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Trustees James and Pete with KopeLion team, 2023

A Message From Our Chairman

2023 has been a brilliant year for our charity. And with the new year having just began we welcomed Peter Johnson, long term friend and supporter of the charity on to the board of trustees, a very welcome addition indeed. In February, Pete and I travelled to northern Tanzania to visit our conservation partner KopeLion at their office in Arusha and on the ground in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The trip was truly astounding and we met some incredibly dedicated people working tirelessly to promote coexistence between the lions and the local communities. The extent of this trip can be seen further into the review along with plenty of photos for you to enjoy.

I would personally like to say a huge thank you to the staff of the Cotswold Wildlife Park, in particular Education and

Conservation Officer Bethan Peacock for their help and support this year in helping us to launch our brand new fundraiser the 'Ilchokuti Challenge' a 12.5km sponsored walk, inspired by the team who we met in Tanzania. It was a great success and we hope to replicate it in the years that follow.

Finally, I would like to dedicate this years work to Zuri, the companion of our namesake Safina, and the male lion on our logo, who lived at Linton Zoo from 2006 to 2023. As many of you will know he was a hugely important part of our cause and part of the inspiration for our charity. Please take the time to read our annual review here which details all of the work we have undertaken throughout 2023. Thank you once again for all of your support.

About The Team

The Safina Lion Conservation Fund is made up of a group of five charity trustees. We are a small team of likeminded people each with our own differing skills to help achieve our objectives to our best ability. All of our trustees and advisors work completely voluntarily and no expenses have ever been taken, ensuring all of our income goes towards our mission to protect and monitor lion populations in the wild.

In order to help the trustees to achieve our charitable objectives a group of Conservation Advisors with varying skills, knowledge and experience have been selected to offer advice on the best ways to help impact lion conservation and share their views on potential organisations that we would support in the future.



James Welch

Chairman



Matthew Lloyd

Trustee



Sophie Cole

Trustee



Sue Welch

Trustee



Peter Johnson

Trustee

The Purpose Of Our Annual Review

In compliance with the Charity Commission we are obliged to write a Trustees Annual Report and Financial Accounts. As a small charity we have decided to stick to the Charity Commission templates which are simple but unsightly for the general reader. The purpose of this Annual Review is to include everything we have done this year in a more aesthetically attractive manner with photos and other relevant information.

Our Aims & Objectives

Like any other charitable organisation we have a set of objectives that all of the work we carry out or support through another organisation, project or individual must fit under. Here at the Safina Lion Conservation Fund we go by the following:

1) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation and protection of lions by:

A) Supporting conservation projects in such ways that are charitable

B) Conserving and protecting the natural habitat of lions

C) Supporting and publishing research into the conservation and husbandry of lions

2) To advance the education of the public in lion and wildlife conservation by such means as the trustees decide including through the support and publishing of research.

In 2021 we altered our mission and added a vision (seen above right) to better reflect the work that we carry out alongside our two core objectives which are to:

CONSERVE AND TO EDUCATE

Our Vision

Is a future where viable lion populations thrive while coexisting with local communities in sustainable areas of habitat.

Our Mission

Is to work with others to protect and monitor lion populations in the wild.

Inspired by Zoo Lions

It has always been our aim to create a conservation legacy for our namesake Safina and her family through the conservation work we support as we try to connect zoo lions more closely to their wild cousins.

Lions Need Our Help

It is estimated that there are now no more than 23,000 lions left in the wild throughout the African continent and that populations are still declining. Lions in Africa are listed by the IUCN as a vulnerable species, with the populations in Western Africa listed as Critically Endangered. They were reassessed as Vulnerable in 2023 with a decline still recognised. The single but now stable sub population found in the Gir Forest in Northern India is listed as Endangered.

Lionesses and cubs, Serengeti National Park, 2023

Tracking our Seventh Financial Year

Our Seventh Year at a Glance

2023 has been an exciting year seeing us support three of our conservation partners and growing our support for local community based projects after our visit to Tanzania.

Zoo support for our projects has continued at a high level this year with the charity associated with three different World Lion Day events and talks during the school summer holidays. This support from our zoo partners for our commitment to work with others to protect and monitor lions in the wild has been seen hugely this year resulting in successful fundraising for our new boma strengthening scheme. Linked directly from our experiences meeting the Kopelion team in February, this new scheme sees us supporting efforts at homestead level to promote coexistence between lions and people. Many of our supporters showed their dedication in supporting this new scheme through taking part in our new sponsored 12.5km walk named the "Ilchokuti Challenge".

