

MWITU NA WATU CHARITABLE TRUST

END of YEAR REPORT - 2015

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“Mwitu Na Watu Charitable Trust is dedicated to raising funds for support of underprivileged adults and children in Kenya, as well as for the conservation of wildlife. We are supporting Community Wildlife Conservation as a means for landowners to profit from wildlife living on their lands, principally through tourism.”



Collared lion in Shompole Group Ranch

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1- Project Report

a) Loisiijo footbridge, Shompole Group Ranch

Loisiijo Bridge has been an ongoing project for several years. A fantastic asset built by Mwituna Watu for the Shompole Maasai Community. Unfortunately all that remains of it today are memories. The bridge was taken by severe flood waters just a few weeks ago during the November rains. Very heavy rains. Villages were flooded and the bridge destroyed. In the process Loisiijo Lodge, a community owned lodge was flooded yet again and more silt deposited. Conditions are extremely difficult here as the river floods higher each year, deforestation 200kms higher up in the Mau Escarpment and the Loita Hills nearby are the major contributors. The lodge will be re-located onto higher ground before opening again as the location is no longer viable.



[Aerial view of the Ewaso Ngiro River](#), 1 km upstream from the bridge



Flooding at Loisiijo -

from Mwituna Watu 7 months ago ALL AUDIENCE

[Loisiijo Lodge](#) generated much needed revenue for the Shompole Community through bed night fees, Conservation and Community fees, from tourists visiting the Shompole Area.

The importance of the lodge as an employer was vital to the Community as well as to the conservation of the wildlife in the area. The area is rich in wildlife including elephant, lion, leopard, & eland just to name a few.

Mwituna Watu is dedicated to supporting Shompole Community by creating employment and encouraging wildlife conservation.

[Click here for the video of the river in May 2015](#)

b) Collaring of lions in Shompole Group Ranch

Tracking of lions are vital to Guy Western's lion project (Rebuilding the Pride) in the Shompole and (neighboring) Olkiramatian Group Ranches. Guy, a scientist based in Olkiramatian, has over the years established a map of the main predator passages and territories. This information assists to advise the local Maasai people which areas are best avoided for grazing their cattle, thus minimising predator/human conflicts and avoiding potential retaliation from the herdsmen who would be wanting to kill the lions if their cattle were harmed.

Lions with geo-localised collars are vital to the program. Mwituna Watu assisted to purchase one collar worth 2500USD. The funds came from a French film production company which was brought to the area by one of the MNW trustees to film the story of the lion warriors working with [Rebuilding the Pride](#).



Lion collar next to a lion skull. [More images.....](#)

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c) Kone Primary School, Morijo in the Loita Hills

African Latitude and Mwituna Watu have been supporting several Loitan schools by setting aside funds collected from each of our visitors to the area. This means that on our Loita Hills Walking Safari from the edge of the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, all the way to the floor of the Rift Valley near Lake Natron, five primary schools plus the Shompole Group Ranch will receive funding for designated projects. Early this year we completed the building of the Kone School toilets.



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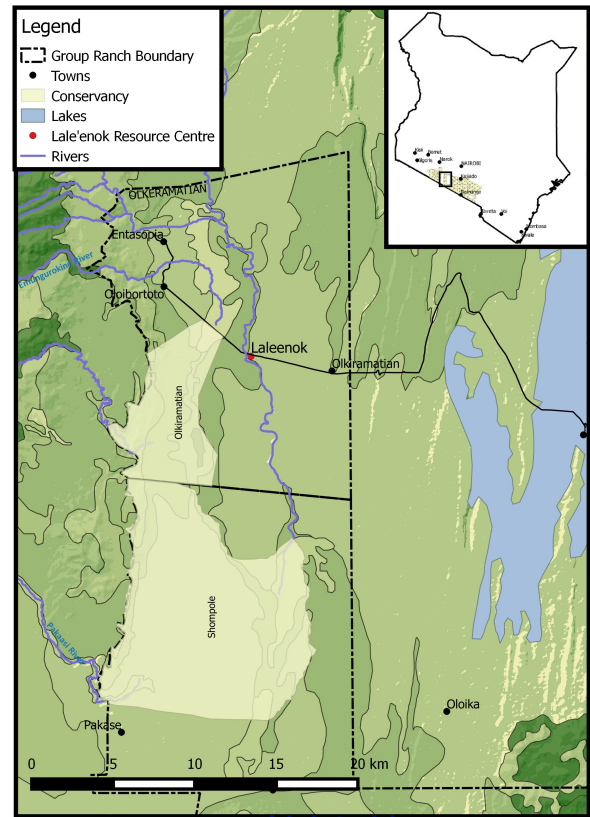
d) Shompole Wildlife Scouts

