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THE FONNAP NEWSLETTER



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This newsletter is a great way to update everyone around NNP about the latest happenings. It's material that absolutely anyone can pick up. From the youths, our supporters and our loyal members and even non members who have had a chance to visit Nairobi National Park. The newsletter is always available and within reach especially being an online document.

Use it as a source of relevant information, updates, and yes, all about Nairobi National Park and its wider ecosystems. Share with us articles with strong messages that capture the attention of readers on our email fonnapnewsletter@gmail.com. We appreciate our readers for their eager to continue with even more suggestions on how we can make this better and interactive.

Thank you so much to our photographers for their continued support to marketing the Park worldwide. Through photography we are able to tell the untold stories, history is preserved and the future has been predicted. Your brilliant photos have always complimented the stories we want to tell.

Each one of us has a story to tell, there is no greater agony than bearing an untold story . Each story is different, there's always somebody listening

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?

Celebrating the life of Sirikoi, the iconic Lion of Nairobi National Park

THE ICON of NNP RESTS

It was heartbreaking when the news of the demise of Sirikoi (the icon of NNP) broke. Reports confirmed that he suffered an injury to his leg/hip and was taken into the vet labs for observation and tests. His condition was not improving that the pain was too much for him to the point that he attacked the steel bars of the enclosure. In the process Sirikoi broke his jaw and his teeth and could no longer eat. After long consultations and considering the circumstances, it was decided there was little choice but to let him go in peace. The post mortem showed that apart from the broken jaw and teeth, there was also irreparable damage to the hip.

Preparations are underway for him to be immortalized at the National Museums of Kenya, as an icon of Nairobi National Park.

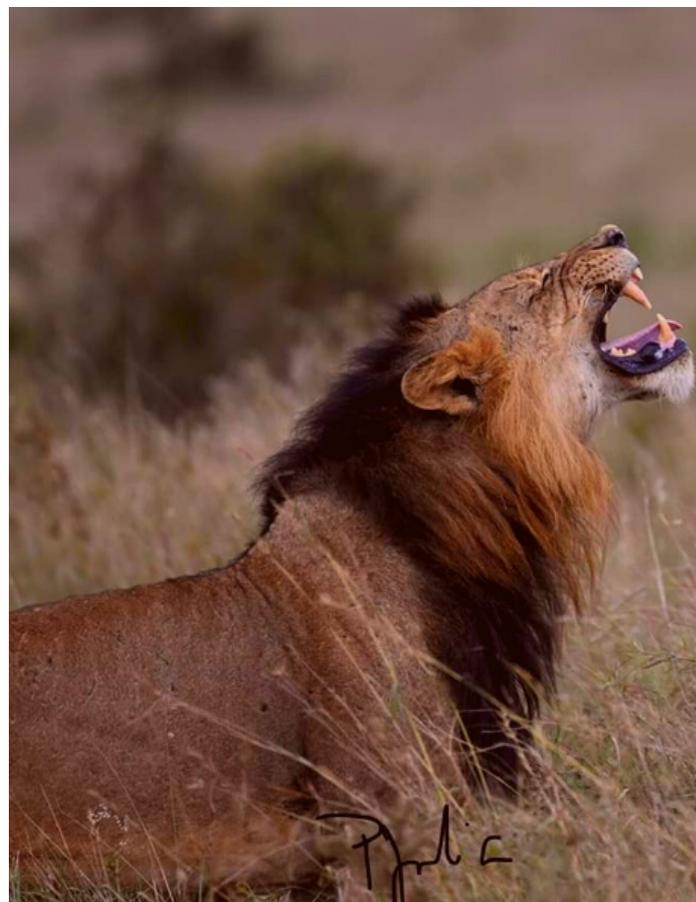
We will all feel sadness and mourn his passing.

May he rest in peace and May his spirit live on in his offspring already growing with Alamaya and Morana, and possibly with two other females hopefully carrying his cubs."

INTERESTING FACTS:

Sirikoi was from the MF family. The Lions in NNP are identified based on their character, then assigned acronyms according to their territory/ place of birth. Sirikoi was born in a location known as Mokoyiet- Sosian Valley in Nairobi National Park- hence the acronym "MF" family for "Mokiyet Family"

Sirikoi was a majestic lion with tactical and amazing hunting skills that enabled him take down big preys like Giraffes and buffaloes solely alone. He had a distinctive dark mane which is a strong indicator of a lion's health, vigor and strength as well as testosterone levels.



