



**BASECAMP  
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**2022**

**ANNUAL REVIEW**



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# 2022 REFLECTION

A word from CEO, Nick Trent

2022 was the year of coming out of Covid. It was a year of change and progress and new visions and dreams. A year of taking on the challenges and ambitions related to securing wild space, strengthening community resilience and setting new goals for the Basecamp Explorer Group.

Early on in 2022 we stepped back and looked at the purpose of our work as The Basecamp Explorer Group both Basecamp Explorer Kenya (the Business) and Basecamp Explorer Foundation (the Foundation). We looked forward and asked ourselves “What are we trying to achieve here?” We ended the year on a positive note, with a clear three year Strategic Plan, strong donor support, and a lot of encouragement and passion to dive into what 2023 brings. We also achieved a large amount of project activities across three landscapes in Kenya: Mara, Samburu and North Coast. With the generosity of over 25 donors and the enthusiasm of our staff and partners, we were able to make significant impact in 2022.

We hope you find this report uplifting as we share with you a snapshot of the many activities, we were involved in throughout the year.

We thank our supporters, and our partners, and we look forward to a fruitful and productive 2023.



- Nick Trent  
**CEO BCEF-KENYA**



*The BMB project opens up dialogue between women within the Maasai community while concurrently providing income to the artisans.*

# BACKGROUND

## What is BASECAMP EXPLORER FOUNDATION

Basecamp Explorer Foundation was established to fight the extinction of wildlife by teaming up with the local communities. We are a non-profit organization working with local communities to safeguard nature through strategic fundraising for relevant projects in regions where Basecamp Explorer Group operates through sustainable tourism. We firmly believe that in the Maasai Mara area of Kenya, the key to success is to work together with the people who own and inhabit the land. This is reflected in everything we do. Basecamp Explorer's responsible tourism business supports projects like reforestation, waste management, empowering women and youth and securing land for the wildlife to flourish.

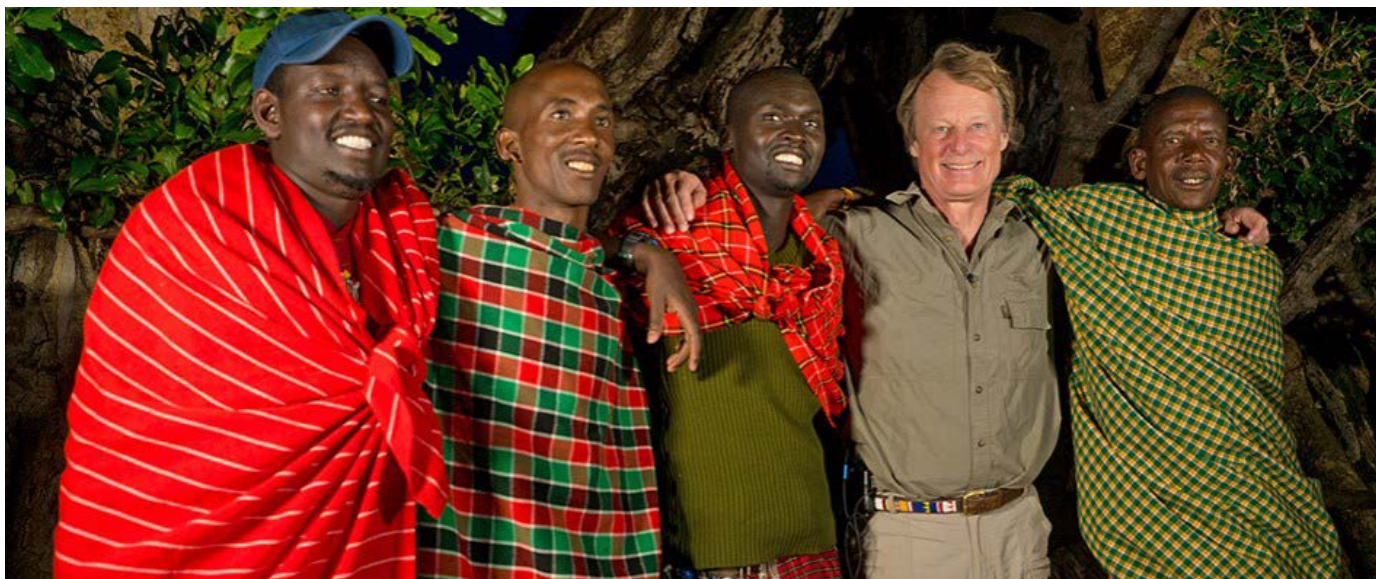


### Vision

To demonstrate how to conserve key global ecosystems through co-existence between wildlife and humans.

### Mission

To lead in social & environmental impact, using profitable tourism as the commercial instrument (triple bottom line approach).



*Working together with those who own and inhabit the land*



*Basecamp Explorer founder, Svein Wilhelmsen, with members of the community at the opening of the Wildlife Tourism College.*



# PARTNERS

Our main projects are carried out in cooperation with either local or international implementing partners. Each partner plays a key role in our successful operations in Maasai Mara.



## BASECAMP EXPLORER™

### Part of Basecamp Explorer Group

Svein Wilhelmsen founded Basecamp Explorer in 1998, following a life-changing meeting with an old Maasai, Chief Ole Taek. Around the fireplace one evening the respected Maasai elder told a worrying tale about the threats facing his people and the wildlife. As a tribute to the man who inspired the founding of Basecamp Explorer, the first camp was built on land owned by Taek family. Basecamp Explorer now owns and operates 9 permanent camps; 5 in the Maasai Mara and 4 at Spitsbergen in the High Arctic.



