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Dear NRT Partners,

Nobel laureate, Wangari Maathai, once said, “In Kenya, women are the first victims of environmental degradation, because they are the ones who walk for hours looking for water, who fetch firewood, who provide food for their families.”

She reminded us, “It’s the little things citizens do. That’s what will make the difference. My little thing is planting trees.”

For pastoralist women at NRT Trading’s BeadWORKS, a handicraft business and award-winning program that harnesses northern Kenya’s rich beading culture, literally and metaphorically, their little thing is a bead.

Stitch by stitch, piece by piece, through BeadWORKS, these women create exquisite, beaded products, made with love in northern Kenya to the world.

Last year, BeadWORKS generated over Ksh 30 million in sales and contributed five percent of the amount to the conservancies where it operates, supporting conservation and community development efforts. Women earned Ksh 8,328,670 million (USD 70,581) for the creation of the products through this handicraft business. The women’s BeadWORKS earnings allowed them to pay school fees for their children, access high-quality healthcare, and raise their families’ standard of living, among other needs.

At NRT Coast, women are spearheading community development through fishing. In Kiunga and Pate Marine Community Conservancies, the fisherwomen negotiated higher prices for their octopus catches, securing lucrative sales.

These phenomenal women have a benefit-sharing agreement for octopus fishing, in which Ksh 30 is contributed to women’s associations for livelihood improvement for each kilogram of octopus sold. The fisherwomen’s business prowess, therefore, increased the community’s overall benefits from octopus fishing.

To ensure that all conservancy members and leaders—regardless of gender—can fully participate in and benefit from NRT’s conservation efforts and livelihood activities, NRT continues to strategically identify gender gaps and promote culturally appropriate solutions. Please continue reading for more on this and other exciting news and updates from our member community conservancies.



Unlocking the Full Potential of Girls and Women: Supercharging Gender Equality in Conservation



In honor of International Women’s Day and in an effort to narrow the gender inequality gap, NRT hosted the 2023 Women Leadership Summit—the third of its kind, bringing together more than 300 women and amplifying their voices in conservation.

Due to cultural practices, a patriarchal setup, the climate crisis, and a lack of proper gender representation, among other factors, women’s inclusion has long been an overlooked aspect of development in northern and coastal Kenya.



Our main goal is to empower and mentor young girls and emerging women leaders in conservation, and promote education, diversity in leadership, and gender equality in community conservation

Beatrice Lempaira,
NRT’s Gender Director

Thanks to the community conservancy model, women now have more chances than ever to assume leadership positions and have a say in decisions affecting rangeland management, conservancy governance, natural resource management and community development.

NRT established a gender structure in each of its five regions: Coast, Mountain, Centre, West, and East, creating operational structures known as caucuses, to effectively promote women’s views and representations in programs.

“Our main goal is to empower and mentor young girls and emerging women leaders in conservation, and promote education, diversity in leadership, and gender equality in community conservation,” explains Beatrice Lempaira, NRT’s Gender Director.



During the 2023 Women Leadership Summit, women from all 43 NRT member community conservancies recounted their leadership struggles and victories, providing a vivid picture of the need to remove the barriers that women confront through capacity building, economic empowerment, and mentoring.

The Summit sought to promote gender diversity in leadership, identify and support aspiring female leaders, boost women's participation in conservation and community development, and broaden their knowledge of gender equity in community conservation.

To wrap up the event, the women joined the rest of the world in commemorating International Women's Day on the 8th of March, celebrating their conservation achievements. In line with this year's theme, "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality," the ways in which women at NRT and NRT member community conservancies have embraced technology to protect wildlife, build peace, secure financial information, protect their privacy (for better decision-making and planning), and amplify their voices were highlighted.

Across the NRT landscape, with the support of NRT and our partners, women are driving community development, breaking down social barriers, and creating safe spaces for themselves and young girls to thrive.

The Summit was also supported by Conservation International, the European Union (EU), the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), and the Embassy of Sweden in Nairobi, through the Integrated Management of Natural Resources for Resilience in Arid and Semi-Arid Counties (IMARA) Program.

