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Chairman's Report December 2021



**Jonathan Pereira,
Board Chairman
FoNNaP**

Dear Members,

Where has this year gone ?

It has come to an end so fast. It has been a very busy time for the FoNNaP Board over the last 10 months since being elected into office. It has also been a very challenging and demanding one.

There was a buzz of activity at the NNP for the first two weeks of December as KWS prepared to celebrate 75 years of the Park's existence since being gazetted the 1st national park in Kenya in 1948.

FoNNaP was involved in the setting up of the photo gallery at the main entrance of the Park which will be open for the next year to all visitors. There are a number of FoNNaP members who have their photos on display – well done. FoNNaP also facilitated the anniversary supplement carried in the Daily Nation of 17th December. To our sponsors who made this possible and who include AWF, ABSA, and individual well wishers, we say a big thank you.

The celebrations on December 16th 2021 were graced by the President, H.E Uhuru Kenyatta. He officially opened the Photo Gallery Exhibition and did a walk through. He proceeded to plant a tree and to officially unveil the majestic lion monument at the Park Gate sponsored by the Bora Community before proceeding to the Kisesembe glades for the official ceremony. It was a ceremony that was marked with pomp and glamour. During the ceremony, the official new logo of the Nairobi National Park was formally unveiled.

Long Live NNP!

The upgrade of the road infrastructure within the Park has been completed to a very high standard. On the other hand this has encouraged visitors to exceed the speed limits of the Park. Members are encouraged to observe the speed limit within the Park at all times.

Sightings within the park have been wonderful during this month as if the too are marking the occasion of NNP@75. The Park was also blessed with a bit of rains in the month and which has seen the park turn green and the herbivores enjoying good grazing grounds.

On behalf of the FoNNaP Board 2021 I would like to wish all FoNNaP members and well wishers, a prosperous and healthy 2022.

Your Nonprofit Board of Directors'

Some Basic Roles and Responsibilities

As the newest Board members, we thought it might be useful to highlight what we see as some key responsibilities of Board members. It isn't meant to be definitive but to spark constructive debate. Here are 11 basic roles and responsibilities for a nonprofit Board. Note, in the case of FoNNaP with only one, junior, staff member, there are times when the Board is also the Executive of the organization. The role of the Board of this membership organization is also governed by the Constitution (December 1998).

1. Determine the Organization's Mission and Purpose

Your Board is responsible for determining the mission of the organization. Normally that seems like something they would do during the startup phase of the nonprofit, but missions can change over time. During the growth of your nonprofit, your Board is responsible for keeping the organization focused so mission creep doesn't happen. Board members should be able to help you decide if the programs and services you currently have are pertinent to the mission. They should also help create new programs and services that accomplish your mission and help raise the funds to keep your dreams alive.

2. Select the Key officials

The nonprofit Board of Directors is usually responsible for hiring and overseeing the Executive Director or CEO of the nonprofit. In the case of FoNNaP article V of the Constitution gives this role to the AGM. The role of the Board, therefore, is to ensure the Constitutional procedures are followed.

3. Provide Proper Financial Oversight

It's the Board's job to provide financial oversight for the organization. The Board will be responsible for monitoring how closely financial activity matches the actual budget, looking into how much programs and services cost, and whether that cost is appropriate. They should put internal controls in place and help write policies to prevent loss, theft, or confusion. For instance, they may create a policy that requires two signatures on the back of a check to make sure that no one person can remove money from the bank account. The Board should inspect the FoNNaP balance sheet and income statement regularly, preferably monthly, and they are responsible for making sure the organization meets legal and tax obligations. A Board that is serious about this role can be very helpful when you approach potential donors because it can alleviate concerns about where their money is being spent.

4. Ensure Adequate Resources

Board members should be willing to help raise money to ensure the organization has the resources it needs to succeed. All board members should be involved in fundraising in some capacity during the year. It may be helpful to put your expectations for Board members in writing so it's clear what you consider "participation in fundraising." We should also acknowledge that your Board members each have different skills and personalities, and some will be better at asking for money than others. Try to find them a place to help where they can excel instead of asking every Board member to do the same job (which won't work). Encourage them to leverage their professional and social relationships to bring new supporters to the table. Who do they know that could be potential donors for your organization? The Board should also make personal financial contributions to the nonprofit that they serve on the Board of. Having 100% Board giving is important for getting grants and also lets donors know that the entire Board is fully behind the nonprofit.

5. Ensure Legal and Ethical Integrity and Maintain Accountability

The Board is responsible for making sure that the nonprofit operates with the laws that govern it at the local, state, and national level. That can mean things like submitting annual corporate paperwork to the state, submitting revenue/tax information to appropriate agencies, such as the KRA, and renewing solicitation permits. Every Board member should be familiar with the organization's Constitutions and operating procedures and adhere to them. The Board should make sure the organization has a system for keeping accurate records in case they are requested by government agencies or donors. The Board should help create and maintain a code of ethics for the organization. Ultimately, the Board is responsible for making sure that the nonprofit is in compliance with all relevant laws and regulations.

