



## VISION

The leading community wildlife conservancy and the ultimate tourism destination in Africa.

## MISSION

To sustainably conserve and manage LUMO's wildlife resources for optimal community benefits

### WORD FROM THE CHAIR



Dear Supporters/Readers,

Despite many challenges faced during the year, we remained steadfast in our commitment to conserving and protecting the critical habitat and the wildlife that live here. We express our gratitude to all who supported us.

Many thanks to LUMO team for the effort. Enjoy reading the report.

## VALUES

Integrity

Inclusivity;

Passionate

Stewardship

Quality

Equity

Equality

Innovative

## WHO WE ARE

### Three ranches, one conservancy

LUMO is an acronym for Lualenyi, Mramba and Oza. LUMO community wildlife conservancy is 48,000 acres and a pioneer community owned and managed conservancy in Taita Taveta county. The conservancy borders Tsavo WEST National Park on the North. The conservancy was established in the late 1990's when three ranches, namely, Lualenyi, Mramba and Oza ranches contributed their land parcels to establish the conservancy. Lualenyi contributed 28,000 acres, while Mramba and Oza contributed 10,000 acres respectively. LUMO membership therefore comprises members of Lualenyi ranch (company limited), Mramba and Oza group ranches



# PROGRAMS

## WILDLIFE AND HABITAT PROTECTION PROGRAM

LUMO Conservancy has an enthusiastic team of 20 rangers whose mandate is to patrol the conservancy daily. Vehicles, motorcycles and foot patrols are conducted using a SMART cyber tracker, to collect field data on threats to wildlife and habitats such as poaching, illegal grazing and encroachment, human wildlife conflicts, wildlife mortality, among others. The rangers are deployed at the headquarters and Lualenyi outposts, conducting patrols and ambushes in conjunction with KWS, Lualenyi ranch rangers and Taita Hills Wildlife sanctuary rangers.

10

Bushmeat cases reported

205

kilogrammes of bushmeat arrested

6504.13

Kilometres covered during patrols by foot, motorbike and vehicles

Patrol type	Distance
Foot	225.95
Motorbike	4267.38
Vehicle	2010.80
Total	6504.13





4 poachers arrested, cases still in court





# 12

Incidences of illegal

logging reported, on Oza side of the conservancy. These are contributing to illegal charcoal production, leading to deforestation in the conservancy.



# 55

bags of charcoal

recovered from demolished kilns





# 22

Snares collected





## **PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM**

Several activities were conducted in partnership with donors, development partners at the conservancy.

Through the generous support of AWF, LUMO Conservancy, its neighbors, Taita Hills Wildlife Sanctuary and its member ranch, Lualenyi ranch, Kenya Wildlife Service supported meetings aimed at developing a wildlife security strategy for the area amidst high incidences of

African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) supported LUMO Conservancy rangers with two pairs of full uniforms each.

poaching in the area. Several measures have been put in place to secure wildlife including joint patrols and ambushes and information sharing.

AWF supported several engagement meetings aimed at strengthening LUMO conservancy's capacity as a tourism destination in the landscape, by identifying areas of collaboration and partnership with tour operators.





## Rangeland rehabilitation

**11** acres of land rehabilitated

through seed balls. LUMO

Conservancy's rangeland has been adversely affected by overgrazing, destruction by elephants and coupled by the vagaries of climate change.



A total of 550 kg of seed balls were donated to the conservancy by partnership between Lions Bluff lodge, Community Wildlife Conservation Fund. Conservancy rangers, volunteers, Lions Bluff staff and its partners participated in the events.



### **Water supply to conservancy staff and wildlife**

LUMO Conservancy was able to undertake its borehole repairs with generous support from its partner Wildheart Kenya.

Through Wildheart Kenya and Lions Bluff support, LUMO Conservancy provided water to wildlife during the prolonged drought period, that saw several waterpans dams dry up.



Water trucking for wildlife was conducted from September until December when rain season started.



***LUMO Conservancy rangers participate in Mashujaa day celebration multiagency parade***

LUMO conservancy rangers participated during this year Mashujaa day celebration.



***LUMO Conservancy rangers participate in Empowerment and mentorship training for female rangers***

LUMO head of rangers, Sgt Ludovika represented the conservancy's female rangers during an empowerment and training session in Amboseli. The session brought together representatives of female rangers in Tsavo and Amboseli landscapes where they received a holistic training on personal development, self-care, team dynamics and balancing their role in security as well succeeding as mothers and wives.



The invitation to participate came after the sub county commissioner visited the conservancy, where she met and held discussion with the conservancy rangers in the presence of the local administrators.



## **LUMO CONSERVANCY HOSTS IFAW'S HANDING OVER CEREMONY**

LUMO Conservancy, a major stakeholder and partner in conservation of wildlife hosted a ceremony to handover equipment by IFAW.

The event was graced by Taita Taveta county governor, H.E Hon

Andrew Mwadime, Principal Secretary  
Ms. Sylvia Museiya, KWS Acting director  
general, Dr. Erastus Kanga, County  
Commissioner, IFAW President and other  
staff and other partners

The equipment included four vehicles  
and motor bicycles to enhance patrols  
in the ranches and conservancies





### ***LUMO Staff trained grazing management plans***

LUMO conservancy staff took part in training on grazing management plan. The training conducted under the auspices of SNV and implemented by TTWCA meant to enhance conservancy staff on grazing plan development and integrated landscape management.



### ***Female rangers peer to peer learning***

LUMO Conservancy rangers participated in a peer to peer learning forum for female rangers at Maasai Mara. The forum was organized by KWCA, all member conservancies in Taita and Amboseli landscape were represented. The aim of the forum was to enhance cross learning among female rangers





### **Community dental clinics**

134 reached with dental healthcare

LUMO conservancy in collaboration with Lions Bluff lodge and Olmalaika trust held free mobile dental clinics. The clinics were held at Mwanda, Maktau and Mgange locations where LUMO Conservancy members are located and as part of Corporate Social responsibility for Lions Bluff lodge and Olmalaika trust.



### **Rural digital literacy labs**

Lions Bluff lodge in partnership with Lumo conservancy embarked on construction of a maiden ICT resource centre for pupils from LUMO constituent schools.

After several consultations with the ministry of education and LUMO board, Mlughu primary was identified and settled on, where consultations have been undertaken

between LUMO conservancy board and board of management at the school and parents during several engagement forums.





## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM**

LUMO Conservancy undertook to refund cash money to community members



The funds dubbed "Utalii funds" were reimbursed to the community in Mnamu, Mnengwa and Mktau areas as per delegates approval previously.



who were involved in the lodge construction by paying money to LUMO conservancy as shares during the initial lodge construction period.





## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The program brings volunteers from all over the world to support rangers in wildlife patrols to protect wildlife, enhance volunteer-community interaction to appreciate culture and support community livelihood initiatives and empowerment.



Through the volunteer program, Latika EDCE benefited from construction of the first ever playground for the children at the ECDE.



### CHALLENGES IN YEAR 2022

Severe drought adversely impacted the conservancy, causing inadequate pasture and water for wildlife and community livestock. This led to increased cases of encroachment into the conservancy and wildlife losses.



The volunteers also assist in community groups in environmental stewardship activities such as tree nursery establishment and maintenance as well as tree planting.



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## WAYS TO GIVE

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