



# The Carnivore Chronicle

*A Newsletter of the African People & Wildlife Fund*

## Announcements

- **APW launches its 2009 Annual Fund Campaign! We really need your help to raise crucial funds for our conservation and education programs at the Noloholo Environmental Center. Please consider making a contribution. Thank you!**
- **APW received continued funding from the SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund for our conservation education program in the Maasai Steppe.**
- **APW completes the workbook series Living with Drought for children living in northern Kenya and Uganda, commissioned by VSF and supported by the European Commission for Humanitarian Aid.**



[WWW.AFRPW.ORG](http://WWW.AFRPW.ORG)

The African People & Wildlife Fund, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded in 2001 to help Africa's people and wildlife coexist through conservation, research, development and education programs.

## 21st Century African Wildlife Conservation – It's All About People!

In 2009, Africa's human population surpassed one billion. By 2050, it is projected to have nearly doubled, reaching 1.8 billion people. This scenario predicts huge environmental challenges for people and wildlife across the continent. But, it also represents an incredible, potential resource of energy, intellect and opportunity.

Whereas in the 20th century, African wildlife conservationists focused on the establishment of parks and saving individual species with limited involvement of rural communities, I believe that now, in the 21st century, we need to focus our energy on engaging and empowering Africans at the local level in the conservation of their wild lands and species. Recognizing and encouraging

local pride in Africa's natural heritage is essential in building their long-term commitment to conservation. Certainly, if the population doubles as predicted, the need for locally relevant environmental and wildlife management strategies will be crucial to maintaining the health of both people and wildlife.

At APW, we believe the first step in this process is education. In this issue, we highlight several of APW's programs that encourage adults and children to learn more about their environment and to lead and manage their own conservation initiatives.

This is why I believe that



Teacher training seminar at Noloholo Environmental Center

making environmental courses and opportunities available at our Noloholo Environmental Center should be one of our greatest priorities. When it comes to wildlife conservation, I hope, as Nelson Mandela has stated, this will emerge as the "African Century."



**Laly Lichtenfeld, Ph.D.**  
APW Executive Director

## APW NEWS

In July and August, two terrible lion attacks on people shocked the Maasai community. We appreciate the support we received as a result of these tragic events. These funds have been allocated to our Living Walls project (page 4).

In APW's southern Tanzania program, 15 village members participated in a study tour to the Nalika Wildlife Management Area,

learning more about their neighbors' experiences in the establishment of a wildlife management area (page 3).



Participants in an APW study tour in southern Tanzania

Joel Mmari, APW's Conservation Education Officer, has been very busy in local schools with environmental debates, drawing competitions and more. See page 2.

Finally, Yale intern, Rae Wynn-Grant, worked with APW's livestock predation officers, preparing their monitoring data for GIS mapping and further scientific analysis. 

## APW Annual Benefit Rocks!

Returning to Roxiticus Golf Club in Mendham, New Jersey, APW's Annual Spring Benefit was graciously hosted by Board Member Mark Lichtenfeld and his wife Laurie.

With our last two annual events featuring wine tasting, this year we decided to have live music and invited Maura Glynn and the Ripplin Waters Project to perform. These talented musicians provided a wonderful sound and added great energy to the evening. We appreciate those band members who donated their time to us.



The band played on!



Tanzanian boutique

APW's silent auction was a great success, including a wonderful variety of items and experiences. We are so grateful for all contributions, donated by APW board members, supporters, local businesses and friends — many of whom have kindly contributed to past auctions. Thank you.

And, of course, the success of any benefit depends largely on its volunteers. We were fortunate to have a great group and would like to thank APW Board Member Rosalie Ballantine, Julie Cababe, Molly Laing, Ronit Kobrinski, Rae Wynn-Grant and Laurie Lichtenfeld for her special touch with the silent auction table.

Finally, we want to thank everyone who joined in this special event on behalf of Africa's people and wildlife and particularly our hosts, Mark and Laurie! 🐾

## Conservation for Kids in the Maasai Steppe – Tomorrow's Environmental Leaders

Last year, when APW organized the first national park trips for students in Loibor Siret history, the children lined up as early as four in the morning waiting to board the buses. Since then, APW's conservation education program has grown incredibly, emerging as the largest of its kind in the Tarangire ecosystem.

The growth of our program has benefited from our field-based infrastructure and two years of funding from the SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund. With his daily presence in the bush and local availability, our conservation education officer, Joel Mmari, has made great strides, bringing the program to life.

Using materials from APW's tailor-made conservation workbook series, "Your Environment", developed with educator Helena Grant, Joel has reached into classrooms to help students better understand the natural



Kangala Grand Prize Winner Ramadhani Juma depicts the destructive process of making charcoal.

environment they live in. In order to educate as many children as possible, Joel relies on the help of Tanzania's primary school teachers.

In discussions with the teachers, he discovered they were eager for more information and guidance in teaching the material. Therefore, APW went back to the drawing board — Helena Grant developed teacher training manuals and we invited participating teachers to Noloholo for a workshop. The teachers' evaluations were very positive and additional workshops were requested.

Working out of APW's Noloholo Environmental Center, Joel is perfectly positioned to reach the children and teachers on a daily basis. This also

makes it easy to schedule new events, such as the environmental drawing competition Joel hosted in August or our joint celebration of International Peace Day on September 21st.

