



# East African Community Pavilion IUCN Africa Protected Areas Congress

Kigali, 19 – 23 July 2022

## EAC Pavilion programme



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### Day 1

19<sup>th</sup> July 2022, Opening (12:00-14:00)

**Technical Event** *No formal Pavilion Agendas during the plenary high level opening*

8:30 - 9:30

9:30 - 10:30

11:30 - 12:00

**Midday** *Official Opening of the EAC Pavilion - Lead EAC (12:00-14:00)*

**High-profile event + Lunch**

12:00 - 13:00

13:30 - 14:30

**Midday** *EAC Strategy to Combat Poaching and Illegal Trade and Trafficking of Wildlife and Wildlife Products- Updates and New Directions - EAC*

**High-profile event + Lunch**

14:30-15:30

**Technical Event** *Addressing the impacts of Linear infrastructure on migration and transboundary conservation. Lead: CMS*

15:30 - 16:30

16:30 - 17:30

**Technical Event** *Restoring an Elephant Corridor to Enhance Human-Wildlife Coexistence in Southern Tanzania - Southern Tanzania Elephant Protection Programme*

17:30 - 18:30

18:30 - 19:30

## ABSTRACT

### Official Opening of the EAC Pavilion - Lead EAC (12:00-14:00)

The official opening of the EAC Pavilion will be attended by EAC leadership together with development partners. Events that will take place in the pavilion during APAC will be presented where EAC and its partners will share lessons learned in management and governance of protected and conserved areas in East Africa.

### Bios

**Ms. Aurelia Micko** *United States Agency for International Development (USAID); Director - Kenya & East Africa Environment Office*

**Anukur Luther Bois** *International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Regional Director - Eastern and Southern Africa*

**Amy Fraenkel** *Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), Executive Secretary*

**Hon. Christophe Bazivamo** *East African Community (EAC), Deputy Secretary General in charge of Productive and Social Sectors.*



### Day 1

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#### **EAC Strategy to Combat Poaching and Illegal Trade and Trafficking of Wildlife and Wildlife Products- Updates and New Directions – EAC (14:30-15:30)**

The EAC is home to abundant and diverse species of fauna and flora. It is inhabited by some of the biggest populations of charismatic mega fauna including elephant, rhinoceros, lion, chimpanzee, mountain gorilla and various species of antelopes, birds, butterflies, reptiles, fish and a variety of flora. The region is characterized by transboundary ecosystems and cross-border protected areas. However, this endowment was threatened by high levels of illegal wildlife trade and poaching. The region responded by developing a Regional Strategy to Combat Poaching and Illegal Trade and Trafficking of Wildlife and Wildlife Products that has been under implementation at the regional and national levels. The Strategy revolves around six key pillars including strengthening of policy framework, enhancing law enforcement capacity, research and development, involvement of local communities and strengthening the regional and international collaboration. The Session will entail sharing the key highlights of the Strategy and the status of implementation at both the regional and national levels through a presentation and panel discussions involving Partner States.

#### **Bios**

**Mr. Simon Kiarie**  
(Presenter)

*Principal Tourism Officer at the East African Community (EAC)*

**Mr. Solomon Kyalo**  
(Panellist)

*Kenya Wildlife Service*

**Mr. Alponse**  
Fofu (Panellist)

*Burundi Environment Protection Authority (OBPE)*

**Mr. Teleshore Ngoga**  
(Panellist)

*Rwanda Development Board (RDB)*

**Major General, Benneth Nicholas Bojo**  
(Panellist)

*Ministry of Wildlife Conservation and Tourism, South Sudan*

**Mr. George Owoyesigire**  
(Panellist)

*Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, Uganda*

**Dr Fortunata Msoffe**  
(Panellist)

*Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Tanzania*



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#### Addressing the impacts of Linear infrastructure on migration and transboundary conservation (15:30-16:30)

Infrastructure development fragments and destroys habitat and creates barriers to the movements of species, thereby isolating populations and preventing access to essential resources such as food and water, causing die-offs and reduced fitness. Infrastructure also causes direct injuries and mortality through collisions as well as disturbance and pollution. The loss of ecological connectivity leads to genetic isolation, leaving smaller populations more vulnerable and prone to local extinction. Infrastructure development may cause other indirect impacts such as increased killing of wildlife due to easier access. This presentation will share findings from the CMS' work on infrastructure and recommendations for how countries and collaborate to reduce its impact.