6. Ensure Effective Organizational Planning

The Board is responsible for both short-term and long-term strategic planning. In conjunction with key staff and volunteers, the Board needs to make realistic plans that take into account the organization's vision, the community's needs, and the external context in which your nonprofit operates. The Board should also be involved in planning for accountability and evaluation of the strategic plan once it's implemented. This means reviewing the cost of operating programs, appropriate levels of cost, and whether programs or services should be initiated or discontinued.

7. Recruit and Orient New Board Members and Assess Board Performance

The Board is responsible for recruiting new board members. Start by identifying the skills, expertise, and connections you need in new Board members to take your organization to the next level. Once you recruit new Board members, it's the Board's job to orient them to help them understand their roles. Your Board members with just a year's experience can be very helpful in this process since they're the last ones to come through it.

The Board should also periodically perform a self-assessment to evaluate their performance and identify areas for development. This is different from an overall evaluation of the organization. It's simply to evaluate how the Board might be more effective in their role. These evaluations need not be judgmental or focus only on the negative. Give the Board room to pat itself on the back for things that are going right.

8. Enhance the Organization's Public Standing

Board members should always be prepared to speak well of the organization and advocate for its services. They are a bridge between your nonprofit and the community, the media, and government entities. Because they donate their time, people in the community tend to respect the fact that they are part of something they really believe in. Each Board member should remember that they may be the only ambassador of your organization that some people meet. The Board should work to create the public brand of the organization as well. Together with the Executive Director, they should decide who the public spokesperson is, what they should say, and how they should interface with the media.

9. Enhance standing and communication with members.

As a membership organization, FoNNaP's Board legitimacy comes from the members. It is therefore important to maintain and nurture regular means of communication and involvement with members.

10. Determine, Monitor, and Strengthen the Organization's Programs and Services

Board members should have detailed knowledge of who participates in or takes advantage of your major programs and services. They should be watching for participation trends in the numbers and categories of people served. The nonprofit Board of Directors will be helping you decide what portion of the annual budget is devoted to programs and services, so it's important to know what's working, what's not working, and what needs to be improved on.

11. Support staff performance

The Board is responsible for providing an annual performance evaluation for any employees. The Board should create a clear process for conducting this evaluation and identify specific Board members to carry out the evaluation on behalf of the entire Board. Everyone should be very clear about when and how evaluations should take place, preferably done at the same time each year.

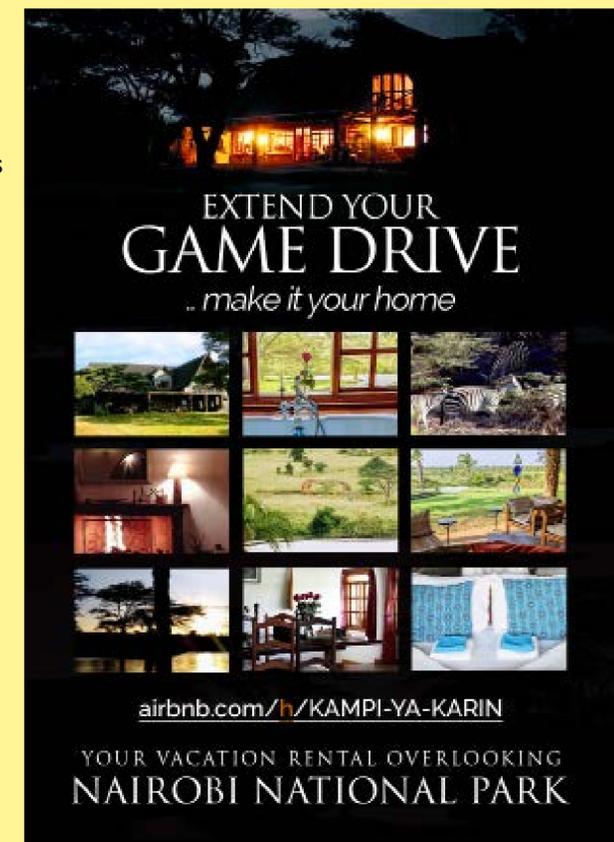
12. Board Conduct

The FoNNaP Board is voluntary. Members give freely of their time to further the goals of the organization. While constructive debate and disagreement is healthy, Board members should always strive to conduct business in a civil and respectful manner. This is especially important when communicating with members or staff.