BIRDWATCHING IS ADDICTIVE, KARURA FOREST WITH MEMBERS



FoNNaP youths learning about wildlife photography by Paul Olola

Karura forest has a unique history, the persecution of those that stood firm to defend it from grabbers defines this ecosystem today. Professor Wangari Maathai is such a heroin still in our hearts and minds and she will forever be celebrated for her efforts against the political elites which was at the expense of her own identity while facing extreme physical assault.



Birdwalk participants at Karura Forest

The birdwatching at Karura forest which happened on 28th May was well attended by members, non-members and a good number of young people.

COMMON BIRDS AT KARURA FOREST

BRONZE MANNIKIN



The bronze mannikin or bronze munia (*Spermestes cucullata*) is a small passerine bird

ABYSSINIAN THRUSH



The Abyssinian thrush (*Turdus abyssinicus*) is a passerine bird in the family Turdidae

AFRICAN PIED WAGTAIL



The African pied wagtail inhabits subtropical or tropical seasonally wet or flooded lowland grassland, rivers, and, sometimes, freshwater marshes. In some areas it is commensal with humans in towns and villages.

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NNP CLEAN UP ACTIVITY



ONLY ONE EARTH By Esther Muthee

'ONLY ONE EARTH' a slogan so powerful for this year's World Environmental Day, which focuses on living sustainably in harmony with nature. It is a collective and transformative call to help create a better future and a reminder of people's power at the grass-root level to bring about the positive change.

Saturday, 4th June 2022 was a call well answered and as a FONNAP youth member, any wellbeing of NNP is always a joy to take part in. The clean-up was an on-site conservation action which was graced by a remarkable turnout by various partners, youths and the very encouraging young environmentalist. I couldn't help but high-five the two children that I met, a great encouragement that the future of NNP would be better. I was on the Mbagathi river team, the second team was along the southern bypass and the third team took part in eradication of invasive species; parthenium, inside the park.

It was a fulfilling day looking back at the environmental impact that had been evidently made collectively, it was a pledge to continuously be environmentally conscious and aim to go from harming the planet to healing it.

Today and every day, let's celebrate, protect and restore our planet.



FoNNaP Treasure Hunt

@Impala picnic site

03 July, 2022



FoNNaP

TREASURE

Hunt

Sunday

3 | 07 | 2022

6.30 am

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Come and join us for a fun filled game drive

During the treasure hunt, participants drive around the park taking photos of the most exciting experience of their game drive and of course with guidelines of what is required with each sighting awarded points. This is a competition where participants will convene at the Impala picnic site for awarding of prizes and lunch.

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THE DOGS OF NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK

BY GARETH JONES



Early morning drives often have a feeling excitement in that you are about to see something special and unexpected . Such an sighting happened in the Sosian valley a few years ago , as we crossed the stream , I noticed a movement on the rocky section near the road . We stopped and waited , and after a few minutes and female spotted hyena and her cub emerged at the entrance to their den . WOW ! what a special moment . In recent years hyena have been rarely seen due to their low numbers , however it appears that their numbers are slowly beginning to recover with a number of small packs in certain areas .

It is also useful to note that there are a number of “doglike” type species that are resident in the park , there are 2 Hyaenidae species notably the spotted hyena and the aardwolf , past records indicate that striped hyena were previously also found in the park . Spotted hyena spotted hyena (*Crocuta crocuta*), also known as the laughing hyena,form family groups called packs and are also very effective hunters . It should be noted that scientifically Spotted Hyena are not of the dog family even though they are “doglike” , their classification is Hyaenidae , that is apparently more closely related to the cat species . Aardwolf look like miniature striped hyena’s , however they are not typical carnivores , instead they eat large quantities of insects , and focus on termites . Interestingly Hyena are not actually scientifically classified as dogs , they are actually technically more closely related to cats .

The jackal species are the most closely related to our domestic dogs , 2 species of *Canis* are found in the park , namely the black backed jackal , and rarer side striped jackal . On one occasion a few years ago we we blessed to find a jackal den with 3 small pups located near No6 junction , we watched them for some time . Eventually they relaxed and behaved almost as if we were not there , as they played puppy games like “catch me if you can” . Jackals are opportunistic hunters , I have seen them successfully hunt a wide variety of small mammals and birds over the years .

