Message from the Executive Director

Dear Partners,

Africa Network for Animal Welfare has a renewed focus in 2019! While celebrating many of our successes for 2018, we continue to lay much more emphasis on the need to promote humane treatment of all animals with a holistic view.

We continue with our theme for last year, “Transforming Livelihoods through Responsible Care of all Animals and Environment”, which has continued to give us the much-needed focus to heighten our collaborations with our partners in the years to come.

We acknowledge and deeply appreciate our long-time partners who have solidly stood by us this far, as well as our newly found partners who have come on board to help us safeguard Africa’s animal welfare.

In 2019, ANAW is focusing on three key result areas, thus; Human-Animal Coexistence; Better Animal Care, and Capacity, Building and Education and Awareness. As we continue to focus our attention on the rescue, treatment and rehabilitation of terrestrial animals, we intend to also continue to dig deeper into marine conservation of the sea turtles through solidified collaborations with communities at the Coastal Kenya. We envisage that this endeavor will improve the well-being and safety of five species of Sea Turtles, their monitors and that of the surrounding environment.

Engagement of primary schools in animal welfare education is vitally important. Moving forward, ANAW through its “Promoting Animal Welfare in Schools (PAWS)” Program continues to ensure that current and future generations embrace the need to prioritize animal welfare from their early years.

Our engagement in 2017 and 2018 to co-host Africa Animal Welfare Conference heightened our level of partnerships with key resolutions being tabled for consideration in the coming years. As a follow up on this, ANAW, together with the UN Environment and the Government of Ethiopia intends to co-host a similar but relatively more elaborate Africa Animal Welfare Conference in 2019, in Ethiopia.

We are therefore, in line with our drive this year, glad to highlight a few of our achievements during the first quarter of this year, in the following pages. Do enjoy the read.

Wishing you all the best.

Sincerely,

Josphat Ngonyo

Upcoming Events

May 17: Donkey Day

Donkey Day will be celebrated on May 17th

June 7-10: Machakos spay/neuter Campaign

ANAW will partner with Vettrecks, a team of veterinarians from the United States of America who will be conducting a spay/nueter campaign in Machakos County

SEPTEMBER 2-4: 2019 AAW Conference

The next Africa Animal Welfare Conference will be held in Addis Ababa Ethiopia. For more information on to www.aawconference.org
ANAW in conjunction with Compassion in World Farming sponsored the Green Tent at the fourth United Nations Environment Assembly “dubbed”, UNEA4 which ran from March 11 – 15, 2019 in UN Complex, Nairobi - Kenya.

The Green Tent played host to Major Groups and Stakeholders of the UNEA4. This tent facilitated coordination of meetings, training sessions, presentation of NGO’s initiatives, panel discussions among other events.

More importantly, ANAW was privileged, through its Director of Research and Development, Dr. Dennis Makau, to address UNEA4 at the Green Tent. While presenting on: ‘African perspectives and preventing harmful production practices from spreading from the global North to the global South’, Dr. Makau accentuated the need for innovative technological advances tied with traditional cultural practices, saying, would go a long way in supporting the adoption of the 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) concept in the African food systems.

According to Mr. Alexander Juras, The UN Environment Chief for Civil Society Unit, 31 sessions were held at the Green Tent during the five days of UNEA4 with a record of 950 delegates registering at the Green Tent alone.
ANAW responds to distress calls for emergency rescues to relieve animals experiencing pain and distress because of being wire-ensnared or any other injury inflicted on them by human nature. In February 2019, ANAW in partnership with Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) responded to three such cases at Soysambu Conservancy, in Nakuru County. During the exercise a limping male zebra and a strangled female impala bleeding from the mouth and nose were found with wire-snares leaving trails of blood behind them. The zebra had a snare on the foot while the impala had been caught on the neck with the wires eating onto their flesh.

Another zebra with a foot snare injury was found writhing in untold pain. The wire stuck deep in the flesh. The rescue team handled, treated and successfully released the three cases back to the wild. When the impala’s wire was removed, the animal leaped away a few jumps, looked back, as if to say ‘thank you’ to the team, and then, wagging its tail to join its fold. It is, usually cases like these - which give the animals a new lease of life, that make ANAW keep doing rescues even on the shortest of notices.

Relatedly, ANAW has continued to collaborate with Colobus Conservation located at Diani Beach in South Coast of Kenya through ANAW’s resident veterinarian Dr. Janerose Mutura to ensure adequate intervention to primates experiencing pain, injury and distress. In this first quarter, a total of 45 welfare cases were attended to by Dr. Mutura. These included 16 Angolan colobus monkeys, 15 Syke monkeys, 6 Vervet monkeys, 4 Yellow Baboons, 2 unspecified bush babies, 1 African Barn Owl and 1 African Wood Owl.
World Wetlands Day 2019


This year’s theme was, *Wetlands and Climate Change* with Kenyans domesticating the broad theme thus; *Healthy Wetlands, Healthy Communities*. This theme was aimed at highlighting the important role played by wetlands, as natural solutions, in adapting to and mitigating the impact of climate change. Good to note, also, wetlands are particularly severely affected by socio-economic pressures and climate change, which result in the degradation of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

The venue of the celebrations was very strategic as Ewaso Narok Swamp is a biodiversity hotspot and acts as a sponge, absorbing excess storm from heavy rainfall, flow regulation/flood control and soil erosion prevention. The wetland vegetation absorbs nutrients and toxic substances from in-flowing water thereby improving the quality of water downstream.