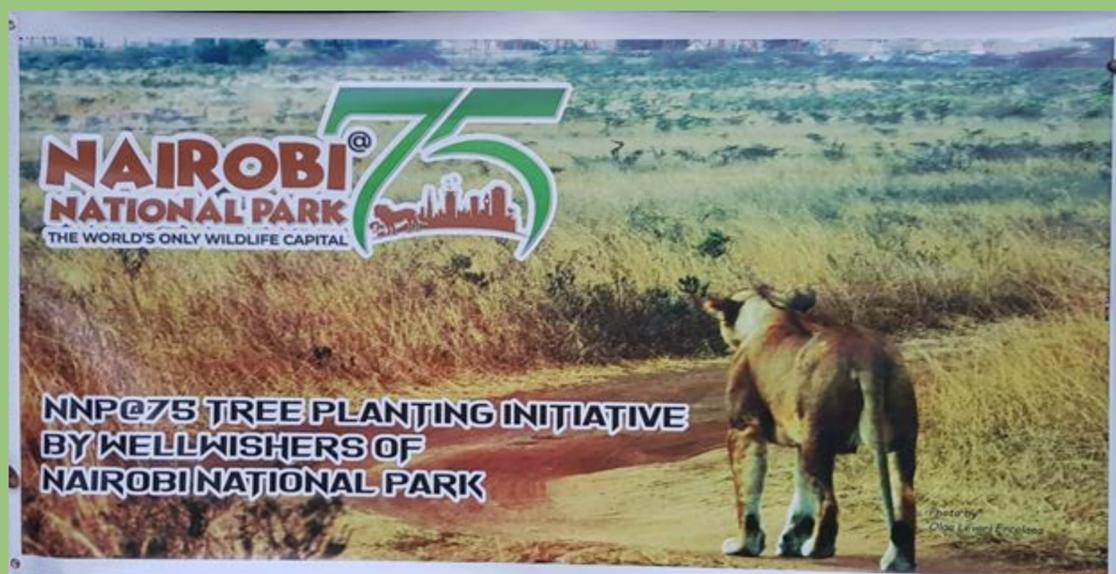
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On Sunday morning, 19th December, 2021, we were honoured by a visit from Alamaya and Leboia to the NNP@75 Tree Planting Initiative site, at Nairobi National Park. I am sharing the “closest to the site” photos I managed to get of them. It was really special because Alamaya also features on the Tree Planting banner we have erected on site. We could now refer to her as our “mascot”. This was such a blessing. The lionesses even visited the swamp where Brian Williams and Sue Allan had just planted some palms they had kindly donated.

In September 2021, an idea was initiated by Trish Heather-Hayes and myself, Olga Levari Ercolano, in which a group of wellwishers got together, met with Senior Warden, tree nursery owners and interested parties, and strategized on a tree planting initiative to restore part of the Greenline which was destroyed by the Southern Bypass between the Hyena dam level towards Wilson Gate. We wanted to do something special for NNP's 75th anniversary. We set a date for the tree planting, initially as 16th October, but the rains were not looking too kindly, so we moved it to 30th October 2021. We set up a fund raiser which brought in almost Sh.900,000 and an additional equivalent of sh.1.1 million of donations in kind. The response was beyond expectation. Our object was to plant a number of manageable trees and help them grow, and also regenerate many of the destroyed trees already on site. We did not want to plant millions of trees and then leave them to their destiny, which would result in most of them dying. We visit the site 2 to 3 times a week ensuring all trees are doing well and watered.

1200 trees were donated to the project, out of which so far, 900 trees have been planted with fair distance between them. Each planted tree has been marked and identified with a white post (a great idea brought forward by young Mustafa Adamji). The balance of 300 trees are with Brian Williams and Murtaza Adamji and are being nurtured till ready to plant. Our goal is to plant 1,200 trees within the block measuring 85mx564mx35m. 50kg of seedballs were also donated. Some of the seedballs have also started sprouting after the rains in these last two weeks.

Our immediate aim was to close off the area with a solar powered electric fence, which was installed by Hon. Warden, Michael Mbithi at a minimal cost. Michael has done an excellent job. This way the trees are protected from being nibbled by the impalas and buffalos. However, the occasional impala does manage to get in below the bottom line of fence, but so far no damage.

Next, we sought 2x5000 litre water tanks, which were kindly donated by Roto Moulders. We then installed 3,500 metres of drip line, with two drippers placed next to each tree, so as to avoid manual & labour intensive watering. After which, we consulted Davis & Shirtliff for a suitable pump to feed water to this large area. They supplied a submersible pump operated by 8 solar panels, valued at sh.330,000, which they gave us at 50% discount as part of their CSR initiative and the balance was kindly donated and paid for by Guardian Bank Limited. The platform was built by KWS and by the SUSO Youth team (paid for by donated funds). The SUSO youth team worked intensely on clearing the site and digging all the holes in preparation for tree planting.

