



The Carnivore Chronicle

A Newsletter of the African People & Wildlife Fund

Announcements

- **APW awarded three Noloholo Youth Environmental Scholarships to Maasai children. Please consider sponsoring a child's secondary school education!**
- **APW's Ilon conservation work receives important support from the National Geographic Society's Big Cat Initiative and the Regina Bauer Frankenberg Foundation.**
- **APW's Living Walls are now available for viewing in Google Earth. Visit the Living Walls project page of our website and click on the links provided.**



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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.

Partnering for Progress – Maximizing Our Efforts on the Ground

With global conservation problems and human impacts on the environment increasing, the challenges for people and wildlife sharing landscapes across the African continent are escalating.

At APW, our mission is dedicated to developing positive connections between people, wildlife and their environments. With connectivity at the core of what we do, we realize the importance of embracing this concept at every level of our work. In terms of being effective on the ground, we recognize the strong parallel dynamic provided by developing partnerships.

Certainly, our success in the bush depends heavily on our partners' support, from local villagers in the Maasai Steppe to our committed partners overseas.

Whether we are talking about the Loibor Siret Natural Resource Committee, an enthusiastic individual donor or foundation, a non-profit organization like The Nature Conservancy or a government authority such as the Tanzania National Parks Authority, each link is essential to achieving effective results on the ground. And together, they create a forward momentum that would be difficult to realize in isolation.

In this issue, the articles recognize some of APW's partners and their contributions to our work. We



APW's Livestock Predation Officer, Saruni Moses, discusses human and wildlife conflicts with Elvis Kisimir, a new program officer supported by our partner AWELY. Photo courtesy of Eva Gross/AWELY.

are extremely grateful for the efforts of all of our partners on behalf of Africa's people and wildlife. We look forward to welcoming new partners in the future.



Laly Lichtenfeld, Ph.D.
APW Executive Director

APW NEWS

In October, thanks to generous supporters, our team got underway with the installation of new Living Walls.

As usual, our conservation education officer, Joel Mmari, has been very busy. Leading annual trips to Tarangire National Park for local school children, conducting teacher training seminars and developing our new summer camp curriculum are all part




Live poles for Living Walls (see the outcome on page 3)

of his busy schedule.

This winter, we had several visitors at Noloholo. Among them, Eva Gross, Director of Programs for AWELY,

conducted a weeklong training program for our new human-wildlife conflict officer. David Banks and Matt Brown, Directors of The Nature Conservancy's Africa Program, also visited and discussed future collaboration with APW, with plans to get underway in 2011.

For current updates of our projects, please visit the **Recent Activities** page of our website. 

Spring USA Events – APW Annual Benefit

APW's Annual Spring Benefit in April was a great success, thanks to the energy provided by our newly formed Spring Benefit Committee and all the generous supporters of the event.

Hosted by Mark and Laurie Lichtenfeld, the evening took place at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, New Jersey and featured a large silent auction and Tanzanian boutique. We are extremely grateful for the many contributions to the auction, provided by committee members, supporters, local businesses and friends.



Members of the Spring Benefit Committee

All told, the evening doubled last year's funds raised, making a significant contribution towards our work. We would like to thank everyone and particularly our wonderful Spring Benefit Committee: Emily Allen, Julie Cababe, Robert & Helen Ford,

Michael & Stephanie Glickman, Shannon Glynn, Nick & Sheila Kronfeld, Mark & Laurie Lichtenfeld and Jonathan & Jessica Lubow.

Other highlights of the spring visit included presentations by our Director, Dr. Laly Lichtenfeld, at the Explorer's Club in NYC, Yale University's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the Karpeles Library in Santa Barbara, CA. She was also on a panel at Yale entitled, "Uncommon Women Working for the Common Good." 🐾

Noloholo Environmental Center – Sustainable Energy On the Way

Major progress has been made to provide for our water and energy needs at the Noloholo Environmental Center in an environmentally friendly fashion.

In late October and November, our rainwater harvesting system was put to the test with approximately 11.5 inches of rainfall. Thanks to the large cisterns supported by the LF Foundation, the center has functioned for the last 7 months on rainwater alone!

One of the most exciting transformations of the center is also about to occur. We are thrilled to report that after a couple of years of extensive, consistent efforts on the part of Stephen Gold, a complete solar

power system has been shipped to Tanzania from the Wildlife Conservation Network's Solar Project. The acquisition of donated items (provided by Stephen Gold, BP Solar, Solar Depot, Outback Power Systems and Beronio Lumber), compilation of all necessary parts and tools to assemble the system in the bush and packaging of the system in plywood crates represents a tremendous contribution in both time, money and patience. As is evident from the 8 page invoice of materials valued at over \$115,000 in Tanzania, the attention to detail to ensure that the whole system can be installed in a remote location, where there is no local hardware store on the corner, is truly impressive. Thinking of

every detail, Stephen has even ensured that the plywood crates were constructed in a manner that permits them to be easily reused for shelving and other outfitting needs. The 5 kilowatt system is expected to fulfill 100% of the energy demands for the center, increasing our productivity and efficiency at the flick of a switch!

Tracy Higgins and Jim Leitner have made a generous pledge to cover the solar installation costs. Other ongoing projects at Noloholo include the construction of a dormitory for our children's summer camps thanks to the support of the Regina Bauer Frankenberg Foundation. This dorm will greatly increase our capacity for onsite training at Noloholo. 🐾



In May, the massive solar system, compiled by Stephen Gold of the WCN Solar Project, was moved from the warehouse (far left) to a container (bottom left) which was then sealed by Mr. Gold (bottom center) and loaded onto the container ship, MSC Judith. The ship is now en route to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and is due to arrive in July.