ANAW on its part, other than donating all the trophies awarded to recognize efforts made by Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in conservation, played a key role in highlighting through its social media pages that Ewaso Narok Swamp was currently facing environmental threats which if not abated may lead to its extinction thereby affecting the livelihoods of people who depend on Eng’re Narok river. Some of the noted threats affecting the said wetland included; human encroachment, excessive de-vegetation of the wetland for cultivation and heavy water abstraction for irrigation leading to reduced water volume in the river resulting in public and human-wildlife resource - use conflicts in the area.

GROOTS Kenya receives a trophy handed to them by the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Hon. Kenako Tobiko (left) for spearheading climate change initiatives and environmental conservation efforts in Laikipia County. The trophy was donated by ANAW.
The Inaugural Africa Protected Areas Congress Launched in Nairobi

February 14th, 2019 saw the launch of the first ever Africa Protected Areas Congress (APAC 2019) at Nairobi National Park’s historic Ivory Burning Site. Kenya’s Principal Secretary - State Department of Tourism and Wildlife Dr. Margaret Mwakima accompanied by Dr. John Waithaka the Congress Director and Regional Chair - International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) presided over the momentous launch.

Dubbed, ‘For the Love of Nature’, the APAC 2019 launch positions Africa’s protected areas within the goals of economic and community well-being.

“Today we launch the Africa Protected Areas Congress (APAC), the first ever continent-wide gathering of African leaders, citizens, and interest groups to discuss the role of protected areas in conserving nature and promoting sustainable development. This landmark forum provides us with a platform for holding honest discussions on the future we want for our protected areas and seek solutions to the persistent and emerging problems” said Dr. Mwakima.

This landmark forum organized by the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), provides a platform for discussions on the desirable future for protected areas in Africa.

Dr Waithaka said that: “Today, areas that remain under protection are 15.8 % in East Africa, 23.2 % in Southern Africa 12.9% in Central Africa and 10.9% in West Africa. I call upon countries in Africa to come together to celebrate what the continent has achieved and to discuss African solutions to African problems”.

ANAW is part of the secretariat that is planning this continental congress slated to take place in November 18-23, 2019 at the Kenyatta International Convention Center (KICC), Nairobi – Kenya.
World Wildlife Day 2019 Celebrated

Africa Network for Animal Welfare joined other stakeholders in celebrating the World Wildlife day. Under the theme of *Life below water*, the event, which is celebrated annually, was held in Malindi, to coincide with the marking of 51 years since Malindi and Watamu Marine National Parks and Reserves were established.

As ANAW, we have been working with Kenya Wildlife Service and other stakeholders to protect marine life especially the endangered turtles in Diani, Kwale County. The event was a forum that the organization used for education and awareness on the importance of the marine species.

The World Wildlife Day 2019 aligns closely with the Sustainable Development Goal 14 – *Life below water* which focuses on marine species, and will was an opportunity to highlight the critical issues and values of marine wildlife to our everyday lives.

Over three billion people depend on marine and coastal biodiversity for their livelihoods.
Animal Welfare Clubs Resume Lessons in 2019

Promoting Animal Welfare in Schools (PAWS) program in our five Counties (Machakos, Makueni, Kajiado, Kiambu and Nairobi) of operation took off on a high note this year, by ANAW’s Staff first visiting 33 Schools in January to assess how the Animal Welfare Club Patrons were preparing themselves towards covering 2019 animal welfare lessons. The other nine (9) schools were visited in February 2019.

PAWS aims to inculcate animal welfare knowledge and principles into the young children for a future generation that is passionate about animal welfare. Additionally, these patrons and students serve as animal welfare ambassadors in their schools.

It was heart-warming to see the passion these patrons exemplify for the PAWS Program during the visits as they briefed the ANAW staff on the progress of the clubs in their schools and their preparations for 2019.

Interestingly, some schools had activities to practice what they learn during the animal welfare lessons. Matungulu Primary School Club Members in Machakos County, for instance, were planning a hike to the nearby hills to understand the monkey habitats and how they can come up with mitigation measures to reduce human-wildlife conflict and ensure monkeys do not destroy the farmers’ crops.

Olchoro Onyori Primary School in Kajiado County was planning for a pet care campaign in the community to create awareness on the importance of exercising the best animal welfare standards at home. Finally, five schools in Makueni and Nairobi Counties are waiting for the forthcoming rain season to embark on their tree planting projects.
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