Tree Planting Day was on 30th October 2021. We had an amazing turnout. The Dawoodi Bohra Community, Guardian Bank staff, Roto Moulders staff, Maniago Safaris, Luigi Footprints Foundation, Peter Moll & SUSO, Brian Williams Tree Nursery, Mandhari Plants & Designs, Seedballs Kenya, University environmental groups, Save the Donkey, KENDAT, Kenya Forest Service, Silver Oaks Mazingira Hub, Organix-Agro, NNP Honorary Wardens, FoNNap members, children from the neighbouring school, KWS Community Scouts, KWS officials including Prof. Charles Musyoki (KWS Director Parks & Reserves), Lekishon Kenana (KWS AD Southern Conservation Area), Millicent Kathambi (KWS Dep. Sr. Warden NNP) and so many other volunteers, environmental organizations, sponsors and donors. In all, approx 300 persons came to plant trees and to assist on site.

However, today, I want to tell you about Alamaya (our mascot) and Leboia visiting the tree site.



Photo credit Olga Levari Ercolano
Alamaya and Leboia walking towards the entrance to the Tree Planting Site. The site starts at the level of the first orange crane next to the warehouse.
19th Dec 2021

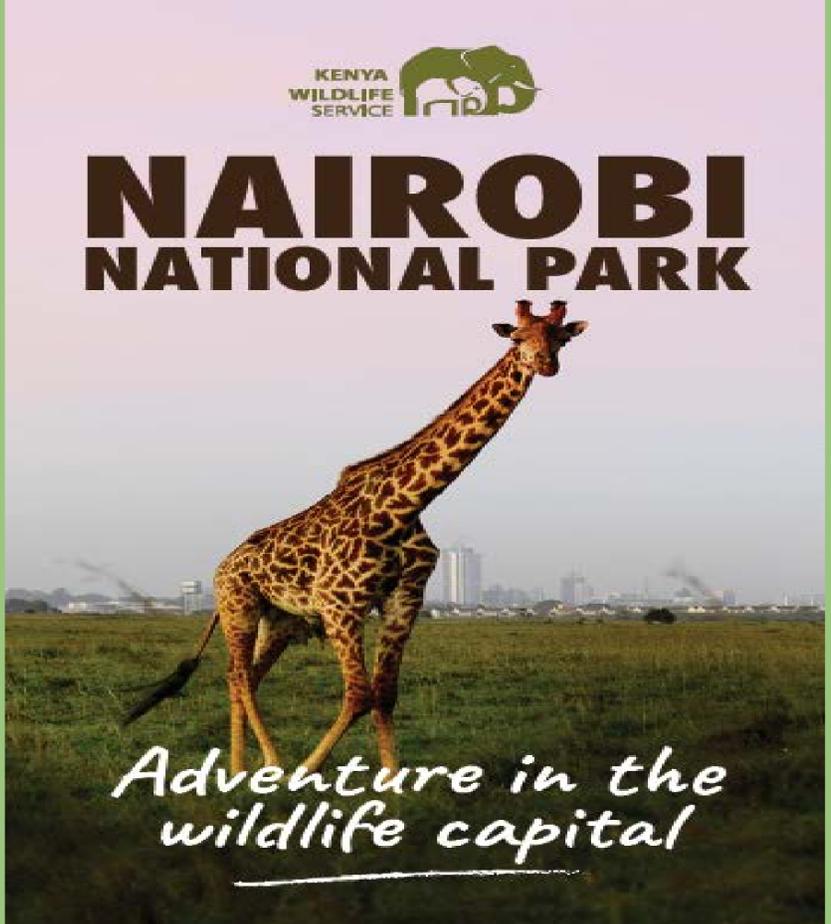


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Entrance to the NNP@75 Tree Planting Initiative site. Electric fence by Michael Mbithi, Water tanks by Roto Moulders, Eight solar panels above & submersed pump from Davis & Shirtliff, Platform by KWS & SUSO. Plinth & reinforcements by SUSO. Note the white poles which demarcate every tree planted, Also note the distance between each tree, so that the trees are not crammed and have space to flourish and grow. **Notably, Alamaya (our mascot) on the banner, facing the tree planting site.**



Leboia and Alamaya between the swamp and the tree planting site, making their way to the tree planting site. Photo credit Olga Levari Ercolano.



by Mutwiri Felix



Photo credit- Lucas Mboya

Life itself offers everyone opportunities to explore across the planet while appreciating the mighty art of creation. We are in pursuit of the uniqueness each place offers before choosing to spend our time and resources for an expedition.

Indeed this is the it is a season of luck to the visitors of Nairobi National Park. The season offers the best game viewing experience especially now that there is addition to the cat family, **THE CHEETAHS!!!**, these magnificent creatures are back to the NNP ecosystem giving visitors a reason to plan for more visits trying their luck to spot the new family.

