



Introduction from the CEO

Dear friends and partners,

The Tsavo Conservation Area (TCA) is a challenging space to operate in successfully. It is a vast wilderness; projects and field teams are spread far apart stretching resources to the limit; its hot and dry most of the time and during the rainy season many areas flood; most locations we work in are remote with no amenities'; communities we partner with adjacent to the National Parks are vulnerable and lack most basic life needs. And then there is the magnificent diversity of fauna and flora (which includes several critically endangered species) that we strive so hard to protect, that is under immense pressure from a fast-growing surrounding human population, changing land tenure, constant Human Wildlife Conflict, Illegal Wildlife Trade, competition for natural resources, major funding constraints necessary to protect the Tsavo's and Climate Change to mention just a few.

The Tsavo Trust team is up for these challenges and over our eleven years of operations we have never shied away. We have stayed true to our word and have continued to support the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and more recently the Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI) in protecting Tsavo as a National treasure. It is this commitment, through meaningful and trusted partnerships, that sets us apart. You are all very much a part of this wider team and it is with genuine thanks and gratitude that I can say that Tsavo Trust has made and continues to make a real positive conservation impact across all our workstreams be it wildlife oriented, community development aligned and growing strong long-term partnerships, all of which is key to the future of Tsavo.

A snapshot of just a few of the many actions and successes to date include: delivery of field support to KWS of over US\$6,204,738 (US\$924,738 in 2023); average of 1 Tusker sighting everyday for eleven years; 897,903 kilometers of aerial reconnaissance flown over the TCA – that's equates to 22.5 times around the earths circumference in a slow flying 2 seater Super Cub; since 2015 Tsavo Trust has recorded a total of 4,907 Human Wildlife Conflict incidents in Kamungi and Shirango Conservancies – many of these were acted upon by joint Tsavo Trust / KWS teams. The list goes on......

Looking ahead, the Tsavo Trust's 2023 – 2027 strategy will be guided by the following goals:

- 1. Create effective management and protection of protected areas under KWS leadership.
- 2. Establish strong and effective community-led conservation and development initiatives.
- 3. Develop a more resilient and robust long-term financing framework for the TCA with specific emphasis on Tsavo West's black rhino range.

With the tremendous momentum that has gathered, through our robust team, I am confident that Tsavo Trust will continue to play and ever-increasing role within the TCA to support KWS and WRTI in maintaining Tsavo as Kenya's largest and most diverse Protected Area. We as a team are super excited about the plans ahead and we look forward to continuingly updating you on progress in 2024 and beyond.

On behalf of all of us at Tsavo Trust, a very big thank you to our Board of Directors, the Kenya Wildlife Service, Wildlife Research and Training Institute, the County Government of Makueni, the communities we work with, our dedicated staff force and to all our many friends and partners. Collectively this combination works for Tsavo.

Richard Moller

Chief Executive Officer – Tsavo Trust

Vision: Thriving biodiversity, sustainable livelihoods, and strong partnerships in the greater Tsavo ecosystem.

Mission: To safeguard biodiversity and empower communities in the greater Tsavo ecosystem.





A Word From the Chairman

Through our recently launched 2023 – 2027 Strategic Plan, the Tsavo Trust team has continued to execute the many and varying programmes and goals laid out with competence and passion. With respect to aerial patrols, we have continued to provide *eyes in the skies* over the vast Tsavo Conservation Area (TCA), despite the increase in costs propelled by the exchange rate of the Kenya Shilling to the US Dollar. Despite these increases, we have managed to fly a total of 79,783kms (617 hours) which averages 6,649kms of flight per month. With our increase in activities within the TCA's rhino range, nearly half of this aerial reconnaissance was rhino related with 31,019km covered over 270 hours of flight, which portrays our commitment in support of the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI).

Sadly, bushmeat poaching is on the rise. Due to the relative ease with which the meat (dried and wet) finds its way to the markets, the poachers have been unrelenting. Through the joint Tsavo Trust / KWS led ground patrol Tembo Teams who provide boots on the ground, in the past year recovered 2,684 kilograms of bushmeat, 1,523 wire snares and a total of 410 arrests made (the highest or any year to date). One of the dangers of bushmeat trade is the introduction of zoonotic diseases in the consuming population and as a result we continue to sensitise the communities around the Parks of the dangers of bushmeat consumption.

