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**PHOTOGRAPHIC UPDATE FROM THE FIELD**

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**We wanted to say a big thank you to all of you have supported this project and herewith a photographic update from the field.**





## A Visit from HRH The Duke of Cambridge, Royal Patron of Tusk Trust

It was a great honour to welcome HRH The Duke of Cambridge, Royal Patron of Tusk Trust, to the project in Mkomazi. The visit was part of a broader tour of range states of the black rhino in Africa with Tusk Trust and The Royal Foundation, and focused on the illegal wildlife trade and, specifically in Mkomazi National Park, the part that GAWPT has played in wildlife conservation and the protection of the black rhino. Tusk Trust have been a major supporter and conservation partner of GAWPT for over 25 years. We were also very pleased to welcome Charlie Mayhew, MBE and Sarah Watson of Tusk Trust and Naomi Doak of The Royal Foundation as well as other members of the Tour.



Whilst in Mkomazi, HRH The Duke of Cambridge held a meeting with the Chairman of our Tanzanian trust, Bernard Mchomvu; the District Commissioner for Same District, Rosemary Senyamle Sitaki; the Director General of TANAPA, Allan Kijazi; the TANAPA Chief Park Warden of Mkomazi National Park, Abel Mtui and Charlie Mayhew of Tusk Trust.

He also joined a group of school students during their educational day out in Mkomazi National Park on the 'Rafiki wa Faru' environmental education programme.



# Mkomazi











Photo: Hannah Brooks



## Mr Tembo

Words cannot describe how heartbroken we were - and still are - to have lost Mr Tembo, who weakened over a period of months, despite intensive treatment and care. He was a huge part of our lives and the lives of many of the staff here in Mkomazi. His keeper, Zacharia Nassary, had done a wonderful job with him from the start and was absolutely devastated. We hope that, in time, we will all come to terms with this loss.



Photo: Jules Parmiter





With HE The Governor for Kitui County, Charity Ngilu, and Steve Kameti of TAS



		<b>KORA NATIONAL PARK</b> FRAMEWORK MANAGEMENT PLAN		
<b>Introduction</b> The Kora National Park is a natural heritage site of national and international significance. It is a unique and diverse ecosystem that provides a habitat for a wide range of wildlife and plants. The park is a source of inspiration and recreation for the people of Kenya and a valuable resource for the country's tourism industry.		<b>Kora Restoration Project</b> The Kora Restoration Project is a multi-year initiative aimed at restoring the park's natural resources and improving the livelihoods of the local community. The project focuses on conserving the park's biodiversity, enhancing its infrastructure, and promoting sustainable development in the surrounding areas.		
<b>The Management Plan</b> The Management Plan is a comprehensive document that outlines the park's management strategy and provides a framework for the implementation of the restoration project. It covers various aspects of the park's management, including conservation, infrastructure, and community development.		<b>Funding</b> The Kora Restoration Project is funded by the Government of Kenya, the World Bank, and other international organizations. The project budget is estimated at \$10 million over a five-year period.		
<b>Conservation Targets</b> The Kora Restoration Project aims to conserve the park's biodiversity and protect its natural resources. The project focuses on conserving the park's unique and diverse ecosystem, including its wildlife and plants.	<b>Zones</b> The Kora National Park is divided into several zones, each with its own management strategy. The zones include the Core Zone, the Buffer Zone, and the Transition Zone.	<b>Priority Re-introduction</b> The Kora Restoration Project focuses on re-introducing several key species into the park, including the African elephant, the black rhinoceros, and the cheetah.	<b>Summary</b> The Kora Restoration Project is a multi-year initiative aimed at restoring the park's natural resources and improving the livelihoods of the local community. The project focuses on conserving the park's biodiversity, enhancing its infrastructure, and promoting sustainable development in the surrounding areas.	
<b>Threats/Concerns</b> The Kora National Park faces several threats and concerns, including poaching, illegal logging, and land encroachment. The project aims to address these threats and concerns through a combination of conservation and community development activities.	<b>Infrastructure</b> The Kora Restoration Project focuses on enhancing the park's infrastructure, including roads, trails, and visitor facilities. The project aims to improve the park's accessibility and make it a more attractive destination for tourists.			



# Kora



To all of our supporters and wonderful conservation partners, our sincerest thanks for another year of support and great progress here in the field. We now have 31 rhino in the Mkomazi Rhino Sanctuary, and ongoing breeding and reintroductions for the African wild dog. The Rafiki wa Faru bus trundles along full of keen students learning about conservation, and the vocational training centre has expanded to include a secondary school with student numbers slowly on the increase. Mkomazi National Park is developing and constantly improving under the management of TANAPA with increasing populations of elephant and other wildlife and together we have undertaken a number of joint infrastructural projects over the past year. The Kora Project is gathering momentum and we look forward to a progressive year ahead with the long term rehabilitation of Kora National Park. We will update you all with our next GAWPT newsletter which will give the details of the ongoing work here in the field. Our most heartfelt thanks to you all.

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