2023 also saw us send away the second highest amount towards conservation efforts within our seven financial years so far. Thank you to everyone involved in allowing us to see this happen.

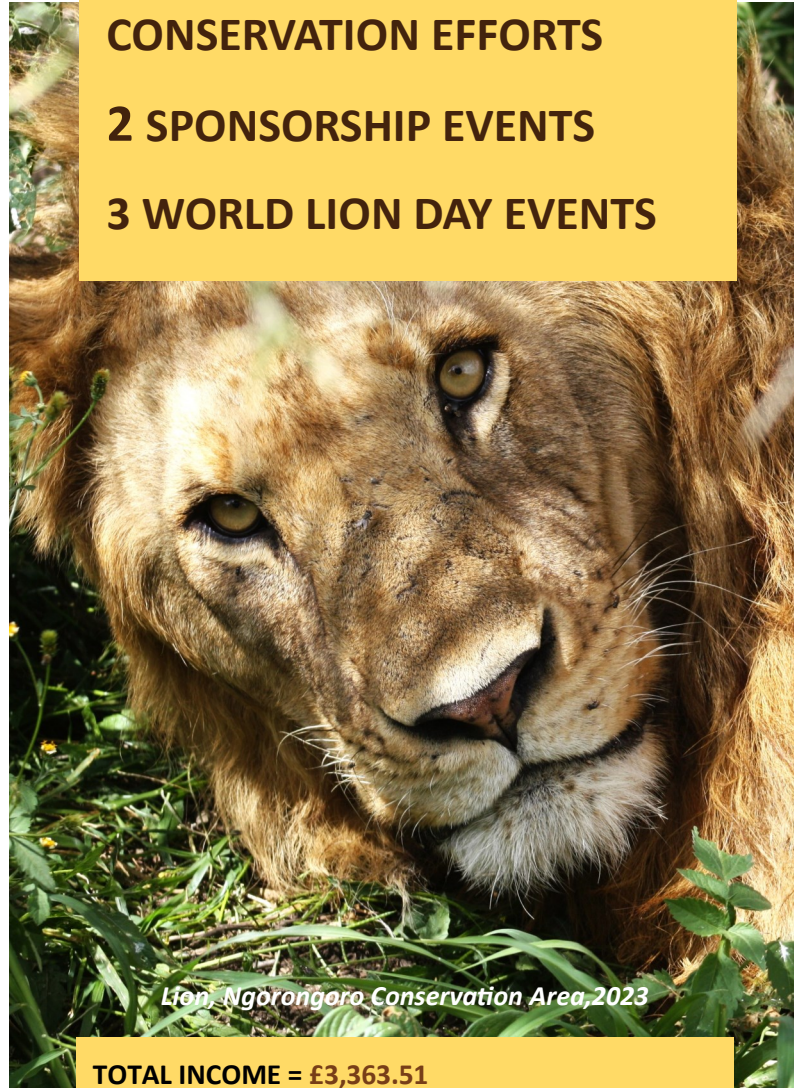
Financial Review

Our seventh year has seen us receive lower income from last year but still good compared to previous years. Online fundraising and donations from zoo partners once again take up a vast percentage of our total income this year.

Every year we never doubt how important online fundraising sites are for us however due to larger levels of financial support from our zoo partners the total from fundraising sites totals just under half of our annual income. Together the money raised through Just Giving and Go Fund Me (PayPal Giving Fund) amounts to £1632.39. Zoo support from Folly Farm Adventure Park & Zoo and the Cotswold Wildlife Park Conservation Trust totals £1331.12 combined.

The pie chart to the right shows the proportion of income from different supporters. Trustees now only have a total of £73.71 left in the charity bank account meaning that fundraising support will be required before more donations can be made throughout the rest of 2024 in the next financial year.

