



"Wildlife is an echo of our own beginnings"... 1981

William Holden

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As Lilian's Education Continues

A Brighter Future Beckons



Thanks to the generosity of WHWF Advisory Board Member Dr. Don Lindburg, here is Lilian Mwari in her brand new school uniform and first pair of brand new shoes on her first day at Tumutumu Girls High School. (photo left to right: Lilian's mother, Winfred Kawira, Lilian and Headmaster George Muriithi from Mlima Kenya Primary School)

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Dear Friends,

In this our first newsletter of 2017 we are featuring updates for all the projects begun last year. I hope you will be proud of what your generosity is accomplishing.

I would like to draw your attention to two articles from the East African Wild Life Society (EAWLS), established in 1956, which just celebrated its 60th anniversary. We thought it would be interesting for you to read these two articles published in their latest EAWLS newsletter that will clearly inform you on the most crucial issues challenging all conservation work done in Kenya. In August Kenya will conduct their general elections, therefore the two issues are highly volatile politically, as are their solutions.

The first article refers to a Chinese-sponsored project that is designed to bring crude oil from South Sudan to the Indian Ocean across the northern part of Kenya, winding up in a new deep water port being built near Lamu that is arguably a future marine disaster. This pipeline, given the insecurity of the north of Kenya due to the Somali Islamic Extremists called 'al-Shabab', forebodes disastrous consequences politically, socially and environmentally. The map shows the vulnerability of the placement of the pipeline and the content of the article presents the view of wildlife conservationists.

The second article addresses the worst drought Kenya has known in recent times. The pastoral tribes human population has grown dramatically as have the numbers of animals in their herds, but the tribal lands have not grown. With limited resources animal populations must be managed carefully and this drought has proven tragic for the herds and the herdsman who have taken to tearing down fences of private properties and moving on with their herds in desperation and with violent consequences on both sides.

Our work continually attempts to meet these challenges with our grass roots efforts. Thank you for your support.

Regards,

President

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EAWLS calls for effective integration of Environmental Considerations into LAPSSET SEA Report

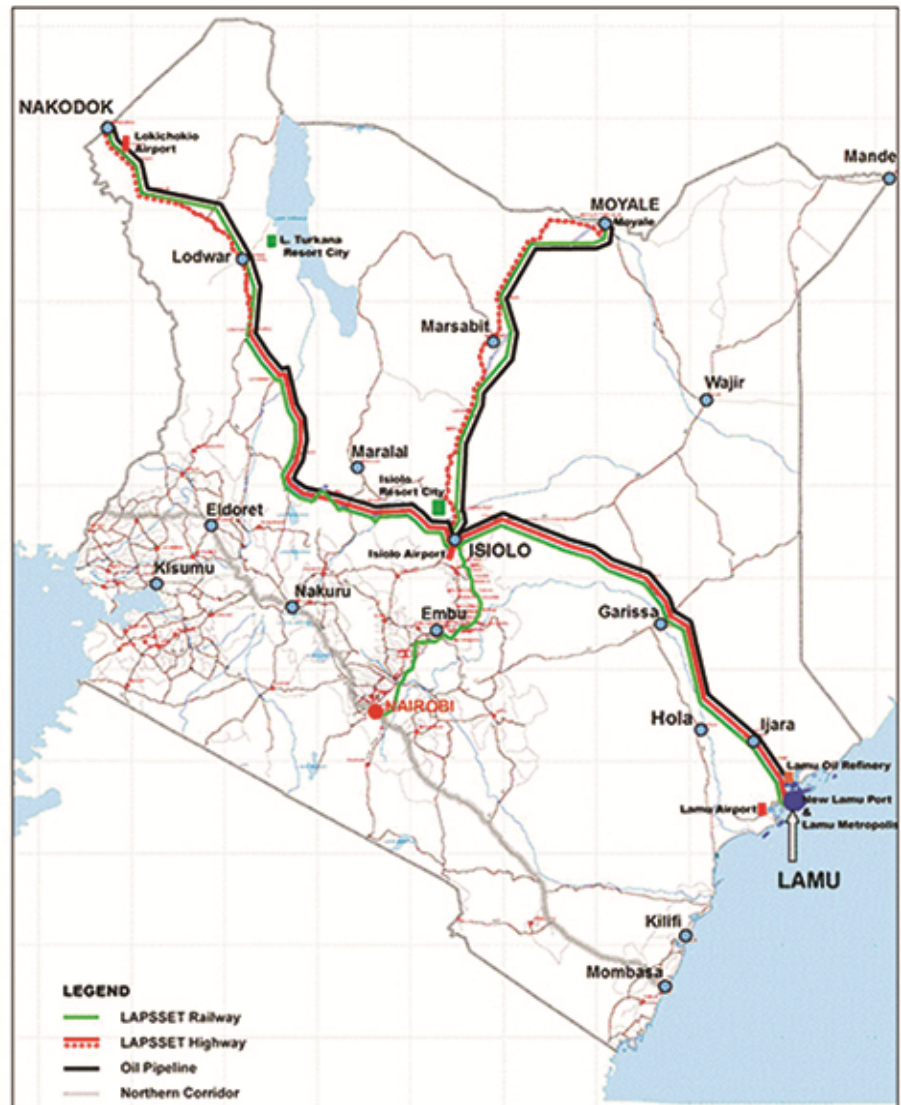
The East African Wild Life Society (EAWLS) is advocating for the integration of environmental considerations (forests and wildlife aspects) into the LAPSSET Strategic Environment Assessment Report to avoid adverse impacts on wildlife areas and prevent human-wildlife conflict. EAWLS will effectively engage with the project proponents to ensure environmental considerations are not compromised in the design and implementation of the project.