All photos courtesy of Stephen Gold, excepting the ship: Alan D. Cochran/marinetraffic.com.



APW at Work – Select Program Updates

Maasailand Lion Conservation Program

This program is working to conserve one of Tanzania's most threatened lion populations. In October 2009, we installed four new Living Walls, APW's unique lion-resistant enclosures, before the onset of the rains prevented further planting of the live trees as fence posts. According to the Maasai, the *Commiphora africana*, a type of acacia, prefers to be planted in the dry season. With the rains now ending, our team is gearing up to install 50 new Living Walls, thanks to the generous support of our individual and foundation partners. In addition, a Tanzanian Master's student will join our team as a program officer. 🐾

Mr. Ngiloriti's Living Wall, installed in October 2009, is growing well. View our Living Walls in Google Earth at www.afrpw.org/projects/living_walls.



Maasai Steppe Conservation Education



2009 National Park Study Tour

In October 2009, we continued our popular annual study tours to Tarangire National Park for over 100 local Maasai



children. Highlights of the trips included two leopards in a tree and lion sightings on both days. Recently, over 200 additional APW conservation workbooks have been distributed to our local primary school partners, with plans to expand to two new schools. Also, teacher training workshops were held at the Noloholo Environmental Center to ensure effective teaching of the material. Currently in the works are our annual drawing competition and the planning of new environmental camps scheduled to be held at Noloholo later this summer. APW thanks our partner SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund for two years of support. 🐾

Villages for Conservation

In Africa, wildlife often ranges within village lands creating the potential for both economic opportunities and hardships. APW works in partnership with interested villages to create positive incentives for conservation, to support locally derived initiatives for environmental protection and to empower people with the knowledge and skills they require to care for their natural heritage.

In the Maasai Steppe, APW is currently working with the Loibor Siret Natural Resource Committee to establish a local team of village game scouts for more effective patrolling and protection of their village lands, approximately 250,000 acres. 🐾



Natural Resource Team meeting, Noloholo Center

Human-Wildlife Conflict

APW has worked successfully to reduce conflicts between people and predators. Our partnership with AWELY, a French non-profit working worldwide, is expanding this work to include monitoring of crop-raiding and other types of conflict caused by animals like elephants, zebras and buffalos.

Now, a human-wildlife conflict officer, trained and supported by AWELY, is using a new database to record all types of incidents. This information will help in crafting effective approaches to preventing conflicts. Elvis Kisimir will also benefit from being part of AWELY's global network of people working on similar issues. 🐾

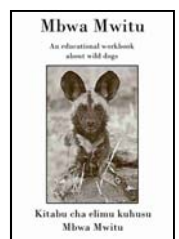


Elvis Kisimir. Photo Courtesy of AWELY.

APW Partner Services

APW recognizes the value of being a good partner to others. This program is an outreach effort on our part to share our expertise and infrastructure.

In March, we completed a workbook on African Wild Dogs for the Nomad Trust. Joel Mmari traveled to their project site, east of the Serengeti, and conducted intensive teacher training.



Back at Noloholo, we distributed 350 English textbooks to local primary schools, an initiative proposed and supported by the Rochkind-Wagner Foundation which is dedicated to youth education. 🐾

Grades 1-3 receive English books.

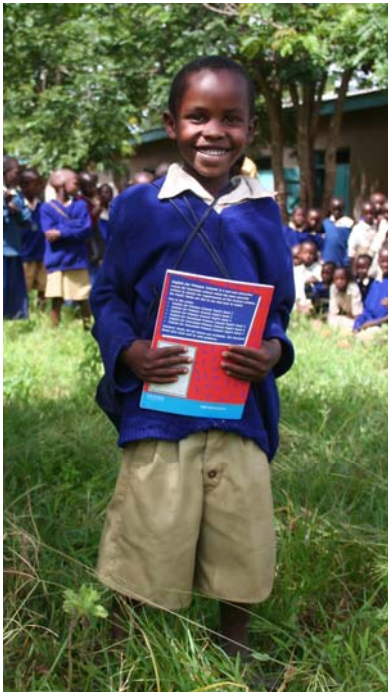




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“Our mission is to conserve Africa’s wildlife, to protect their habitats and to promote village development through innovative, multidisciplinary strategies that emphasize coexistence with the natural world.”

Noloholo Youth Environmental Scholars – Investing in Today’s Children, Tomorrow’s Leaders

Due to high levels of poverty, many students graduating from primary school fail to attend secondary school in rural Africa. Our Noloholo Youth Environmental Scholarships provide opportunities for children to continue their education towards becoming engaged environmental and conservation leaders.

Scholarship recipients must be members of APW’s wildlife clubs and participate in a competitive selection process. Awardees receive a full scholarship to a private secondary school. But, that’s not where it ends. In addition to tuition, books and outfitting, our students receive tutoring as required and access to mentors.

The program is designed to build a network of environmental peers who inspire and guide each other during their educational journey.

The cost of supporting a student is \$1000 a year or \$6000 for the full 6 years of secondary school. Please consider giving the gift of education! 

Donate Today and Contribute to APW’s Important Work!

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.

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THANK YOU!!!

Conservation Education officer, Joel Mmari, with Noloholo Scholars generously supported by three of APW’s donors.



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