In more positive news, the great success story of the black rhino conservation initiatives in Tsavo West over recent decades has led to a natural overstocking of Ngulia Rhino Sanctuary (NRS) and there is need to provide safe rhino space to de-stock NRS. This space exists in quantity in the surrounding Intensive Protection Zone (IPZ) and Tsavo Trust has invested heavily in recent years in supporting KWS to upgrade the IPZ to take more rhino. Tsavo Trust has been endorsed as a key partner / stakeholder by KWS to this effect and with this, over the coming years will play a crucial role in fundraising and providing much needed assistance and backup to KWS and WRTI as this critical project unfolds. This is very exciting for black rhino, for Tsavo and for Kenya.

In the community education programme activities has advanced immensely in 2023: with 15 students now enlisted in the Tsavo Trust Bursary Scheme; Kyusyani Sec. The school has a top-quality Science laboratory; 3 further ICT labs will be installed at Kyusiani, Mbeetwani and Mavindini Sec. Schools (each with 20 laptop computers, 1 projector and digital literacy content installed) along with teacher support. Water supply at Ngiluni village and school continues as a key activity, along with healthcare, employment and much more as you will read below.

In matters of climate, Tsavo Trust was represented at the inaugural Africa Climate Summit and Africa Climate Week held in Nairobi by the Chief Community Officer.

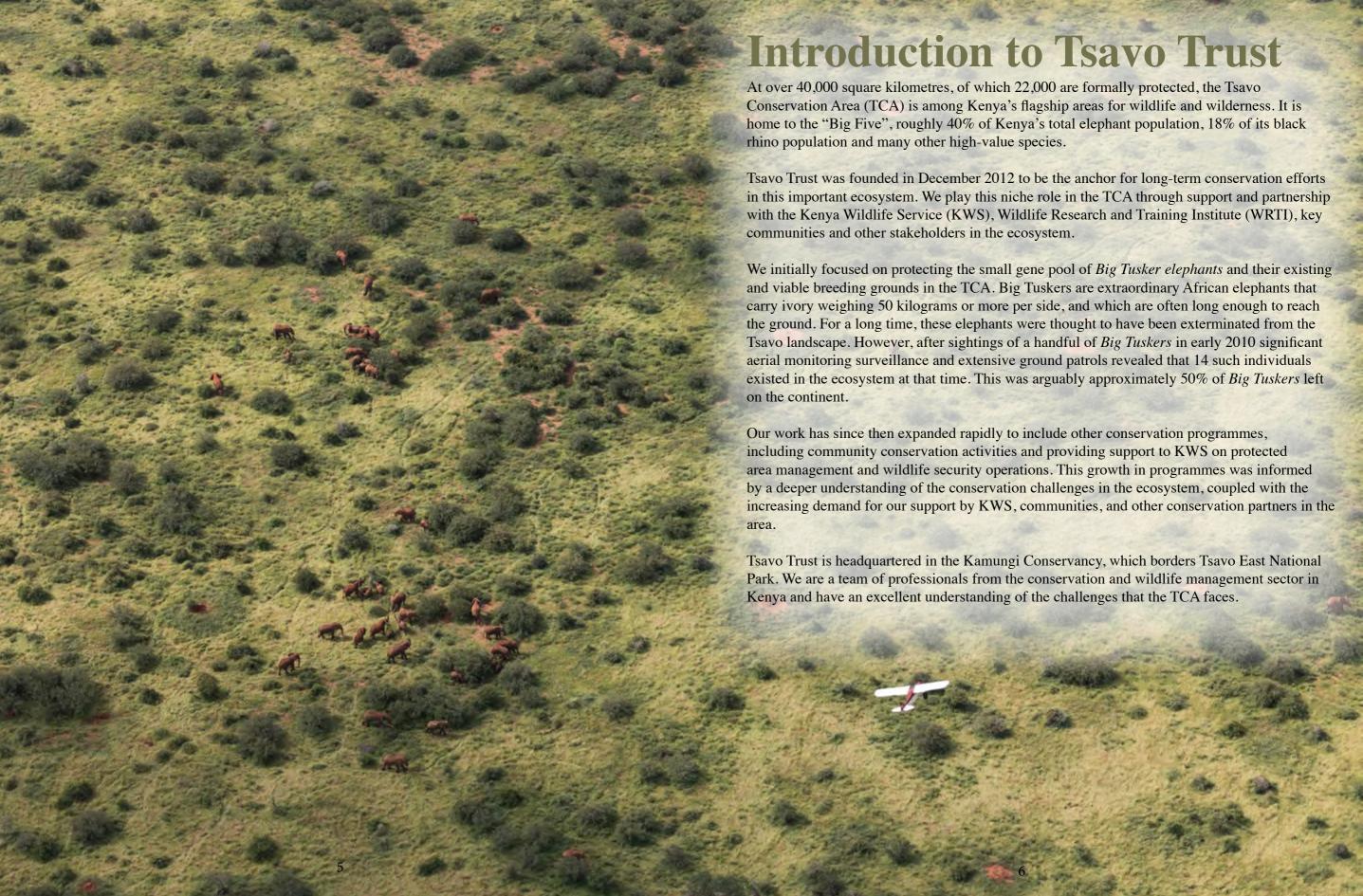
We continue to receive significant support from donors both local and overseas. Tsavo Trust remains very grateful as the success in the programmes we have undertaken in the TCA would not have been possible without the invaluable help of our donors and partners. We are positive that the year ahead will continue to be strong and of benefit to the TCA in terms of outcomes as we implement the new Tsavo Trust Strategic Plan.

