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The Wildlife Clubs' Bulletin

Towards a Sustainable Future

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Can you believe half a year is almost over? We are sure **Mara Predator Conservation Programme's** Community Outreach Officer, Dominic Sakat, can attest to time flying with this effective post-pandemic wildlife club schedule. Let me catch you up on the amazing things donor giving has made possible six months in.



Unique to Maasai Mara – a **magical, unspoiled**, and **preserved** mass of land are a **diverse** range of wildlife species; the big 5, predators alike, ruminants large and small, amphibians, birds, reptiles, and plant species.



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200 new minds

Exposing new wildlife club members to this wonder while highlighting efforts put forth to conserving species is MPCP's basis for setting the right conditions for **recovering key species for ecosystem restoration**.

The journey of a thousand miles this year began in celebration of **World Wildlife Day**. Dominic sought to document the fresh new perspectives and knowledge on wildlife conservation of the 200 new wildlife club members. These young explorers were taken on a wild ride inside the beautiful wide expanse that is Masai Mara National Reserve.
We are delighted to hear some of their expressions.



"I never thought I could get this close to an elephant and it will just continue feeding" **Joyce**



"I didn't know grass can be this tall in an unfenced land" **James Sukut from Olkurroto primary school**

Nurturing their skills to help resolve problems facing species extinction in Masai Mara was the next step. And that's just what Dominic did.

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Recycling heroes

Loigero primary school club members from Kolong and Olkimitare villages chose to put the planet first in honor of **global recycling day**. They learned the problem with improperly discarded plastic waste is that it has the potential of strangling wildlife and inhibiting their feeding when they get stuck on their heads, necks, and teeth.





"It's a true honor equipping the future generation with skills to protect their future" **Dominic**

Their journey towards **net-zero** did not end there.

Passionate tree planters



In celebrating **World Environmental day**, members came together intending to promote **living sustainably in harmony with nature**.

Since 2013, these clubs have taken part in tree planting exercises in an effort to help remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere. This year, while thinking sustainably, growing their own seedlings seemed right.

Through the innovative construction of a tree nursery to grow **10,000** indigenous tree seedlings, members from Olkurroto primary school are now looking at supplying tree seedlings to other wildlife club schools in Masai Mara. Its construction consisted of using recycled plastic poles and chain links for protection against browsers.
We cannot wait to see the green transformation up ahead!



Solidarity for nature



While on the theme of bringing members together, all 9 wildlife club member schools were invited to celebrate the **International day for biological diversity**.
Having worked extremely hard in the first half of the year, it was time to liven the members' spirits. And what better way than allowing play through songs, dance, acting, and recitals for the promotion of biodiversity issues faced that were showcased during the annual **Wildlife Club Open Day**.



After all, doesn't all work, and no play make Jack a dull boy. Just check out the fun and not-so-dull time they had!

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Blue innovation

While on the topic of creativity, an internal study revealed that 30% of the members had an interest in tackling water scarcity experienced in their schools. This was a result of members having to walk long distances to acquire water to water their planted tree seedlings.

Through generous giving Mbitin, Molibany, and Ngosuani primary schools now have 5000 litres water tanks. This was in celebration of **World Creativity and innovation day** and these tanks will now provide enough water for watering seedlings thereby reducing time lost by members fetching water while also providing safe drinking water for all pupils.



Conservation education patrons

It is said teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best. With the training of 18 new wildlife club patrons, MPCP's wildlife club goals of contributing to the global **education for sustainable development** is full of promise.



"I am excited about being equipped to know how best I can make my school environmentally conscious through this club" **Mara Girls patron**.



We remain confident that through this annual training workshop, imparting skills and experience will 'promote a love of learning, a love for learners and the patrons love for bringing the two together' as put by **Scott Hayden**.

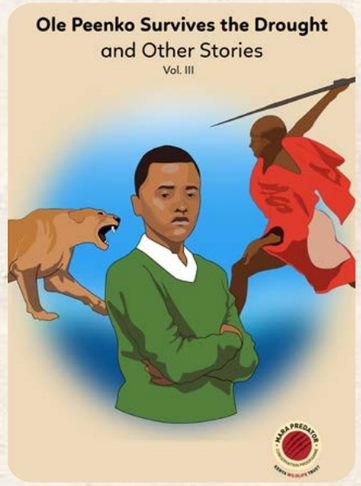
COMING SOON!

'Ole Peenko Survives the Drought'

After months of writing, illustrating, and designing the new series featuring stories on issues facing the communities living in the Greater Mara Ecosystem, we're excited to release our third edition of the wildlife clubs' book this June.

It's aimed at increasing members' knowledge of **climate change** and **drought** and how they can address these environmental issues confidently.

Stay tuned for **success stories** on the evidence of the impact these books have had since 2020.



Through generous donations, we have been able to develop child-friendly climate-smart activities. If you would like to support our Wildlife Clubs, you can donate today and help Dominic finish the remaining half of the year fruitful.



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