



Securing a Future for Lions through Community Conservation in Northern Kenya



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Outline for Presentation

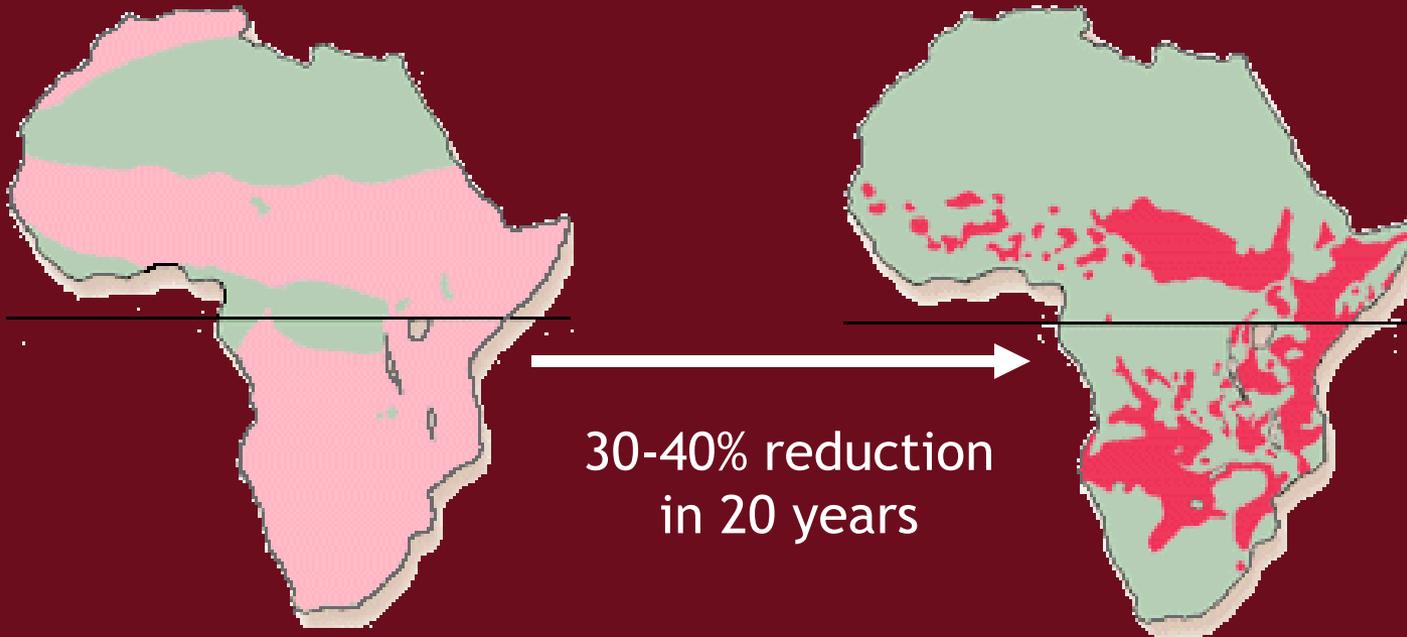


Lions in Africa and Kenya
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Introduction

