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The Lewa Wildlife Conservancy works as a model and catalyst for the conservation of wildlife and its habitat. It does this through the protection and management of species, the initiation and support of community conservation and development programmes, and the education of neighbouring areas in the value of wildlife.





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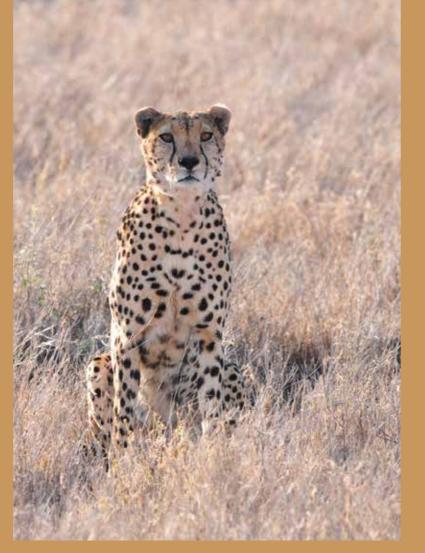
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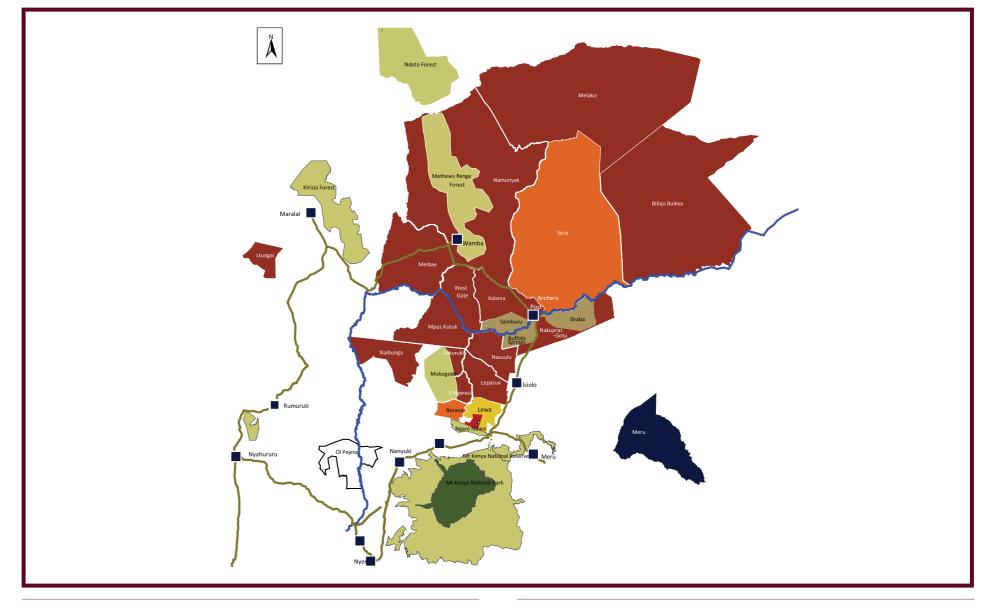


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#### MAP OF LEWA AND ITS NEIGHBOURING CONSERVATION AREAS

As East Africa's pioneer endangered species sanctuary, Lewa's catalytic role in the re-emergence of the black rhino in the region has never been more crucial. Recognising that the future of the critically threatened species in Kenya greatly depends on the expansion of its habitat to new and secure areas, Lewa recently moved 11 of its rhino to the neighbouring Borana Conservancy to establish a founding population, with further plans to facilitate another black rhino sanctuary in Sera Wildlife Conservancy.



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#### LETTERS FROM OUR CHAIRMAN AND CEO

# From Michael Joseph, our Chairman



2013 has, once again, been a very challenging year for Lewa and all the stakeholders. Poaching of our precious rhino has, tragically, been the main focus for all involved on the Conservancy. Despite losing a number of rhino over the past year, at least, due to the determination of the security staff and steadfast support to them, we have lost less this year than last year. We have also had 20 rhinos born during the year that does balance the numbers.