#### Bios

**Andrea Dekrout**  
(Facilitator)

*Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), EU Programme Manger*

**Marc Attallah**(Presenter)

*Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), Associate Programme Manager*

#### Restoring an Elephant Corridor to Enhance Human-Wildlife Coexistence in Southern Tanzania (17:30-18:30)

Wildlife corridors are becoming increasingly recognized as a key component of enhancing human-wildlife coexistence around the world, necessitated by rapid anthropogenic land use change and shrinking natural habitat. However, we are in the early stages of understanding how to restore and effectively manage corridors in dynamic landscapes.

Since 2014, Southern Tanzania Elephant Program (STEP) has worked with farmers on beehive fence projects to mitigate the effects of elephants as they continue to cross the Kilombero Valley through an anthropogenic, high-risk landscape. In October 2018, STEP began facilitation of a Government-led project to restore the Selous-Udzungwa Wildlife Corridor to provide a long-term solution to this Human-Wildlife Conflict. This is a pioneering and unprecedented initiative in Tanzania, coinciding with publication of the first Regulations on Wildlife Corridors, Buffer Zones and Dispersal Areas in 2018.

We are following a five-year corridor restoration plan compiled before the project began, which included corridor scenarios developed in GIS using multiple variables. Our implementation approach has been bottom-up, taking time to educate and consult widely with communities to build consensus. Focus Group Discussions and a schools education program have been an integral component of the approach. The Committee are making good progress overall in the participatory Joint Land Use Planning phase across the three villages involved, and following evaluation of 270 farm parcels, are paying out \$750,000 in land compensation to households. Construction of Tanzania's first elephant underpass has also been completed. In this presentation, we will share our experiences, challenges, and lessons learned on this restoration initiative which can be a model and inspiration for other corridors around Tanzania and beyond.



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### Bios

**Jean Baptiste Havugimana** *East African Community, Director of Productive Sectors*  
(Facilitator)

**Dr. Trevor Jones** *Southern Tanzania Elephant Program (STEP), Chief Executive Officer*

**Abel Mtui** *Chief Park Warden, Udzungwa Mountains National Park*



### Day 2

20<sup>th</sup> July 2022, Transboundary Conservation

**Technical Event** *No formal Pavilion Agendas*

8:30 - 9:30

9:30 - 10:30

10:30 - 11:30

**Technical Event** *Introduction to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) - Lead: CMS*

11:30 - 12:00

12:00 - 13:00

**Midday High-profile event + Lunch** *Action Plan for Protecting Natural Capital in East Africa in partnership with -Lead: EAC*

14:30-15:30

**Technical Event** *EAC Transboundary Wildlife Conservation Areas Network (055-PAC-BIO-GOV) - EAC, CMS and IUCN*

15:30 - 16:30

16:30 - 17:30

**Technical Event** *Transboundary conservation area network - networking evening - EAC, CMS and IUCN*

17:30 - 18:30

18:30 - 19:30

## ABSTRACT

### Introduction to the Convention on Migratory Species (11:30-13:00)

Presentation on the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS). The CMS an environmental treaty of the United Nations, CMS provides a global platform for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory animals and their habitats. CMS brings together the States through which migratory animals pass, the Range States, and lays the legal foundation for internationally coordinated conservation measures throughout a migratory range. As the only global convention specializing in the conservation of migratory species, their habitats and migration routes, CMS complements and co-operates with a number of other international organizations, NGOs and partners in the media as well as in the corporate sector. This presentation will provide information on the convention and how to collaborate with CMS.

#### Bios

**Andrea Dekrout** *Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), EU Programme Manger*  
(Facilitator)

**Marc Attallah** *Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), Associate Programme Manager*  
(Presenter)



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#### **Action Plan for Protecting Natural Capital in East Africa in partnership with EI & IUCN (13:30-14:30)**

Presentation on the mapping, quantification, and qualification of natural capital across four priority transboundary landscapes of the EAC region, as measured by impact on economic and human well-being, i.e., natural capital stocks and flows in the region. It will also provide strategies and activities for protecting the region's natural capital. This will require stakeholders working across boundaries and sectors to protect their shared natural wealth and ecosystem services on which millions of people in the East African Community (EAC) region depends. It will be exemplified using a theory of change to demonstrate how this strategic approach will lead to the desired outcomes, including protecting nature and the ecosystem services it provides and, ultimately, improve economic and human well-being in East Africa. It will conclude by providing targeted call to action for partner states, private sector, and communities.