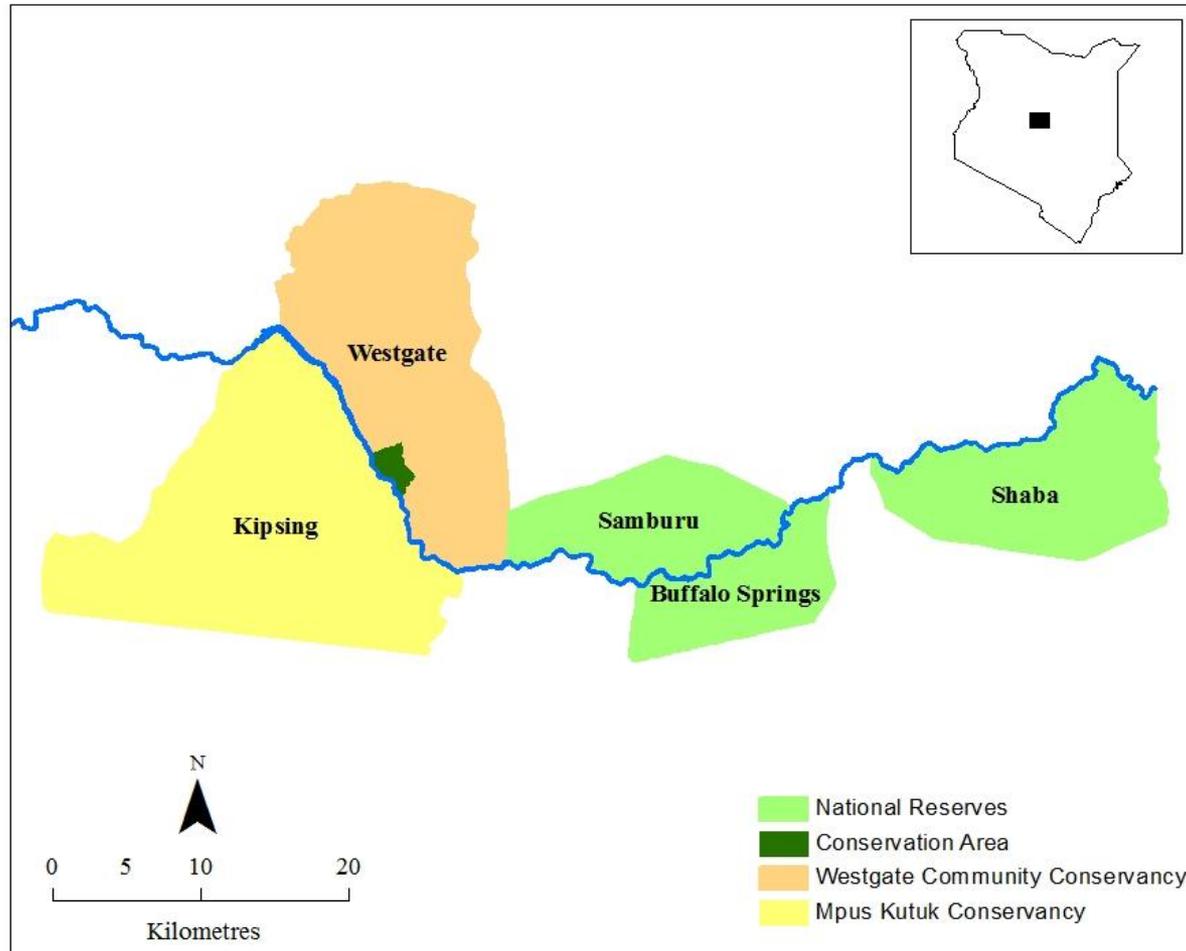
Past range

Current range



Approx. 20,000-30,000 lions remain in Africa

Ewaso Nyiro Ecosystem, Northern Kenya



Samburu 169 km²



Buffalo Springs 131 km²





“Kamunyak”, a Samburu lioness, adopted a baby oryx antelope for 16 days - 2002



Ewaso Lions Mission

The Ewaso Lions Project promotes coexistence between people and large carnivores in northern Kenya through scientific study and community outreach. Ewaso Lions uses education and capacity building to foster support for conservation and help guide the long-term conservation of lions in protected areas and on communal lands.