The promulgation of the new Wildlife Act by Parliament, which was signed into law by the

President, containing serious penalties for poaching and improving the conservation environment in Kenya will hopefully improve the situation for all conservation organisations and their wildlife.

In 2013, five new Board members joined the Board including a representative from The Nature Conservancy and one from the international Boards. This has created a new dynamic on the Board, which will focus very much on the long term future of Lewa and the strategy to make us more self sufficient and ensure that we remain positioned to act as a catalyst for conservation in the area and beyond. The broad and diverse experience of the Board Directors augers well for the future.

Once again, the financial pressures facing our management team due to both a reduction in tourism and an inevitable increase in costs has meant that we have had to manage spending extremely tightly and begin to look for alternative sources of revenue.

Finally, I must extend my appreciation to all our donors across the globe whose support is invaluable, to our visitors who came to appreciate what Lewa stands for, to our management and staff for their incredible dedication and hard work over the past year, and to the Board for their support and understanding.

#### From Mike Watson, our Chief Executive Officer

A year of huge contrast, with major highs and significant lows, is how most of us will remember 2013.

'Winning the battles, but not the war' is a truism as much now as ever it was! In the fight against poaching of Kenya's rhino and elephant, our capacity to fight the battles on the ground has been hugely enhanced on Lewa and elsewhere, enabling remarkable successes focused investigations leading to admissions of

during the year. With clear intelligence and quilt by ex-employees of the Conservancy and

others, we have hit lower echelons of the poaching fraternity hard.

As a leading, nationally recognised conservation organization, Lewa has an obligation to engage in driving a strategy to win the war and embraces this responsibility as we move into 2014.

On a more positive note, the inscription of Lewa and Ngare Ndare Forest as part of the Mount Kenya World Heritage Site in June was the culmination of many years of work and commitment from a plethora of people and truly represents the recognition of Lewa as a world-class conservation initiative.

The long awaited move of black rhino from Lewa onto Borana Conservancy lays the foundation for the move towards 'one landscape' in 2014, as we look forward to the removal of the fence between the two conservancies. We do not plan to stop there and with Borana and other partners will be looking to energise the development of a public / private partnership, similar to that in effect in the Ngare Ndare Forest, in the Mukogodo Forest Reserve, to Borana's north. With the strategic and operational partnership between Lewa and Northern Rangelands Trust blossoming by the day, there are exciting, but still challenging times ahead in north Kenya's conservation landscape; ones we feel fully able and excited to tackle, with the ever growing global network of supporters.

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# Lewa, now a proud World Heritage Site

In June 2013, the World Heritage Committee (WHC) extended the boundaries of the Mount Kenya World Heritage Site to include Lewa and Ngare Ndare Forest Reserve. Lewa and Ngare Ndare are connected to Mount Kenya by the pioneering wildlife corridor that opens up the traditional elephant migration route across the two ecosystems. Deservedly, the illustrious designation was received with tremendous pride by all who have worked to build Lewa into the organisation it is today – a global model for endangered species conservation and community development.

The journey to this recognition has not been easy. The first proposal for the extension was submitted to the WHC in 2010 but was returned for technical reasons. Lewa resubmitted the proposal in January 2012. An independent evaluator was then commissioned by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), adviser to the WHC, to review the viability of the extension. The evaluator was impressed by Lewa's working model, terming

it a 'unique and world-class conservation area.'

#### Benefits of inscription

- Immense local and national pride
- Increased global recognition, interest and awareness of Lewa's outstanding values, conservation and development work
- Greater commitment to the perpetuation of conservation in these iconic areas
- Ideally, an increase in levels of national and overseas tourism, creating employment opportunities and income for local communities
- Positive local and international involvement in habitat and species management, as well as sustainable social development for local communities.

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#### A new home for black rhinos



Lewa's Songa, a seven-year-old male, looks up from his crate on his way to Borana Conservancy. Songa was the first animal to arrive at the new sanctuary, an area last inhabited by rhino decades ago.

In August 2013, Lewa reinforced its role as a catalyst for the conservation of endangered species through an historic translocation that saw its western neighbour Borana Conservancy become the latest black rhino sanctuary in Kenya. Organised jointly by the two organisations and the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and with funding from several partners, 11 of Lewa's rhino and 10 others from Lake Nakuru National Park were moved to this new home, an ideal black rhino habitat patterned by thick shrubbery and rugged terrain.