Cheetahs are known for their fast running. However, there is still so much to understand about their social behavior. Surprisingly, most people cannot tell the difference between a cheetah and a leopard yet there are clear visual traits to help identify the two species.

So let me take you through the social behavior of cheetahs so you can also understand why these lightning-fast runners are important to the NNP ecosystem.

Cheetahs are the only cats that do not roar. However, they are able to purr, which is common when greeting a known individual. An assortment of sounds is used during different situations as they can bark, chirp and make several distinct noises that resemble that of birds.



Photo credit- Lucas Mboya

Similar to most territorial animals, urination is the primary means of marking territories. Territory marking is an important means of communication which is done to stake out their own territory or obtain information about rivals entering their territory. Exposed landmarks such as rocks, termite mounds or dead tree stumps are used as preferred markers.

Cheetahs can run up to speed of 70 miles per hour. However, they tire very quickly and can only maintain that speed for about 300 yards. After the hard work while hunting they must rest in the shade to catch its breath before eating. If it does not its body temperature may increase to dangerous levels. Hunting normally happens during the day to avoid competition with lions and hyenas who are less active during the day. Animals likely to fall prey to cheetahs are Gazelles, Impalas, Hares, Young wildebeests and new born Warthogs.

By living primarily in grasslands cheetahs benefit the ecosystem by keeping the animals it hunts at healthy populations thus keeping the population at check. This also helps the plants-life by preventing overgrazing.

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Waste Free Park campaign highlights Jamuhuri Day Celebrations at Nairobi National Park

Photos credit-Vivian Kemboi



Environmental pollution through use of non-disposable waste continues to be a global menace. Stakeholders at continental stage have developed practical solutions and policies to mitigate the diverse effects on terrestrial ecosystem. 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. 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.

Wild animals cannot differentiate plastic from digestible materials i.e. food that they consume. For them, if it looks like food, or smells like food, or tastes like food, then it must be food. Once plastic is ingested, it cannot be digested, it accumulates in their stomach confusing them to feel full, stopping them from eating and therefore dying from starvation.



Visitors coming into the Nairobi National Park are issued with environmentally-friendly litter bags in a bid to mop up plastics at the world famous animal sanctuary. Visitors to the park use the biodegradable bags issued to collect their litter -- mainly water, food and snacks packaging used while inside the park-- and disposed of it in litter bins and recycle stations at the entrance, or with some carrying them home to dispose of responsibly. Through this, non-biodegradable plastic waste that are threat to the park ecosystem are discarded from the park.

The Waste Free Park Initiative has been running from October of 2020 especially on major public holidays. This is because there is high number of visitors coming to the park for game drives. This Jamuhuri Day was not an exception. The 3Es Experience team and volunteers were involved in sensitizing visitors and distributing litters bags to tour vans and private vehicles. On the following weekend on the 18th of December 2021, we also undertook the Waste Free Park Initiative.



The two events resulted in the following successes;

1. Over 100 man hours were put on the ground by the team in distribution of the litter bags, collection of feedback and sensitization to the general public on matters related to Environmental Conservation and Wildlife Protection. The team engaged 10 volunteers. They were required to be on the ground from as early as 6.00 a.m. in the morning and leave as late as 5.00pm in the evening.
2. The litter bags have been distributed to 1000 tourist vehicles both private and tour vehicles.
3. Over 6,000 visitors and the general public have been sensitized on matters related to Environmental Conservation and Wildlife protection.
4. Feedback has been willingly collected from some visitors through verbal interviews by 3Es Experience Organisation team.

3Es Experience plans to scale up the initiative to other national parks such as Tsavo, Lake Nakuru, Amboseli and Maasai Mara through strategic partnerships and collaborations. This will not only keep our wildlife safe for survival, but boost the capacity and capability of our parks as source of foreign income.

3Es Experience is also looking for like-minded institutions and partners so that it can maximize its impact on the most vulnerable and marginalised communities. Feel Free to Get in Touch!

You can always check out more on our social media pages. Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube, feel free to like, comment, subscribe and share our posts and videos.