£3,363.51 TOTAL RAISED
£6,326.65 SENT TO AID LION CONSERVATION EFFORTS
2 SPONSORSHIP EVENTS
3 WORLD LION DAY EVENTS

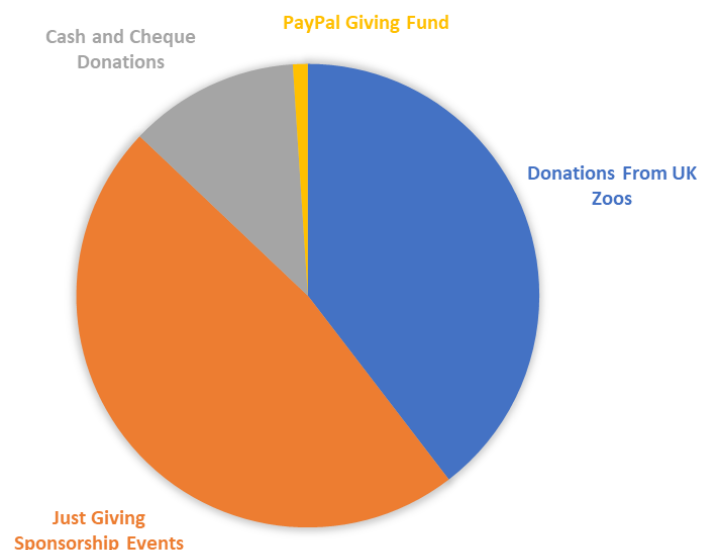


Lion, Ngorongoro Conservation Area, 2023

TOTAL INCOME = £3,363.51

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £6410.17 of which £83.52 were bank transfer fee related.

INCOME 2023



Northern Tanzania Expedition

On Tuesday 14th February our chairman James and newly elected trustee Pete set off from Heathrow to Tanzania Kilimanjaro International Airport on a 15 hour flight. Here James discusses their adventures in more detail! The idea of this trip was to visit several national parks in Northern Tanzania to see lions in various habitats and to visit the team at Kope Lion in the area where they work and to meet the people that we have been communicating with since Autumn 2018. We officially started supporting them in December 2019 by donating £2587.83 towards a GPS collar. We have kept up our support for them by donating transmission fees for the sponsored collar annually and donating towards a second collar in 2022, both of which were put on young males.

Thursday 16th – Tarangire National Park

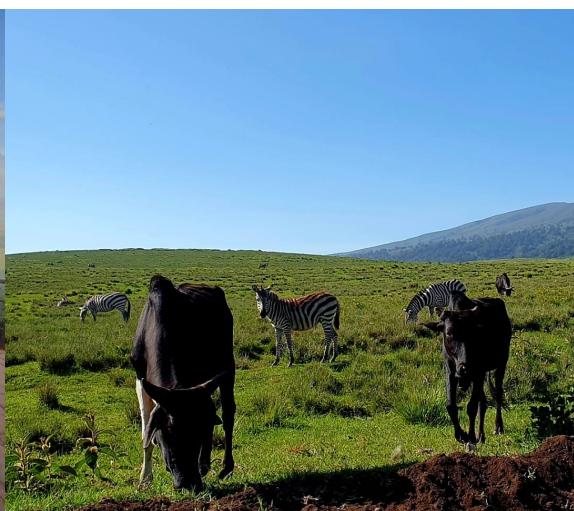
After a night in Arusha we took a day trip to Tarangire National Park. We were awe-struck by the number of huge ancient baobab trees that were spread throughout the park as well as the very healthy elephant population, we must have counted over a hundred in just one view, all of different ages and sizes! Other species we saw included banded mongoose, olive baboon, waterbuck and various species of antelope. The highlight however was seeing four lions resting along the riverbank. Two young males around 18 months old and two older males slightly further down, presumably their fathers. Their rest came to a sudden end as a huge bull elephant started to wander through, the lions made for a quick retreat, we didn't blame them! It was likely that there were more lions around but sadly not able to be seen from the roads.

Friday 17th – With the Kope Lion Team & Journey to Ngorongoro

We headed with Sally Capper, Head of Strategy & Development at Kope Lion to the Arusha office to meet the team. We met Ololotu Munka, Programmes Coordinator, Gladness Manase, Finance & Administration Manager & KopeLion Intern Dennis. While we were there, Sally and Ololotu discussed their upcoming schedule and plans which was interesting to hear. At lunchtime we then headed to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA) with Ololotu and we arrived at the viewpoint of the crater just as the evening mist was starting to settle. It was an absolutely incredible sight. The crater is 102 square miles in size and is home to four different prides controlled by one resident coalition of five males, known as the lake quintet. We then arrived at the Kope Lion base and met Ingela Jansson, founder of KopeLion who explained more about the work carried out and the research that she has been working on. She also showed us their lion ID record card system and recently arrived brand-new collars yet to be deployed.