The 25,000 acre Wildlife Conservancy run by the Shompole Community still remains a management challenge. There are large numbers of wildlife living in this area, such as elephant, lion, giraffe, zebra, and eland just to mention a few. Surrounded by the forested Nguruman escarpment & Loita Hills on one side, and the soda lakes Magadi & Natron to the east & south, [the area is an elephant migratory corridor between Amboseli National Park & Maasai Mara Game Reserve](#). The Game Scouts patrol and prevent poachers from entering the conservancy, as well as assist in lion and herdsman conflict resolution.

The Rangers are a vital part of the Shompole Wildlife Conservancy, numbers went up to 7 for Shompole Conservancy and 6 for Olkirimatian Conservancy Mwitu na Watu paid the salaries of 2 Rangers this year, while others were paid under the umbrella of SORALO/African Conservation Centre.

- 168,000ksh was spent on this project.

Map of Shompole and Olkirimatian Conservancies



SORALO
South Rift Association of Land Owners

[Link to bigger map](#)

Rangers at SORALO Training facility.

[Read more](#)



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e) Siloam Orphanage

Situated in [Kibera](#) Nairobi, the [Orphanage](#) currently takes care of 46 boys and 12 girls as resident orphans.

The project to relocate the girls to the countryside near Bungoma, Western Kenya, has moved ahead this year with the help of various organisations. The new orphanage now has seven rooms built and the dormitory area has been upgraded. Stephen Munyolo, their

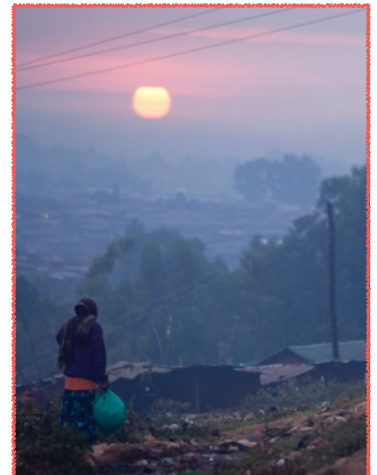
'father' has been very busy on the project. 38 girls are now living in Bungoma, 8 more will move out of Kibera this year and by the end of 2016 all of the girls will be located there.



This year again we have been supporting the orphanage by supplying them with basic food items like maize & beans on a regular monthly basis. We are also paying the Kenya School Examination fees for the orphans.

- 412,575ksh was spent on this project.
See details on "documents/annexes"

The main funding for the orphanage came this year again from the Trust "[Insolites Batisseurs](#)" in France, and Dianne & Bruce Wilson in Australia. African Latitude Ltd. donated transport and administrative work.



[More images of life in Kibera.....](#)

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e) Independent Education Projects

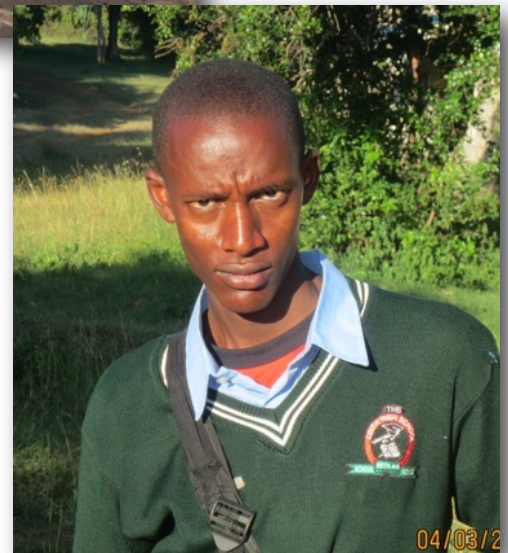
- 1) You might remember Daniel Lochomin, who is a Village Chief in the northern area of Turkana and very committed to his community. He is currently following a [Bachelor of Development Studies](#). Mwituna Na Watu assisted last year by paying his semester fees. This year to help financing these studies, we found him work participating in the production of a film on water aquifers in his area for “Ladybird Films”. The film work not only allowed him to earn enough funds to pay 2 semesters at University but also put him in contact with a French scientist who discovered some vast water aquifers in western Turkana. But for some reason, the Turkana people are still suffering from a lack of drinking water while boreholes have been closed as ‘salty’. Daniel and the French scientist ended up in the Turkana Governors office, who claimed he had always been told that the water was undrinkable. What is the reason behind that, Daniel is now on a mission to find out so that the boreholes can be opened to give greater access to clean water for the local people. (In the meantime there is much drilling of oil in the area...)