In comments yet to be submitted to Kenya's National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA), EAWLS submission is that the plan is a threat to critical ecosystems as the network is planned to pass through major wildlife corridors in different Kenyan counties and with great potential of fragmenting wildlife habitats and blocking migratory corridors a recipe to human-wildlife conflicts.

"It is clear that the project will traverse very critical ecosystems for wildlife, both within and outside protected areas," says EAWLS director Julius Kamsu.

Several biodiversity sites are within the LAPSSET corridor, traversing or within close proximity to each other, including world-designated important bird areas and about 10 National Parks or Reserves, including Meru National Park largely reserved as a habitat for the endangered Hirola antelope.

"Conservation organisations have also been working with communities around these



Kenyan Map Showing LAPSSET Corridor.

areas to create more space for wildlife through creation of community conservancies, a case clearly witnessed in the northern Kenya. This project is likely to compromise the gains of such concerted efforts already made. Therefore, the project design and planning should effectively integrate environmental considerations and use available environmental data, including wildlife migratory corridors

to inform the process," added Kamau.

Though EAWLS supports Kenya's blueprint for economic development, the Vision 2030, it says that the same document envisages sustainable development that takes into consideration people, economy and environment and that Kenyan citizens live in a clean and healthy environment.

EAWLS condemns laikipia ranch attacks

The Kenyan government has been urged to resolve the ongoing invasion of private wildlife conservancies/ ranches by herders in Kenya's Laikipia County to prevent an escalated human-wildlife conflict.

The East African Wild Life Society (EAWLS) says if unresolved, the crisis may have far-reaching negative impacts on wildlife conservation in the area as well as the economy.

EAWLS Executive Director, Julius Kamau noted that the sanctuaries which are home to some of the most pristine natural resources including wildlife, forests and wetlands have been symbols of the much needed conservation efforts in Kenya.

"They have provided perfect conditions for the thriving of most wildlife species as pressure from tourism affects our national parks and reserves. We condemn in the strongest terms possible all illegal activities that seek to

damage the ecosystems in the private sanctuaries," he added.

Mr. Kamau added that the Laikipia ecosystem has one of the highest concentrations of wildlife and more endangered wildlife species than anywhere else in Kenya. He lamented that this was an area of great conservation value whose fate is largely in the hands of its residents and their peaceful co-existence but has been under great pressure especially due to the prolonged drought ravaging most parts of the country.

"Kenya's services sector, which contributes about 63 percent of GDP, is dominated by tourism that thrives through conservation efforts in the private wildlife sanctuaries. We would like to appeal to the Ministries of Interior and Coordination; Environment and Natural Resources and the County Government of Laikipia to move with speed and resolve the standoff that has led to loss of property; disturbance to



TOP: Cattle herds surround the carcass of an elephant killed in Laikipia.

BELOW: Cattle on the 44,000-acre Suyian conservancy in Laikipia county.

wildlife and loss of lives; people displacement and school closure. These invasions will lead to more casualties and wildlife fatalities. Poachers may also leverage on this as an opportunity to kill more wildlife especially elephants and rhinos for their own personal gains," Mr. Kamau noted.

EAWLS is calling for continued efforts to promote peaceful coexistence between humans and wildlife and respect the laws and policies that govern the management and protection of biodiversity and natural resources.