Saturday 18th – With the Kope Lion Team

We set off early with Roimen Lelya, Lion Monitoring and Conflict Officer who had a very busy day planned for us. His mission was to immerse us into their work and the importance of coexistence. The animals helped him greatly as our first animal sighting was a trio of zebra grazing happily amongst the herds of cattle grazed by the indigenous Maasai. During the day we would visit four of their Ilchokuti. Ilchokuti means 'guardian' and Kope Lion employs 28, they are all local Maasai living in the NCA working to do anything to prevent conflicts from happening this includes warning local herders within their area about the presence of lions, treating wounded livestock and strengthening bomas. We met Masanja first who showed us his telemetry receiver and Roimen explained how they use it. The GPS collars give them accurate locations of the lions plotted on a map online but the receiver enables the people on the ground to pinpoint the lions exact location within that area. The receiver will beep when pointing in the right direction and get louder the closer you get. Proactive actions can then be taken on the ground if the lions are close by and may be considered a threat to livestock.





We then met Ilchokuti, Ngaayai who showed us his boma that he has reinforced to protect his cattle and goats against attacks from lions and leopards who were frequent visitors among the hills. It was a 1km walk up and down to his home-stead and in high altitude it was quite the trek! Next up we met Ilchokuti, Lazaro who had been treating a cow wounded by a suspected lion attack over the last few days. We saw the cow and the treatment being provided by Roimen. A great experience showing us first-hand the problems the team have to deal with on a daily basis. Lastly we met Ilchokuti, Rumas whose area was once resided in by Laipangwa, our first sponsored collared lion who passed away as a result of likely conflict with other lions in July 2022. It was great to meet Rumas and to tread through the slopes of the crater with Roimen and Ololotu where Laipangwa had lived. It was at this point that we were presented with Maasai shukas by the team which we were told was a sign of affection and gratitude. Throughout the whole day we were reminded of the challenges that the team and the people face in this landscape, a multi-use area for people and wildlife is always going to present problems when those species include lions and leopards but the team work hard to promote coexistence which they believe is possible, and we can see why. We learnt so much from Roimen about Maasai values and the way that he and his people respect the wildlife that they live amongst and how much their cattle mean to them.

Serengeti Safari — Sunday 19th to Tuesday 22nd

After a wonderful couple of days with the Kope Lion team we were picked up by our tourism provider and headed to the Ndotu area of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. This is much closer to the Serengeti and an area popular with the big cats. We were rewarded with a sighting of a cheetah as well as a pride of six lions. This was later identified by Roimen (through WhatsApp!) as the Big Marsh pride. Ndotu is also the area where both of our sponsored collared lions Laipangwa and Lendepesi were born so it was great to finally see the area ourselves. We saw plenty of birdlife while driving around including marabou storks, various vulture species, kori bustards and hundreds, if not thousands of lesser and greater flamingos on Lake Ndotu, a brilliant sight! Only 20 minutes into entering the Serengeti we saw a lone lioness but shortly after our vehicle broke down and we eventually hitched a lift and made it to our campsite right in the middle of the park. We went to bed with the sounds of hyenas echoing across the bush, our first night under canvas in the bush!

We woke up early the following morning to see what wildlife we could find and after an hour we came across a pride of five lionesses with no less than twelve cubs! The cubs were magical to watch and as we left them, they had just come across the body of a dead hippo in a nearby brook, perhaps killed by their mothers earlier on that morning. The starkness of wild living was very clear, the lionesses and the cubs looked very thin compared to the smaller pride we saw yesterday in Ndotu which was currently home to the wildebeest migration. Lots of cubs meant every mouthful had to split so many ways, life was clearly very tough. After we left them we later spotted a group of three lions resting up a tree, although they were so far away it was hard to get a good view. We then also saw a pair of young lions, approximately two years old. They were eyeing up the nearby herd of zebra although very half-heartedly. On that same afternoon we came across the same pride from the morning sighting resting under a tree full with the smell of hippo flesh all around, all the cubs with very rounded bellies.

The next morning our guide was determined to find us a leopard and after two hours of searching we found one. An old male, very impressive with many neck folds and cuts to his nose that showed his age, resting on top of a kopje under a tree. Not bothered at all by the tourist vehicles appearing to view him. After this viewing we came across another big pride of lions which this time had a more interesting demographic. Firstly, we saw two very large males, the largest that we had seen on the trip so far, following a group of lionesses and cubs to the shade under a tree by the roadside. Sat with these females was a younger male that we estimated to be at around two years old.

