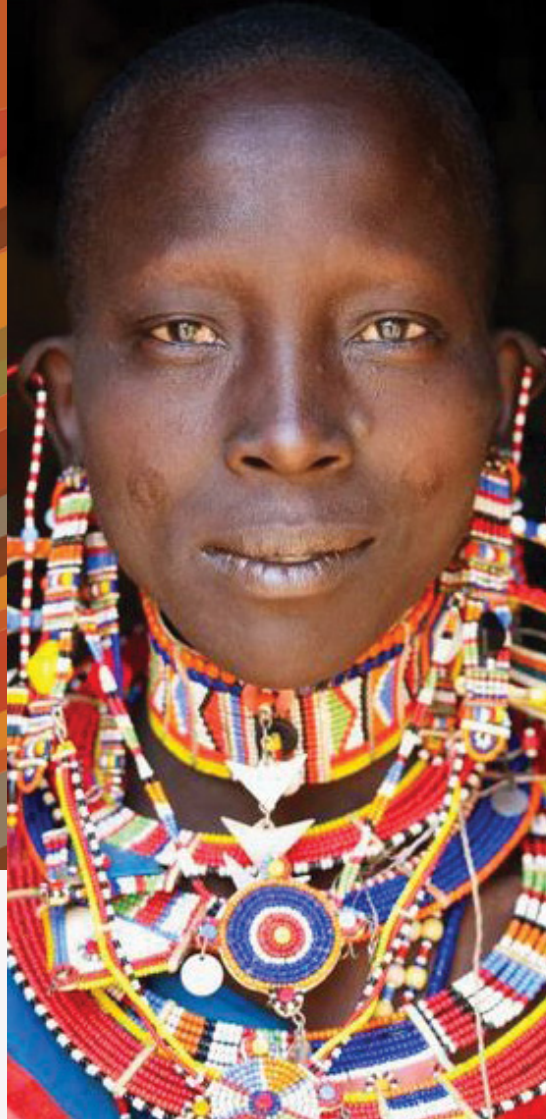


AFRICA

After decades of conservation research in various landscapes in Kenya, in 1995 a small group of Kenyan nationals founded the African Conservation Centre.



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KENYA

OUR VISION

To conserve the diversity of life for the well-being of all people and the environment.

OUR MISSION

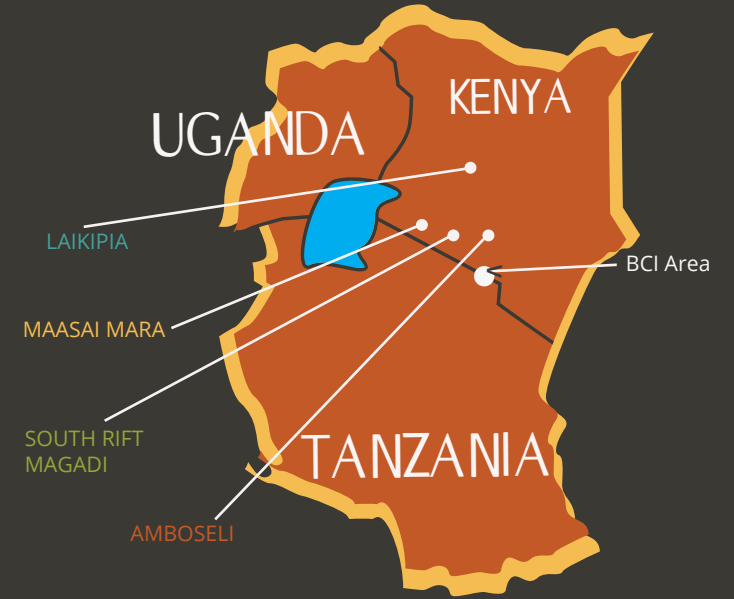
To conserve biodiversity in East Africa and beyond through the collaborative application of scientific and indigenous knowledge, improved livelihoods and good governance through the development of local institutions.

CORE VALUES

- Innovate
- Collaborate
- Empower



MAIN AREAS



Our work is focused in four main areas: The landscapes of Amboseli, Maasai Mara, Laikipia and the South Rift/Magadi. These areas have the richest vertebrate diversity in Africa and have over a third of all Kenya's wildlife population and are mainly inhabited by the pastoral Maasai people.