### KWT-Kenya Wildlife Trust

Kenya Wildlife Trust was established in 2007 by leaders in the Kenyan safari industry led by guides from the Original Ker & Downey Safaris, with the principal aim of strengthening the connection between conservation and tourism. Their activities have mostly focused on providing funding to a variety of conservation and community development projects in key wildlife areas. In 2013, KWT moved into project implementation with the establishment of their own flagship lion and cheetah monitoring projects in the Maasai Mara, now consolidated as the Mara Predator Conservation Programme. As Kenya's principal predator conservation trust, KWT understands critical conservation needs across the country and can create tangible, strategic links between wildlife research, monitoring and conservation efforts. Through their grant-making portfolio, they are committed to funding projects across three of Kenya's most important ecosystems the Greater Mara, Laikipia/Samburu and Amboseli/Tsavo.



*Lions in Naboisho Conservancy*



WILDLIFE CONSERVANCIES  
For The Greater Mara

### MMWCA-Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association

Masai Mara Wildlife Conservancy (MMWCA), is a non-profit umbrella organization for all private wildlife conservancies in the Masai Mara ecosystem. It was established to conserve the Maasai Mara ecosystem, forming a network of protected areas for the prosperity of the wildlife and the local Maasai community. To date, MMWCA has a total of 22 conservancies covering 162,269. MMWCA currently has more than 49 tourism facilities that secure payment of lease fees to the land owners. Basecamps key support is through international fundraising for a wide variety of MMWCA projects, from securing wildlife corridors via community projects to livestock management projects, as well as vocational training for youth at the Wildlife Tourism College Maasai Mara.



### NRT-Northern Rangelands Trust

NRT is a membership organization owned and led by the 43 community conservancies it serves in Kenya (northern and coastal regions) and Uganda. NRT was established as a shared resource to help build and develop community conservancies, which are best positioned to enhance people's lives, build peace and conserve the natural environment. NRT serves its member conservancies. These are local institutions run for and by indigenous people to support the management of community owned land for the benefit of improving livelihoods.



*MMWCA Senior officers addressing the community*



## IMPACT



**47,899**  
Acres protected

- 18,204 acres leased in Pardamat
- 2,142 acres leased in Nyekweri
- 10,203 acres leased in Oloisukut
- 17,350 acres leased in Lemek



**4,170**  
Households

- 1,870 households received water through Leopard Hill Corridor
- 2,000 households receive water from renovated Koyiaki Spring
- 300 households received water in Lerata community



**192**  
Jobs supported

- 52 jobs created for local Maasai at Wildlife Tourism College
- 19 employed through Talek projects
- 13 employed in Oloisukut and Nyekweri
- 12 employed in Pardamat
- 76 rangers employed in Pardamat, Oloisukut, & Nyekweri
- 20 conservation agents employed through KWT



**155+**  
Opportunities for women

- 195 business women create beadworks through BMB
- 60 women visited coastal conservancies on exposure visit
- Workshops held with communities through MGEP



**18,454**  
Trees grown

- 18,454 trees planted on restored 362 acres
- 64,090 seedlings produced in nursery



**1,200**  
Kg harvested

- 1200 Kg of produce harvested from organic veg garden
- 480 bunches of herbs and greens harvested
- 113 species produced







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Tons of plastic recycled

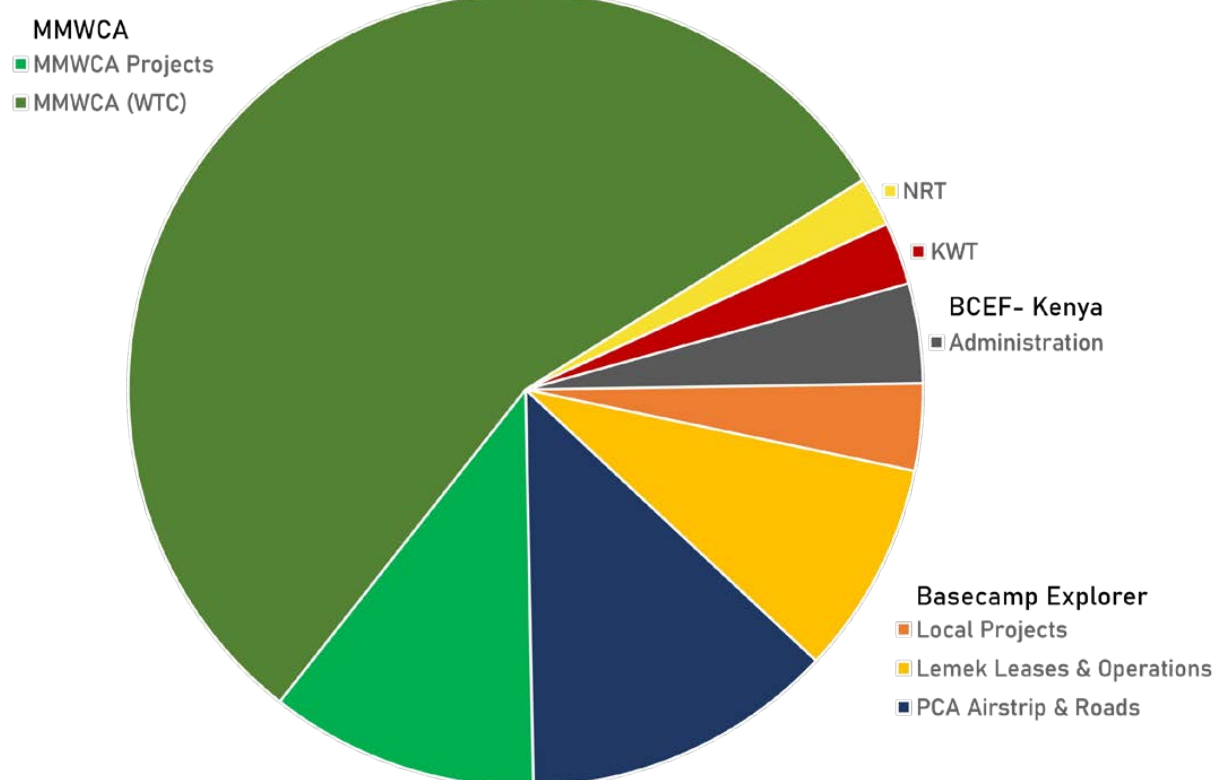
- 3.14 tons of plastic recycled through WM project