The males seemed unphased by his presence and we did not know whether he was part of a coalition with the males, which would be unusual but not impossible, or a hanger on of their offspring who was still based with the lionesses and cubs. Nevertheless, it was a very interesting sighting, adding a different dynamic to what we had seen so far. That afternoon we also saw another group of lionesses and cubs, this time with a collared lioness. It looked a similar size to the pride we had seen with the hippo carcass, but the presence of the collared lioness added confusion and we were unsure whether this was the same group or not. Our last lion sighting of the day was a lioness who was taking a keen interest in a herd of zebra on the other side of the road. She was staying under a bush doing her best to keep under cover, while we were there, she made one false lunge towards the zebra but with the pressure of vehicles around she quickly went back to her previous hiding place. The look of determination and focus shown in her body language was fascinating to observe. We then headed out of the Serengeti and back through the NCA to our next stop for the night.

Wednesday 22nd – Lake Manyara National Park

On our last day of the safari we visited Lake Manyara National Park, home to their famous tree climbing lions. Sadly after an entire morning of searching we found no lions but we were amazed by the lushness of the vegetation here, with areas of mature trees and dense jungle reminiscent of somewhere you would think to find gorillas, not lions! We did see plenty of impala, elephants, giraffe and buffalo along the waters edge and a first sighting of a pair of blue monkeys just as we were leaving. Despite the lack of lions, we were very glad to have visited the park to get an idea of the varied habitats that lions do thrive in, completely different to the vast open plains of the Serengeti that we often think of.

Conclusion – What have we learnt?

All in all, our trip to northern Tanzania was incredibly enlightening. We saw a huge variety of lion habitats that when seen in person were truly astonishing. From the open plains of the Serengeti, the mountains of Ngorongoro and the jungles of Lake Manyara. We had some brilliant lion sightings and saw a huge number of other species as well. What we will never forget though is the great time that we spent with Damian Bell and Sally, Ingela, Roimen, Ololotu from Kope Lion. We have left with new and hopefully lasting friendships forged with them. We owe them so much for everything they helped us with on the trip and for all they have taught us, and we will be sure to visit again. A particular highlight was meeting four of the Ilchokuti, the men on the ground whom the work and impact of the work carried out by Kope Lion depends on so much. We have arrived back more confident than ever in our continuous support of the work that Kope Lion do and already have plans in motion to assist them with their work at homestead level to help protect cattle, communities, and the lions themselves.

Life for a lion can be hard, no matter where you are. The lions in the NCA are very wary of people and during the day they will spend most of their time in the hills, hiding out of the way from people. The lions in the Serengeti however were much more confident around vehicles and made no special effort to hide away and we were very fortunate in having plenty of lion sightings throughout our time on safari. In these areas they have a different relationship with people but life is still tough with lack of food and resources affecting even the largest and most successful prides.





While visiting in the many national parks in the region we were lucky enough to see many lions including a wide spectrum of different ages and life stages including large prides of multiple females, some with resident pride males and many groups of juveniles.



Of course while staying in the region we were fortunate enough to observe a huge variety of different mammal and bird species, some of which are here for you all to see including Spotted Hyena, Plains zebra, Leopard, Cheetah, Southern ground hornbill, Elephant and Greater and Lesser Flamingos.

Fundraising Throughout 2023

Thank You From Us

We are so fortunate to have received great levels of support again from our wonderful supporters.

We would also like to thank the following groups and organisations specifically below for taking part in sponsored and fundraising events and for coming up with creative ways to support our work.

World Lion Days

2023 saw three of our zoo partners get involved with educational and awareness events.

The team at Cotswold Wildlife Park organised a fundraising weekend to celebrate the opening of their new lion house with members of the team wearing lion costumes organising their own raffle and selling lion related goodies to raise money towards conservation efforts. All money raised was split between three charities including us, Lion Landscapes and KopeLion with all donated £269.07 each. Trustee James also visited Linton Zoo to carry out educational talks alongside our namesake Safina, talking to visitors about the importance of lion conservation. We were invited to Folly Farm Adventure Park & Zoo for their World Lion Day event on the 10th August detailed on the next page.

Ilchokuti Challenge

We were very excited to launch our brand new “Ilchokuti Challenge” this August as part of our month long celebrations for World Lion Day!