The African Conservation Centre (ACC) established a Borderlands Conservation Initiative (BCI) at the Kenya/Tanzania border. The program aims to conserve the large relatively free-ranging wildlife populations of elephants, giraffes, and lions as flagship species that thrive in the borderland area. This is done through coordination of conservation efforts and cooperation between key interest groups in sharing of data among researchers and local exchanges with borderland communities.

AMBOSELI

ACC works with pastoral communities in Amboseli to strengthen and support practices that build a more resilient, sustainable ecosystem for people, livestock and wildlife. ACC together with other institutions founded the Amboseli Ecosystem Trust (AET) which is an umbrella body established by the landowners and stakeholders to oversee the management of the ecosystem.

Landscape management and rehabilitation

A critical aspect of landscape management is ensuring land use plans are developed and used as tools to ensure that habitats are conserved, and wildlife, livestock and people co-exist in a mutually beneficial manner. ACC has supported the development of landuse and community conservancy plans across the landscape and specifically in the Imbirikani, Selengei and Rombo group ranches.

ACC in partnership with the Amboseli Conservation Program (ACP) and AET has conducted rangeland restoration programmes of over 2,000 acres of degraded areas that serve as grass banks for wildlife and livestock during drought.

Resource Assessors

Amboseli National Park holds a large population of wildlife species. ACC supports community resource assessors who conduct ecological monitoring and assessments of livestock condition and provide feedback to the community on the health of the land. ACC also supports scouts who carry out anti-poaching operations.

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Noonkotiak Resource and Cultural Centre

The *Noonkotiak* Community Resource Centre is an information and research hub for the community, scientists, students and other visitors and also hosts a Maasai cultural boma for accommodation and cultural experience for tourists which is owned and managed by the women.

Social Enterprises

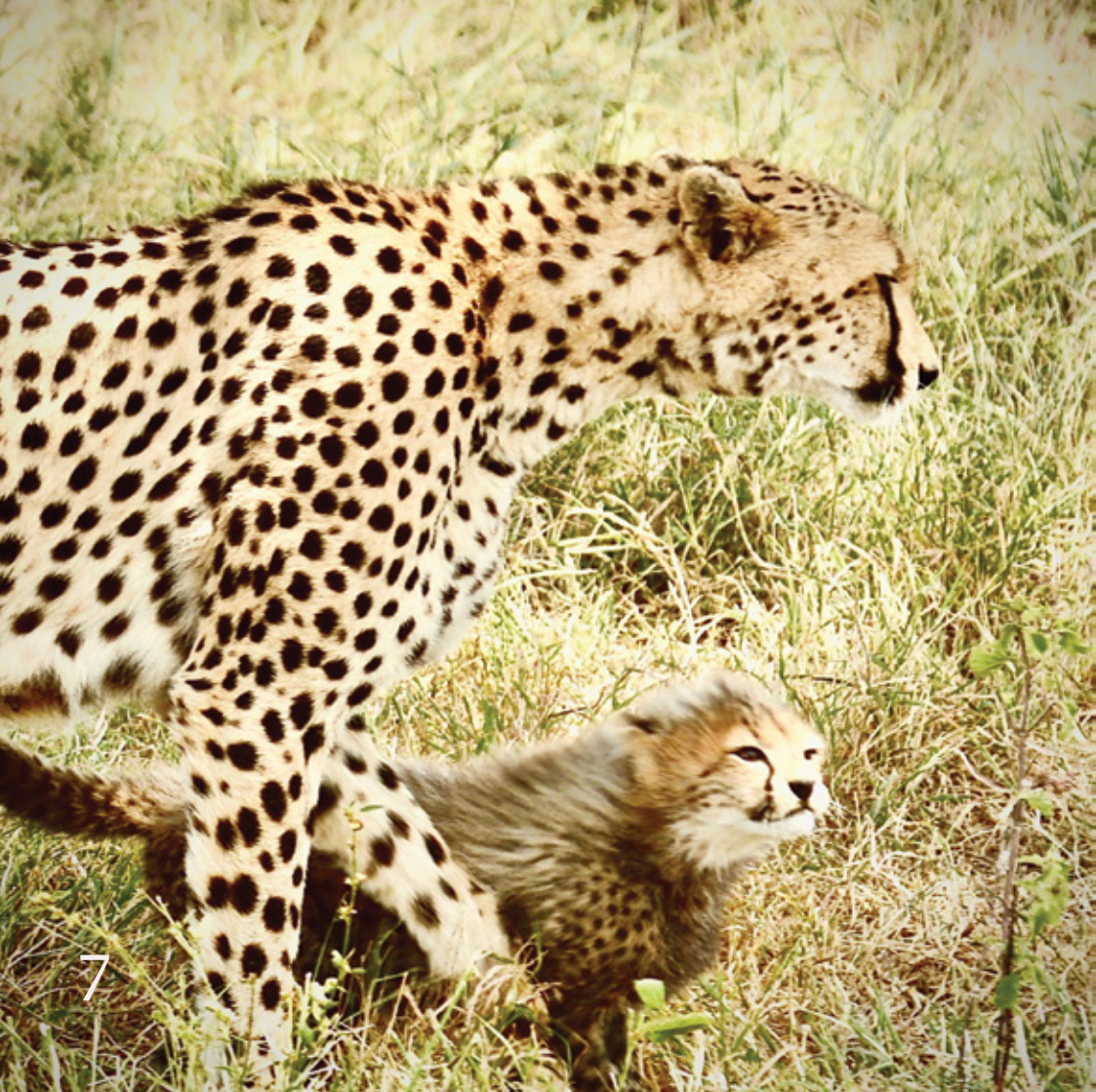
Through sustainable social enterprises that improve livelihoods of communities living with wildlife – especially pastoral women, ACC helped Maasai women near Amboseli National Park develop a milk cooperative that generates \$2,000 per month supporting 430 households. The women also earn an income from sale of high quality Maasai beadwork that is also exported internationally

