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"Where Wildlife Flourishes, Communities Prosper"



TOP NEWS OF THE QUARTER



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2024 (JUNE 8, 2024)

The AGM brought together 60 delegates from LUMO member ranches and community land. The event was a crucial platform for information exchange and scrutiny of conservancy affairs. Stakeholders provided feedback on ongoing conservation programs and discussed upcoming activities. This meeting reinforced the importance of transparency and collaboration in achieving LUMO's conservation goals. [Read more...](#)

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATION (JUNE 5, 2024)



LUMO Conservancy, in collaboration with KWCA, organized an engaging event to celebrate World Environment Day. The day featured educational sessions aimed at increasing awareness about invasive species and their disruptive effects on local ecosystems. Participants from the LUMO youth forum actively engaged in a hands-on activity, removing the invasive weed *Ipomoea Hildebrandtii* from the conservation area. This initiative not only contributed to habitat restoration but also empowered the youth by involving them directly in conservation efforts, promoting a sense of responsibility for their environment.





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSERVATION EDUCATION



JOINT ENGAGEMENT MEETING OF YOUTH AND WOMEN FORUMS (JUNE 29, 2024)

On June 29, 2024, LUMO Conservancy held a significant joint engagement meeting for the Youth and Women Forums, supported by the BIOPAMA project. The meeting provided a platform for participants to reflect on their achievements since their formation in 2023 and engage in collaborative discussions. Attendees shared success stories, identified challenges, and drafted action plans aimed at enhancing their involvement in conservation activities. The meeting emphasized the importance of inclusive conservation practices and set a roadmap for future initiatives that leverage the strengths of both forums. [Read more...](#)

CONSERVATION EDUCATION INITIATIVES



On 8th July 2024, LUMO Conservancy reaffirmed its commitment to education and community empowerment through significant donations of 14 iron sheets each to Christ the King Special School Maktau and St. Johns Mwema Secondary School. The LUMO team went beyond physical donations by actively engaging students in conservation education sessions, which included hands-on participatory tree planting activities at Christ the King School. This initiative aimed to instill a sense of responsibility and stewardship for the environment among young learners. Furthermore, on 19th July 2024, at Mwavunyu Primary School, LUMO organized a lively debate session that encouraged students to critically engage with pressing conservation issues, thus promoting critical thinking and advocacy skills. By integrating educational initiatives with practical conservation efforts, LUMO is effectively nurturing the next generation of environmental leaders, emphasizing the vital role of learners engagement in safeguarding biodiversity and sustainable practices within their communities.





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FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION ON HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT (JULY 22, 2024)

LUMO in collaboration with Conservation International (CI) focus group discussion was held with community members, representatives from the LUMO women and youth forums, and the LUMO board. The discussion centered on effective strategies for managing human-wildlife conflict through an integrated approach. Engaging diverse stakeholders allowed for a richer conversation about balancing conservation goals with community needs, leading to collaborative problem-solving. [Read more...](#)



COMMUNITY BARAZA MEETING (AUGUST 13, 2024)

LUMO team attended a community baraza held at the Maktau Chief's Office, focusing on pressing issues affecting the local population. Key discussions revolved around the disbursement of educational bursaries, particularly for beneficiaries in the Oza region, as community members expressed concerns about the lack of local representation in the ongoing scholarship program. In response, LUMO team clarified the process and criteria for bursary allocation and selection of beneficiaries in the scholarship program that LUMO is running with support from Soroi Lions Bluff Lodge through CWC. Another critical topic addressed was the alarming increase in fire incidents within the Oza area. Community members were encouraged to collaborate with the LUMO team and relevant authorities to identify potential causes and develop proactive solutions to mitigate these fire outbreaks.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING ON FISH FARMING PROJECT (AUGUST 29, 2024)

LUMO team attended a public participation meeting in Ng'ombenyi village regarding a fish farming project initiated by Soroi Lions Bluff through CWC. The meeting provided an opportunity for community members to engage with the project lead team, ensuring that local voices and needs were considered in the planning and implementation phases. This initiative aligns with LUMO's broader goals of promoting sustainable livelihoods while supporting community welfare.



WORLD RANGERS DAY CELEBRATIONS (JULY 26, 2024)

LUMO celebrated World Rangers Day at Kutima Ranch, honoring the dedication and hard work of rangers in protecting wildlife and maintaining biodiversity. The event was graced by Mr. George Okwaro, who acknowledged the crucial role rangers play in conservation. The day served to elevate the visibility of rangers' efforts, fostering appreciation and support for their work.



RANGERS ON THE FRONTLINE

Throughout the June to August quarter, LUMO's rangers have remained a critical force in safeguarding the conservancy, with their continued presence in the field playing a key role in deterring illegal activities. Their strategic approach, marked by frequent changes in patrol patterns and a focus on high-risk areas, has significantly reduced incidences of poaching, logging, and other unlawful actions. Rangers have maintained a rigorous schedule, conducting both day and night patrols and responding swiftly to reports of illegal activities. A persistent challenge this quarter has been the issue of fire outbreaks, particularly in the Oza region, where rangers were called upon three times to respond to fires that threatened wildlife habitats. These efforts underscore their dedication not just to protecting the land but also to addressing environmental crises.

Beyond their role as protectors, LUMO's rangers have been actively involved in conservation education, participating in school outreach programs and engaging local communities. By educating young learners and local residents on the importance of conservation, rangers have cemented their role as educators, building awareness and fostering a culture of environmental stewardship. Their involvement in both security and educational initiatives highlights their holistic approach to conservation, where protection and awareness go hand in hand.





STAFF UPDATES

NEW APPOINTMENTS STRENGTHEN LUMO CONSERVANCY'S MANAGEMENT TEAM <<<

During the quarter from June to August 2024, LUMO Conservancy successfully concluded a rigorous recruitment process, culminating in the hiring of key personnel to enhance its management team. Mr. Benjamin Nyambu Maghanga (First Image) was appointed as the new Conservancy Manager, bringing with him a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to advancing LUMO's conservation goals. His leadership is expected to strengthen operational efficiency and strategic initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable conservation practices.

In addition, LUMO welcomed Mr. Daniel Mwakisachi Righa (Second Image) as the new Community Liaison Officer. His role will be pivotal in fostering collaborative relationships between the conservancy and local communities, ensuring that community voices are integrated into conservation efforts and that the benefits of these initiatives are effectively communicated.

Furthermore, Mary Mwanyalo joined LUMO as a Finance Intern, providing support in financial management and contributing to the overall operational capacity of the organization. The addition of these new team members not only enhances LUMO's leadership and administrative capabilities but also reinforces its commitment to effective conservation strategies and community engagement. With this strengthened management team, LUMO is poised to further its mission of conserving wildlife and promoting sustainable livelihoods in the region.



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