

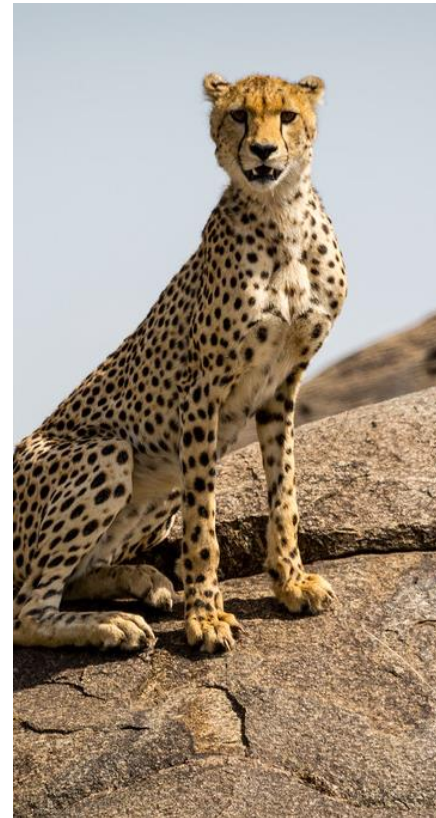


## Day 3: Leopard conservation



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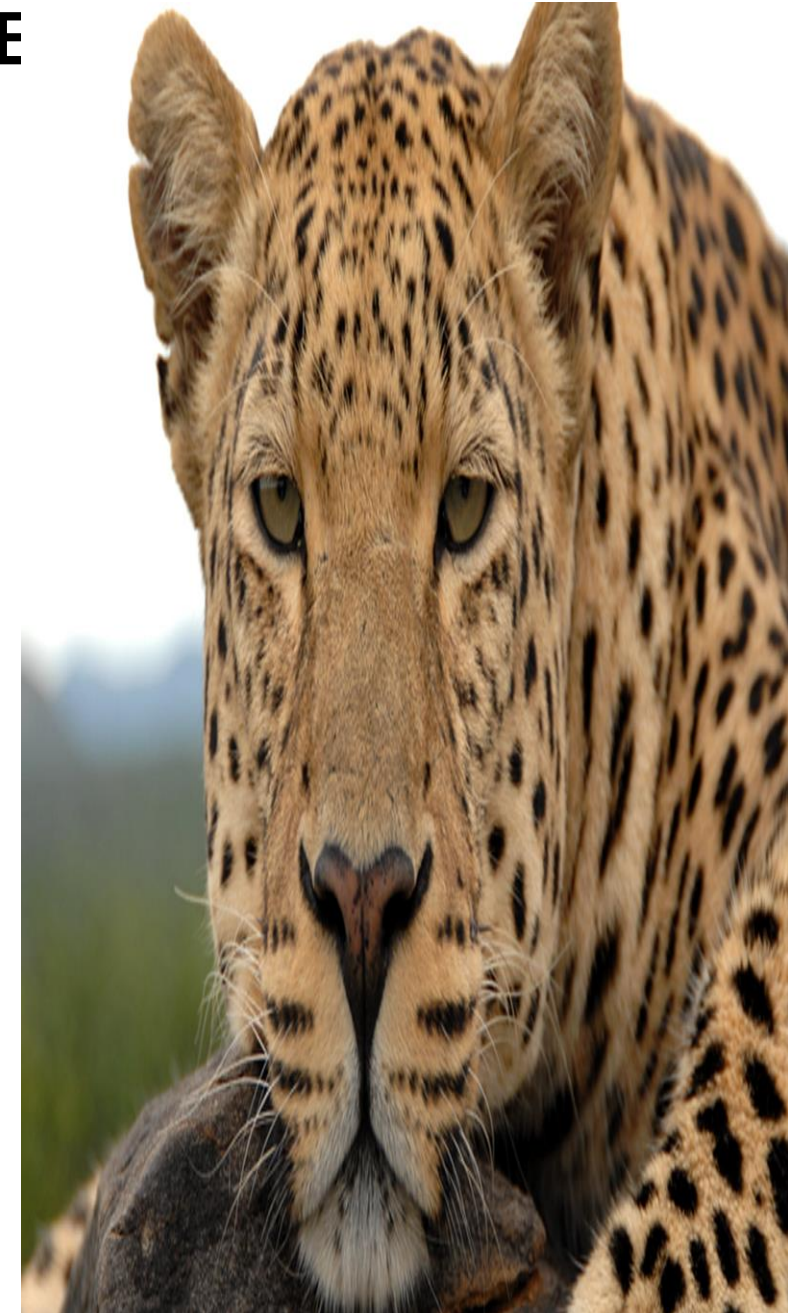
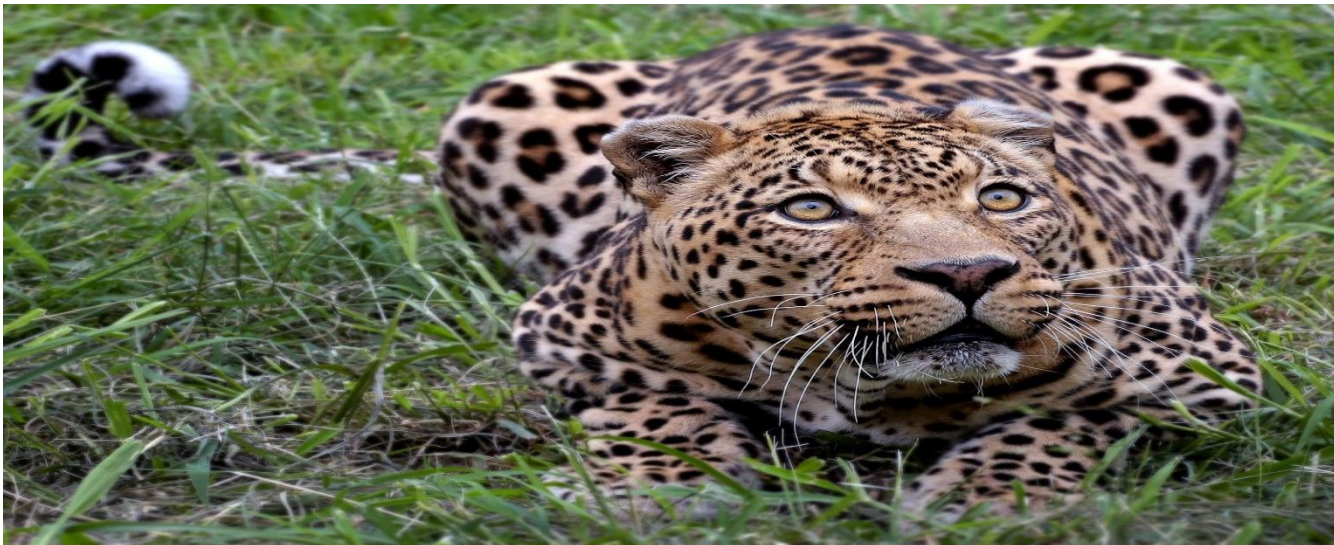


# **LEOPARD CONSERVATION IN SIERRA LEONE**

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### **3 MAIN ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY:**

1. Reviewing and updating of National legislation to incorporate emerging issues and meet present day challenges on wildlife conservation and management.
2. Wildlife Disease surveillance
3. Joint patrolling involving members of the community for poaching of animals

### 3 MAIN CHALLENGES OF THESE ACTIVITIES



1. Support inventory of the ACI species found in Sierra Leone
2. 2. Lack of funds for finalizing the reviewing process of the legislation, lack of forestry monitoring tools, lack of mobility for forest patrol
3. 3. Low awareness in the remote areas of the country on the role wildlife play in addressing disease outbreak and the hunting of wildlife for bushmeat

## 3 SUCCESS STORIES

1. Creation of a stand-alone Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
2. Establishment of an Environmental court for the speedy prosecution of wildlife crimes
3. Inclusion of the Wildlife Management Unit of the Forestry Department into the National Disease Surveillance Taskforce.





  
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Thank you!