# FINANCIALS

In 2022, Basecamp Explorer Foundation contributed over \$4 million to livelihood projects in Kenya. BCEF's primary project in 2022 was the development of the Wildlife Tourism College in partnership with MMWCA in Pardamat Conservation Area, comprising 56% of the organization's annual operations expenditure. MMWCA received 66% of BCEF-Kenya funding in 2022, while KWT and NRT received 2.5% and 1.9% respectively.

Partner	Activity	USD	%
BCEF- K	Operating Expenditure	163,037	4.1
 <b>BASECAMP EXPLORER™</b>	Reforestation	68,141	1.7
	Enjoolata	35,060	0.9
	Waste management	12,556	0.3
	Organic garden	8,710	0.2
	Community scholarships	7,548	0.2
	Ngosuani Primary Girls' Dormitory	10,365	0.3
	Lemek Leases & Operations	348,939	8.7
	PCA Airstrip & Roads	512,085	12.7
	 <b>MMWCA</b>	Wildlife Tourism College	2,233,779
Girls Education Program		60,834	1.5
Oloisukut Conservancy		33,009	0.8
Pardamat CA		273,058	6.8
Nyekweri Kimintet		13,773	0.3
Women & Youth Livestock enterprise		58,813	1.5
 <b>KWT</b>	Herds 4 Health	92,387	2.3
	MPCP Wild Dogs	9,975	0.2
 <b>NRT</b>	Lereta Water	30,047	0.7
	Kiunga-GEP	24,965	0.6
	Exposure visit	13,000	0.3
	Kiltamany School	13,000	0.3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4,023,081</b>	





# ACTIVITIES

## 1. BCEF's local projects in the Maasai Mara

### 1.1 Basecamp Mara Brand (BMB)

The Basecamp Mara Brand started in 2003 and boasts 20 years of supporting women in their traditional beading handicraft. While the brand has maintained and strengthened traditional Maasai designs and skills, it has also allowed them to establish and run a “fair trade” operation, ensuring that the crafts person retains a minimum of 75% of the sale price, minus material costs. The BMB has grown to encompassing online sales including consignments to shops both in Kenya and abroad, which exceeded local sales in 2022. The production of high quality products has promoted traditional culture as a valuable asset and tool for development. The women gather daily offering the opportunity for visitors of Basecamp Maasai Mara visitors to visit the artisans at work, which strengthens BCEF-K's relationship with the local community and boosts sales.

In 2022, the BMB sold USD 88,665 worth of product, of which USD 24,500 went back to the artisans. The target for 2022 was exceeded by 19%.

The income generated allowed 102 women to join together through Joyful Women (JOYWO), a registered NGO to empower Kenyan women economically and enhance household food security, in the purchase of water tanks for rainwater harvesting. After the issuance of water tanks, cases of waterborne diseases have dropped dramatically in the households of the beneficiaries.



*Women working on beadworks handicrafts through BMB were able to purchase tanks for rainwater harvesting*



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It is a valuable commodity that not only proves I'm well versed in my culture but also means my expertise can empower myself and my family financially.

- Kibarisho Sayialel

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# ACTIVITIES

1. BCEF's local projects in the Maasai Mara
  - 1.2 Enjoolata Awareness and Training Center

The name Enjoolata is derived from the Maa community, meaning the feeling one gets when something hidden is revealed. The Center opened in 2019 and has hosted many conservation centered workshops and events throughout 2022 in addition to hosting the BMB project.

Visitors to Enjoolata are guided through exhibition rooms displaying information on biodiversity of the Mara and Maasai cultural artifacts. In addition to the displays, the center houses a multimedia editing room, conference room, and a movie square.

BCEF-Kenya was awarded the 2022 EcoWarrior “Best accommodation in communities and cultural preservation” commendation for their efforts to disseminate cultural knowledge and provide a cultural experience, largely because of the Enjoolata Awareness Center and affiliated activities. Minor repairs to the center such as a new paint job and adding shade cloth to the conference room has enhanced the centre’s versatility.

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The community comes first and if you can't partner with the community, you can't call yourself a conservationist.

- Jeremiah Mutisya

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*Enjoolata Awareness Centre and BCEF-Kenya won a 2022 Eco-Warrior award for its contribution to cultural education.*



# ACTIVITIES

## 1. BCEF's local projects in the Maasai Mara

### 1.2 Waste Management

The Maasai, once a self-sustained tribe with enough land to graze their cattle, are increasingly losing their cattle to accidental feeding on plastic bags littering the pasture. Loss of livestock means loss of traditional source of food and income. With the recent increase in population and the migration of people from other regions to the Maasai Mara area, there has been an unprecedented increase in domestic and industrial waste generation. Some waste products are non-biodegradable such as plastics, polythene bags, metals and glasses. The Basecamp Masai Mara (BCMM) campsite borders the Masai Mara National Reserve and is situated along the Talek River. The nearby Talek town is characterized by high population growth and poor waste management.