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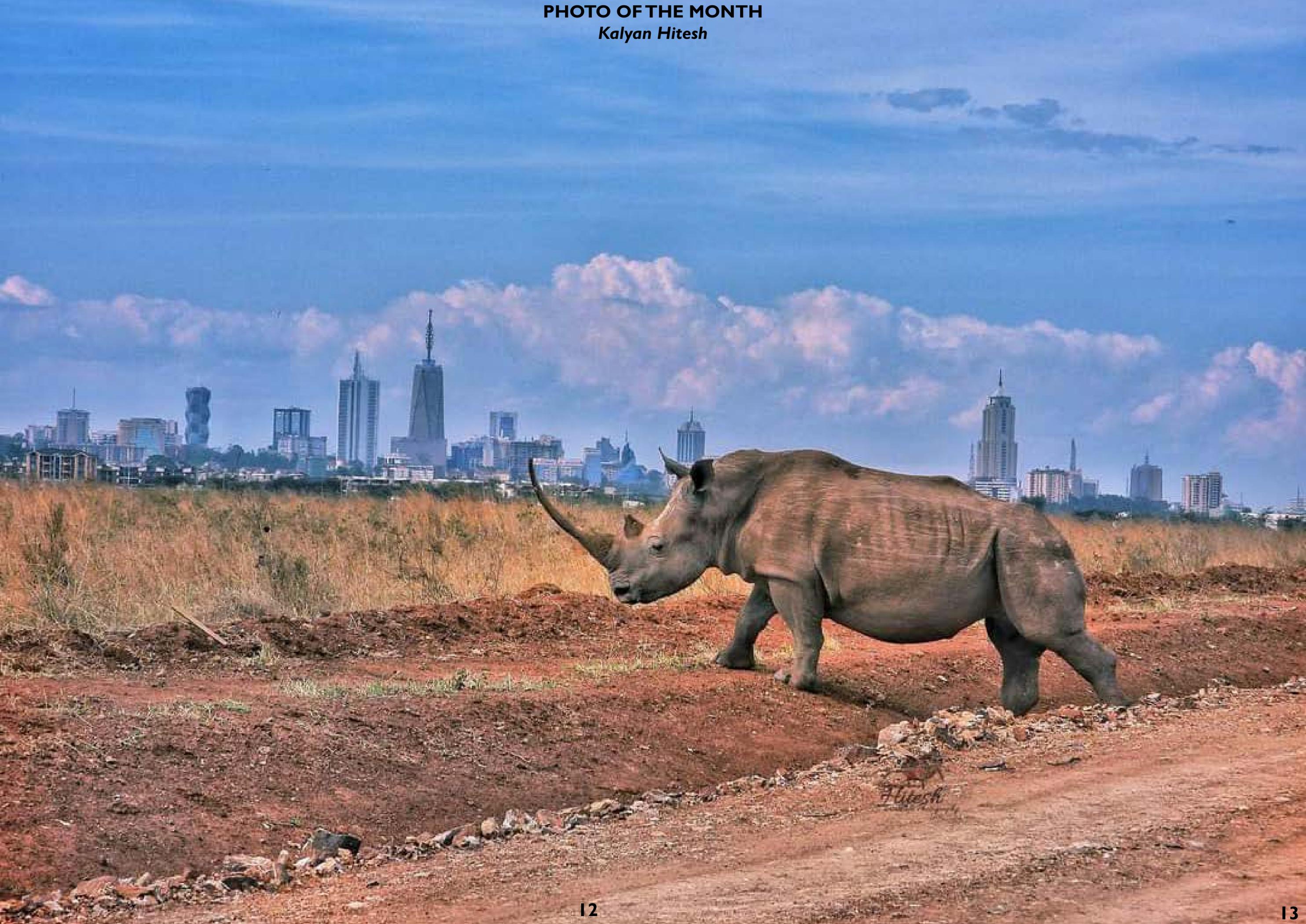
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PHOTO OF THE MONTH
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The report by the task force appointed by the Cabinet Secretary, Wildlife and tourism indicates that we risk losing Nairobi national park if the issue of opening wildlife corridors is not urgently addressed.

According to the taskforce report:

“The Nairobi National Park (NNP) is one of the few urban but wild national parks in the world that provides immense services and goods as a unique City-based wildlife ecosystem. However, it is threatened by isolation and lack of connectivity to the wider Athi-Kapiti ecosystem where significant but diminishing wildlife and biodiversity resources currently exist. The prospect for local extinction of species is therefore real. The exponential human population growth around the park and within the wider ecosystem is converting the once compatible pastoral areas into human dominated landscapes with settlements, industry and agriculture slowly locking out wildlife conservation, with huge and deleterious impacts on wildlife gene flow and survival. As a result, the future of the Park and its wildlife are at risk unless more space is secured and connectivity to the remaining open areas is established and/or enhanced. Ensuring connectivity is one mitigation strategy that will allow for movement of wildlife into and outside of the park, thus allowing access to traditional breeding grounds, mixing of populations to enhance gene flow and genetic diversity amongst other benefits. Importantly, it permits a landscape-level wildlife-wildlife and wildlife-human interactions that can be used to achieve economic development through wildlife-based tourism and green growth agenda.

