



Season's Greetings

It's been yet another successful year for KWT and our partners. As we come to the end of 2018, we would like to share with you some of our key milestones.

Maasai Mara

One year into the merger of our flagship Mara Cheetah and Mara Lion projects to **Mara Predator Conservation Programme** (MPCP), we are proud of the achievements made so far.

Some key highlights of 2018 include the launch of a new website, publishing regular quarterly reports, setting up a wild dog baseline study, completion of two intensive monitoring sessions among others.

Looking towards 2019, MPCP hopes to create greater impact in predator conservation across the Mara by working with communities as well as other partners.

[Click here](#) to read detailed reports from MPCP.

Laikipia/Samburu

In August, KWT was represented at a colorful ceremony where **Ewaso Lions** celebrated ten years of conservation and launched their Strategic Plan (2018 - 2020). The plan is anchored on Ewaso Lions' mission of conserving lions and other large carnivores by promoting co-existence between people and wildlife. KWT will continue partnering with them so as to achieve this shared goal.



Over the years, **Community Health Africa Trust** (CHAT) has focused on **Population, Health and Environment** ('PHE') which is an approach to human development that integrates family planning and health with conservation efforts in Laikipia/Samburu ecosystems and parts of Rift Valley.

This year, working with the Ministry of Health, CHAT has started work in the Mara by training and supporting two Community Own Resource Person (CORPs) in Ololunga and Emarti. We will continue working with CHAT to support their initiatives.

Amboseli / Tsavo



New Kitirua Vehicle

In October this year, following a generous donation from Ker & Downey, we donated a brand new Suzuki Maruti to Kitirua Conservancy.

The new vehicle will be used by the conservancy rangers to carry out patrols within the conservancy and the greater Olgulului group ranch.

Agnes goes to University

One of our brilliant scholars from Amboseli, Agnes Parmeres has recently joined the University of Eldoret to pursue a course in Natural Resources Management.

Agnes is the first girl in our scholarship programme to join university and we are very proud of her achievement. We wish her all the best in her studies. Her scholarship is funded courtesy of Beatrice Karanja who is a KWT trustee.



Rabies control in Kitirua Conservancy

In October this year, we started planning a Rabies control campaign in villages around Kitirua Conservancy. The campaign targeted vaccination of domestic dogs and cats and is being facilitated by vets from **Veterinaries Sans Frontiers Germany** (VSFG).

The first phase of the campaign ran from 26th November to 11th December. In total, 237 households benefitted and **331 dogs** and cats were vaccinated; 280 dogs were also dewormed. Owners of every vaccinated dog were issued with vaccination certificates, a gesture that instilled confidence in them that their dogs are now safe from rabies. The next phase will take place in January 2019.

We thank the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) Kenya and Ker & Downey guides for their financial support towards this initiative.



Message from the Executive Director

With the festive season fast approaching, it is time to reflect on the events of the past year and times ahead. You have been critical in our achievements this year, and we want to share our gratitude with you.

This year, we made great strides as an organization. From merging our two Mara flagship projects into one predator programme, hosting a luncheon for all our partner projects, welcoming new trustees to our Kenya board and partnering with Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) in the ongoing national lion survey, a first of its kind in Kenya among many others.

None of this would be possible without you - we at KWT rely on our network of dedicated donors, partners and supporters to fuel our progress as an organization. We are looking forward to more excitement in 2019.

Thank you for your continued support to Kenya Wildlife Trust. On behalf of the entire KWT team, I send my heartfelt gratitude and wish you happy holidays and a wonderful New Year.

Sincerely,
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