*Dr Gachet and Daniel Lochomin with fellow Turkana.
Photo Ladybirds Films*

- 2) Robin and Carl Laarson of Illinois USA, have supported Jonathan Njapit's schooling since 2013. This year again they fulfilled their commitment and sponsor all fees for Jonathan through Mwituna Na Watu. Jonathan sat his Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education, which is taken at the completion of Secondary Education. Results will come out in February.

- 54800 ksh was spent on this project.
See details on “documents/annexes”



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f) Lonkobei Primary School Shompole.

We visited Lonkobei School for the first time in February 2015. We were with the Wilson family from Australia. We were shocked by the state of the school but very impressed by the dedication of the teachers. Amy & Boyd offered 600AUD to repair the desks and chairs which were laying in a pile in one of the classrooms. That was it, the aid machine was set in motion.



Since then we haven't looked back:

- repairs of the desks, the blackboards, walls, floors and doors.
- provided pens, pencils, erasers, paper, paint and other stationaries
- supplied volley ball nets, balls, skipping ropes, footballs and other sports equipment
- purchased over 100 text books and reading/story books.

We have also provided scholarships for 2 primary school students, Pose Karate and Lengolie Kintalei.

[A few more images of Lonkobei School.](#)



- 128,043 ksh was spent on this project to date. See details on "documents/annexes"



Lengolie Kintalei



Pose Karatei

ART in the Heart of CONSERVATION

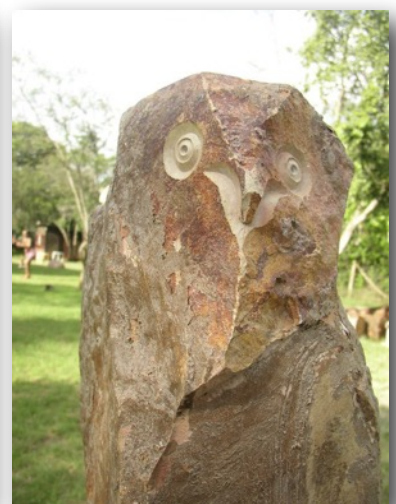


[Christine Seifert](#) a talented Tanzanian born artist who now lives in Switzerland has pledged to give a percentage of her sales to Mwituna Watu.

She is exhibiting at the Nest Gallery in Geneva and at the OneOff Gallery in Nairobi and of course on her [website](#)



We have also built a mutual support scheme for another very talented Kenyan artist who has been struggling marketing his work, Peter Kenyanya. Peter is a sculptor, specialising in abstract work on very unique stones and rocks. He is a rare artist who chooses to work on granite, basalt, lava and other incredibly hard stones. Fascinated by his work, we have now sold two of his sculptures with profits going to Mwituna Watu.



2- 2016 Projections

a) Shompole Group Ranch

- 1) To pay Rangers salaries in the Shompole Wildlife Conservancy
ksh 20,000- x 12 months = ksh 240,000- (2400USD)
- 2) Creation of a Tourist Warden, Shompole Wildlife Conservancy.
ksh 36,000- x 12 months = ksh 432,000- (4300USD)
- 3) Creation of a dedicated camping area with facilities in the Shompole Conservancy
ksh 500,000 = (5000USD)

b) Education Sponsor Projects

- 1) Daniel Lochomin
BA Development Studies tuition fees at Lodwar University ksh 240,000- (2600USD)
- 2) Jonathan Njapit further studies. 1 year at University ksh 120,000- (1200USD)
- 3) Pose Karatei and Lengolie Kintalei School fees ksh 40,000- (400USD)
- 4) Siloam Orphanage School Examination registration cost
Estimated in 2016: ksh 85000- (850USD)

d) Lenkobei Primary School

- 1) Provision of lunches for the children:
Monthly minimum needed currently is ksh 30000- X 12 months = ksh 360,000- (3600USD)
- 2) Provision for one more teacher salary. 10000- X 12 months = ksh 120,000- (1200USD)
- 3) Provision for more text and reading books:



3- Documents - Annexes

c) Kone School toilet construction expense details

KONES LOITA SCHOOL									
	Cheque	01/01/2015	GP04	KONES LOITA SCHOOL	Transport of Materials	18 000,00			
	Cheque	01/01/2015	GP05	KONES LOITA SCHOOL	Timber	29 000,00			
	Cheque	03/01/2015	GP03	KONES LOITA SCHOOL	Digging Toilet Pit	16 000,00			
	Cheque	03/01/2015	GP06	KONES LOITA SCHOOL	Ceder Post	2 250,00			
	Cheque	06/02/2015	GP07	KONES LOITA SCHOOL	Cement,Wire,Binding,Nails	20 190,00			
	Cheque	06/02/2015	GP08	KONES LOITA SCHOOL	Construction Labour	18 000,00			
	Cheque	10/03/2015	132	KONES LOITA SCHOOL	Building Materials Kone Toilet	36 515,00			
Total KONES LOITA SCHOOL						139 955,00			

d) Game Scout expense details

GAME SCOUTS									
	Cheque	09/01/2015	126	SCOUTS	Donation 2 Rangers Jan	14 000,00			
	Cheque	12/02/2015	128	SCOUTS	Donation 2 rangers Feb	14 000,00			
	Cheque	11/03/2015	133	SCOUTS	Donation 2 rangers March	14 000,00			
	Cheque	20/04/2015	137	SCOUTS	2 Rangers Donation April	14 000,00			
	Cheque	05/05/2015	140	SCOUTS	2 Ragers donation May	14 000,00			
	Cheque	02/06/2015	145	SCOUTS	2 Rangers Donation June	14 000,00			
	Cheque	03/07/2015	150	SCOUTS	2 Rangers Donation	14 000,00			
	Cheque	06/08/2015	151	SCOUTS	2 rangers donations August	14 000,00			
	Cheque	28/08/2015	154	SCOUTS	Rangers donation	14 000,00			
	Cheque	06/10/2015	157	SCOUTS	Rangers donations Oct	14 000,00			
	Cheque	02/11/2015	159	SCOUTS	Rangers donation November	14 000,00			
	Cheque	02/12/2015	162	SCOUTS	Rangers donation Decembre	14 000,00			
Total GAME SCOUT						168 000,00			

e) Siloam Orphanage expenses details

SILOAM Food									
	Cheque	09/01/2015	124	SILOAM	Jan food for siloam	25 000,00			
	Cheque	07/02/2015	127	SILOAM	Feb food for siloam	25 000,00			
	General Jour	28/02/2015		SILOAM	Feb bank Charges	275,00			
	Cheque	03/03/2015	131	SILOAM	March food for siloam	25 000,00			
	Cheque	07/04/2015	135	SILOAM	Siloam food	25 000,00			
	Cheque	06/05/2015	141	SILOAM	May Food for Siloam	25 000,00			
	Cheque	06/06/2015	143	SILOAM	Siloam food June	25 000,00			
	Cheque	03/07/2015	149	SILOAM	Siloam Food July	25 000,00			
	Cheque	06/08/2015	152	SILOAM	Food for Siloam August	25 000,00			
	Cheque	28/08/2015	155	SILOAM	Siloam food for September	25 000,00			
	Cheque	06/10/2015	156	SILOAM	Siloam food October	25 000,00			
	Cheque	02/11/2015	160	SILOAM	Siloam food November	25 000,00			
	Cheque	02/12/2015	161	SILOAM	Siloam food December	25 000,00			
Total SILOAM Food						300 275,00			
SILOAM - Other									
	Cheque	27/01/2015	129	SILOAM	KCPE Exam registration for 2015 cand	16 800,00			
	Cheque	27/01/2015	130	SILOAM	KCSE Exam registration for 2015 cand	93 500,00			
	Cheque	23/02/2015	GP02	SILOAM	Driver -Bruce Wilson kibera visit	2 000,00			
Total SILOAM - Other						112 300,00			
Total SILOAM						412 575,00			