It is against this backdrop that the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, the Hon Najib Balala EGH, formed the **‘Task-Force on Wildlife Corridor Connectivity Between Nairobi National Park and Athi-Kapiti Plains’** vide gazette Notice Number 5758 of 14th August 2020 and subsequent extensions of the term of the task force. To achieve its mandate, the Task Force employed multi-pronged approaches and techniques namely: review of existing documents (including National and County policies on land and wildlife conservation) and maps from Survey of Kenya; collated secondary wildlife data; carried multiple field recces and meetings with local communities and landowners as well as with key government agencies (EAPCC, EPZA, KPC and KENHA); and, a targeted total aerial count of large mammals in the NNP landscape to establish their population, distribution and diversity and associate this with land requirements and use in the broader Athi-Kapiti plains.”

Key Findings:

a) The dispersal areas for wild animals of Nairobi National Park are extremely threatened by isolation, infrastructural development, human settlement and fencing. The lack of land use planning and zoning has edged out wildlife in much of the ecosystem resulting in closure of historical corridors and conversion of dispersal areas for other conservation-incompatible uses. However, there is still hope and general local-level consciousness about wildlife as significant numbers are still found beyond the park boundaries, mainly within the private lands. Furthermore, community and private land owners continue to demonstrate goodwill and to value the wild animals albeit with minimal support and incentives from national government.

b) The TF established the possibility of creating one (1) key wildlife corridor between the NNP and the rich wildlife conservancies in Machakos County, i.e., Swara Conservancy (15,000 acres) and the Kapiti Game Ranch (32,000 acres, owned by the International Livestock Research Institute - ILRI). Together, these ranches measure approximately 47,000 acres. With the right incentives to other neighboring ranches that already harbour wildlife, the corridor and dispersal would therefore more than quadruple the space dedicated to wild animals of NNP from the current 29,000 acres. The corridor runs through the “Sheep and Goat” Land, 2 separate parcels of the East African Portland Cement Company (EAPCC), the Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) and into the Game Ranching Ltd land. The corridor will heavily rely on existing public lands including KPC wayleave and therefore reduce the cost for land acquisition and unnecessary disruptions of existing development and investments within this catchment.

c) There is significant goodwill among key Government agencies, including Ministry of Interior, Kenya Railways, EPZA, EAPCC and KPC to provide the necessary land and space for the corridor. The mechanisms for setting aside the land shall be negotiated during implementation. Further, there are private land owners who are willing and looking forward to partnering with KWS and MoTW to enhance management of their conservancies, including leading negotiations with neighbouring land owners to join the conservancy model. However, speedy action is of the essence as there are serious competing interests on the lands identified for the corridor.

d) The aerial survey confirmed that there is significant wild animal population/abundance and diversity on community and private lands adjacent to the Park, which is attributed to the pastoral lifestyle of the land owners and historical consciousness about the nexus and benefits of wildlife-livestock interactions. However, there is apathy towards this co-existence due to the ever-increasing incidences of human-wildlife conflict with antecedent lack of compensation and support by government in terms of incentives schemes. This is currently compounding the challenge of land subdivision and sale to meet the ever-increasing household socio-economic needs. Other negative human-wildlife interactions include the spread of zoonotic diseases (e.g. the highly contagious malignant catarrhal fever - MCF), and competition for forage and water. This reduces interest in conservation and predisposes community landowners to turning a blind eye to illegal off-taking of wild animals as it reduces numbers on their land. While land owners still value, tolerate and cherish wildlife, (as seen by establishment of community conservancies), broader policy issues such as ownership and user-rights perpetuate confusion and deter progress in the conservation sector.

e) Despite the challenges of human-wildlife conflicts and other threats, the willingness of communities to conserve remains. The areas with great promise are the dispersal areas adjacent to NNP including the Sheep & Goat land, Naretunoi, Sholinke, Noom-popong, Rimpa and those further south-east and south-west including Olerai, the wider Kipeto and the Enkigirri areas. A large number of landowners expressed growing aversion to selling their land as they perceive it as part of the process of losing their heritage. They are therefore looking to the new (revised) wildlife act to provide greater incentives for conservation and to address the challenge of human wildlife conflict so that wildlife contributes to their economic wellbeing alongside cattle.

f) Other threats to conservation in the larger Athi-Kapiti Ecosystem include increasing human population (immigration) and the resultant human settlements and shift to sedentary lifestyle by otherwise nomadic communities. The pressure and appetite for land has resulted in serious land fragmentation and degradation in the once open and biodiversity rich region, as land use changes from pastoralism to agriculture, mining, manufacturing, among other land uses, that are incompatible with pastoral and wildlife land use. Further, the collapse of the once successful and much cherished Wildlife Conservation Lease (WCL) program in 2012 spelt doom for open spaces as landowners resorted to selling their land to support their needs.

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PLAN PURPOSE

In response to threats impacting the NNP and its dispersal area, the purpose of this management plan has been defined as: "To provide NNP managers and stakeholders a practical framework for conserving and protecting natural resource values at the NNP and its wildlife dispersal area."

