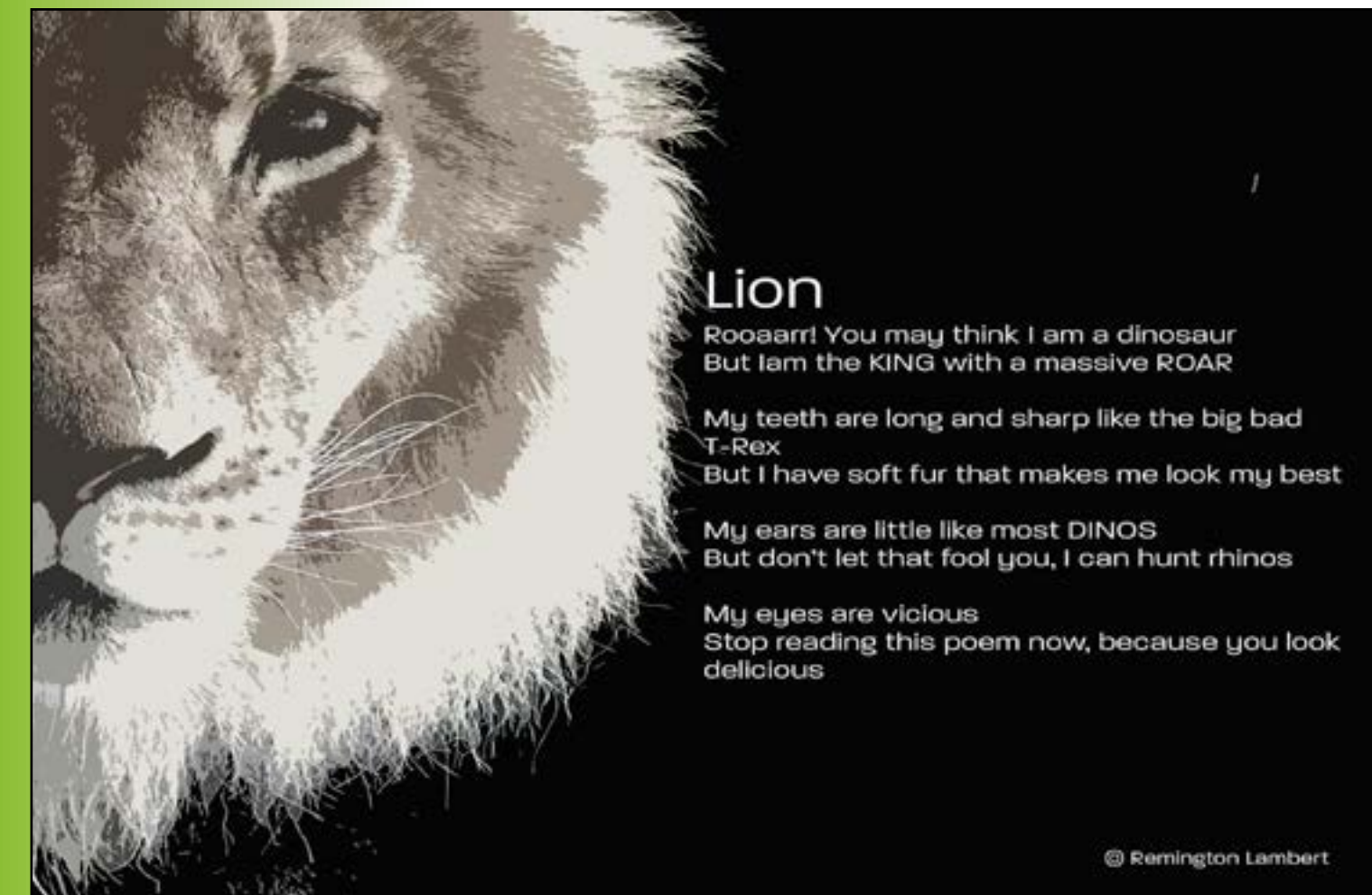
However, one night the thief went on vacation, and after having waited a long while for him to appear, the leopard grew tired and decided to sleep for a while. When he woke up he found himself in a place very different from his usual tree, he was floating on the water of a small lake inside a cave, and around him he could see all those objects which, night after night, he had seen being stolen... the thief had cut down his tree and stolen his entire home along with the leopard himself! Well this was the last straw, so the leopard, taking advantage of the thief not being there, ran out and went straight to see the other animals to tell them where the thief had hidden all their things.

They all praised the leopard for having discovered the thief and his hideout, and allowing them to recover their possessions. In the end, the animal who lost most from all this was the leopard, who couldn't replant his magnificent tree and had to make do with a much inferior tree located in a very boring site... and he regretted having not been concerned at the problems of the other animals, now seeing that in the long run those very problems had become his own.

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Lion
 Roaaarr! You may think I am a dinosaur
 But I am the KING with a massive ROAR

 My teeth are long and sharp like the big bad
 T-Rex
 But I have soft fur that makes me look my best

 My ears are little like most DINOS
 But don't let that fool you, I can hunt rhinos

 My eyes are vicious
 Stop reading this poem now, because you look
 delicious

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