#### **Bios**

**Jean Baptiste Havugimana**  
(Facilitator)

*East African Community, Director of Productive Sectors*

**Dr. Nick Oguge**

*Environmental Incentives*

#### **EAC Transboundary Wildlife Conservation Areas Network (055-PAC-BIO-GOV) - EAC, CMS and IUCN (15:30-17:30)**

On the 24th of August 2021 the EAC's Transboundary Wildlife Conservation Areas Working Group validated a concept note for the establishment of an EAC Transboundary Wildlife Conservation Areas Network. This Network, which is modelled around the successful experience with the with the similar SADC Transfrontier Conservation Areas, is envisaged to function as an information exchange, learning and innovation network that will convene technical expertise from international and regional conservation partners and development partners. The goal will be to establish dynamic, inclusive network that will be set up to provide a platform for quick information exchange and to facilitate collaboration at all levels. It will support the work of the TBWCA Working Group by facilitating information exchange and providing technical support to the functions of the Working Group. The network is also intended to help the EAC Partner States catalyse technical partnerships and funding to support conservation activities in the priority transboundary landscapes including supporting local community initiative.

#### **Bios**

**Leo Niskanen**  
(Facilitator)

*IUCN Regional Head, Biodiversity Conservation*

**Mr. Simon Kiarie**  
(Presenter)

*Principal Tourism Officer at the East African Community (EAC)*



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**Amy Fraenkel** (Panellist) *Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), Executive Secretary*

**Dr Fortunata Msoffe** (Panellist) *Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Tanzania*

**Naambo Josephine Lipinge** *Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism-Namibia*





### Day 3

21th July 2022 - Forests, climate and protected areas

**Technical Event** 9:30 - 10:30 *EAC Regional Forest governance - Governance and Best Practices - Lead EAC*

**Technical Event** 11:30 - 12:00 *The Role of Youth in Preventing wildlife crime in East Africa: Lead WWF led (11:30-12:30)*

**Midday High-profile event + Lunch** 13:30 - 14:30 *Climate Change perspectives in EAC and Initiatives - Lead: EAC (14:00-15:00)*

### ABSTRACT

#### **The Role of Youth in Preventing wildlife crime in East Africa: WWF led (11:30-12:30)**

The event focuses on sharing case studies from Rwanda and Kenya on how youth engagement can enhance conservation efforts with relevance to the broader EAC region. In Kenya, this builds on youths adopting protected areas to provide volunteer support to strengthen community relations around protected areas and support protected area objectives. In Rwanda, youths have worked with the Rwanda Development Board to support crane and wetland conservation providing community monitors and mobilisers to promote community support for wildlife and ecosystems and reduce wildlife crime.

#### **Bios**

**Drew McVey** *Regional Wildlife Crime Technical Advisor -WWF Kenya*  
(Facilitator)

**Peter Moll** *Founder & CEO of the global youth movement*

**Olivier NSENGIMANA** *Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Association (RWCA), Executive Director*

#### **Climate Change perspectives in EAC and Initiatives - Lead: EAC (14:00-15:00)**

The Heads of State of the East African Community (EAC) directed the EAC Secretariat to develop a Climate Change Policy and strategies to address the adverse impacts of Climate Change in the region and harness any potential opportunities posed by Climate Change in the context of the principle of sustainable development. The overall objective of the EAC Climate Change Policy is to guide Partner States and other stakeholders on the preparation and implementation of collective measures to address Climate Change in the region while assuring sustainable social and economic development. In this session, the climate change perspectives in EAC and various initiatives in the region will be discussed.



## Day 3

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### Bios

**Jean Baptiste Havugimana**  
(Facilitator)

*East African Community, Director of Productive Sectors*

**Ladislau Leonidas**

*East African Community (EAC), Principal Environment & Natural Resources officer*



### Day 4

23th July 2022 - Conservation and protected areas

#### Technical Event

9:30 - 10:30

*Biodiversity Conservation in Lake Victoria Basin - Lead: EAC/LVBC*

#### Technical Event

10:30 - 11:30

*Enhancing Inclusive Protected Area Governance in Africa (Kenya, Gambia and Gabon): Community Marine Conservation Areas and Sacred Coastal Forests- Community Action for Nature Conservation - CANCO & Institute for Culture and Ecology-ICE*

#### Technical Event

11:30 - 12:00

*Enhancing Criminal Justice Responses for reducing illegal wildlife trafficking in the EAC - Container Control Programme and other initiatives EAC - UNODC (11:30-12:30)*

#### Midday

#### High-profile event + Lunch

12:00 - 13:00

13:30 - 14:30

*CMS and WCMC hosted showcase: Mapping and spatial planning tools for transboundary conservation - Lead: CMS (12:30-14:30)*