This is particularly challenging in the Talek area because Maasai communities have no experience in the handling of non-decomposing waste. This is now resulting in increased pollution and unsustainable community development. All three Basecamp Explorer (BCE) campsites and Talek town together produce over 50 tons of waste a year; 30% of this comprises plastics and polythene waste. Throughout 2022, 3.14 tons of plastic waste was collected from three Basecamp Explorer camps and Talek town. The project employs three people to collect the waste and store it in an animal proof cage. When the cage is full, waste is transported to Weeco Recycling Industry EPZ Limited in Nairobi.



*It educates and empowers young people by offering employment whereby they learn about keeping our community clean.*



*Waste is collected and delivered to Nairobi for recycling, reducing livestock mortality from ingesting waste.*



# ACTIVITIES

## 1. BCEF's local projects in the Maasai Mara 1.3 Basecamp Explorer Organic Garden

In August of 2021, Basecamp Explorer constructed an organic garden to provide healthy ingredients for its camps' kitchens and reduce the frequency of deliveries and therefore lower emissions. Women participating in the Basecamp Mara Brand project also have access to produce harvested. In early 2022, the garden was fully secured by installing chicken wire to the top, mitigating conflict with birds and wildlife. Mulch has been utilized to reduce splash erosion, and an organic seed provider has been procured to ensure the highest quality seed. Throughout 2022, 113 species of vegetable and herbs have been produced. In September 2022, nine employees participated in a training course on permaculture with the objective of incorporating ideas into the Basecamp Organic Garden. A drip irrigation system to conserve water, reduce erosion, and promote healthy plants is high on the priority list. Throughout 2022, nearly 100 kg of produce and 40 bunches of leafy greens were harvested each month, replacing fresh vegetables that would have been transported from Nairobi.



*During 2022, the vegetable garden was secured with chicken wire and became very productive.*

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Growing your own food is like printing your own money..

- Ron Finley

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# ACTIVITIES

## 1. BCEF's local projects in the Maasai Mara 1.5 Reforestration and Tree Nursery

BCEF-Kenya began restoring and reforesting 50 ha along the Talek River in 1998. Currently, there are a pair of critically endangered White backed vulture and a pair of endangered Tawny eagles nesting in the forest, along with 300 bird species and 80 indigenous tree species. The Taek Memorial Path offers guests the opportunity to stretch their legs while learning about the biodiversity within forested patches within the Mara landscape. The tree nursery employs and trains Maasai people on propagation techniques and not only how to plant a tree, but how to grow a tree. The reforestation project has leased 100 acres from the Talek community where further development of a restoration plan has opened the doors for further discussion on conservation projects within their community. The nursery has the capacity to hold 100,000 seedlings.

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Until you dig a hole, you plant a tree, you water it and make it survive, you haven't done a thing. You are just taking.

- Wangari Maathai

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*Restored forest along Talek River was planted from Basecamp Tree Nursery*



# ACTIVITIES

## 1. BCEF's local projects in the Maasai Mara 1.8 Mara Lemek Conservancy

Mara Lemek Conservancy shares boundaries with Mara North and Olchorro Oirowua Conservancies to the north of the National Reserve. It is comprised of 17,350 acres of prime wildlife habitat, specializing in charismatic predators.

Lemek was hard hit by the Covid-19 pandemic, with its complete reliance on unregulated tourism revenue, often high during the high season and nonexistent during the low season. In 2022, MMWCA and Saruni Basecamp engaged the landowners who took an enormous step by signing 25 year leases, following in step with many of the more established conservancies in the Mara. By the end of 2022, 70% of the land comprising 282 members were receiving regular passive income in exchange for allowing Saruni Basecamp to operate their tourism ventures on the conservancy.

In addition to establishing a transparent stable payment system to its landowners, the operations of Lemek have improved drastically, boosting the morale of its employees and inspiring conservation efforts to thrive.



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Since the initiation of lease payments, regular monthly income has enabled us to plan our future.

- Mercy Nampaso, Lemek landowner

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*Lemek Conservancy offers grazing for livestock during the low tourism season and a Maasai cultural experience for guests.*



*Lemek supports a high density of charismatic predators.*



# ACTIVITIES

## 2. Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancy Association (MMWCA)

### 2.1 Mara Girls Education Program

Women, youth and children (especially girls) are the main victims of disenfranchisement among many rural communities, including the Maasai Mara. Lack of access to basic rights, retrogressive cultural practices and inadequate policy enforcement are often overlooked, yet they determine success of any rural intervention or program. Lack of basic rights, for instance access to education, food and shelter is still prominent in many parts of the Mara landscape, with girls being hard hit by the effects of these risks.

The Mara Girls Education Program (MGEP) aims to lengthen girls' school enrollment through deploying interventions with the aim to reduce school dropouts attributed to practices that limit girls from completing their education. MMWCA's role is catalytic in that the need has been recognized but not successfully addressed at the county level.



#### **The program is targeting the following key objectives:**

- Improve the capacity of girls to practice healthy sexual behavior by making independent informed choices
- Work with teachers to practice gender-sensitive pedagogy and nurturing adolescent girls by providing sexual reproductive health education and a nurturing classroom.
- Capacitate parents and communities to practice equitable gender norms while preventing teenage pregnancies, and being accountable when teenage pregnancies occur.
- Encourage relevant authorities to provide necessary support to lengthen girls' education.



These goals will be achieved by engaging with county and state departments of education, health, and social services. An education stakeholder meeting was held 7-8 July 2022 and sensitization workshops with village elders, women, and youth throughout the year emphasized the severity of female genital mutilation, gender based violence, and child abuse and the prevalence of incidences in the Mara. 2022 was year one of a three year project that will develop and distribute menstrual health lesson plans, educational materials and hygiene products to 15 schools, build pit latrines and handwashing stations at 5 schools, in addition to continuing the conversation with communities to improve girls' enrollment in schools throughout the Mara.