The benefits of this translocation were twofold. Firstly, establishment of new rhino sanctuaries in Kenya is of paramount importance given that besides poaching, lack of suitable and secure habitats remains the greatest challenge to rhino conservation.

Secondly, by moving 11 animals, Lewa reduced its black rhino population which had exceeded the ecological carrying capacity. Failure to move the animals would have eventually led to density dependent declines. With the current population, the Conservancy can now maintain productivity and a growth rate of six percent per annum as recorded in the past.

Borana's dedication to conservation has seen the rhino introduced to an area it last

inhabited decades ago, an immense commitment which few others are willing to take on given the cost and security risk associated with holding rhino. Lewa is proud of its role in the establishment of the new sanctuary and will continue to accord Borana all the technical support needed, with the hope of eventually removing the fence separating the two areas to create a greater conservation landscape.

# Alleviating human-elephant conflict

Lewa conducted another crucial translocation in 2013, moving four elephant bulls that had become notorious for breaking fences and exacerbating human-elephant conflict. The pachyderms - Bullet, Right Notch, Javet and Flynn - had developed a penchant for destroying Lewa's main perimeter fence that not only prevents entry of unauthorised persons, but also ensures that animals don't roam outside the Conservancy and into community areas. Further damage had been caused to exclusion zones, areas set aside to secure browse for the critically endangered black rhino.

The elephants were moved to Meru National Park, a larger habitat with sparsely populated neighbouring human settlements. The KWS managed park can also hold mega-herbivores without depletion of its resources in the near future.

The elephants have settled well into their new home.



The translocation involved an experienced team from the Kenya Wildlife Service and Lewa. Right Notch, easy to identify from his trimmed tusks, was the first elephant to be moved.



Lewa is home to the world's single biggest population of the critically endangered Grevy's zebra. The zebra is the largest equid and predation from the lion continues to pose the greatest threat to the survival of foals.

The Grevy's zebra rangeland often overlaps with that of the lion and the Research Department monitors lion kills and Grevy's zebra numbers carefully to ensure that the Grevy's are not suffering disproportionate losses.

11 Grevy's zebra, 2% of Lewa's population, were killed by lions in 2013. Lion numbers on Lewa increased during the year and, at any one time, the Conservany hosted between 16-23 individuals.

The number of foals sighted was significantly higher than the number of Grevy's zebra killed – on average, 13 foals aged 0–12 months and 11 juveniles between the ages of 1–2 years were recorded monthly, this represents 7.5% of the entire Grevy's zebra population. Majority of the surviving foals were between 6–12 months, implying that they stood a higher chance of surviving into juveniles. Foals are most vulnerable to predation when aged 0–6 months due to their underdeveloped anti–predator skills.

The variation in numbers could be attributed to behavioural changes in Grevy's zebra, in the early stages of lactation, to utilize areas least populated by predators to reduce potential encounters with lions.

# Use of technology in wildlife monitoring

Technology is increasingly being used to enhance monitoring of key wildlife species, mostly through the use of GPS-GSM collars that enable animals to be tracked regularly.

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As part of the national strategy to conserve the Grevy's zebra, Lewa, Al Ain Zoo and Marwell Wildlife, in partnership with the Grevy's Zebra Technical Committee (GZTC) embarked on a telemetry study using radio collars to follow individual Grevy's zebra on their travels throughout the Lewa conservation landscape and the contiguous community conservancies of Leparua and Nasuluu to the north. As part of this research, six Grevy's zebra were fitted with collars in 2013. Two lions and one elephant were also collared during the year.

The information gained will help in:

- Identification of conservation hotspots
- Describing seasonal use of the landscape by the Grevy's zebra, lion and elephant
- Daily, weekly and monthly ranging behaviour, especially of the lion and the Grevy's zebra
- Explaining the animals' access to, and use of resources, such as water
- Understanding how their movements change in relation to predator abundance for the Grevy's zebra, poaching threats for the elephant and conflict with humans for the lion.