Exactly how are technology and innovation supporting women in conservation in their daily work and improving their livelihoods? [Watch this video to find out!](#)

Paving the Way for a Bright Future: 19-million-shilling Carbon Project-Funded Education Bursaries Launched

Three of the 14 NRT member community conservancies involved in the Northern Kenya Rangelands Carbon Project (NKRCP) launched Carbon Project-funded education bursaries amounting to Ksh 19 million, benefitting 4,600 students.

Isiolo County Governor, H.E. Abdi Ibrahim Guyo, who presided over the launch event endorsed the bursaries which target conservancies in Isiolo County, including Nasuulu, Biliqo Bulesa, and Oldonyiro's Naapu, Nanapisho, Nannapa, Narupa units.

All the 12 community conservancies in Isiolo plan to spend a combined Ksh 38 million on educational bursaries in 2023, in line with decisions made and approved by their respective indigenous communities.

Through the NKRCF, Ksh 23 million was disbursed to the County Government in Isiolo, Marsabit, Samburu, and Laikipia Counties (in 2022 and 2023) for drought mitigation, benefiting 14,330 households across the four counties.

The NKRCF is the world's largest soil carbon removal project which connects rangeland restoration and livestock grazing planning to direct financial benefits for local communities. The project provides communities with long-term sustainable revenue.

The Governor, who was accompanied by his deputy Dr. James Lowasa, Isiolo County Assembly Speaker Mohammed Roba, County Secretary Dade Boru, Isiolo MCAs, and the executive team, praised the project, terming it beneficial to communities in areas such as health, water, education, drought relief, and community-led projects such as tourism.



BeadWORKS: Transforming Lives, One Bead at a Time Meet Saranto Lekoloi

In the heart of Kalama, a small village in Archers Post in northern Kenya, where women face countless challenges, Saranto Lekoloi, a mother of seven, is a beacon of hope.

Saranto joined the BeadWORKS Program over a decade ago and has mastered the art of beading. While most beadworkers take days to complete a piece, Saranto can create one in just a few hours.

Saranto's life, however, was not always this easy.



In the past, she relied solely on her husband for financial support. They struggled to survive, however, due to unpredictable weather patterns and prolonged droughts, which put their livelihood at risk. To supplement their income, Saranto resorted to making and selling illicit brews.

“Joining BeadWORKS improved my life. I now earn an income in a lawful way to complement my husband’s efforts,” says Saranto. Through the Program, she gained financial freedom and a renewed sense of self-worth and purpose.

But perhaps Saranto’s newfound confidence is the most significant change. She used to be shy and reserved, but now she is a remarkable public speaker who trains other women in beading techniques. She has even used her skills in peacekeeping efforts, demonstrating the transformative power of economic empowerment.



Kalama Community Conservancy, where Saranto lives, receives 5% of the total sales from BeadWORKS and uses it to finance community projects such as the provision of school fees, bursaries, and scholarships. Saranto’s son, who recently graduated from university, was among the beneficiaries of the school bursaries. With the bursary covering his tuition, using her BeadWORKS earnings, Saranto paid for his living expenses while he attended university.

Saranto’s story underscores the fact that empowering women is not just the right thing to do, it is the smart action to take as it breaks the cycle of poverty, transforming entire communities. And through BeadWORKS, Saranto and countless other women like her are doing just that.



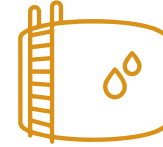
Commemorating World Water Day: **Spotlight on Songa Conservancy's Leiyai Community**

On this year's World Water Day, our focus shifted to the Leiyai community in Songa Conservancy, which inhabits the semi-arid lands surrounding the densely forested Marsabit National Park.

For years, the Leiyai have been relying on an old water supply connection in a nearby forest to access clean water. This connection has been broken by elephants for some time, resulting in a water shortage. In the last two years, the situation became dire and was aggravated by insecurity, placing women and girls at risk as they had to trek five kilometers to fetch water from a nearby village.