# ACTIVITIES

## 2. Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancy Association (MMWCA) 2.2 Pardamat Conservation Area

BCEF Kenya has supported Pardamat Conservation Area (PCA), a “dual use” conservancy since its inception in 2016. PCA encompasses 64,000 acres of key area within the Maasai Mara Ecosystem, vital for wildlife corridors. Twenty seven rangers are employed and their headquarters is now equipped with WiFi to facilitate communications.

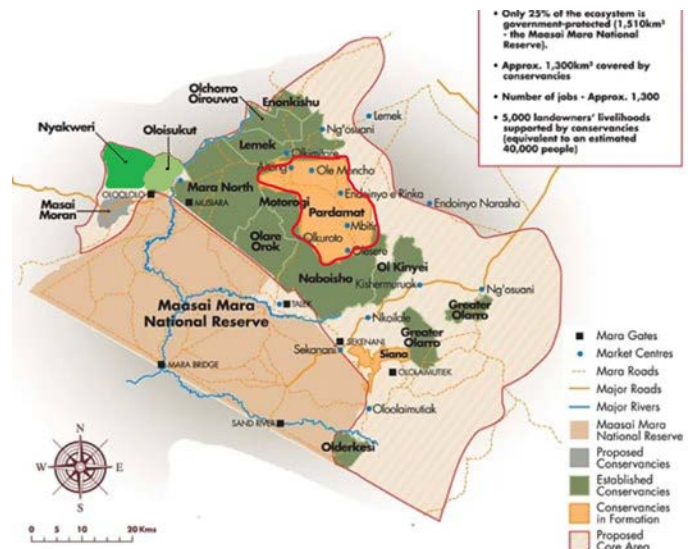
During 2022, 18,204 acres of land was secured as landowners signed 15 year leases. Much effort was put into mapping leases and planning for leasing an additional 232 parcels in the future, supporting an additional 1856 family members. PCA will be fully independent of MMWCA after many meetings with landowners and stakeholders to ensure strong governance capable of independence.



*Projects in Pardamat CA included construction of a wild- life dam fed by Koyiaki Natural Spring and construction of the Wildlife Tourism College.*

Throughout 2022, 60 km of road infrastructure and a 1.2 km all-weather airstrip were developed along with a pilot tourism camp called Dorobo Hilltop Camp (run by BCE). Koyiaki Natural Spring was renovated to provide 2000 households with water and a dam for wildlife and by April 2023, establishing Mbitin Spring as a community water point will also be completed.

Construction on the Wildlife Tourism College of Maasai Mara has nearly completed and it will be fully functional by April 2023. The first year’s budget of USD 500,000 has nearly been secured through fundraising efforts of BCEF-Kenya. In addition to providing the Mara with informed and qualified guides and conservation professionals, the college will employ 52 local Maasai.



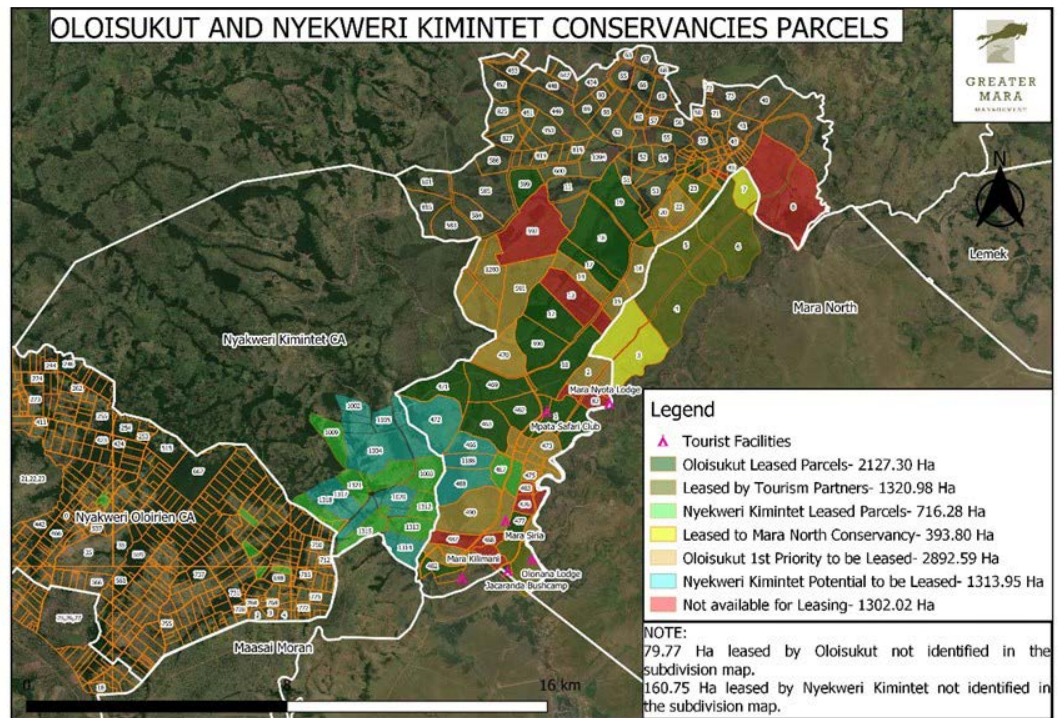


# ACTIVITIES

## 2. Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancy Association (MMWCA) 2.3 Oloisukut Conservancy & Oloololo Escarpment

MMWCA has been an essential partner in the development of Oloisukut Conservancy which is located on the western side of the Mara River, but because of its close proximity to the National Reserve, is essential for securing magnificent habitat for wildlife movements. BCEF-Kenya paid for the lease of 10,323 acres from April to December 2022 within Oloisukut. The landowners have signed a 15 year lease to commit their land to conservation and have attracted a tourism operator who will be constructing homes that will sustain the conservancy independent of outside funding.