Somewhere in the back of our minds, the Late Gareth's stories reminds us of his greater love and passion for Nairobi National Park

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Anil Kerai

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INTRODUCING FoNNaP NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Aseem Joshi

Kenyan by birth. Schooled in St. Mary's Nairobi. Completion in 8.4.4 system of education ,1992. Upon completion of my flight school in the U.K I returned home. Currently a Captain for the national carrier , Kenya airways for the past 26 years of service.

Passionate about NNP ever since my late Grandfather introduced me to wildlife in NNP.

I have been dealing with tourists and visitors at work , not only to NNP but also other magical Kenyan destinations. I'm active in the NNP sighting group. My web of friends and contacts may be of use to the board in times of need.

My team skills contribution toward the board will be valuable over time, giving a popular global and national outlook on tourism as NNP grows.

I feel the need to get more directives to involve, help ,direct future projects under Chairperson, Directors and Membership resolutions.

I spend some time in out stations abroad and I'm able to meet counterparts in other international organizations who may be keen in engaging with FoNNaP and NNP objectives.

I would like to encourage more seedlings of various species planted in NNP by members of FoNNaP.

Lastly, involvement of schools and youth clubs under proper direction will ensure youthful leadership in years to come. This will allow FoNNaP ,mentoring leaders in respected fields regarding nature and wildlife conservation.

Long live FoNNaP.



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Philippa Mary

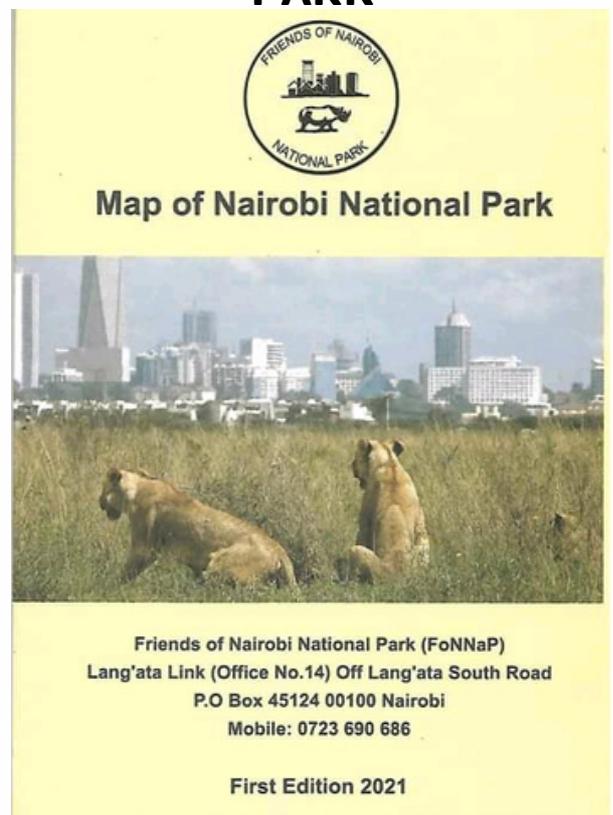
What i bring to the FoNNaP is thirty years of experience of working in International development.

I have worked extensively with local communities and government on a number of issues including environmental management and conflict resolution when there has been tension such around access to land and resources.

I am a seasoned fundraiser having been involved or led many successful proposal submissions. I am an excellent facilitator and can design, organise and manage workshops if required. I am also a seasoned manager and good at organisational assessment and support having been parachuted in to support ailing organisations and turn them around. I am a strategic thinker and have led and participated in, many strategic planning processes.

I am semi retired and would like to be more engaged with organisations that are concerned with environmental sustainability and the preservation of nature.

NEW MAPS OF NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK



Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality



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SIGHTINGS OF NNP

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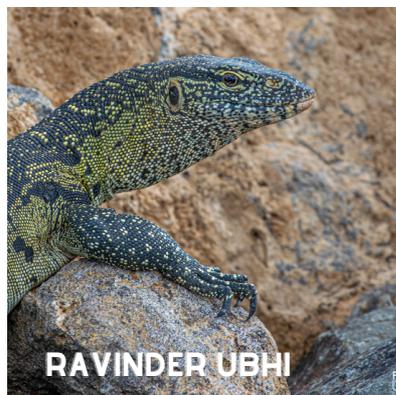
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