In 2022, NRT repaired the broken water supply system in the Conservancy with the support of Agence Française de Développement (AFD), Rainforest Trust, and Fonds Français pour l'Environnement Mondial (FFEM).

New water pipelines were laid and a 100,000-litre storage tank was installed to supply clean and safe water to the Leiyai community. This has made life better and easier for community members and enabled them to venture into farming, diversifying their livelihood.



100,000-litre

storage tank installed to supply clean and safe water to the Leiyai community

Out Now! NRT'S 2023 State of Conservancies Report Launched Online

NRT's 2023 State of Conservancies Report is out! The report was launched on the 21st of March and provides details and news updates on each of our 43 member community conservancies.

It is NRT's Annual Report for 2022 and shares highlights from a year that for NRT and our member community conservancies was equal parts challenging and filled with numerous grand wins.



[To read all about our work and the progress made in 2022, download the full report by clicking on this link](#)

BeadWORKS Neckpiece Makes Cameo Appearance on Stephen Colbert's Late Show!

Thanks to the Ibu Movement, the Saina collar, a product made by women in NRT Trading's BeadWORKS Program appeared on Stephen Colbert's Late Show, fabulously won by the iconic actress and Oscar winner, Jane Fonda as she did a press interview for her new movie "Moving On,"

It was a great honour for BeadWORKS' pastoralist women to have Jane Fonda showcase their work to a worldwide audience.

Through BeadWORKS, NRT Trading has empowered 1,200 women in nine NRT member community conservancies, who created 62,592 BeadWORKS products in 2022, generating Ksh 32,489,107 (USD 275,331) in sales.

Searching for a timeless, classic gift for a loved one or looking to elevate your style? Please take a moment to check out the newest BeadWORKS products. Every purchase you make supports pastoralist women in northern Kenya, wildlife protection efforts and community-led conservation. To browse through the catalogue, [click here](#):



NRT East Commemorates International Women's Day

NRT East, in collaboration with the Isiolo County Government, Isiolo G.K. Prison, local clergy, and other development partners in the region came together to commemorate International Women's Day in a celebratory event that included a tree planting exercise, a visit to the Prison (and interactions with the prison fraternity), and a walk through Isiolo town.

During the event, NRT was lauded for providing education bursaries, which have made it possible for many young girls in Isiolo County to attend school. Other NRT initiatives, such as the Ujuzi Manyattani Program and the Northern Rangelands Sacco, have been praised for improving the lives of numerous women in the region.



Building Community Capacity in Governance: Nasuulu Board Undergoes Tourism Enterprise Operations Training

As part of community capacity building and in an effort to empower the community, 18 board members from Nasuulu Community Conservancy underwent a week-long training in tourism enterprise operations.

The training, which sought to equip community members with the skills required to successfully manage Nasuulu's lodge, will have a significant impact on the Conservancy's ability to manage resources and promote sustainable tourism practices.

The move aligns with the National Government's agenda of promoting community-based conservation initiatives to support the country's tourism sector. NRT Trading's Tourism Department has been crucial in generating revenue while creating employment opportunities for indigenous communities.



To Save a Life: Kiunga and KWS Conduct Joint Sea Turtle Rescue Mission

While on a joint patrol, Kiunga Community Wildlife Association (KICOWA) scouts, Kiunga Beach Management Units' Representatives (BMUs), and Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) officials jointly rescued two sea turtles that were entangled in a set fishing net and returned them to sea.

Bycatch of sea turtles in nets and hooks is regarded as the most serious threat to some sea turtle populations. The rescued sea turtles belong to the critically endangered hawksbill species and the endangered green sea turtle species.



The Lamu archipelago is home to the most important nesting beaches for sea turtles on Kenya's coast, accounting for more than half of all recorded nesting. Sea turtle nesting happens all year but peaks from March to July.

KICOWA and KWS are working together to raise awareness among fishers about the importance of regulating set nets in sea turtle habitats to reduce marine turtle bycatch in large and small-scale fisheries.