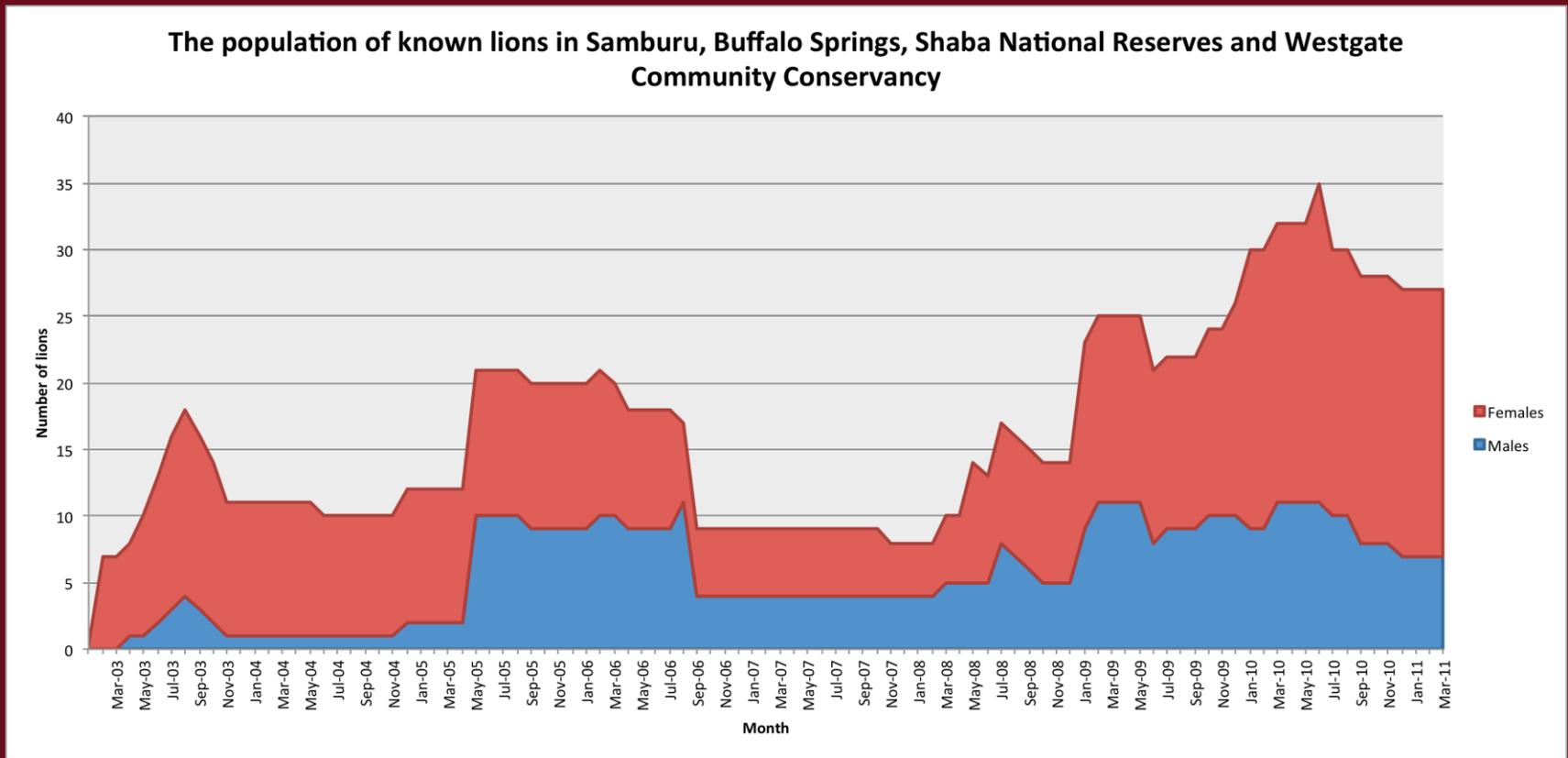


Research: Identification of Lions



Population 2003-2011

Lions have been identified in Samburu, Buffalo Springs, Shaba and Westgate using the method of individual identification.