What's next for APW's conservation education program? It's time again for our popular national park study tours, taking advantage of the peak period for wildlife in Tarangire National Park. This year, we are also supporting new wildlife clubs in the Loibor Siret and Kangala primary schools. Rounding out our program, APW will provide several environmental scholarships to secondary school for students who have excelled in our environmental curriculum. Please consider sponsoring a child! 🐾

A Kangala student works on one of APW's booklets, "Your Environment with Lions".



### APW's "Your Environment" Workbook Series



## Noloholo Environmental Center – Phase One Construction Nearing Completion



Noloholo's Community Education Facility

Two years ago, APW embarked on an ambitious mission to build our environmental center. Thanks to many positive responses to our building campaign, we are now nearing completion of phase one. This included the construction of our community educational facility and the green outfitting of our center with state-of-the-art renewable energy and rainwater harvesting systems.

The community educational facility

was completed in January, and while not outfitted yet, has already been in use for teacher training workshops and environmental committee meetings. Meanwhile, our rainwater harvesting patio showed incredible potential during the long rains. With another very generous grant from the LF Foundation, the second part of this system is now under construction – two 150,000 liter cisterns for rainwater collection. We hope to have them completed in time for the onset of our rainy season in late October.

The final component of phase one is also in preparation for shipment to Tanzania – an incredible solar power package being assembled by Stephen Gold who leads the Wildlife Conservation Network's Solar Project. Among the equipment to be shipped, valued in Tanzania at well over

\$100,000, are 24 of the latest solar modules from BP Solar, 16 batteries, one inverter, florescent lights and one solar water heater with a capacity of 40 gallons. No more cold showers at Noloholo! Mr. Gold estimates the output at more than 5 kilowatts, the largest system he has created yet.

We would like to express our deep gratitude to all who have given to our Noloholo Campaign, with special recognition to the LF Foundation and WCN's Solar Project. Thank you so much! 🐾

Learning is underway at Noloholo.



## Adult Training in Natural Resource Management – Today's Environmental Leaders



APW Game Scouts

A growing awareness of environmental threats, such as deforestation for charcoal production and wildlife poaching, is emerging in villages APW is working in, including Loibor Siret, Imani, Kazamoyo and Lukumbule. And, leaders are expressing interest in finding ways to protect natural resources while maintaining local livelihoods.

Legally protecting village land in a manner that ensures local benefits is a lengthy, complicated process in Tanzania, often encountering political hurdles. At APW, we believe that before a community engages in this process, they should have access to up-to-date information on Tanzanian natural resource policies and land use planning regulations.

With three years of generous funding from the Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation, APW has facilitated the training of 42 village leaders and game scouts at the Likuyu Training Center in southern Tanzania. Participants were instructed in (1) national laws/procedures regulating conservation in Tanzania, (2) national wildlife, forestry, fishing and bee-keeping laws, (3) general wildlife/natural resource ecology and the sustainable use of forest products, (4) accounting basics, (5) leadership and administration skills, and (6) firearms and first aid skills (for game scouts only). Also this year, with support from the SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund, we have provided this training to individuals from the Loibor Siret village environmental committee in the northern Maasai Steppe.

Following this training, villagers in the south are now moving ahead with land use planning procedures, with the



Loibor Siret Environmental Committee members in a training seminar

ultimate goal of setting aside a conservation area for wildlife to be called Mwambesi. In July, APW led a study tour for these villagers to a nearby conservation area – to learn directly from the hands-on experiences of their neighbors.

The ultimate goal of all this training is to help empower local people in the process of protecting their natural environments. In the future, we plan to offer such important courses at the Noloholo Environmental Center! 🐾



# AFRICAN PEOPLE & WILDLIFE FUND

P.O. Box 624  
Bernardsville, NJ 07924 USA  
(908) 642-1540  
WWW.AFRPW.ORG

Connect to Protect ~ Email us at [INFO@AFRPW.ORG](mailto:INFO@AFRPW.ORG)!




*“Our mission is to conserve Africa’s wildlife, to protect their habitats and to promote village development through innovative, multidisciplinary strategies that emphasize coexistence with the natural world.”*

## Keeping Livestock In and Lions Out - APW’s Living Walls Project

Preventing conflicts with lions is possible. APW’s Living Walls project is an important example of how people, cattle and lions can all be kept safe. Using a unique combination of chain link fencing and live trees as fence posts, these special enclosures keep cattle safe from lions and lions out of the way of Maasai spears!

These enclosures are now in high demand. APW uses 3 years of data on lion-livestock conflicts to prioritize households by the number of attacks that have occurred. The average cost to enclose one family's livestock corral with a Living Wall is \$500.

The pictures below show the incredible growth of the fence from when it was initially installed and then six months later! 



Living Wall – newly planted (right)

The same wall – 6 months later (below)



### Donate Today and Contribute to APW’s 2009 Annual Fund Campaign!

We depend on people like you to help support our programs. Please make a tax-deductible donation today and become part of our efforts to conserve Africa’s wildlife and help its people.

\$50  \$75  \$100  \$250  \$500  \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please send your name, address and tax-deductible donation to:

African People & Wildlife Fund, Box 624, Bernardsville NJ 07924

THANK YOU!!!

#### Board of Directors

Rosalie Ballantine  
Laly Lichtenfeld • Mark Lichtenfeld  
Jonathan Meade • Charles Trout