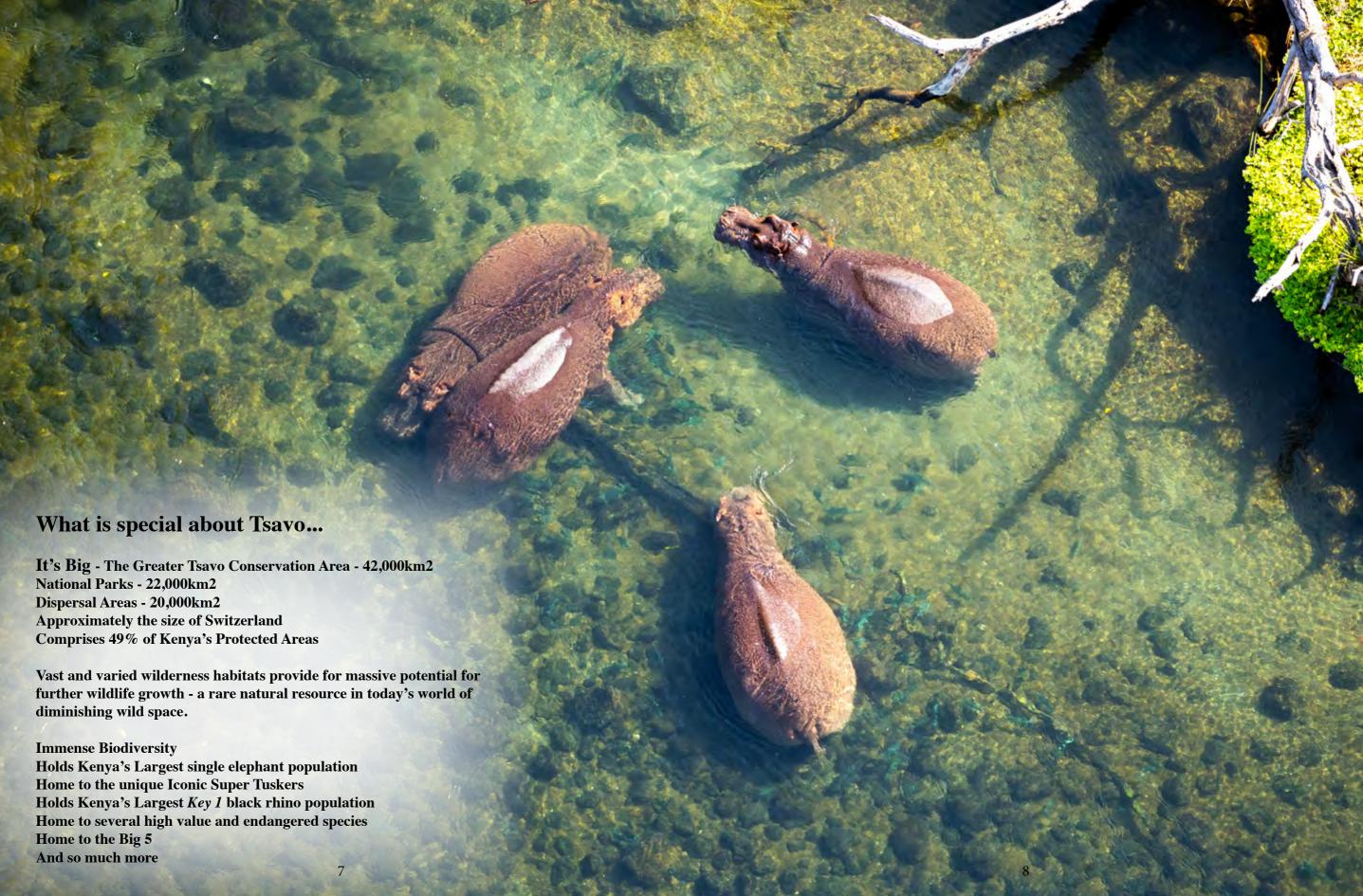
Feel free to partner with us to conserve our heritage through the Tsavo Trust ethos – a culture of conservation.