Lions in Community Areas



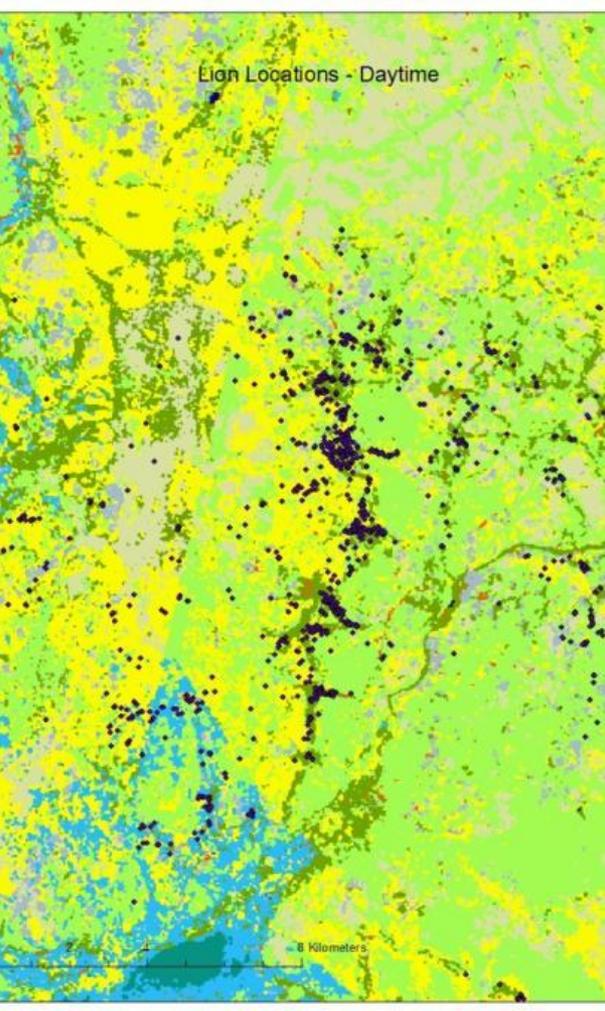
Research: Prey Densities & Lion Prey Preferences

Transects are covered to obtain prey distributions and densities. Faecal analysis is conducted to see what the lion prey preferences are.