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LAIKIPIA

In Laikipia, ACC and Uaso Ng'iro Baboon Project have supported the Twala-Tenebo Cultural Manyatta for the last 18 years. The community project provides income for six women groups with a membership of 203 women. The facility provides a unique and authentic experience to visitors through guided baboon walks, eco-tours, Maasai cultural experiences and affordable accommodation in eco-manyattas. The women engage in other enterprises such as beadwork, aloe farming and beekeeping.



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The Maasai Mara National Reserve is a leading tourist destination and revered as the 8th wonder of the world. It hosts more than 95 species of mammals, reptiles and birds. The annual wildebeest migration of more than 1.5 million animals is a sight to behold. ACC has supported six women groups from Mara and trained them on beadwork making. The women sell their beadwork products at the Maasai Mara National Reserve and to international pet stores. ACC has trained women on beekeeping and funded the purchase of 80 beehives and supported the cultural villages on establishing quality homestays and marketing of the cultural experience products that they offer to tourists.

MARA



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ACC supported the creation of South Rift Association of Land Owners (SORALO) in 2003 as an umbrella body representing 14 group ranches with the aim of maintaining wildlife connectivity while supporting innovative opportunities on the land that support local livelihoods. ACC established the *Lale'enok* Resource Centre, which brings together community scouts, local resource assessors, scientists, students and conservationists to collate information crucial to wildlife conservation and community development. ACC helped form the Olkiramatian Reto Women's group for the purpose of women empowerment and improving livelihoods in the Magadi area. The group made up of 210 women manages the Lale'enok Resource Centre and earns income from the fees paid by researchers, visitors and students who camp at the centre. ACC in partnership with SORALO implemented the Integrated Water Management program which has directly impacted 11,700 households in Magadi by establishing water governance structures at community level. The communities now have access to clean water for farming, beekeeping and livestock production.





HOW TO HELP

Your generous donations will promote the healthy coexistence of people and wildlife, and will conserve the ecosystems that give life. You can donate directly to projects and through our sister organization, ACC-US. Details on how to help are on the official ACC website.

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