News from Kenya

Report on The Real IPM Kitchen Garden Course

Harry Hanegraaf, our special projects consultant, attended the course in Thika Jan.16th to 20th given by Real IPM. The well-organized five-day course placed primary emphasis on growing a wide assortment of vegetables in bags or on composted soils, using organic compost / manure, minimizing water usage by use of drip irrigation, planting programs, propagating seedlings, fighting pests and diseases without chemicals.

The main advantage of growing in bags is that a crop such as spinach can grow for 12 months, or year-round, in a bag, whereas if planted in the ground it can only be grown for 6 months, so yields of all vegetables can double.

In addition to the increase in production there are savings in water use and labor and due to the net tunnel all this can be accomplished on a small plot of land that would otherwise be far less productive.

The plan for the net tunnel at the education center is to demonstrate organic farming methods on a small plot of land with a potential to produce high quality vegetables to meet an increasing demand from the public who are concerned with toxic chemicals being used to grow food.



Thank You to the *Anonymous Donor* who donated three classrooms of desks!

News from Kenya

Nyariginu Primary School Kitchen Finished
The construction of the kitchen was completed, and handed over to the school.



Wathituga Primary School Classrooms

The construction of the new hall to replace the two condemned classrooms is continuing well and should be finished before Easter. Ms. Powers will be in Kenya in May to inaugurate the classroom donated by Ann Moss and Rodney Gould.



Thank You to *Diane Duhesme*
who donated a classroom of desks to Nyariginu Primary School!

News from Kenya

Dear Sponsors,

How are you? I hope you are fine. As Standard Six we take this opportunity to thank you and appreciate the work you have done for us of donating the desks. Before you brought them we were sitting three or four pupils. Now we are sitting very comfortably and now we are thanking all those people who donated the desks, like Ann Appleman, Carolyn Hodge, Alicia Follmer, Mary Dybiez, Dollie Mayo, Michelle York and Renee Righetti.

We are also thanking you for building us a library and donating the books. Those books have improved our language and improved our marks in our examinations.

As for the kitchen, we are very thankful for building it. Before you built the kitchen it was so difficult for the cook to cook when it was raining.

God bless you for the work you have done for us and we welcome you again to our school.

Yours faithfully,
Nancy Wangechi

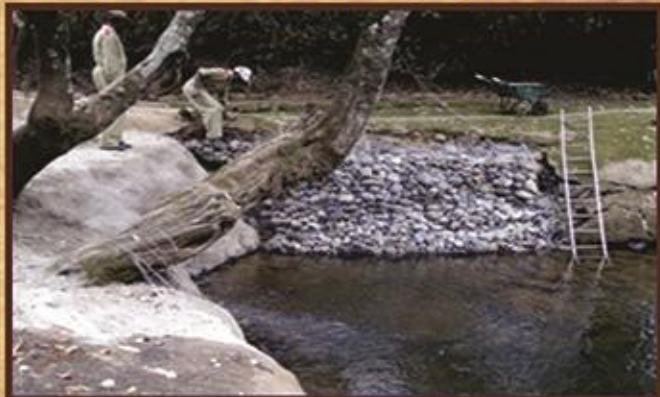
Update on our Adopt-A-Desk Program

From one of the many letters we received from students at Nyariginu Primary School, you can see how appreciative the students, teachers and schools are with their new desks, all through our donors' generosity. To date, you have supplied over 250 desks distributed among our six rural schools. Demand is high as are requests for more desks.

Wathituga Primary School has requested an additional 90 to accommodate their needs. In order to supply desks for all the students, we would need to sponsor approximately 830 more desks, so this will be an ongoing appeal. Thank you for your help. For more information, please use the form below or visit us online to adopt your own: www.whwf.org/adoptadesk.html.

Weir and Gabion Repairs

Extensive repairs were required to the weir and fortifications of the river banks that were damaged by the very high flood water experienced last year and required rebuilding. The drought allowed us to do these needed repairs to the water control system in hopes that the coming months will bring the desperately needed rain that we have prepared for.



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From a collection made exclusively for the WHWF by Novelino, the artisans have given these handcrafted sculptures their careful attention by reproducing each minute detail of these beautiful and exotic creatures. Each limited edition piece has been discreetly signed under the base by WHWF president, Stefanie Powers. Please visit www.whwf.org/novelino.html for the pieces that are currently available.



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GREVY'S ZEBRA By Novelino		\$50		\$20
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