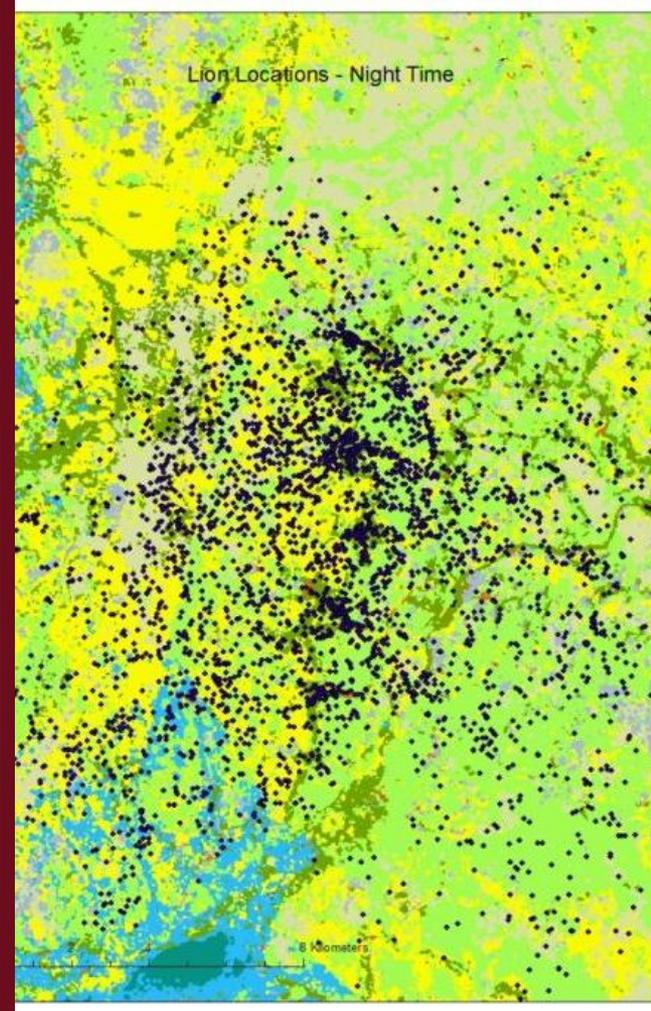


Research: Radio-collaring

Lion Locations - Daytime



Lion Locations - Night Time



Research: Camera Traps



Video clips from Camera Traps



Community Programmes: Recording Conflict



Retaliatory Killing of Lions



Community Programmes: Questionnaires & Training



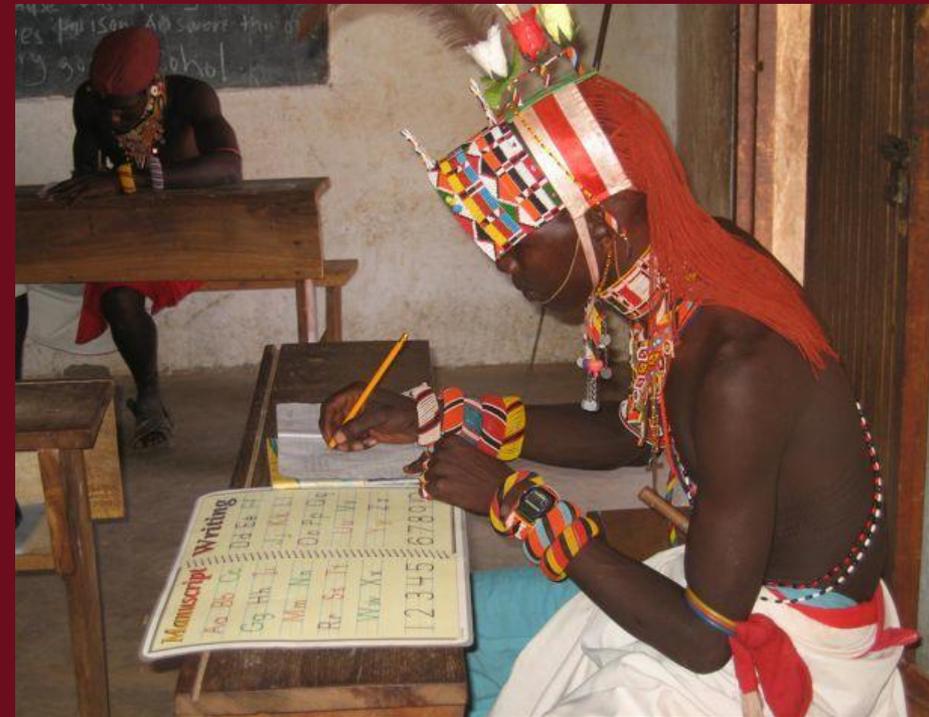
Community Programmes: Predator-Proof Bomas