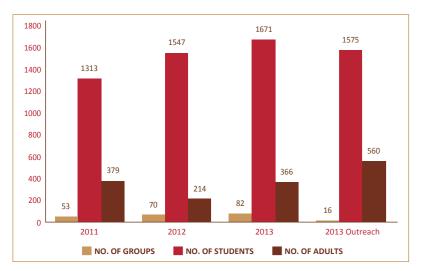


Mufasa, a dominant male, was one of the two lions fitted with a GPS-GSM enabled collar.

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#### Conservation Education: record number of student visitors

In 2013, the Conservation Education Programme (CEP) hosted 82 groups, for a total of 1,671 students and 366 adults, the highest number of visitors since inception of the programme.



All the groups had an opportunity to participate in the CEP's new interactive programme, which consists of a guided game drive, interactive exhibits and Smart Board presentations at the Conservation Education Centre. An additional 1,575 children and 560 adults from the Lewa supported schools benefitted from the conservation education outreaches.

# Construction of a dormitory and rain water harvesting

The CEP commenced the construction of a 60-bed dormitory to accommodate groups of students from northern Kenya and other distant areas unable to travel to Lewa and back for day trips. Construction is expected to be complete by June 2014.

The CEC and the Lewa Education Programme offices embarked on Lewa's first rain water harvesting project. The water is stored in a 40,000-litre underground tank and is drawn using a solar powered pump. This project is one of the exhibits being used to teach water conservation techniques to visiting groups.

# Vet unit: focus on key species

The majority of the cases attended to in 2013 by the mobile vet unit involved the key species in the area, notably the rhino, elephant, Grevy's zebra and lion.

Translocations: The unit played a crucial role in the translocation of 11 black rhino to Borana Conservancy, Lewa's western neighbour. Two white rhino were also moved to Ol Pejeta Conservancy's northern white rhino boma to encourage breeding among the endangered northern white rhino. Four rogue elephant bulls were translocated to Meru National Park to alleviate human-elephant conflict.



 $\label{lem:conservancy} \textit{A black rhino from Lewa stretches after being released on Borana Conservancy}.$ 

Treatment of sick and injured wildlife: The year showed a marked reduction in the number of cases of elephants reported with gunshot wounds. The Grevy's zebra were mostly treated for predator-related injuries, following encounters with lions. Other animals were treated for snares and normal injuries.

Collarings: The unit facilitated the fitting of elephants, Grevy's zebra and lions with GPS-GSM enabled collars to allow for tracking of the animals across their habitats.

Research: A study on filariosis, a skin parasite that affects black rhino, was carried out. Filariosis, though a normal condition, becomes a problem when it causes large skin lesions which can lead to infection.

# New law to help deter wildlife crime

For years, Kenya's conservationists have called for harsher legal penalties to be imposed on wildlife offenders in the country, especially with the new wave of poaching incidents that has seen rhino and elephants face the greatest threat to their existence. Previously, wildlife crimes attracted as little as Kshs. 40,000 (\$470) in penalties, that did little to deter this unprecedented slaughter of wildlife.

However, persistent lobbying by conservationists and the horrifying rise in poaching cases resulted in the new wildlife act that Kenya's president Kenyatta signed into law in December 2013. Poaching or dealing with trophies of endangered species will now result in life imprisonment or a fine of Kshs. 20m (\$236,000) or both. The penalties for poaching other wildlife is a minimum fine of Kshs. 1m (\$11,000) or five years in jail. Those behind the poaching business will now be marked, named and arrested and any property acquired through the illegal trade shall be confiscated. These penalties are some of the most severe in the world, indicating Kenya's commitment to protect its iconic and beautiful wildife, the country's proud heritage.

Proper implementation of the new law has the potential to be the greatest deterrent against wildlife crime in the country, as it targets equally poachers, smugglers, middlemen and financers of the illegal wildlife trade.

The change in legislation signals a new dawn in wildlife conservation and law enforcement in the country.



Community support in anti-poaching



The Lewa and NRT security teams receive a certificate of appreciation from the Tigania East elders and the Kenya Police.

