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Liebe Freunde der Capricorn Foundation,

Die Weihnachtszeit steht vor der Tür und das Jahr 2013 ist bald zu Ende.

Wir bedanken uns bei allen unseren Sponsoren ganz herzlich für die Treue und Unterstützung und wünschen Ihnen und vor allem den von uns unterstützten Kindern ein Frohes Weihnachtsfest und ein glückliches und friedvolles Neues Jahr.

Janja Gallst

Dear Friends of the Capricorn Foundation,

The Christmas period is upon us and the year 2013 is quickly coming to an end.

We would like to sincerely thank you, our friends and donors for the continued support and trust. We wish you and especially the children we support a Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

The Foundation



In 2013 haben wir viele unterschiedliche Aktivitäten verfolgt wobei unser Hauptfokus dem Bereich des Naturschutzes galt. Wir haben vor allem Aufklärungsarbeit geleistet und Veranstaltungen abgehalten die darauf zielten das Problem der Wilderei an Elefanten zu verdeutlichen. Es werden jährlich ca. 30.000 Elefanten wegen ihres Elfenbeins gewildert und die Population von vielleicht noch 250.000-400.000 Tieren wird stetig reduziert. Organisationen, Politiker, Naturschützer und Militärexperten sind nun auf den Plan gerufen und versuchen mit allen Mitteln diesen Trend zu stoppen. Nur ein vollumfängliches Handelsverbot für Elfenbein kann die Elefanten noch retten.

Es ist unendlich schwierig die Nachfrage einzudämmen bzw. zu verhindern. Unser Focus geht momentan mehr in die Richtung Naturschutz da wir keine Zeit mehr zu verlieren haben und die Menschheit, vorallem die nachfolgenden Generationen, uns dafür verantwortlich machen werden, wenn diese Spezies unwiederbringlich verloren ist.

Bitte helfen Sie uns in dem Kampf gegen den Elfenbeinhandel und bleiben Sie informiert auf unserer facebook Seite: [Blood Ivory](#)

The year 2013 has seen many different activities with the main focus currently being on the nature conservation side. Our activities have focused around generating awareness for the plight and massive problems concerning the increased poaching of elephants in Africa. Approximately 30.000 elephants are shot for their ivory in Africa every year with the population in steady decline at now between 250.000-400.000 animals. The world fears for this species and politicians, NGOs, conservationists and military training specialists are doing their utmost to change the situation. Unfortunately the demand is difficult to target and reduce. Only a complete trading ban can help the elephants.



Chinesische Schnitzerin / Chinese Carver

We are focusing more on conservation as there is no time to lose and mankind will regret the lost opportunity once this species is irretrievably lost.

Please help us fight the poaching of elephants and stay informed on our facebook page: [Blood Ivory](#)

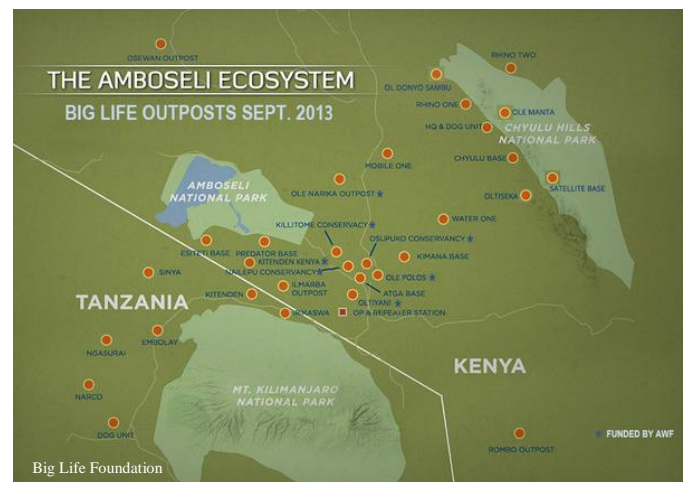
Big Life Foundation, Amboseli, Kenya



Wir haben uns entschieden die Big Life Foundation in ihren Bemühungen zu unterstützen, ca. 810.000 ha des Amboseli-Tsavo Ökosystems in Kenia zu erhalten. In diesem Zusammenhang hat die Organisation seit ihrer Gründung in 2010 bereits mehr als 300 Ranger ausgebildet und angestellt, 31 Außenposten aufgebaut, 15 Fahrzeuge im Einsatz sowie Spürhunde trainiert und erfolgreich gegen Wilderer eingesetzt. Als einzige Organisation ist sie grenzübergreifend sowohl in Kenia wie auch in Tansania tätig. Mehr zur Big Life Foundation auf deren Webpage hier www.biglife.org.