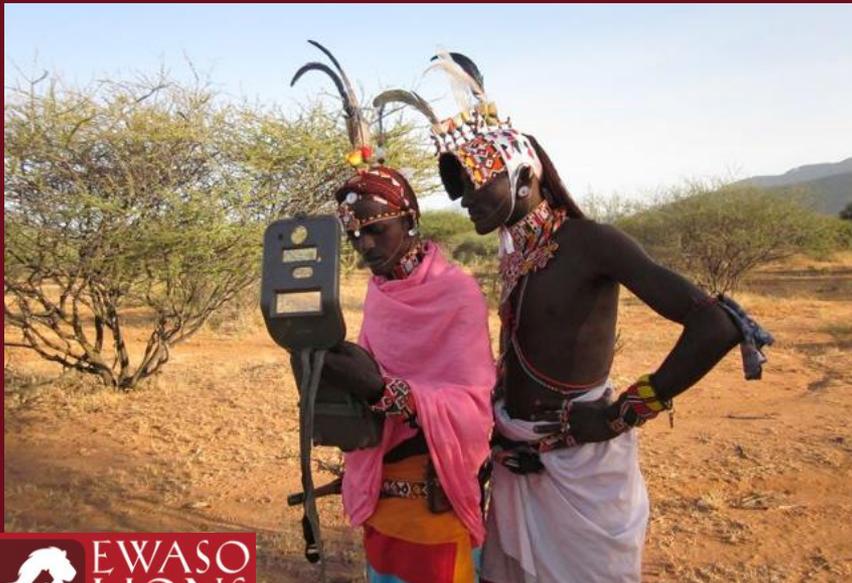


Warrior Watch

- Engaging a traditionally neglected group in conservation
- Warriors provide wildlife sightings in exchange for education
- Warrior Watch now has 16 warriors engaged in conservation from Westgate and Mpus Kutuk Conservancies