Since the Conservancy's inception, Lewa's working model recognises that community development remains one of the greatest tools for conservation. As a result, the Conservancy continues to engage with its neighbours through various community development outreaches. In return, the adjoining communities have embraced conservation, acting as the first line of defence for Lewa's wildlife.

In 2013, the security team worked closely with elders, law enforcement authorities and political leaders from the neighbouring areas to gather intelligence and anticipate poaching threats. The governments of the three neighbouring counties- Isiolo, Meru and Nanyuki – promised to aide in conservation efforts, particularly in weeding out poachers, some of whom are well-known criminals.

In November, Tigania East elders visited Lewa to show appreciation for the security team's efforts in combating cattle rustling, a menace that continues to plague many of Lewa's neighbouring communities. The link between cattle rustling and poaching is extremely strong; with the majority of the firearms used to kill wildlife being hired from the rustlers.

This close collaboration with our neighbours translates to safer migratory areas for wildlife and greater joint efforts in conservation and development.

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#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### Thousands benefit from clean and safe water

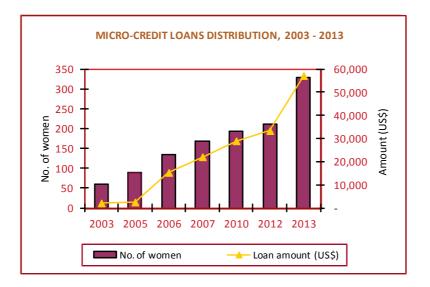
Lewa is located in semi-arid northern Kenya, where recurring drought and mismanagement have made water extremely scarce. In order to help its neighbours gain access to this crucial resource, the Conservancy runs 10 water projects which over the years have benefitted approximately 25,000 people. Rugusu Springs, inaugurated in 2003, was the first project to be completed and serves 3,500 people. The other nine were gradually added, with the latest project having been completed last year at Mutunyi community.

In 2013, plans were established to build a mega-dam at Subuiga community, Lewa's southeastern neighbour. The dam is expected to provide water to approximately 6,000 people throughout the year.

There are also further plans to expand the scope of Lewa's water projects to a larger geographical area, especially to the more arid zones inhabited by the nomadic pastoral communities. Additionally, the Conservancy will continue to carry out the repair and maintenance of the existing projects to ensure they remain efficient and effective.



Lewa's 10 water projects have ensured that over 25,000 people from the neighbouring communities now have access to this crucial resource which remains scarce for many in the country.



The community development team capped a decade of empowering women by distributing Kshs. 4.8m (\$56, 470) worth of loans in 2013, the most in a year since the programme's inception. The loans ranged from Kshs. 10,000 to Kshs. 45,000 and were disbursed to 300 women. Starting out with just a few individuals from Lewa's southern boundary in 2003, the micro-credit scheme has grown steadily over the years, achieving impact by extending low interest loans to women who otherwise would have no access to credit facilities.

The programme is administered through eight active groups. Most of the women have used the funds to start small business in cereal trading, tailoring, beading and knitting. Others have engaged in small-scale farming of onions, maize and beans as well as poultry keeping and animal husbandry.

The micro-credit scheme has also provided a platform for the women to exchange ideas and form socio-economic networks. Encouragingly, there have been few cases of candidates defaulting payment, and the future of the programme now lies in increasing the number of women and the amount of money available to lend them.

#### 10 years of empowering women

# Transforming lives with education bursaries



Anthony Mutwiri from Meru school is supported by Alden Philbrick.

Lewa's annual bursaries have enabled children from financially challenged backgrounds to access education opportunities that otherwise would be beyond their reach. In 2013, 380 children in tertiary institutions, primary and high schools received these bursaries that covered their school fees and also other necessities such as clothing and food.

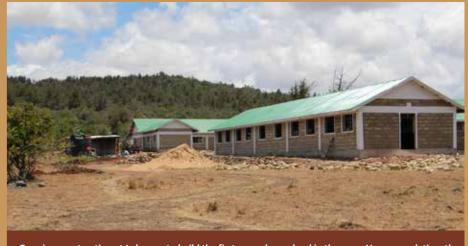
Over the past 10 years, Lewa has sponsored more than 500 children. The beneficiaries have performed well in their studies, excelling in their chosen career paths. The success rate of students from the sponsored schools, from the beginning of their education to finding employment, stands at an impressive 80%.