MMWCA and BCEF-Kenya continue to work within Nyekweri Conservation Area, bordering Oloisukut on the Oloololo Escarpment. Nyekweri Kimintet registered its management company in February 2022 and meetings are ongoing to ensure strong governance in Nyekweri Olorien and Maasai Moran Conservancies. These four up and coming conservancies aim to protect and strengthen the Nyekweri Conservation Area and restore the unique remaining forest which serves as vital habitat for elephants (*Loxodonta africana*), giraffe (*Giraffa tippelskirchi*), and the giant pangolin (*Manis gigantea*).



Destruction of forest in the Oloololo Escarpment will affect wildlife populations of giraffe, Giant pangolin, and elephant who seek refuge in the forested parcels.





# ACTIVITIES

## 3. Kenya Wildlife Trust

### 3.1 Herding for Health (Ufugaji Hifadhi)

Ufugaji Hifadhi, a livelihoods program, focused on equitable and financially inclusive digital ecosystems relieving climate change, and socioeconomic pressures on rural indigenous communities in wildlife areas aims to increase income from livestock, by ensuring an effective value chain, resulting in greater economic household gains while improving biodiversity.

Ufugaji Hifadhi is built on the assumption that increased income from livestock, through an effective market value chain, results in greater economic interest for pastoral households to produce livestock more quickly, at higher market weight. A key component of this project is to set up robust livestock health and husbandry systems in order to address the high livestock mortality and morbidity. To attain this, better grass quality and access to larger open grazing spaces are mandatory. Livestock grazing plans and managed access to pasture once widely adopted will result in healthy habitats for livestock and wildlife.

BCEF-K funded the training, wages, and operations of 20 conservation agents who are vital links between KWT and the communities. The agents work in clusters which are areas bordering wildlife protected regions that have high human populations. The conservation agents are responsible for daily patrols from Monday to Friday in their assigned clusters. Their tasks include educating farmers on animal health and husbandry, identifying youth and women's groups, mapping degraded areas, and keeping records of diseases affecting livestock in the region.

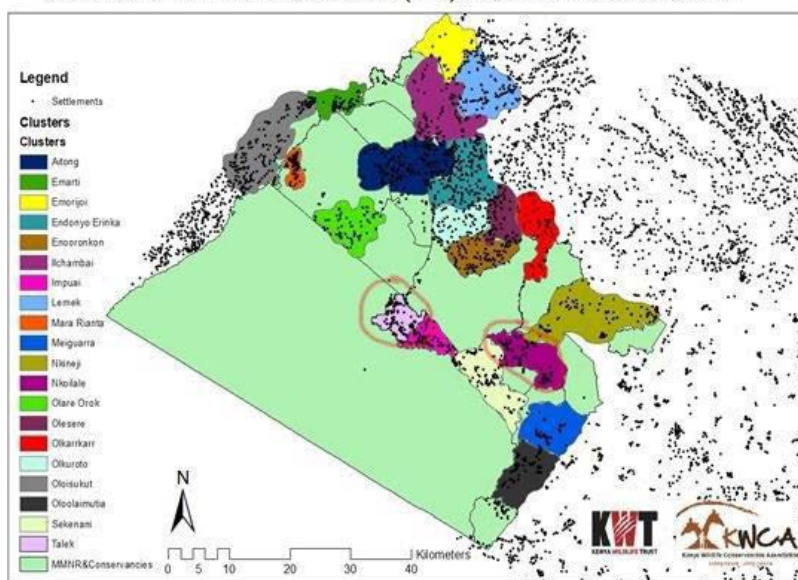


#### The key components of the project are to:

- Strengthen grazing plans to ensure better grass quality and access to larger open grazing spaces.
- Improve livestock health through development of a digital disease decision tree to guide treatment of common diseases.
- Develop a digital marketplace to connect farmers to each other and to value chains, in order to give them a fair wage and a sustainable income.

Further support was granted to Herds 4 Health toward the development of the smart phone application which will build capacity to treat livestock diseases and build market access for local farmers.