Inspired by our visit to see the KopeLion team earlier this year where we met several of their team of “lion custodians” known by the Maasai word “Ilchokuti”. 12.5km is the average distance that they walk on a daily basis, sometimes much more in their work to keep livestock, lions and people safe. We launched our first Ilchokuti Challenge with the team of the Cotswold Wildlife Park where a team across all departments took part in their 12.5km sponsored walk after work. A huge thank you to everyone who got involved! The evening was great fun and a great success with £730 raised through the event! All money raised as part of this challenge went towards our brand new boma strengthening scheme, detailed on further pages in this review. Trustee Pete also took part in his own Ilchokuti Challenge walking along the beaches of the Wirral. After a great success launching our new challenge we look forward to continuing this annually in the years to come.



Our Work With Zoos

Knowsley Safari

We are pleased to announce that Knowsley Safari have officially agreed and pledged to collaborate with us in raising funds and awareness for our conservation partners.

We have a long association with the team and the lions at Knowsley, with two of our trustees having worked with the lion pride and many of their keepers past and present taking part in various sponsorship events over the years. We are proud to now be officially linked to Knowsley and its support for in-situ conservation projects.

Thank you Folly Farm

We would like to say a massive thank you again to our friends at Folly Farm Adventure Park & Zoo.

We were delighted to be invited to the zoo to celebrate World Lion Day on the 10th August. Conservation Officer Jack organised loads of fun lion based activities for visiting families. Donations from the raffle and the plaster cast paw prints made by Keeper Pete totalled £325.20. It was an outstanding effort from the whole team. Below you can see some visitors joining Jack and Llew the Lion with his boma demonstration!



In December we also received a donation of £736.85 from the profits of their 2023 adoption sales of which 10% gets split between their conservation partners. This combined with donations already from World Lion Day celebrations in August makes a total of £1,062.05 donated throughout 2023! Their total since 2018 is now over £6,000! Thank you to everyone at Folly Farm who has been involved in this effort over the years. See you next World Lion Day!



In memory of Ted, a unique and cherished member of the Knowsley Safari pride who sadly passed away just days before our agreement of collaboration was announced. It seemed incredibly fitting that this coincided.



Ambassadors For The Wild

We work with zoos and their lions to combine fundraising and awareness efforts for the protection of their wild cousins to make a bigger impact overall. We believe that these lions can become 'Ambassadors For The Wild' and we are proud to have worked with a number of UK zoos to see this turned into a reality.



Thank you to Megan Lee Photography for these brilliant pictures of the Folly Farm lion Pride and Ted.



Three Goals for Three Years

In August 2021 trustees published a Conservation Strategy Review which evaluated the progress of our work so far in line with our 2018 Strategy and planning our future impact.

Trustees decided on three goals to focus on for the next three years. These are realistic goals that take into account our current commitments and to add more focus to our community projects. These include:

1. Continue the sponsorship of our Lion Guardian Kuya Kipampa annually.
2. Save to donate and replace both lion collars with Kope Lion and the Mara Predator Conservation Programme when required due to the success seen so far.
3. Investigate a further organisation/project or a project run by a current conservation partner to donate towards so that we can increase our support for our focus areas to involve local communities and lions outside protected areas.

How have we progressed in reaching these three goals?

Throughout 2023 we supported three of our now well-established conservation partners and we have put more emphasis into community based projects to assist in our target above to increase involvement in local community support. Progress on reaching these goals set above are seen below and set out in more detail on the next page.

1. We have continued to sponsor a Lion Guardian for three years in a row. With Kuya now no longer working for Lion Guardians, our new guardian is now Olubi ole Lairumbe.
2. We have donated the funds required for a GPS collar for both Kope Lion and the Mara Predator Conservation Programme.
3. We have established a conservation partnership with Lion Landscapes towards a community camera trap programme and we have now started our own boma strengthening scheme with KopeLion.

This means we can now confirm that we have completed our three pledges in time for summer 2024!