# The LEP, achieving tremendous impact

In 2013, the Lewa Education Programme (LEP) continued to meet its objectives of funds raised. The majority of the expenditure, as has been the case over the last few years, is allocated to bursaries, while the rest is distributed among the key projects such as infrastructure development, school feeding programme and adult literacy. There was an increase in the number of bursaries issued in 2013, benefitting more students than the previous year. More funds were also allocated to school development, enabling the construction and refurbishment of dilapidated classrooms and other facilities. There are now new classrooms at Rugusu, Enaikishomi and Munanda Primary Schools. Kilimani School near Lewa's northern boundary now has a kitchen and dining area and three teachers'

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houses were also constructed at Enaikishomi School. The LEP also facilitated construction of the administration block at Ngare Ndare Secondary School, among other upgrades.



Ongoing construction at Lokusero to build the first secondary school in the area. Upon completion, the total number of the Lewa-sponsored schools will increase to 19.



The new dining hall at Kilimani School, near Lewa's northern boundary.

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LOGISTICS HUMAN RESOURCES AND HEALTHCARE PROGRAMME



Lewa's Logistics Team at their 2013 end of year meeting. The efficient service department signed an agreement to oversee 10 projects in the Northern Rangelands Trust community conservancies.

# Infrastructural development for community conservancies

As the Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT) increases the number of conservancies under its umbrella, the need for infrastructure development continues to grow as well. In August 2013, NRT and Lewa signed an agreement that will see the Logistics Team manage the majority of the Northern Rangelands Trust's infrastructure projects spread out in their 26 community conservancies.

The team recently completed a headquarters unit at Kalepo in Namunyak Conservancy, with upcoming plans to replicate the same in Nasuulu and Nakuprat Gotu Conservancies. Not only is Lewa overseeing the projects it is currently undertaking, but also managing work contracted to outside companies. Along with the Infrastructure Agreement, both organisations have also agreed that Lewa will service and maintain all the NRT vehicles.

These two contracts have helped strengthen the already collaborative relationship between the two organisations as they work together to promote conservation and development in northern Kenya.



# Support to key programmes

The logistics team continued to provide crucial services and support to other departments on Lewa throughout the year, ensuring efficiency and improvement of facilities. These include:

- Construction of a hangar for 'Sue', Lewa's helicopter
- Over 20 kilometres of roads within the Conservancy were opened up to make all areas more accessible, particularly to security personnel
- Construction of Mother/Child Health facility at Ntirimiti and Leparua clinics
- A waiting bay and a new block (including an HIV care unit) at the Lewa clinic
- Two class rooms at Rugusu school, a basketball pitch at Ntugi secondary school, a class room at Munanda school, an administration block at Ngare Ndare secondary school and a class room at Kilimani school
- Continued maintenance of all infrastructure and vehicles around the Lewa headquarters
- Repair and maintenance of Lewa's fenceline.

# Enhancing staff performance and management

For Lewa to meet its organisational goals, it must attract, develop and retain talented and motivated staff with appropriate capabilities and skills. To help sustain this, the organisation engaged PKF East Africa to undertake a job analysis and evaluation as well as introduce a performance management system.

The objective of the job analysis and evaluation is to not only review job descriptions, but also systematically determine the contribution of each position to the organisation's goals. This exercise will result in an organisational design that will reduce non-essential activities, remove job overlaps, ensure proper structure and increase productivity.

The process will also help identify areas where each employee needs improvement as well as boost morale.

# End of year fun!

It's not all work and no play here at Lewa. Last December, a day was dedicated to staffbonding, entertainment, presentation of awards to retirees and recognition of the organisation's milestones. The NRT team joined Lewa for the day of celebration, participating in games as well as sharing meals and hearty laughs.



Who is the strongest of them all? Lewa's CEO Mike Watson and other staff members face the NRT tea in a tug of war during the end of year party.