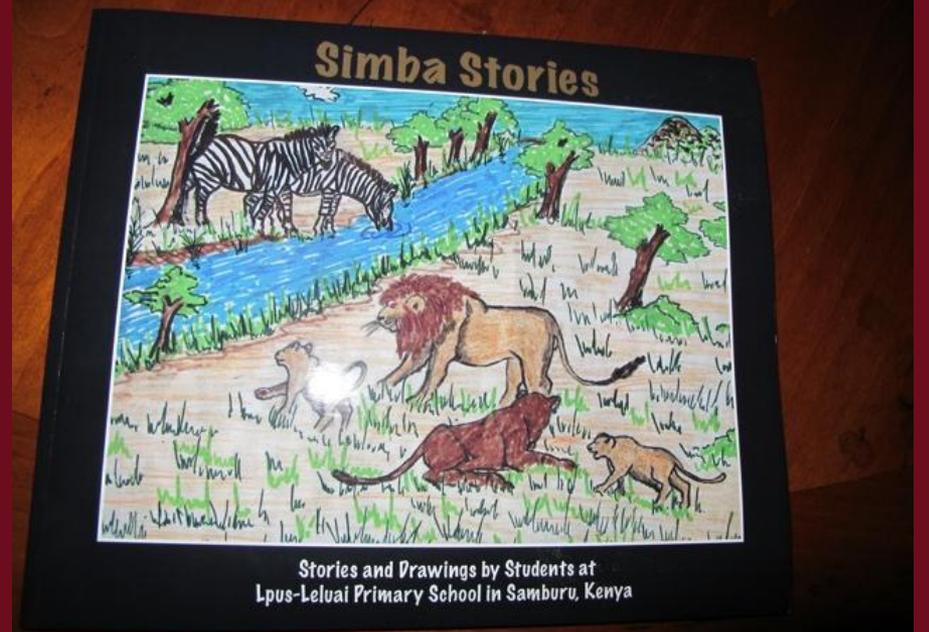


Warrior Activities & Success of Programme



Community Programmes: Schools Support

- Student Bursaries
- Kenyan Kids on Safari
- Trees Project
- Simba Stories



Community Programmes: Schools Support



Simba Library

Friends of Wildlife Club



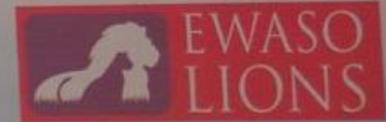
Community Programmes: Wildlife Cinema



WESTGATE



SAMBURU



RUNNING FOR LIONS



Participation in Kenya Wildlife Service Lion and Spotted Hyena National Strategy



Drought 2009



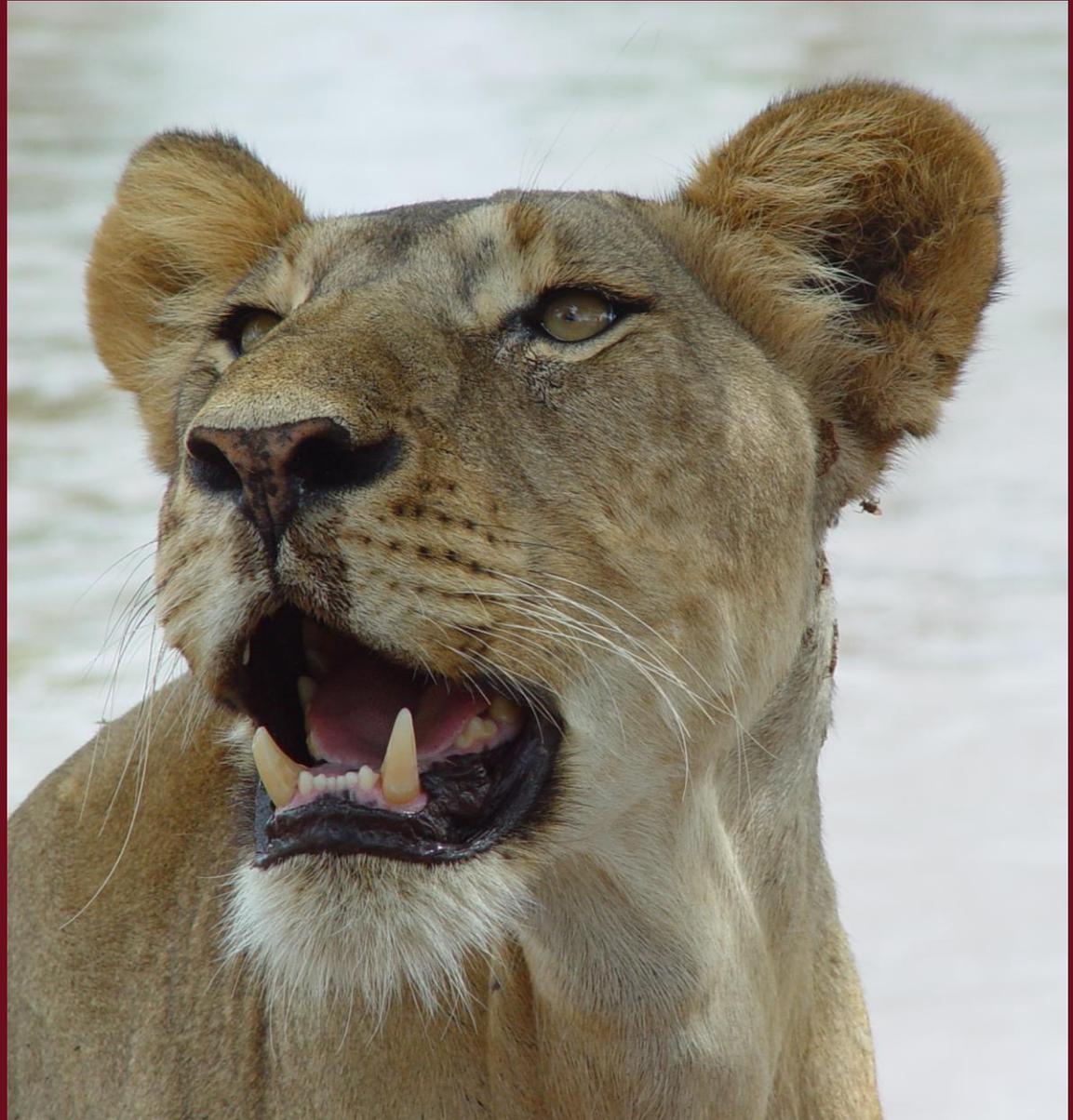
Floods 2010 & 2011





Future Plans

- **“Wazee” Watch**
Engaging 8 elders in conservation
- **Lion Watch**
Engaging the tourism industry
- **Evaluation of all programmes**