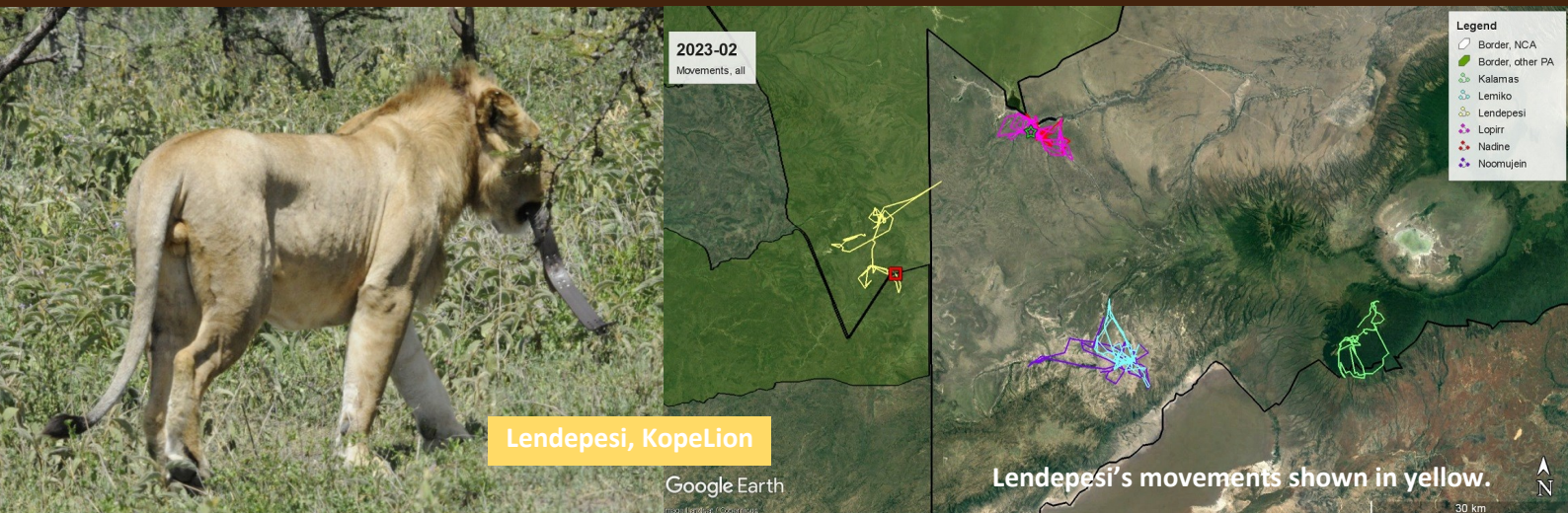
Lendepesi's Story - Our Sponsored Collared Lion

Lendepesi, a young male lion from the Twin Hill Pride in Ndotu is a younger cousin of our first collared lion Laipangwa. He was an ideal candidate for collaring due to reaching dispersal age and starting to venture from his birth pride, this is when these younger males often get into conflict with communities as they are not tolerated by the larger resident pride males or the communities whose land they may venture into. His vulnerability was shown by the loss of his brother who has since disappeared since they left their birth pride together.

Since being collared in June 2022 his collar allowed the team to monitor his movements, particularly useful as he spent his fair share of time around human settlements. During our visit in February 2023 we were told by the team that his collar was not working properly. It was therefore considered a priority to find him and remove the collar so it could be taken for possible repair.

With no specific territory, tracking him was very difficult but he was successfully located by Roimen Lelya, Lion Monitoring and Conflict Officer and the collar was retrieved, after he had finished playing with of course! Even though his collar was only worn for 8 months, it took place at a crucial time of his development and no doubt played a part in keeping him safe. We wish Lendepesi the best of luck, hopefully one day we'll see him again as an impressive and old adult lion!

Future Kings Project Support 2023



Kope Lion



Kope Lion works exclusively in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA) in Tanzania where certain areas are considered multi-use and inhabited by both people and wildlife.

As detailed in the last page our sponsored collared lion Lendepesi had his collar removed in February 2023. His movements in that last month can be seen in the map above, previously he had appeared relatively settled in the southern most part of the Serengeti National Park. Following our visit this year we have now set up a brand new Boma Strengthening Scheme, more details on this can be seen next on our community projects page!

Ole Cook, MPCP

Mara Predator Conservation Programme



The Mara Predator Conservation Programme works to monitor predators in Kenya's Maasai Mara Ecosystem and to engage with all stakeholders in the area to monitor and protect these species.

Following our fundraising efforts throughout 2022 and early 2023 we were able to send off £3307 (\$4000) towards a new GPS collar and the veterinary fees required to fit it in April. We have also received news that the collar being worn by Ole Cook is still transmitting well and the photo below shows that he certainly looks well. We will keep everyone updated on any developments as we hear them.



Community Projects Support 2023

Kope Lion



Our support for KopeLion and their work in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area is now shared through our GPS collaring and community projects.

As detailed in our write up we had the privilege to visit the NCA and the KopeLion team and we were shown the bomas strengthened by the Ilchokuti team. We were very interested in these bomas and discussions started about how we could support them in this part of their work. With an initial funding package due to finish we thought this was something that we could help with and pledged to sponsor boma strengthening. After a successful fundraising drive in the summer £1800 was sent to KopeLion. This will cover 10 bomas with the premise being that KopeLion pay 80% and the boma owner pays 20%. Photos of strengthened boma can be seen below as well as the landscape of the NCA. With many bomas and livestock around it is important to keep livestock safe from the wandering lions and other predators that live here.

