



Africa Network for Animal Welfare (ANAW)

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TRAINING OF KASIGAU WILDLIFE GUARDIANS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GRAZING PLAN TAKES PLACE



Kasigau Guardians and Graduate Students from the University of Denver after a Patrol

A panorama at Kasigau reveals a semi-arid landscape with wildlife darting from the bushy shrubs, grazing on the scanty vegetation, dusty trails gave way to water bodies and trees provided homes to weaver birds and numerous other birds.

Wildlife Guardians Mwarungu, Loice, Benson, Nerrius, Jacob, Grace and Felister have become something of friends as well as colleagues in their daily preoccupation and patrols. They are a few of the Kasigau Guardians, a group of rangers who seek to protect the animals at Kasigau Conservancy. Before the briefings, they catch up on their personal lives and share notes on how the villages were faring on. Then undertook their daily patrols in the ranch.

The guardians embarked on 24 lengthy patrols through the ranch noting the animals spotted, the tracks and searching the bushes and trees for snares that may be set in the month of December. The Guardians spotted animals and covered a

total of 23 patrol areas in January. Fortunately, there were no cases of human-wildlife conflict, logging or poaching recorded.

In an effort to promote afforestation, an activity on tree planting was carried out. A vital and the much-needed two-day training for the guardians on grazing implementation plan and radio calls operations. The events were sponsored by Africa Wildlife Foundation and The Taita Taveta Wildlife Conservancies Association (TTWCA). They were able to attend several other meetings.

The guardians received a group of graduate students from the University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work, USA as the experiential learning program took place.

INTRICATE CARE FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES AND OTHER ANIMALS DURING A RESCUE



The Giraffe Being Treated by the Rescue Team

As a team embarks to rescue a giraffe, it is noted that the rescue has to be carried out quickly and effectively due to the sheer size of its physical make-up. Unlike zebras, elands or even buffalos, it takes a big team to physically restrain the animal in the unlikely case that it wakes up after tranquilization or when it reacts violently to the pain even under anesthesia. This is what happened in the month of January.

The partnership between the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and the Africa Network for Animal Welfare (ANAW) saw three successful rescues where a giraffe and five (5) zebras with snares were rescued in Machakos.

On the first rescue operation, snares were extricated from two (2) adult male zebras at Maanzoni and Lukenya areas of Machakos County. An extensive and tough rescue operation to remove a long snare from a sub-adult giraffe's neck took place in a separate operation. On further examination, it was noted that the animal was in good condition with no injuries and was released back to the wild.

Two more zebras were attended to and had snares removed from the necks later in the month. A snare had caused deep wounds and bruising on the neck of one of the zebras. The wounded area was treated and the animal released back to the wild.

Poaching of animals through snaring for commercial and subsistence use continues as numbers of wildlife dwindle with the prevalent climate crisis.

COMMUNITIES WORK TOGETHER TO RESTORE AND PROTECT MARINE ECOSYSTEMS



A Group Promote Restoration by Planting Trees at the Mangrove Tree Nursery

Mangrove forests stand firm as the bordering ecological terrestrial frontier on the Indian Ocean providing food and is a habitat to coral reef systems and different aquatic species, most especially young growing animals within its ecosystem.

Communities along the coast of Kenya have come together to actively take part in restoring and protecting these ecosystems along Msambweni, in Kwale County to enhance conservation and protection of the vital marine habitat.

In December, ANAW worked with Mwandamu Eco Group, Mwandamu Mikoko Group and Shangani Eco Credit Group in Msambweni to plant mangrove trees. The groups also took part in impactful initiatives such as sea weed farming and eco-credit financing for local members.

Msambweni Turtle Conservation Group conducted daily beach patrols to ensure the safety of turtles. They kept an eye out for newly laid nests to see if they could secure them from poaching activities and predators. They conducted one beach clean-up to ensure the safety of turtles and any newly laid nests from poaching and predators.

There were no new nests recorded in the month of December 2022 and in January 2023. The team recorded two mortality cases of Green Turtles in January that were found among the catches of fishermen in the community.

With alertness and preparedness, Msambweni Turtle Conservation Group also worked together with 400 scouts from Kilifi County schools to conduct a beach clean-up on the January 2023. It was a successful activity that brought together various members of the coastal community.

ANIMALS TREATED AS COLOBUS MONKEYS REUNITE WITH THEIR TROOPS



*The Colobus Monkey at its Natural Coastal Habitat in Diani Beach, Kenya.
Photo Credit: Colobus Conservation*

It is always a cause for happiness when the primate species reunite with their troops. This month it was no different as two (2) Colobus were re-united back to their troop members. A total of 21 animal welfare cases were recorded in the month of January including four (4) were Vervets, five (5) Sykes, nine (9) Colobus, one (1) Galago and two (2) Baboons.

This re-uniting of troops was a great sense of relieve to the Colobus Conservation team that painstakingly works to ensure sound protection of the primates along the coral coastal stretch of Diani, in Kwale County.

MEDIA IN ZIMBABWE SENSITIZED ON THE NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS OF CAGED CHICKEN FARMING



Media Practitioners During the Cage Free Chicken Media Workshop in Bulawayo Rainbow Hotel

With kind support of Open Wing Alliance (OWA), ANAW partnered with Nurture Imvelo Trust, and Sibanye Animal Welfare and Conservancy Trust to conduct a successful media workshop in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe that saw over 25 journalists participate in the event. It was an enlightening moment as media practitioners were sensitized on the negative effects of battery cages on chicken welfare.

The media personalities promised to support the mantra of a cage-free continent by setting the agenda for a robust cage-free farming conversation in not only Zimbabwe, but also in other parts of Southern Africa.

As an outcome of the workshop, several articles were published to highlight the plight of chickens in the cages and a regional conversation ignited towards having a cage-free continent.

Some of the articles include:

1. <https://www.chronicle.co.zw/emotional-abuse-of-chickens-must-end-activists-call-for-boycott-of-battery-cage-reared-birds>
2. <https://farmersreviewafrica.com/ngos-call-for-ban-in-africa-for-battery-cage-chicken-farming>
3. <https://www.zimbabwesituation.com/news/ngos-call-for-abolition-of-caged-chicken-farming>

4. https://agridigitale.tg/article/_battery_cages_are_very_cruel_to_the_chickens

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