Welcome to Tsavo!

Nzioki wa Makau Chairman of the Board

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High Value species monitoring

Wildlife protection



2 Fixed wing aircraft 79,783 km covered 617 hrs flown



204,192 km anti-poaching patrols 79,743 km wildlife monitoring patrols



291 Hirola Observations







1,118 Lion Observations



128 Elephant tusks recovered



2,684 kg of bush meat recovered (dry & wet)



9 Mobile patrol teams2,190 Anti poaching patrol days659 Field monitoring patrol days



13 Poacher camps destroyed



86 Permanent Staff
7 Mobile desnaring teams
2 Mobile monitoring teams
13,389 km foot patrols



410 Arrests



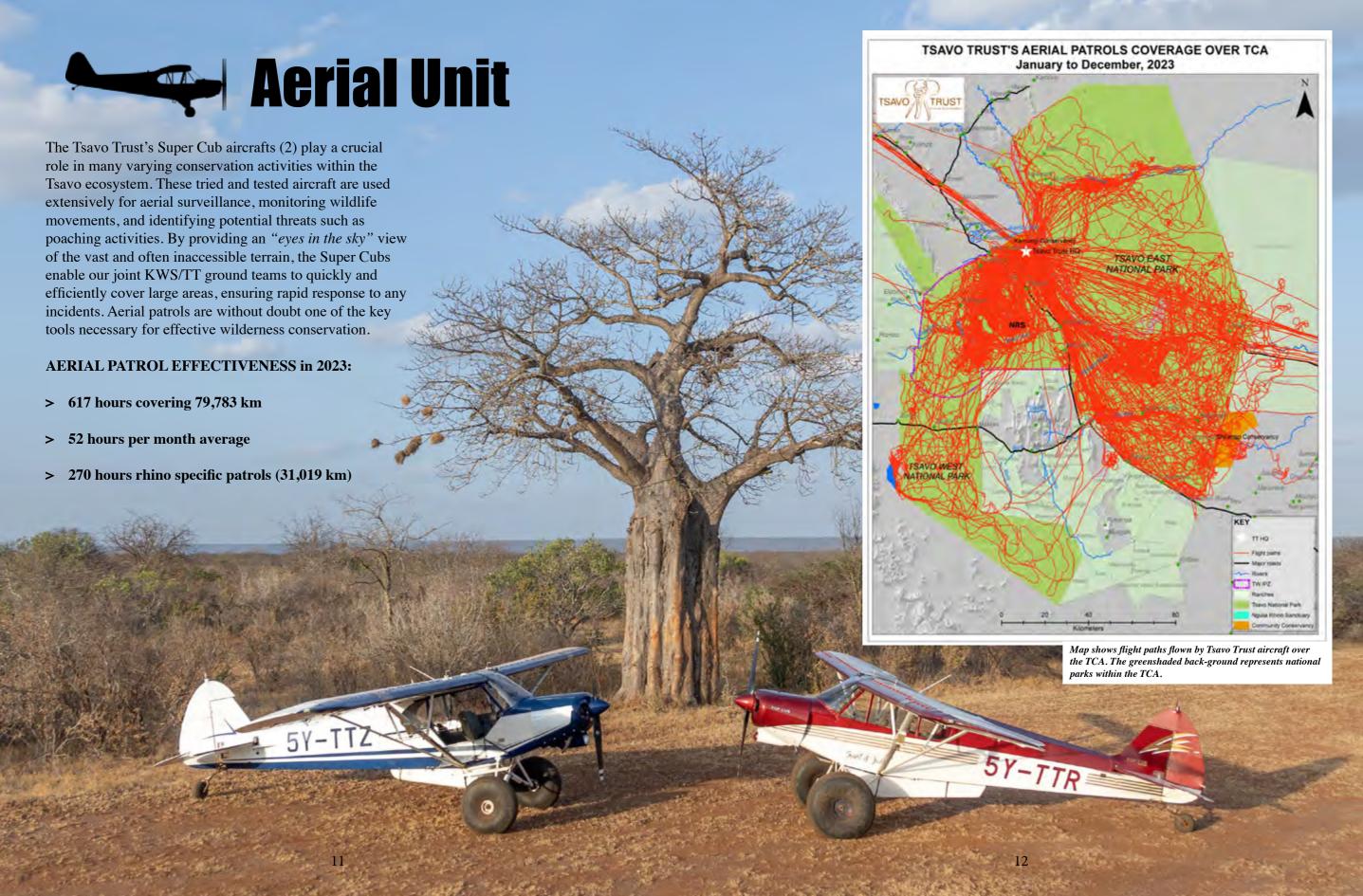
1,523 Wire snares recovered



301 Southern Ground Hornbill Observations

221 big Tusker

Observations









ExcitingRhino Conservation Plans

Tsavo Trust, over the last decade, has played an important support role to KWS and WRTI pertaining to black rhino conservation through many varying activities: aerial patrols - eyes in the skies, vehicles, de-snaring teams boots on the ground, logistical assistance, infrastructure, water supply, rhino tracking devices, rhino census work, support to adjacent communities and so much more. The level of this support has increased year by year to a point where Tsavo Trust is now one of the mainstay and relevant insitu stakeholders in this hugely important Key 1 black rhino population.

In line with the Recovery and Action Plan for Black Rhino in Kenya (2022 - 2026), that states the Tsavo West NP's Intensive Protection Zone (IPZ) is a top priority site and urgently in need of fully operationalising to become rhino ready, and in order to achieve its vision of 2,000 eastern black rhino's in Kenya by 2037 (996 rhino - end 2023). The vast space Tsavo West NP offers is absolutley vital to the success of this National strategic objective.

Kenya's rhino conservation partners have come together to form the Kenya Rhino Rangelands Expansion program (KRRE) that focuses on northern Kenya, Central Kenya and the Tsavo's. Tsavo Trust is regarded as the field implementing partner in Tsavo West NP in support of KWS and WRTI, who take the lead role. Tsavo Trust has been endorsed to spearhead a very significant fundraising drive, to build on our current daily presence and work being carried out, to activly raise the funds necessary to upgarde the Tsavo West NP's 3,000Km2 IPZ to become rhino ready and with this safe space to take many more black rhino from overstocked rhino sanctuaries in Kenya.

The entire Tsavo Trust team is incredibly excited to play a meaningful role in this high profile rhino program. We believe that this vast space in Tsavo West's IPZ could fast become home to one of the most globaly important black rhino populations.