UFUGAJI HIFADHI PROOF OF CONCEPT (POC) AREA VILLAGE CLUSTERS 2022





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## 3. Kenya Wildlife Trust

### 3.2 Mara Predator Conservation Programme's Wild Dog Project

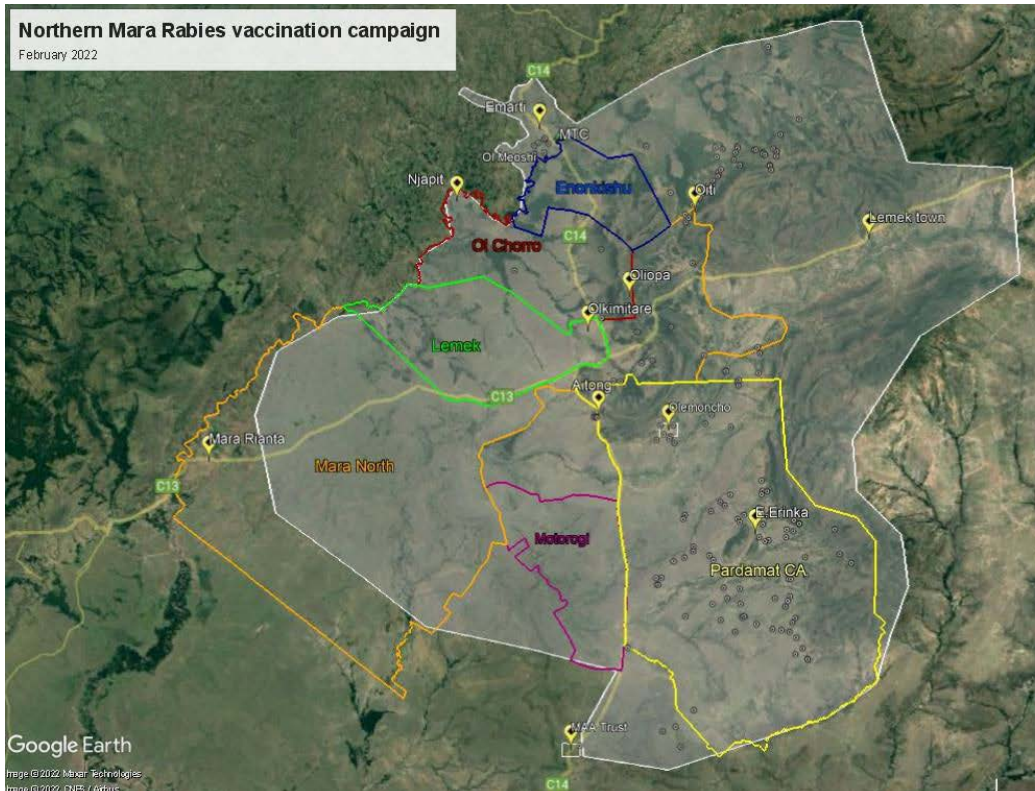
BCEF supported the wild dog project run by Mara Predator Conservation Programme in 2022. Although wild dog sightings have been rare across the Mara landscape, MPCP continues to be active in the field with 18 confirmed sightings of wild dog, 26 conflict incidences recorded with 6 retaliatory attacks prevented. Eighteen meetings with communities and herders were held reaching 430 community members to build capacity on responsible husbandry to mitigate conflict.

In addition, with BCEF's support, MPCP participated in the Northern Mara Vaccination Campaign where 2,677 domestic animals over an area of 1,080 km<sup>2</sup> were vaccinated for Rabies over the three day event to halt the spread of the disease from domestic animals to wildlife.



MPCP speaks to herders about mitigation strategies involving wild dog, of which there were 18 sightings in 2022.

The Northern Mara Rabies vaccination campaign deployed 67 volunteers over three days in February to vaccinate domestic cats, dogs, and donkeys against rabies.





# ACTIVITIES

## 4. Northern Rangelands Trust

### 4.1 Kiunga Marine Community Conservancy Program

In Kiunga Marine Community Conservancy, (the coastline of Kiunga Marine National Reserve) in 2021, all commercial fishermen were using purse beach seine nets, which have negative impacts on fish stocks because it involves the bycatch of many non-target species, putting additional pressure on the fish stocks.

BCEF-Kenya and NRT have addressed the challenge by funding the initiative of the conservancy with a Gear Exchange Program where fishermen exchange their illegal seine nets with legal more sustainable options. 85% (11/13) of the fish boats utilizing beach seine nets in KMNR have voluntarily accepted to replace their gear under the approved conditions of the conservancy. Including the boat crews, this project replaced gear for 195 people. Decisions on which type of alternative gear and the procurement was completed by a project implementation committee comprised of fishermen representatives and the conservancy fishing committee. While materials have been procured, they are being scientifically tested before being handed over to the fishers in February 2023.



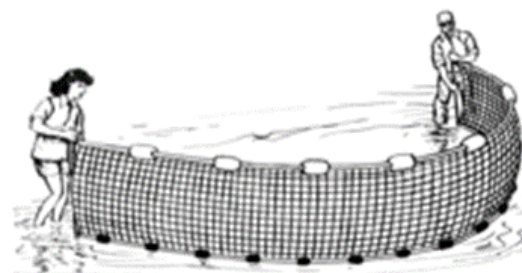
*Project implementation committee at selection of legal alternatives to seine nets.*

The program catalyzes implementation of the beach seine gear exchange program and if the beneficiaries violate the exchange agreement terms and return to seine fishing, the education program will be suspended/stopped immediately. The implementation criteria for the scholarship program was developed and approved by the conservancy board. Applicants will be vetted by the project implementation committee using those criteria. Members of Kiunga are enthusiastic about this program which will improve access to quality education by local communities, decreasing the illiteracy rate.



*Legal alternatives to seine gear*

In addition to receiving replacement fishing gear, participants in the Gear Exchange Program and their families were eligible to apply to a scholarship fund. Funds from BCEF-Kenya will support the four best performing students from Kiunga every year for the next 4 years (2 university/college students & 2 secondary school students). A camp within the conservancy (Kiwayu Safaris) offered to contribute funds to the education program to provide education scholarship support to 2 more secondary school students, bringing the number of benefitting students to six.



*Purse seine illustration*



# ACTIVITIES

## 4. Northern Rangelands Trust

### 4.2 Kalama and Sera Conservancies Livelihood Fund

BCEF-Kenya and NRT supported several projects in Northern Kenya's Samburu County within Kalama and Sera Conservancies. The collective area covered by these conservancies is 389,128 ha with 14,370 people benefiting from the conservancies. BCEF's partnership has enabled the Conservancy to continue making progress on increasing resilience of marginalized livelihoods through diversified livelihood and capacity building.

In October 2022, 60 women from the two conservancies participated in a three day exposure tour to Lamu's Pate and Kiunga Marine Community Conservancies. During the visit, the women learned about empowerment programs, women-led conservation projects, and community development work which have been successful on the coast. Specifically, the women visited an octopus harvesting enclosure, a mangrove restoration site, the workshop where women create artwork from recycled beach waste such as flip flops, and learned about the conservancy's microfinance project.