In deren Umfeld ereignete sich auch nachfolgende tragische Begebenheit, die uns dazu bewegt hat diese Mutter mit ihren sechs Kindern zu unterstützen. Wir übernehmen die Schulgebühren für alle Kinder und stellen damit sicher, dass nach dem Tod ihres Vaters die Familie nicht verarmt und die Kinder weiterhin eine Ausbildung erhalten. Wir haben Musa Lenkoti's Geschichte nicht ins Deutsche übersetzt.

We have decided to support the Big Life Foundation in its efforts to protect 2 million acres of wilderness in the Amboseli-Tsavo ecosystem of East Africa. Since its inception in 2010 Big Life has trained and employed more than 300 rangers, set up 31 outposts, maintains 15 vehicles and has trained and successfully employed tracker dogs to hunt down poachers. Big Life is the only organization in East Africa with coordinated cross-border anti-poaching operations. More on the Big Life Foundation here www.biglife.org.



It is within their boundary that the following tragic story unfolded which has led us to support this family and ensure, that after the death of their father the family does not become destitute and the children can continue their education.



Die Bilder zeigen Richard Bonham mit der Familie Lenkoti. Er berichtet von unserer Unterstützung und nimmt alle wichtigen Daten auf, um ein besseres Verständnis über Alter, Schule und Bildungswege der Kinder zu erhalten.

The pictures show Richard Bonham with the family telling them of our support and assessing all necessary data relating to ages, schools and schooling requirements for the children.



_The tragic story of Musa Lenkoti

November 2013 narrated by Richard Bonham, Director Operations, Big Life Foundation

“There is a foot path/motor bike trail linking two remote villages on Mbirikani Group Ranch in the Amboseli ecosystem. It is also shared by a host of wildlife, mainly elephant, zebra, Wildebeest and Elephant. Last week, it became the scene of a tragedy.

Musa Lenkoti was returning home after visiting relatives, and when he did not arrive in the evening, his wife became worried. She alerted the Big Life Rangers that he was missing.

The rangers immediately left to look for him, and discovered a motor bike on its stand and so they began to cast around with their flashlights for tracks. This led them to a gruesome scene of a dead body which had obviously been crushed by an Elephant only 20 yards from the trail.

At first light, a combined unit of Kenya Wildlife Service and Big Life Rangers, using their tracking skills, read from the tell-tale scuffs in the dust what had taken place. Musa had come round a corner and seen an elephant. Being an inexperienced motorbike rider, he left the bike and ran into the trees nearby. Elephant, in this area are, as a rule, very tolerant of people, so we are perplexed as to why the elephant reacted as it did, by charging.

Again, deciphering the tracks, what happened next is both tragic and extraordinary. As Musa ran for his life, he tore off his jacket and threw it on a bush. This tactic is well proven as a distraction when being charged by elephant, and has saved many a potential victim as the pursuing elephant often attacks the item of clothing, allowing the intended victim to get away.

Sadly, the elephant was not fooled. He pursued Musa, knocked him to the ground, repeatedly impaling him with his tusks. What happened next leaves much to superstition..... The elephant then picked up the body, walked back and deposited the body by the trail. What was this? Remorse, guilt, confusion, I don't know.

I have heard many stories over the years of this sort of behaviour. One was told to me by George Adamson. When he was game warden in North Kenya, he was called in to shoot an elephant that had supposedly killed a woman while she was carrying water back to her village. George arrived on the scene and soon figured out that in fact the woman had collapsed and died of heart attack. He could then see from the tracks of the elephant that had supposedly killed her, that in fact it had walked down the path later and come across the body, whereupon it collected branches from nearby trees and covered her.