The fact remains that it is incredibly rare, in todays world of diminishing wild space, to have a situation where a wilderness with ideal rhino habitat actually existing. Well through this project of delivering the necessary resources to Tsavo West NP's IPZ, we have this rare opportunity to create something very special for rhino and for Kenya.

Imagine a wilderness of 3,000km2 holding 10% of the world's black rhino and at least 50% of the worlds eastern sub-species of black rhino (Diceros bicornis michaeli).



Innovative Tourism

To support "rhino conservation activities" in Tsavo West NP, Tsavo Trust has partnered with KWS by establishing a unique "Rhino Viewing Platform" at one of the main waterholes within the NRS. The aim is to offer visitors a rare and exclusive opportunity to view rhinos close up with the backdrop of the spectacular Ngulia cliffs.

The viewing platform is a small (6mx6m), raised 10ft off the ground, private structure that has basic amenities. This new initiative offers a unique experience on an exclusive basis. In one night one can observe as many as 30 different black rhinos coming in to drink, and a multitute of other wildlife.

This platform was opened in march 2022 and has since then generated significant revenue directly for KWS that is then ploughed back into rhino conservation. This facility is fast becoming a major attraction to Tsavo West visitors.

"I wonder if there is anywhere else on the planet that one can observe as many as 30 different black rhinos' coming into water in just one night? Not to mention the multitude of other wildlife, including the other Big 5 and Small 5 members and so much more. The newly established "Rhino Viewing Platform", situated in Tsavo West National Park's – Ngulia Rhino Sanctuary is an incredible wildlife experience in every way."

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Empowering Communities: Tsavo Trust's Impactful Initiatives

Tsavo Trust, is not only dedicated to safeguarding wildlife but also committed to uplifting local communities in the Tsavo region of Kenya. Through a range of community projects, Tsavo Trust fosters sustainable development, promotes education, and empowers local residents, creating a harmonious relationship between people and wildlife.

Education and Awareness: Tsavo Trust recognizes the importance of education in fostering conservation awareness. The organization aims to nurture future conservation leaders among the youth. During 2023, Tsavo Trust constructed and equipped a science lab and an ICT lab in one of the local secondary schools. Additionally, the trust continued to provide full scholarship support for 9 secondary school and 6 college students.

Livelihood Support: Understanding the challenges faced by communities living alongside wildlife, Tsavo Trust provided extensive support in 2023. This included training 180 farmers in Climate Smart Agriculture, distributing damliners to 110 farmers for water collection, supplying 25 households with 3,000L water tanks, providing solar lighting kits to 113 households, and constructing 50 energy-saving cook stoves benefiting over 300 people. These efforts not only offer alternative income sources but also reduce reliance on activities harmful to wildlife habitats.

Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation: Encounters between humans and wildlife can result in conflict, endangering both communities and animals. Tsavo Trust employs various strategies to mitigate such conflicts, including the construction of predator-proof bomas (livestock enclo-sures), early warning systems, 10% fence plans, maintenance of the 33km Elephant Exclusion fence and community patrols. By minimizing human-wildlife conflicts, Tsavo Trust fosters coexistence and reduces retaliatory killings of wildlife.

Community Empowerment: Tsavo Trust believes in empowering local communities to become stewards of their environment. Through capacity-building workshops, training programs, and partnerships with local organizations, Tsavo Trust equips community members with the skills and knowledge necessary to actively participate in conservation efforts. By involving communities in decision-making processes, Tsavo Trust ensures that conservation initiatives are culturally sensitive and sustainable.

Partnership: Through strategic partnerships, with key stakeholders, such as the County Government, National Government, KWS, and other donors, Tsavo Trust fosters collaboration and coordination. This ensures projects have a multifaceted impact and prevent duplication of efforts, ultimately bringing stakeholders closer to the communities they serve.

Tsavo Trust's community projects are instrumental in fostering a harmonious relationship between communities and wildlife in the Tsavo region. By prioritizing education, livelihood support, conflict mitigation, and empowerment. Tsavo Trust empowers local residents to become champions of conservation, ensuring a brighter future for both people and wildlife.