Women spearheading each of these projects on the coast shared their stories and experiences with the group from Kalama/Sera Conservancies and inspired them to take the initiative to lead similar programs in their communities.



During the exposure visit to Pate and Kiunga Marine Conservancies, women from Kalama and Sera Conservancies learned about harvesting octopus and utilizing recycled plastic in handicrafts.



# KILTAMANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

| Kalama Conservancy.

The second project supported by BCEF-Kenya was to improve Kiltamany Primary School in Kalama Conservancy. The school was lacking furnishings and supplies and in need of renovation. The renovation included installation of floor tiles and gutters as well as a paint touch up and masonry work. The project was initiated and completed within two weeks when the students were home for elections in August 2022. The dormitory was supplied with 18 mattresses and beds, 25 lockers, seats, and 80 textbooks, making it much more functional to provide a home away from home for the 101 girls who travel great distances to board at the school. These students were mentored and sensitized on Anti-Female Genital Mutilation, early marriages and on the importance of education.



*Improvements at Kiltamany Primary School included new beds, mattresses, desks, and learning resources.*



Kalama Community Conservancy also requested funding to construct a sand dam in Lerata A Zone, but after a scouting trip determined that the two riverbeds were not suitable, the alternative of upgrading an existing borehole was determined to be the way forward. The borehole, built by the Seventh Day Adventist Church was equipped with a solar pump to replace a hand pump and the capacity was increased from 3,000 L/day to 10,000 L/day. A tower for a 20,000L tank was constructed allowing the tank to feed two water collection points at Lerata Town Centre and a smaller pipeline to the Lerata dukas. The project objective to provide access to safe and clean drinking water to the community, livestock, and wildlife was fulfilled.



*A borehole in Kalama conservancy was upgraded to provide two water access points for the community of Lerata*



# PLANNING AHEAD

A lot of time was put into developing our 2023-2025 Strategy with much thought, discussion, and collaboration resulting in a clear roadmap for us to follow into 2023 thank you to all who played a part in this. No doubt a few changes will be made along the way as we take on new partners and new landscapes. Here is a brief summary of our 2023-2025 strategy.



## 2023-2025 Basecamp Explorer Foundation Strategy

### VISION

A healthy ecosystem whereby biodiversity and humanity live in harmony.

### MISSION

To protect the most important wildlife eco-systems in East Africa.

### KEY MESSAGE

Focusing in sustainability, BCEF-K positions itself around climate change adaptation with the solution being landscape protection and community livelihood resilience, creating socio-ecological balance.



### STRATEGIC TARGETS

1. Established and well governed community wildlife conservancies.
2. Protected, understood and well managed diverse community wildlife conservancies.
3. Strengthened climate adaptive, pro-conservation behaviours and mindsets among communities and institutions.
4. Resilient, climate adaptive communities reaping the benefits of protected, healthy ecosystems.

### GOAL 2023-2025

Resilient communities and diverse habitats that are better equipped to face the threats of climate change in 10 community wildlife conservancies across 4 target landscapes.

### Basecamp Explorer Foundation will achieve its goal by:

Being a catalyst in creating complementary networks that bring donors, investors and implementing specialists together; creating new conservancies; building the capacity of existing conservancies; promoting conservation education; strengthening community resilience & rights; addressing climate-change issues; partnering with effective and specialized implementers; creating education opportunities; monitoring progress and redirecting efforts along the way; with measuring impact.

### WORKING AREAS

- ◆ Establishment of sustainable 3rd Gen. community wildlife conservancies through leasing and good governance.
- ◆ Restoration and Protection of Nature within target conservancies through sound management practices.
- ◆ Quality conservation education delivered across target conservancies.
- ◆ Building resilient communities through diverse livelihoods, community rights, gender equality and empowerment of women, youth and children.
- ◆ Strengthened implementation capacity, communication, fundraising, networking and resource mobilization.

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# THEORY OF CHANGE

## IMPACT

Resilient communities and diverse natural habitats

## OUTCOMES

Well governed community wildlife conservancies

Well managed community wildlife conservancies

Pro-conservation behaviours and mindsets

Resilient communities.

## INTERVENTIONS

Build consensus  
Negotiate new leases  
Conduct defencing  
Develop effective governance  
Develop management plans

Support development of high performing conservancy management  
Monitor key indicator species  
Build conservancy infrastructure  
Implement management plans  
Conduct spatial planning  
Facilitate alternative revenue streams

Promote Conservation Education  
Support tertiary education scholarships  
Support internship opportunities  
Facilitate educational tourism  
Promote Community & Biodiversity Climate Education  
Support Conservation Research

Transform social & gender norms through empowering boys and girls  
Address the population dilemma  
Support child and women rights  
Encourage economic empowerment & skills training  
Support climate change innovation, adaptation & mitigation  
Build & nurture social capital for resilient livelihoods

## STRATEGY

Establish new community wildlife conservancies

Strengthen existing community wildlife conservancies

Deliver Climate & Conservation Education

Build Resilient Livelihoods helping people adapt to climate & non-climate risks by reducing vulnerability.

## OUR ROLE

Being the catalyst allowing investment to flow from the private sector to fund strategic partners who implement our Strategy; measuring success through clear metrics.

## CONTEXT

### NEGATIVE:

High population growth / fragmentation of community land and culture / increased climate variability/ competition for limited resources / unsustainable use of natural resources.

### POSITIVE:

Increasing awareness of benefits of biodiversity for human well-being / benefits of wild spaces rich in biodiversity / drawing tourism / source of livelihood for community-owned land.

## THE PROBLEM

Increased human demand for natures resources.

## NEGATIVE OUTCOME

Degradation of natural habitats and threatened livelihoods.



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