We are working with KopeLion to work with boma owners to strengthen bomas through sourcing stronger wooden poles or planting several layers of thorny bush to reinforce bomas to make them harder for predators to break in to. Through our Boma Strengthening Scheme we will cover the cost of 80% of the efforts from KopeLion to reinforce each boma, while the boma owner pays the remaining 20%. Our 80% cost will be £180 and will be used to source the materials required for reinforcement.

Lion Guardians



Lastly, we have once again renewed our sponsorship of a Lion Guardian. But after five years of sponsoring Kuya Kipampa we have now moved on to a different Guardian.

Olubi Ole Lairumbe works across the Imbirikani Group Ranch just outside of the Amboseli National Park. Like many Maasai men, Olubi is a previous lion killer and became known by his lion name "Mitiaki" meaning the brave warrior. His transformative journey from a lion killer to a lion protector reflects a unique shift in the Maasai culture and he has influenced other young individuals to follow a conservationist path.

We are very pleased to sponsor Mitiaki. As always \$1500 was sent in January to cover his salary and we will continue to renew it annually. Best of luck in your work this year Mitaiki from all of us.



Olubi Ole Lairumbe "Mitiaki"

Lion Landscapes



Lion Landscapes are our newest conservation partner. The organisation was founded in April 2016 with the aim of addressing key challenges facing carnivore conservation today.

Last year we decided to support their innovative community camera trap programme. Instead of their researchers setting out camera traps themselves on village land, Lion Landscapes have started to train and employ local communities to do it and we donated £500 to them to sponsor two camera traps, which we plan to donate towards again in Spring 2024.

Education Developments

Assisting With New Signage

Last year we worked with the Cotswold Wildlife Park & Gardens to provide them information and photos for their new signage focussing on lion behaviour on Asiatic Lions and conservation of lions in Africa too.

The signage was designed to be displayed alongside the brand new lion house which was opened by Dr Amy Dickman in time with World Lion Day on the 10th August. Amy can be seen pictured next to the conservation based sign after the opening of the new house. We would like to thank the park for their collaboration and support this year and we look forward to continuing working with them.

Endorsing a New Book For Children

We are delighted to have been approached by children's author Claire Culliford, writer of 'The Little Helpers' series. These books are written to positively educate and inspire children to creatively solve global environmental and social issues and to protect wildlife.

Alongside the series, Claire has worked to help raise awareness of organisations that are working to protect wildlife and the environment around the globe. She has worked with other conservation organisations for her previous books has already had several conservation organisations endorsing the series for its educational value. We were asked by Claire to endorse one of her newest books of the series 'Lalit Stays Away From Light Pollution' which aims to introduce children to endangered species and climate issues, in this instance Lalit is an endangered Asiatic Lion and the issue is light pollution from local villages. We were happy to endorse the book and how it introduces to children to endangered animals and the threats that face animals and our climate around the world.



Following a slightly different route for her next set of books as part of the series Claire is moving into audio-books but has kindly provided us with a PDF and audio copy of the book for parents to read for their children for us to include on our website. Thank you Claire for providing us with this book to help introduce children to endangered species. For more information please look on Claire's website www.claireculliford.com





IN MEMORY OF ZURI

3rd July 2006 - 1st February 2023



Zuri and Safina, Linton Zoo, 2021

Acknowledgements

We thank you all for reading this years Annual Review and we look forward to updating you with our progress next year. For up to date information please follow our Facebook Page and website.

We would like to thank everyone who has had a part in our efforts to raise awareness or have helped to raise funds for us this year. In particular:

- Folly Farm Adventure Park & Zoo
- Linton Zoo Conservation Park
- Cotswold Wildlife Park
- Apex Extreme
- Knowsley Safari
- Everyone who has added resources to and become a part of the Lion Keepers Resource Group.
- Sean Robinson
- Charlotte Sutton Artist

We are proud to work with and sponsor the work of the following organisations:



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www.lionlandscapes.org

Thank You

We are nothing without our supporters and we cannot achieve anything without their support. Being a small charity we rely heavily on one off donations and individually organised sponsorship events. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has donated and therefore allowed us to support such important conservation work over the last seven years.

Contact Us

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