- 86 local community members employed full time
- Equating to over \$16,000 of monthly income into Kamungi & Shirango
- 5 villages supported with savings and loans associations



- Ngiluni water project supplying over 1 million liters to the Kamungi community
- Provission of water supply to Ngiluni Primary School
- Shirango Conservancy earth dam supplying 15,000 cubic meters
- 110 dam liners donated enabling 6.6 million liters of rain water collection
- 28 3000L water storage tanks donated



- 258 farmers trained in Climate Smart Agriculture techniques
- 4 Climate Smart Agriculture demonstration plots established
- 25 households established with kitchen garderns
- 13 households supported in establishing tree nurseries
- 248 framers supported with certified seeds



- 50 households installed with energy saving stoves reducing their firewood consumption by 65%
- 113 households provided with solar soloutions reducing fosil fuel emissions and financial savings by \$20,000 annually



- Established the Kamungi youth group with 80 members
- 2 workshops conducted focusing on income generation & conservation
- 40 youths facilitated for expousre tour to Kenya Forestry Research Institute



- 19 community monthly meetings facilitated with an average attendance of 97 members
- Kamungi Conservancy membership grew from 144 to 385 households
- 10 Government of Makueni County meetings attended by Tsavo Trust
- 5 stakeholder workshops facilitated bringing together National Government, Government of Makueni County, the community, KWS, WRTI, TTWCA, KWCA, elected leaders etc..

2023 HWC Incidents Recorded Kamungi and Shriango Conservancies

Lion Conflict = 38

(55 - 2022)

Human Elephant Conflict = 254

(274 - 2022)



- 33km elephant fence from Mtito Andei town to Kamunyu village mitigating conflict to 5,000 plus community members by reducing HEC by 80%
- 730 elephants driven out of community farmlands
- 10% Fence plans for homesteads x 23
- Predator proof livestock bomas x 8

Mitigation Measures



HEC deployed vehicle and scouts x 2 working with KWS PAMU



- 1 x fully trained snake handler
- 53 snakes removed from homesteads



• 1 x large carnivore trap donated to KWS



Leopard Conflict = 29 (19 - 2022)



Hyena Conflict = 10 (61 - 2022)



Venomous Snake Incidents = 35 (25 - 2022)



SUMMARY OF FINANCES

Tsavo Trust relies on donations and grants to run our programs. As a registered non-profit company in Kenya, we operate under strict financial controls with transparent financial measures in place. All donations restricted for specific operations are spent 100% on intended projects.

Stateme	ent of Revenue and Expenses	Audited	Audited
Revenu	ue (US\$)	2023	2022
	ons & Grants Operating Income	1,876,931 32,198	1,810,991 374
Total R	evenue	1,909,128	1,811,365
Expens	es		
Project	Expenses	1,678,635	1,583,481
Administration, Fundraising and Governance		240,407	187,117
Total Expenses		1,919,041	1,770,598
Surplus	s / (Defict) for the year	(9,913)	40,767

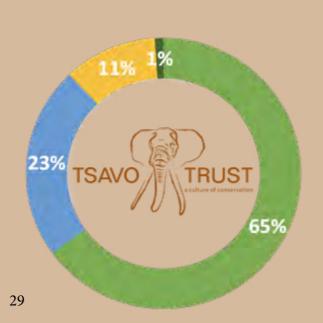
Audited accounts are presented in KES, the table above reflects accounts in USD, converted at a CBK mean annual rate of 1\$ = 139.72 ksh

Wildlife Conservation Program 65%

Community Conseravtion Program 23%

HQ & Administration 11%

Partnerships & Fundraising 1%



How to support

Tsavo Trust's efforts to protect the wilderness and biodiversity of Tsavo are only possible thanks to the generosity, passion and dedication of many donor supporters, collaborative partners and freinds.



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Donate in the Uk (Gift Aid Available

Online donations (Just Giving or Given Gain) and Bank Transfer. In the UK a Gift Aid benefit is realized.

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Tsavo Trust sincerly thanks and appreciates our many partners, supporters & freinds

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