150 Entrepreneurs Successfully Undergo NRT Trading's Biashara Mashinani Training

NRT Trading's Biashara Mashinani Program successfully trained 150 community members in Biliqo, Naibunga Lower, Shurr, Jaldesa, Songa, and Oldonyiro Community Conservancies in a two-module business planning course.

The Program sought to improve community members' entrepreneurial skills and capacity, particularly of women and youth, to develop sustainable businesses at the grassroots level.

Upon the completion of the training, an impact assessment was conducted to evaluate the potential effects of the training on various beneficiaries and its efficacy in promoting business development in NRT member community conservancies.

Biashara Mashinani continues to prioritize training, financial literacy, business development, and mentorship to enhance the capacity of individuals and groups at the grassroots level. The Program aims at creating a sustainable and thriving business environment in community conservancies through its initiatives.



Fisherwomen's Revenues Soar as Octopus Closures Open in Pate and Kiunga Community Conservancies

In March, Pate Marine and Kiunga Community Conservancies opened their octopus closures and reported an increase in profit and population and an improvement in habitat condition.

Upon opening, in five days, 62 fisherwomen caught a total of 2,588 kilograms of octopus of mostly the *Cyanea* and *Vulgaris* species. To allow fish populations to recover, the two community conservancies established trial temporary octopus closures and designated some regions as no-fish zones.



The largest octopus caught in Kiunga weighed 4.4 kilograms, while the largest one caught in Pate weighed 3.1 kilograms.

In Kiunga, the fisherwomen negotiated higher prices for their octopus catches, selling a kilogram for Ksh 200 against the market price of Ksh 150, while in Pate, the price of octopus shot from Ksh 150 to Ksh 370 per kilogram after auctioning.

To support fishers and fund community development priorities, for each kilo of octopus sold, Ksh 30 is deposited into the women’s fisher group and the Beach Management Unit (BMU) account, in line with an existing benefit-sharing agreement for octopus fishing.



Kilograms of Octopus Caught

Day 1: 696.5
 Day 2: 132.3
 Day 3: 106.7
 Day 4: 101.1
 Day 5: 74.8



The Week’s Total: 1,111.4

The largest octopus caught:
3.1 kilograms



Kilograms of Octopus Caught

Day 1: 1,106.5
 Day 2: 201.3
 Day 3: 112.1
 Day 4: 56.7
 Day 5: 0 (no fishing took place)



The Week’s Total: 1,476.6

The largest octopus caught:
4.4 kilograms

Respite for Fodder Farmers in Masol Community Conservancy as NRT and Partners Resurrect Fodder Farm

The Simbol Fodder Group in Masol Community Conservancy received a significant boost after NRT, the West Pokot County Government, and the area member of the county assembly (MCA) teamed up to revive the Group’s 60-acre fodder farm. Due to poor rainfall, the farmers did not harvest any grass from their farms last year.

The County Government, through the Ministry of Agriculture and the office of the area Member of the County Assembly



(MCA), has provided a tractor that will facilitate the plowing of the farm.

NRT, through Ustahimilivu, a European Union-funded resilience project, purchased grass seeds, provided fuel for the tractor, and will also procure the fencing materials for a kilometer of the fodder farm which is not fenced.



NRT Trading's Biashara Mashinani Conducts Impact Evaluation Training for Masol's Ujuzi Manyattani Graduates

The Biashara Mashinani Team trained Ujuzi Manyattani graduates from Masol Community Conservancy in West Pokot County on the second module of the Impact Assessment Program, which seeks to assist Ujuzi Manyattani graduates in developing viable businesses that will increase their household income.

The topics covered during the training included business growth and mentorship, financial management, marketing, and product development.

The Impact Evaluation Program is one of four business development and mentorship trainings designed to empower entrepreneurs and promote financial literacy in community conservancies.



Plans to **Restore Degraded Rangelands** in Pellow Community Conservancy Get Underway

Pellow Community Conservancy's Grazing Committee held a meeting to discuss the clearing of invasive species and the rehabilitation of degraded rangelands.