e) Independent education project expenses details

EDUCATION PROJECT						
	19/02/2015	GP01	SCHOOL FEE	Paid Via Momposhi cash		12 260,00
	11/03/2015	134	SCHOOL FEE	Term 1 school fee- Larry Esinyae		21 440,00
	07/05/2015	142	SCHOOL FEE	Jonathan Njapit Form 4 term III fees		9 900,00
	11/05/2015	GP45	SCHOOL FEE	Jonathan Njapit term 2 fees		11 200,00
Total EDUCATION PROJECT						54 800,00

f) Lonkobei School expenses details

LONKOBEL SCHOOL						
Cheque	01/09/2015	GP35	SCHOOL FEE	2 school bags		600,0
Cheque	01/09/2015	GP36	SCHOOL FEE	Ex Books		258,0
Cheque	01/09/2015	GP37	SCHOOL FEE	School uniforms		6 000,0
Cheque	07/09/2015	GP38	SCHOOL FEE	School uniforms		1 550,0
Cheque	07/09/2015	GP39	SCHOOL FEE	Shoes & socks 2 pairs		700,0
Cheque	07/09/2015	GP40	SCHOOL FEE	School fees		3 000,0
Cheque	11/03/2015	GP09	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Transport		1 050,0
Cheque	12/03/2015	GP10	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Cement, roofing bolt,nails etc		4 400,0
Cheque	14/03/2015	GP11	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Chalk		230,0
Cheque	14/03/2015	GP12	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Blackboard paint, brush & turpentine		3 000,0
Cheque	17/03/2015	GP13	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Sand Paper		300,0
Cheque	17/03/2015	GP14	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Transport Kiserian to Olkirimatian		600,0
Cheque	23/03/2015	GP15	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Dustless Chalk		70,0
Cheque	14/04/2015	GP16	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Transport for Jame the Carpenter		3 150,0
Cheque	16/04/2015	136	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Carpentry works at Lonkobei School		9 000,0
Cheque	14/08/2015	GP17	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Transport for Jame Charo		250,0
Cheque	15/08/2015	153	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Plywood for Lonkobei school		15 855,0
Cheque	17/08/2015	GP18	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Transport for James Charo		450,0
Cheque	18/08/2015	GP19	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Sans Paper, hinges & saw file		190,0
Cheque	18/08/2015	GP20	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Crypus wood		3 080,0
Cheque	19/08/2015	GP28	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Fuel during visit		6 000,0
Cheque	21/08/2015	GP21	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Transport		750,0
Cheque	22/08/2015	GP22	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	10 Litres Petrol for water pump		1 500,0
Cheque	22/08/2015	GP23	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Transport & Lunch for James & Lemayan		900,0
Cheque	23/08/2015	GP24	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Lunch for James		300,0
Cheque	25/08/2015	GP25	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Bus ticket Olkirimatian/Kisereian		350,0
Cheque	25/08/2015	GP26	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Food at Loisijo		2 000,0
Cheque	25/08/2015	GP27	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Construction of Shelves & repairs on bridge		8 000,0
Cheque	04/09/2015	GP48	SCHOOL FEE	Alphabet Charts		1 320,0
Cheque	07/09/2015	GP41	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Joel Morjoi transport to purchase books in		1 000,0
Cheque	14/09/2015	GP29	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Stationary-Davika bookshop		45 689,0
Cheque	08/10/2015	GP30	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Crayons, calculators		3 200,0
Cheque	08/10/2015	GP31	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Books		2 300,0
Cheque	08/10/2015	GP32	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Foot balls, skip ropes, volleyball & Net		11 960,0
Cheque	08/10/2015	GP33	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Skipping rope		399,0
Cheque	08/10/2015	GP34	STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Travel cost		750,0
Total LONKOBEL SCHOOL						128 043,0

b) Sponsors 2015

- Bruce and Diane Wilson, Australia
- Amy & Boyd Wilson, Australia
- Carl & Robin Larson, USA
- Robyn & Michel Laplace-Toulouse, Kenya
- Suzette & Roland de Siebenthal, Switzerland
- Fondation Bâtisseurs Insolites, France
- African Latitude Ltd, Kenya
- Rajni Shah & Co, Kenya
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