



Organization	Kenya Wildlife Trust/ Mara Predator Conservation Programme
Project Location	Africa
Species	Lion, Cheetah
Project Overview	<p>The Kenya Wildlife Trust is Kenya's principal predator conservation trust, focused on creating sustainable predator populations. Through tried and tested methods, they aim to ensure that lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas and wild dogs not only survive, but thrive. Since 2007, they have been raising money to help protect these iconic species and the landscapes that make Kenya truly unique.</p> <p>At present Kenya's predators are in trouble with big cat like lions, facing ever increasing threats from habitat loss, life threatening human animal conflict and an ecosystem under pressure. In 2018 KWT created the Mara Predator Conservation Programme, an initiative that brought together two flagship predator conservation projects, focusing on lions and cheetah, into one long-term conservation commitment. The Mara Predator Conservation Programme is based at the Tony Lapham Predator Hub in Olare Motorogi Conservancy, which borders the Maasai Mara Game Reserve with a study areas of more than 3000km².</p> <p>With a focus on scientific research the Mara Predator Conservation Programme is able to identify and implement sustainable solutions to emerging conservation challenges and collect data relating to large predator population trends, predator mortality, predator dispersal, general ecology, wildlife and human behaviour, predator genetics, endocrinology and epidemiology. Wildlife GPS Collars are one of the tools used to collect this data, sending information back on individually collared animals at regular intervals.</p> <p>The Mara Predator Conservation Programme has three overarching goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ensure that community members and landowners demonstrate increased understanding and appreciation of the role of predators in the ecosystem. 2. To ensure that key stakeholders in the Greater Mara Ecosystem consistently utilise sound scientific information to inform conservation strategies. 3. To support stable, healthy predator populations in the Greater Mara Ecosystem by providing scientific evidence for conservation action
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