#### Midday

#### High-profile event + Lunch

14:30 - 15:30

*014-PCA-CC: Elimination of plastic pollution in protected areas with priority action on single-use plastic products.- Lead: Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, Kenya*

#### Technical Event

15:30 - 16:30

*028-PCA-GOV-STIK Wetlands in East Africa continue to decline in their health and extent as a result of encroachment, pollution and unsustainable utilization. Lead: East African Wildlife Society*

## ABSTRACT

### **The Role of Youth in Preventing wildlife crime in East Africa: WWF led (11:30-12:30)**

The Lake Victoria Basin (LVB) endowed with biodiversity resources that underpin the delivery of services and benefits critical to economic growth and human wellbeing. Healthy biodiversity and ecosystems such as forests and wetlands have immense potential to support adaptation to climate change and are the foundation of sustainable livelihoods.

Despite the high importance associated with biodiversity in the LVB, the region is experiencing losses in biodiversity capital which attributed to a wide range of causes that include rapid human population growth, widespread poverty, the rapid expansion of human settlements and agriculture, biodiversity over-exploitation, environmental degradation and pollution, invasive species, wildfires, and climate change (Kenya NBSAP (2019-2030)). There is a need to enhance awareness and conserve nature, safeguarding Africa's iconic biodiversity.



### Day 4

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#### Bios

**Jean Baptiste Havugimana** *East African Community, Director of Productive Sectors*  
(Facilitator)

**Dr. Fassil Gebeyehu** *Coordinator General African Biodiversity Network*  
(Panellist)

**Dr Author Tuda** *Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association*  
(Panellist)

### **Enhancing Criminal Justice Responses for reducing illegal wildlife trafficking in the EAC - Container Control Programme and other initiatives EAC - UNODC (11:30-12:30)**

This presentation will provide information on the Container Control Programme (CCP) which works with governments to build capacity to improve risk management, supply chain security and trade facilitation in seaports, airports and land border crossings in order to prevent the cross-border movement of illicit goods including wildlife products. In East Africa the CCP is active at Kilindini Port and the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Kenya, and in Tanzania's Port of Dar-es-Salaam. We also have presence in Uganda's Inland Container Depot located in Kampala and in the Entebbe International Airport.

#### Bios

**Andrea Dekrout** *Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), EU Programme Manger*  
(Facilitator)

**Lauren Friedman** *United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime*  
(Presenter)

### **CMS and WCMC hosted showcase: Mapping and spatial planning tools for transboundary conservation - Lead: CMS (12:30-14:30)**

Globally there is a need to improve and increase the network of protected areas. To achieve this, countries require support to coordinate protected areas management and to identify locations that offer opportunities to add to the conservation estate. UNEP-WCMC, in collaboration with Secretariat for the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species, have developed a tool to identify and create an inventory of existing protected areas that are spatially adjacent across country boundaries and show opportunities for new protected areas. The new tool will be demonstrated in this interactive session and participants will have a chance to try the tool and



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#### Bios

**Nina Bhola** *Principal Tourism Officer at the East African Community (EAC)*  
(Facilitator)

**Andrea Dekrout** *Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), EU Programme Manger*  
(Presenter)

### **Elimination of plastic pollution in protected areas with priority action on single-use plastic products.- Lead: Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, Kenya (14:30-15:30)**

A presentation by the Kenyan Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife on the recent efforts to eliminate plastic pollution from protected areas with a specific focus on the elimination of single use plastics.

#### Bios

**Mr. Simon Kiarie** *Principal Tourism Officer at the East African Community (EAC)*  
(Facilitator)

**Deleguate** *Kenya Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, State Department for Wildlife*  
(Presenter)

### **Wetlands in East Africa continue to decline in their health and extent as a result of encroachment, pollution and unsustainable utilization. Lead: East African Wildlife Society (15:30-16:30)**

This event will aim at consolidating African perspectives about wetlands destruction will discuss wetlands how in East Africa continue to decline in their health and extent as a result of encroachment, pollution and unsustainable utilization. The destruction is increasingly becoming a disaster to the effective management of protected areas in Africa with far reaching impacts on biodiversity. Recognizing rich biodiversity in African continent, this issue cannot be ignored and this session will consider possible joint solutions.

#### Bios

**Mr. Simon Kiarie** *Principal Tourism Officer at the East African Community (EAC)*  
(Facilitator)

**Nancy Ogonje** *East African Wild Life Society*





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