The story gets worse. Musa had two other brothers. In 1992, a call came in that a young herder had gone missing. The sheep that he had been herding had returned to the village in the evening without him. The next morning, we started a search operation, in the air and on the ground, but after a week, it was called off, and what happened to this young herder still remains a mystery. But the general consensus is that he was probably killed by a lion.

Musa's other brother died just two months ago. He had been knocked down and injured by an elephant last year and never fully recovered. I am not sure of the circumstances around the incident, as it happened in another area, but we are now left with a situation where three brothers have died through conflict with wildlife.

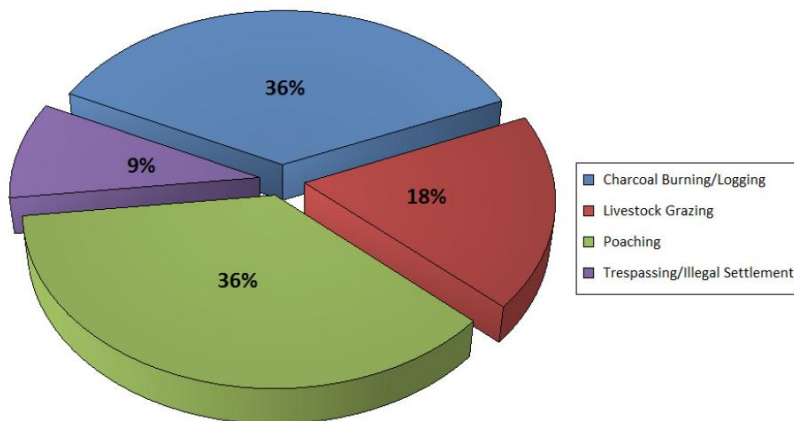
Traditionally in the Maasai culture, when a head of any household dies, dependents are absorbed by the husband's family. However in this case there is no close relative to take them on and assume the basic needs of house and shelter - let alone education for his six children. “



Wir haben in 2013 das Chui Desnaring Team des David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust unterstützt. Dieses Team von fünf Männern unter der Leitung von Stephen Liyai ist verantwortlich für das Gebiet Mtito Andei, Tsavo Ost National Park Dreieck entlang der Mombasa – Nairobi Autobahn und den Eisenbahnlagen, dem Athi River Süd und dem Mtito Andei Fluss. Sie decken auch einen Teil des Tsavo West Nationalparks mit ab. Das Team wird begleitet von bewaffneten KWS (Kenya Wildlife Service) Rangern und geht bei seinen Patrouillen sowohl auf die Suche nach Wilderern, Metallschlingen, verwundeten Tieren sowie illegalem Holzeinschlag, Holzkoble-Brennstellen und sonstigen Aktivitäten die im Nationalpark nicht gestattet sind z. B. Weiden von Kühen. Im September 2013 teilten sich die illegalen Aktivitäten wie in

der Grafik dargestellt auf.

In 2013 we supported the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust's Chui Desnaring Team. The team is set up of 5 men, led by Stephen Liyai and based near Mtito Andei, in Tsavo East National Park's triangle, operating along the railway lines, the main Nairobi - Mombasa road, which slices Tsavo East from West, and along the Athi River's Southern banks and the Mtito River. This team also covers areas of Tsavo West National Park. The team is accompanied by armed Kenya Wildlife Service Rangers while on patrol. Whilst on patrol they search for poachers, snares, wounded animals, as well as illegal logging, charcoal kilns and other forbidden activities in the National Parks i.e. cattle grazing. In the month of September 2013 the illegal activities uncovered were as seen in the graph below.



Elephant sighting during patrol / Elefantenbegegnung während eines Einsatz



A poacher arrested / ein festgenommener Wilderer



Chasing life stock out of the park / unerwünschte Besucher im Park



Confiscated loggers' bicycles / beschlagnahmte Fahrräder von Holzfüllern

Bana ba Letsatsi, Maun, Botswana



„Das Projekt „Bana ba Letsatsi“ in Maun läuft unverändert gut. Wir haben auch in 2013 die Vorschuldkinder wieder unterstützt. Um einen kleinen Einblick in das Leben dieser Kinder zu bekommen, hier eine weitere Geschichte eines von BBL betreuten Mädchens:

„Lesedi, geboren am 7. Juni 2007 in ihrem 2. Jahr.