During the meeting, which was also attended by the Conservancy's Board, County Director of Livestock, Paul Loruchong'ar, and NRT West Regional Team, a resolution was made to set aside a 10-acre demo farm in the Conservancy. The rangelands restoration project is funded by the European Union through NRT, under Ustahimilivu, a resilience program.



Boosting Resilience and Economic Growth in Northern Kenya: NRT Trading Team Attends USAID-funded REAL Conference

NRT Trading's Monitoring and Evaluation Team participated in the USAID-funded Resilience Evaluation, Analysis, and Learning (REAL) Conference for the Partnership for Resilience and Economic Growth (PREG) II Initiative in northern Kenya.

The Conference's main objectives centered on presenting the initial findings from the PREG II Baseline and Recurrent Monitoring Surveys (RMS) and soliciting feedback on the design of the PREG II endline evaluation, which is scheduled to be conducted later this year.



Naibunga Community Conservancy **Graduates Six** Community Fence Technicians

Six community fence technicians from Naibunga Central and Lower Community Conservancies graduated following a one-month training on electric fence installation and maintenance that was provided by Lewa Wildlife Conservancy's Fence Unit.

The training followed Naibunga's completion of the construction of a 44-square-kilometer strand elephant fence that the community requested be erected around Kimanjo Township, on the two conservancies' land, to prevent the incursion of human settlements by elephants.

Before the fence was constructed, an Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) was conducted by the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), and the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) gave its approval. Over the years, there have been numerous incidents of human-wildlife conflict in settlement areas, resulting in over ten deaths and injuries.

The trained technicians will oversee the maintenance of the fence which is solely managed by a fence committee elected by the community. Four more technicians will complete their training this month, bringing the total number of technicians to 10. Their training was supported by TNC Wyss and the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.



Infrastructure Projects Rolled Out in NRT Member Community Conservancies

The NRT Infrastructure Team completed the erection of a farmland fence in Biliqo Bulesa Community Conservancy.

The Team is rolling out other projects across the NRT landscape, including the groundbreaking of three outposts in Meibae supported by the Northern Kenya Rangelands Carbon Project (NKRCF), and the construction of an outpost at Westgate funded by the European Union (EU) CPI.

Other ongoing construction projects include Pate Marine Community Conservancy's scout outpost, Garbatulla Community Conservancy's headquarters, and staff housing at Lekurruki Community Conservancy's Tassia Lodge.

The Infrastructure Team is additionally supporting the construction of the Kalama Resource Center and the maintenance of the fence around Ishaqbini Hirola Sanctuary to protect the critically endangered hirola antelope from predators.

Technology in Conservation: NRT and Partners Undertake Exposure Visit at Solar-powered Ice Plants

Teams from NRT, Pate Marine Community Conservancy, the Lamu County Government, and Faza Fishers Co-operative toured solar-powered ice plants in Msambweni and Mtwapa to learn more about how to maintain and use the technology.

For a solar-powered ice plant, Faza Fishers Co-operative was granted Ksh 9.8 million by the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project, Ksh 500,000 by NRT, Ksh 500,00 by Lamu Governor, H.E. Issa Timamy, and Ksh 100,000 by the Lamu County Assembly.

Faza Fishers Co-operative plans to establish a solar-powered ice plant that will facilitate the storage before the sale of fish caught by fishers from Faza Island in Pate Marine Community Conservancy.

Marking the Occasion: NRT Member Community Conservancies Celebrate World Wildlife Day 2023



NRT joined conservationists the world over in commemorating World Wildlife Day through a series of activities performed across the NRT landscape to commemorate the occasion, whose theme this year was 'Partnership for Wildlife Conservation'.

In Marsabit County, NRT member community conservancies celebrated World Wildlife Day by hosting an event in which they conducted a tree planting exercise, provided hay and water to wildlife, and collected litter in the center of Marsabit National Park, which is a critical ecosystem in the County.