The party started off with Mzee Kinyanjui giving a historical narration of the beginning of the Ngare Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary and later on its re-establishment as Lewa. Mzee, now retired, was one of the first rangers to work for Ngare Sergoi. His reflections on the challenges of protecting rhinos in the 80s with little technology moved many, leaving staff feeling highly motivated.

It was a successful day, enjoyed by all and we hope to make it a tradition every year to celebrate annual achievements.

# HIV/AIDS healthcare





Lewa's lab technician uses the CD4 count machine. Determining the CD4 count is a vital component in the management and care of HIV patients.

Lewa identified the need to offer care for HIV/AIDS in the neighbouring communities to enable effective management of the disease. The objectives of this new programme are:

- To provide comprehensive HIV treatment and care services including free antiretroviral therapy, management of opportunistic infections, voluntary counselling, testing and management of acute HIV-related infections
- To promote availability and access to advanced HIV diagnostics such as CD4 and HIV viral load
- To enhance linkages with community organizations and other people living with HIV/AIDS for support and encouragement
- To reduce stigma of HIV/AIDS in the communities and create awareness of HIV as a treatable chronic medical condition.

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# Achieving impact through social media

Social communication is rapidly becoming the preferred interaction channel for many around the world. Lewa's following has continued to grow over the years and social media platforms are increasingly becoming one of the Conservancy's most effective modes of communication.

Lewa's primary social media platform is Facebook, where regular posts on the Conservancy's work are posted and responded to by followers. In January 2013, Lewa's Facebook page had 9,424 followers. This number doubled by end of year to 20,324 thanks to engaging content that was reposted and linked to across the web. Lewa's Twitter following, though significantly less than Facebook's, also doubled to reach 5,800 by December 2013.

Every post made on the Facebook page reached an average of 2,000 people. Pictures of wildlife proved to be the most popular throughout the year, with some reaching an audience of more than 10.000.

As we look forward to enhancing our online presence by strategically engaging in more social platforms, the greatest challenge continues to be converting the audience interest to more tangible benefits, such as increase in tourist flow and donations, as well as direct involvement in Lewa's development and conservation efforts.



#### Lewa overseas events

2013's annual Lewa USA Gala in New York City was a record-breaking success. Guests from across the United States joined the Lewa USA Board for dinner and an auction in early October. Trustee Debo Gage joined forces with Al Jazeera America host Ali Velshi to host the live auction that included stays at the Sirikoi private house, training sessions with Kenyan marathon runners and a painting by Timothy Brooke. We hope you'll join us in New York next year. If you don't have any plans to be in the Big Apple, email sabrina@lewa.org for details on upcoming Lewa events near you.



London went wild last fall when Lewa UK donors hosted an evening at the night club Bodo Schloss in support of Lewa's security and wildlife operations. Tickets for the event sold out immediately and Lewa supporters got into heated bidding wars for covetable prize items like a stay at a private ski chalet, a shooting weekend and even Africanthemed swim trunks. The room was decorated with blown-up pictures of the animals on Lewa, taken by Kripa Radhakrishnan and Gabriel Monks, adding to the evening's "wild" theme. For information on more upcoming events in London, please email alexandra.kornman@lewa.org.

#### Lewa Wildlife Conservancy

For the last 30 years, the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy has been a catalyst and model for conservation throughout East Africa. This continues to be possible today thanks to the commitment and generosity of loyal supporters.

Donations to the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy may be designated to one, or allocated between all of the following areas:

# **Protecting Endangered Species**

Lewa is internationally recognized as one of the most successful safe havens to some of the world's most critically endangered species-the black rhino and Grevy's zebra. In order for the Lewa to continue providing safe and sustainable habitat to these species, it is extremely important that we carry on with our ongoing wildlife and veterinary operations, anti-poaching efforts, conservation education, research and wildlife monitoring activities. Support in this area goes towards purchasing drugs for wildlife treatment, rhino surveillance field teams, armed security team patrols, vehicle maintenance and habitat research, amongst many others.