NNP Vision Statement

The NNP Vision Statement describes the future desired state of the NNP and its dispersal area in the next ten years. It was developed by stakeholders in response to the plan purpose and key threats and issues facing the park and its dispersal area.

The vision of Nairobi National Park is:

NNP is a natural jewel in Nairobi City, showcasing best practices in maintaining ecological integrity and ecosystem conservation that uses scientific based evidence, cultural values and knowledge to promote excellence in park management, ecological services, economic and social values. The park offers genuine memorable wilderness experiences to its visitors.

NNP Purpose and Values

The Purpose of the Nairobi National Park is:

To protect diverse critical habitats, especially highland dry forest, savannah and wetlands, and their associated wildlife species of conservation concern such as Rhinos and Lions for the benefit of present and future generations.

Major issues of concern

The top twelve issues that this plan seeks to address are: habitat loss and fragmentation in the dispersal areas; decline in wildlife population; poaching, Human Wildlife Conflicts; alien and invasive species; pollution; mining and quarries; climate change; low park visitation; increased urbanization; settlement threats on the Sheep and Goats Ranch; and infrastructure development.

Proposed management options to address the major issues of concern at NNP and adjacent areas

In order to address the management issues facing the wildlife and its habitats in the NNP and its dispersal area, four management options have been considered. These options are the different ways of resolving most, if not all, of the environmental issues associated with the plan. The four management and policy options are:

- Option 1 - Maintaining the status quo;
- Option 2 - Habitat improvement through controlled burning, grass mowing and mineral supplementati
- Option 3 – Enclosing the entire park with a predator proof fence; and
- Option 4 - Habitat improvement in the park coupled with progressively fencing willing land owners to establish a buffer zone along the parks southern boundary

The management plan is based on Option 4. This option is preferred as it addresses most of the major management issues discussed in the plan.

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A LETTER TO WANGARI MAATHAI

Dear Wangari...
 It's a decade since your demise
 And Kenya isn't as you left.
 The air's smoggy from loose chimneys,
 Rivers turned to phlegmy cesspools
 And parks, have become parkings.
 Since your demise,
 The poachers' guns still scout for tusks
 Loggers still roam the forest
 Unbuckling the green belt.
 Rain is a blessing we seldom relish.
 And the sun never never shines,
 It scorches like the embers of hell
 Cremating us while walking.
 The sun, fueled by us,
 Is an arsonist conspiring with loggers
 To annihilate the world.
 We're coaxed to buckle the green belt
 By activists flaunting "the red belt"
 But Mama,
 Deeds chaperoned your words.
 Unbowed you were, like a cactus in the desert.
 And nature thrived from your resilience.
 Mama, lest not your demise,
 Be the death of mother nature
 But an eternal epitome of conservation.



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,

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 **Martha B. Moseti**

My home is Madagascar
 I love living in freshwater and on dry
 I live so good, in a tolerable environment,
 Where I do not experience any pressure at all
 living in cold calm water
 Deep in where you get everything you want

But sometimes I wonder how my friends doing
 Coping in extreme environment
 And by the way why are you killing us,
 Yes you, humans
 Why are you heating up the water?

My friend died the other day
 Rest in peace, temperature of the water was
 raised
 little by little within no time wasted
 My friend was suffocated
 Why, climate change is killing us
 Humans i stand today,
 Here in Ranomafana Park, I advocate for
 conservation of frogs
 My name is Mantella baroni and I am concerned
 about the frogs in Kenya

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My brain cells are nailed to it
 It's sensual calming breeze
 Luring lucrative ideas
 Addictive nature it is
 How better can I describe it, other than grace it with a smile as gratitude.
 I'm karuma Eve, a student at K.U pursuing Environmental Studies (community development). Passionate about nature conservation, ready to exploit all my energy and skills to do what it takes to protect our biodiversity. Thank you FONNAP for the opportunity, can't wait to explore the experience.

Insta: @karuma_Eve



My name is kajuju Brenda, student at Kenyatta university pursuing bachelor in environmental planning and management.
 I do love nature, this really encourages me especially at this times when people don't really care about nature. They are just chasing profits, fame and all sort forgetting our mother nature and what it has for us.
 It so sad that we don't care about our future. I really wanna create awareness, do what I can to protect nature, and am so happy FONNP gives me that chance

My name is Purity Monicah

at Technical university of kenya pursuing a Diploma in Tourism and Travel Management.

I love wildlife and am glad to be a member of FoNNaP



My name is Harriet mumbi , pursuing tourism and travel in the technical university of kenya . I'm glad to be a FONNAP member.

I'm grateful to Nairobi national park for creating such a forum where I can participate in conservation. Really looking forward to events that entail environment and wildlife conservation so that I can participate.

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