Officials from the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), Kenya Forest Service (KFS), National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Pastoralist Community Initiative and Development Assistance (PACIDA), Marsabit County Government, and National Police Service, and Marsabit Forest Community Forest Association (CFA) leaders, honorary wardens, Marsabit Conservancy chairpersons and managers, tourism agencies, private sector players, and community members, attended the event.



Human-conflict mitigation and multi-stakeholder collaboration in overcoming the twin landscape challenges of extreme drought and insecurity, to preserve the vital Marsabit Mountain water tower and ecosystem were the main discussion topics during the event.

At the Coast, Kiunga Community Wildlife Association (KICOWA) celebrated World Wildlife Day 2023 alongside local schools' environmental club members, local youth, women, fisheries Beach Management Units (BMUs) and other key stakeholders, in an event that sought to raise awareness on marine litter and the effects of plastic waste on wildlife, people and the environment.

The event attendees conducted a beach clean-up exercise in the sea turtle nesting beaches around Mkokoni Village, collecting two tonnes of ocean plastic waste which were later sorted for recycling at the Bahari Moja Project Center.

Ndera and Lower Tana Community Conservancies held a joint celebration of World Wildlife Day at the Ndera Conservancy headquarters and planted 20 trees to mark the event which was attended by our partners, including Nature Kenya, and the Tana River County Government.

On the national front, we were honored to join the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) in celebrating World Wildlife Day in Amboseli National Park, at an event graced by Cabinet Secretaries Hon. Peninah Malonza (Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage) and Dr. Alfred Mutua (Foreign and Diaspora Affairs).

During the event, NRT adopted a female elephant calf, whom we aptly named 'Amani', as an embodiment of the peace that NRT seeks to foster and uphold through its member community conservancies. NRT and other invited partners also participated in a KWS-led tree planting exercise and flagged off food rations for communities and supplementary feed for wildlife.



NRT Facilitates **Conflict Analysis Meeting** for Baringo and Samburu Counties

NRT facilitated a conflict analysis meeting for Baringo and Samburu Counties, in Rumuruti, which was presided over by Laikipia North Member of Parliament, Hon. Sarah Korere.

The meeting sought to uncover the root causes of the insecurity being experienced in the region. Attendees developed sustainable long-term solutions to address the issue.

Also in attendance were Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) and other leaders from Samburu, Laikipia, and Baringo Counties.



Newsbytes from the Conservancies

REGIONAL NEWS

NRT East

- NRT participated in the Marsabit County Peace Actors Forum (MCPAF) organized by InterPeace and graced by the Deputy County Secretary, Marsabit County Commissioner, and representatives from the County Government's Cohesion and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Department.
- The meeting was also attended by representatives from the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) and Pastoralist Community Initiative and Development Assistance (PACIDA), county advisors, conservancy teams, and the Marsabit Multi-ethnic Peace Elders Committee.
- Discussions at the Forum centered on the need for clear-cut role sharing, joint work planning, and collaboration among all the diverse actors who undertake peacebuilding initiatives in Marsabit County.
- At least 60 community members, including board members, grazing committees, opinion leaders, morans, and women of Nannapa Community Conservancy visited the Mara Landscape on a rangelands exposure visit to learn and gain an understanding of the easement model of conservation which integrates wildlife, livestock, tourism, and grazing management.



NRT Mountain

- Naibunga Lower and the four units of Oldonyiro Community Conservancy, in collaboration with partners, held a meeting with a representative of the Wyss Foundation's Board of Directors, and Mr. Hansjörg Wyss, in which they deliberated on their work on elephant corridor connectivity and protection in Isiolo, Samburu, and Laikipia Counties.

NRT Centre

- NRT, the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), Grevy's Zebra Trust, and Giraffe Conservation Project, among other partners, met in Kalama Community Conservancy to discuss the safety of wildlife in the area.
- The NRT Centre regional office hosted a joint conservancies finance meeting in which the discussion concentrated on audit preparation, prudent use of funds, and timely accountability, among other topics.