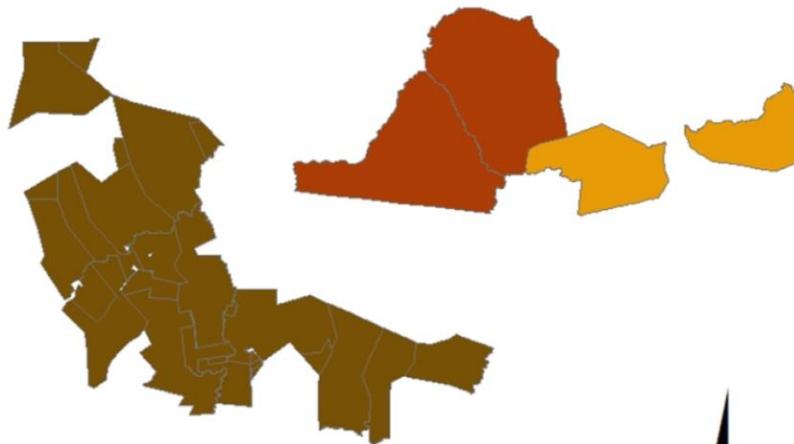


Expansion of Study Area

Current Study Area

Legend

-  NRTconservancies
-  National Reserves
-  Commercial Ranchland



Future Study Area - 2013 expansion

Legend

-  NRTconservancies
-  National Reserves
-  Commercial Ranchland



The Ewaso Lions Team



Warriors



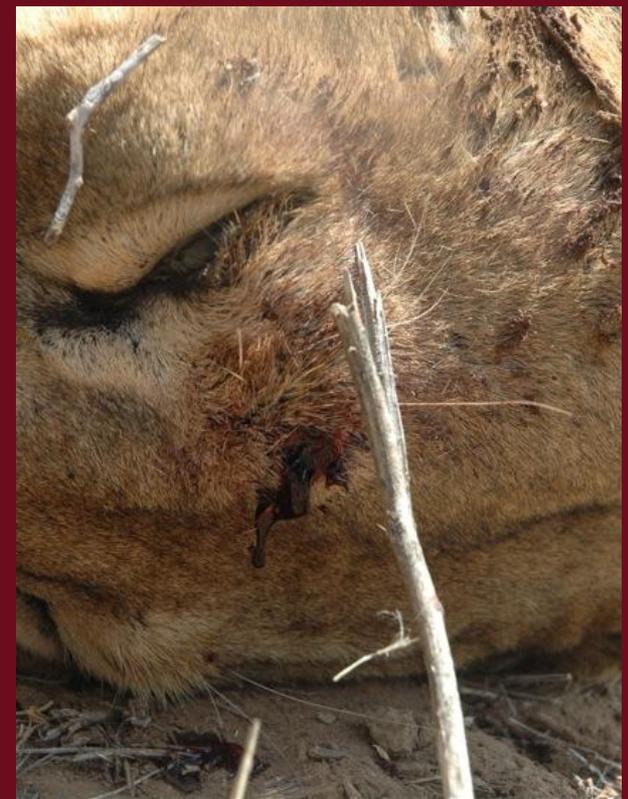
The Ewaso Lions Camp



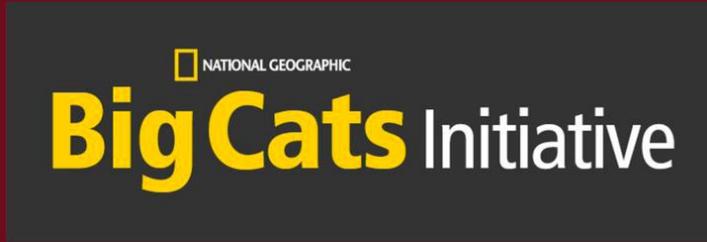
Westgate Community Conservancy, Samburu

Is there a future for lions in the Ewaso Nyiro ecosystem?

“ Kenya’s lions could disappear in 20 years”
(Kenya Wildlife Service 2009)



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