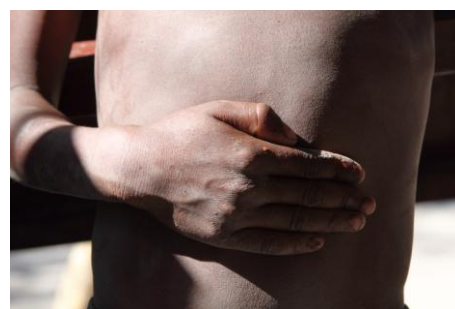
Ein Mädchen, das mit ihren Geschwistern von einer alleinerziehenden Mutter erzogen wird, die bei einem Freund wohnt, der weit entfernt von dem Familienheim lebt. Die fünf Kinder leiden unter akuter Vernachlässigung und wohnen bei ihrer blinden und tauben Großmutter. Wir versuchen mit der Mutter zusammen zu arbeiten, um sie von der Wichtigkeit der Hygiene für sich selbst und die Kinder zu überzeugen. Es ist ein langsamer Prozess und Lesedi ist oft dreckig wenn wir sie abholen. Sie wäscht sich bei uns, bekommt ein Frühstück und kann sich frisch anziehen bevor wir sie zur Schule bringen. Sie hat immer ein Lächeln im Gesicht, was für sie und uns einen großen Erfolg darstellt. Einige ihrer Geschwister waren nie in der Schule. Ohne die Unterstützung der Capricorn Foundation hätte Lesedi wahrscheinlich auch keine Aufforderung und Interesse an der Schule gehabt.“



„The project “Bana ba Letsatsi” in Maun continues to operate well. As in previous years, we are supporting the pre-schoolers in 2013. To give you another insight into the lives of these children here is the story of a girl that is cared for by BBL:

“Lesedi born 7th June 2007 in her second year.

A girl child raised by a single mum who stays with a male companion far from the family home. The 5 children are suffering from acute neglect. They currently reside with a blind and deaf grandmother. We try to work with Lesedi’s mother, trying to show her the importance of cleanliness for the children and herself, using the resources that are provided by BBL. There is slow progress in this work and Lesedi is often very dirty when she is collected by the BBL rounds in the morning, where she comes to wash, eat breakfast and dress before preschool. Lesedi’s still has a smile on her face everyday - which is a huge success for her personally and for the BBL staff team even as it stands. Some of her siblings have never been to school. Without the assistance of Capricorn Foundation, it is very likely that Lesedi would have had no encouragement or interest to go to school.”



„Die Bilder zeigen Aufnahmen mit den Kindern, ohne Gesichter zum Schutze ihrer Identität

„The pictures show shots with the children not betraying their identities.



_In Baphumelele ist immer viel los. Die vielen unterschiedlichen Projekt die Rosie ins Leben gerufen hat entwickeln sich weiter und helfen auf diese Weise sehr vielen Menschen in dem Township. Da das „Fountain of Hope House“ nur eines von vielen Aktivitäten ist, haben wir den [Newsletter als Link](#) hier vorgesehen, damit Sie einen besseren Ein- und Überblick erhalten.

In Deutschland sammelt zur Zeit Frau von Mackensen über die Capricorn Foundation für die Erweiterung und Renovierung der Vorschule.



_Baphumelele is always a buzzing place full of activities. Many different projects are up and running and help multitudes in the surrounding township. As the “Fountain of Hope House” is only one of the many projects, we have linked the latest Newsletter [here](#), for you to obtain an overview of the current developments.

In Germany Ms.von Mackensen is collecting through the Capricorn Foundation to extend and refurbish the Preschool.

Information

_ Mehr Informationen über die Capricorn Foundation finden Sie auf folgender Internetseite: www.capricorn-foundation.com

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