# **Supporting Community Initiatives**

Lewa's community development programmes fund and support four healthcare clinics,

18 schools in the surrounding communities, the Conservation Education Centre, an adult literacy centre, women's micro-credit scheme, water development projects and much more. By directing the benefits of Lewa's success in supporting our neighbouring communities, we are successfully molding responsible individuals in the community, creating awareness and enthusiasm on the importance of wildlife conservation. With your contribution we can continue to try and eradicate poverty, provide essential quality healthcare, improve access to education and create reliable employment that will provide better livelihoods for our neighbours.

#### **Conservation Tourism**

By paying us a visit at Lewa, you are making a difference in a holistic manner. Lewa provides one of the finest and most exciting safari experiences in Africa. Re-investing 100% of its tourism benefits to community projects and its core operation programmes have made Lewa an excellent model where the value of wildlife is evident. If you are planning to, or are already scheduled to visit us and would like to learn more about the Conservancy's day to day operations, kindly contact Ruwaydah Abdul-Rahman (ruwaydah.abdul@lewa.org) and we will arrange a behind-the-scenes tour for you to experience first-hand Lewa's amazing programmes in action.







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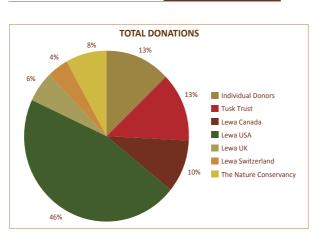
The Lewa Finance Department, in line with its mandate, continued to observe that the set financial procedures and controls were adhered to and that timely and accurate reporting continued to inform and direct the management decision making process, while ensuring statutory compliance.

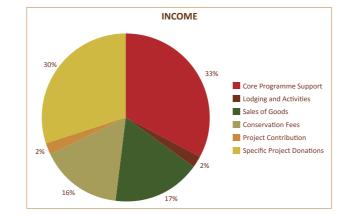
In 2013, there was a 18% shortfall in the core programme support income which was complemented by a transfer from the reserves to meet the cash-flow requirements. Income from tourism was slightly higher than the projected amount despite the introduction of VAT on Conservancy fees. The Conservancy continues to ensure that adequate cash reserves are held to meet the unspent restricted funding. The un-audited financial statements for the year 2013 are set out here below in comparison to an extract from the 2012 audited results:

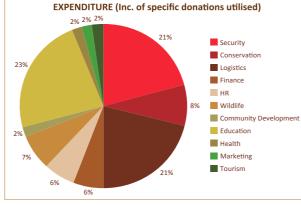
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POS	ITION	
	2013	2012
ASSETS	USD	USD
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	2,938,325	2,925,243
CURRENT ASSETS		.=
Inventories	181,620	174,490
Trade and other receivables	1,304,410	1,177,807
Bank and cash balances	2,102,181	2,499,923
Tax receivable	96,443	77,306
	3,684,654	3,929,526
TOTAL ASSETS	6,622,979	6,854,769
CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES CAPITAL		
General fund	1,232,825	1,058,717
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
	2,146,046	2,624,667
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	1,341,303	1,296,614
Deferred income	1,902,807	1,874,771
	3,147,666	3,171,385
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CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES	6,622,979	6,854,769

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL DOSITION

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
	2013	2012		
	USD	USD		
Income				
Core programme support	1,904,228	1,545,435		
Other Income				
(Inc. restricted income)	3,883,323	3,077,248		
	5,787,550	4,619,472		
Recurrent Expenditure				
(Inc. restricted expenditure)	5,613,443	4,912,673		
Operating Surplus (deficit)	174,108	(293, 202)		
Surplus (deficit) before Taxation	174,108	(293,202)		
Taxation	-	-		
Surplus (deficit) for the year	174,108	(293,202)		







Note: This financial report is based on un-audited financial statements and though every care has been taken to ensure they are accurate, they could change in line with the auditors recommendations.

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In last year's race, Philemon Baaru won the men's full marathon title while Fridah Lodipa outrun all the female contestants to clinch the number one position. Each winner received Kshs. 150,000 and a 32 inch LCD TV. Philemon became the first athlete in the marathon's history to retain his title. Philemon's win in two consecutive years wasn't the only surprise at the race; a couple from Hong Kong got engaged at the finish line, much to the delight of onlookers!

A total of US\$ 423,000 was raised, and has since been directed to various conservation and community development projects as indicated below:

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