NRT Coast

- To learn more about NRT Coast's work and establish priority areas for future collaboration, the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) representatives visited project sites in Kiunga and Pate Community Conservancies and increased marine patrols and enforcement. KWS also pledged to station a patrol boat at the Mongo Sharif Camp.
- NRT participated in a stakeholders' consultation and scoping session for the development of the Kiunga Marine National Reserve (KMNR) Management Plan aimed at enhancing the co-management and management efficiency of the KMNR Marine Protected Area.
- 37 community conservancy scouts from NRT Coast conservancies, two NRT Coast-based wildlife response units, and a KWS team participated in a training exercise aimed at building their capacity and equipping them with skills for preventing bushmeat poaching.
- Conservancy scouts in Pate Marine and Kiunga Community Conservancies successfully conducted scuba-based coral reef monitoring surveys in conservation areas, including locally managed marine areas (LMMAs), to monitor their effectiveness, coral reef health within the restoration areas and adjacent habitats, and fish densities within and outside LMMAs.

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Westgate

40 conservancy scouts graduated after completing NRT's bespoke Leadership and Management Program (LAMP) training.



Naibunga Upper

NRT's Education Department supplied Naibunga Upper with educational materials, which were delivered to Soit Oudo Primary School. The institution is among the seven schools taking part in the ICEP 2 Program.



Lower Tana Delta

The Community Conservancy successfully concluded negotiation discussions to draft Forest Management Agreements (FMAs) for four Community Forest Associations (CFAs).

The next step will be to facilitate the signing of a Forest Management Agreement between the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) and each CFA to improve the co-management of mangrove forests within the Tana seascape.



Nasuulu

Following the successful election of the Nasuulu Grazing Committee members at the zonal level, the Conservancy conducted a training for the newly-elected members to increase their understanding of their roles, conservancy programs, and grazing planning.

To promote the peaceful coexistence of its four ethnic groups, the Conservancy held a peace marathon at Kambi Habra Primary School in collaboration with Isiolo Integrated Programs Community Based Organization.



Kalama

The Conservancy organized a teambuilding event for its 54 employees to improve cohesion, cooperation, and communication among team members and increase productivity, efficiency, and job satisfaction. Kalama launched a new website to highlight its work in conservation and community development. Click on this link for a quick look through the new website: <http://kalamaconservancy.org/>



Garbatulla

On International Women's Day, The Conservancy hosted a celebration to honor the contributions of women to conservation.



Videos of the Month

Ujuzi Manyattani is increasing the resilience of indigenous communities in NRT member conservancies.

[Watch this video to learn more about this life-changing Program.](#)

NRT's Water Program strives to promote access to reliable and safe water for people, wild-life, and livestock in member community conservancies.

[Click on this link to learn how the Program brought droplets of hope to Songa Conservancy's Leiyai Community.](#)



In the Media



Citizen TV:

[Kundi la akina mama lajukumika kuongeza idadi ya samaki baharini](#)

[Kina mama wa Lamu wakongamana na wenzao wa Baringo kujadili uhifadhi wa mazingira](#)

5 radio talk shows on **Angaaf Radio**



[Opinion piece by NRT Trading CEO, Vishal Shah: SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, CRAFT AND INCOME, A SOLUTION FOR BANDITRY](#)

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Renowned environmentalist, Professor Wangari Maathai's little thing was planting trees, as she once famously said. At NRT, our little thing is transforming lives through our community conservancy model. This is what we strive to accomplish in every moment of every day.

In our quest, we face a formidable enemy—climate change, and the road to success is not linear.

Nevertheless, we are determined to keep enhancing NRT's community conservancy model and increasing its positive impact. But we cannot do this alone.

We remain forever indebted to all our donors and partners and each of you who unwaveringly supports us in our work as we endeavor to use conservation for good, and for the benefit of indigenous communities and wildlife, in northern and coastal Kenya and Uganda.

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The Northern Rangelands Trust would like to thank the following principal donors, partners and investors (with many more listed on our website) for their invaluable support.

