



IMPACT REPORT 2020





BY THE NUMBERS



39

Scholarship recipients that graduated



180

Scholarships awarded



17

Internships awarded



384

Number of students that went through the EEC from 12 schools



24

Number of students that graduated



100

Number of individuals trained through the village learning program



79

Law Enforcement staff members



158

Number of arrests



903

Snares removed



25

Animals desnares and treated



38

Thermal scanners donated to surrounding village health facilities



129

Educational awareness meetings on COVID-19



440

Litres of sanitizer donated to surrounding village health facilities



1,100

Masks donated to surrounding village health facilities

Herbivore Biomass



47.2%

Buffalo



23.3%

Elephant



26.1%

Topi, Giraffe, Impala, Eland



3.4%

Others

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DIRECTORS MESSAGE



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It almost goes without saying, but 2020 has been an extraordinarily challenging year. The novel coronavirus that emerged during the first quarter of the year wasted little time in wreaking havoc and turning the world on its head. The global pandemic that followed has impacted almost every individual and organization on the planet. And like so many others, the Grumeti Fund was not immune to the virus and its dire socio economic consequences. Our funding streams took a beating with the collapse of tourism and a number of donors retreated almost overnight. Budget cuts came swiftly on heels of the COVID crisis. We made the unavoidable tough decisions and tightened our belts. The Grumeti Fund was at an inflection point. We could choose the ostrich approach – close our eyes and bury our heads under the sand – or we could take these unexpected knocks on the chin, roll up our sleeves, and get straight back to work.

Despite the myriad challenges, the team dug deep and responded with the passion, energy and excellence that have become the hallmarks of the Grumeti Fund. Only this time they showed indefatigable determination – and a healthy dose of grit – in ensuring that the Grumeti Fund rose above the COVID-induced chaos that has dominated this year. Our communications and fundraising team organized the RISE UP challenge on April 19th and this turned out to be a decisive moment for the organization. While the event raised some much needed awareness and funds for our Research and Innovation for the Serengeti Ecosystem (RISE) program, it achieved so much more in that it marked the pivotal moment when the Grumeti Fund collectively decided – in spite of being dealt a poor hand in 2020 – we would rise above the disappointments and the setbacks, and double down to ensure we made a real success of this difficult year. “RISE UP” became our mantra in 2020.

While tourism might have collapsed, and funding might have been squeezed, the Grumeti concessions were still confronted by the same poaching threats, conservation management needs and local community challenges. So we refocused our remaining resources on key areas where we felt we could achieve the greatest positive impact and tangible outcomes.

With 2020 drawing to a close, it is both humbling and gratifying to see how much the Grumeti Fund team has achieved during a trying year. We completed construction and launched the state-of-the-art RISE research facility; we saw the establishment of the Grumeti Fund Airwing and aviation program; we hosted the third edition of the Serengeti Girls Run fundraiser for women’s empowerment; we scaled up the Rural Enterprise Development program to address a dire need for alternative sustainable livelihoods in our neighboring communities; and we celebrated the birth of the first black rhino calf within the Ikorongo-Grumeti concession area for many decades!

The birth of this baby rhino was a seminal moment and the culmination of years of hard work. But it wasn’t just the newly reestablished rhino that were thriving within the Ikorongo-Grumeti concession area, the biennial aerial survey flown in July counted a staggering 9,723 buffalo. Thinking back to the first aerial survey in 2003, and the 605 buffalo counted then, as well as the more than four-fold increase in resident herbivore biomass since project inception, this emphatic wildlife recovery just goes to show the incredible catalytic power of philanthropy and what can be achieved when you combine strong management and sound technical expertise with good resourcing and an unequivocal mandate.

This has been an unprecedented year of trials and tribulations. But – as you will read in the pages ahead – the Grumeti Fund has showed character, resilience and fortitude in its achievements. The end of 2020 also marks the end of five rewarding years leading the Grumeti Fund. My stepping down provides an exciting opportunity for Noel Mbise and Matt Perry to be elevated into the leadership role and I wish them and the Grumeti Fund every success for 2021 and beyond.

STEPHEN CUNLIFFE,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



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The Community Outreach Program is focused on four main areas of change: educational advancement for youth via training and scholarship, sustainable livelihood and income generating opportunities, promoting environmental stewardship, and girls' and women's empowerment.

Education

Education programs are focused on giving students access to quality education and the academic foundation necessary to pursue and achieve their dreams. In 2020 Grumeti Fund awarded 180 students scholarships for secondary school, vocational studies, and university; 98% of the scholarship recipients passed their final exams.

“I am so excited to finish my secondary education. I feel like am almost about to reach my goals.”

Scholastica Edward
EEC Student

Unlocking Prosperous Livelihoods for Tomorrow

(UPLIFT)

In 2017, the Community Outreach department launched the UPLIFT program. Unlocking Prosperous Livelihoods for Tomorrow focuses on developing the communities in the areas surrounding Grumeti. In a region where 99% of wage earners are farmers - an occupation that is extremely vulnerable to external threats such as climate change and crop-raiding elephants - Grumeti Fund is giving individuals the knowledge, tools and resources needed to provide for themselves, their families, and their communities as a whole.

Enterprise Development

In villages bordering the Grumeti concessions, 99% of wage earners depend on small-scale farming. In the face of climate change and in such close proximity to wildlife, farming is extremely vulnerable to threats such as irregular rainfall and crop-raiding elephants. In an effort to help diversify income generating opportunities, the Grumeti Fund works with local entrepreneurs to grow successful businesses.

Since 2017, the Grumeti Fund has partnered with Raizcorp, a South African-based organization that specializes in business incubation. Through a tried and tested methodology, the Rural Enterprise Development Program works with budding entrepreneurs to develop and grow their businesses. Becoming an entrepreneur is not for everyone, which Raizcorp acutely understands and realizes. Accordingly, they use a system of interviews and psychological tests to understand which individuals have the greatest opportunity for entrepreneurial success. With back-stopping support and guidance, the Grumeti Fund is rolling out the Raizcorp methodology through its Rural Enterprise Development Project Officers.

Intensive one-on-one business support, termed 'Guiding' was provided to enthusiastic and hungry entrepreneurs to help them grow and develop profitable businesses. A rigorous process is used to identify entrepreneurs who have the right mind-set, business concept and work ethic to join the Guiding program. Each entrepreneur is Guided for a minimum of 12 months, with weekly one-on-one sessions that cover the core components of Raizcorp's business incubation model.

Despite the challenges in 2020, 7 entrepreneurs were guided telephonically; 6 out of 7 graduated in August 2020; a big congratulations to Pilly Matonda, Chacha Mgaya, Amosy Matiko, Mkono Mantawera, Julius Gemlai Sangi, Nyangoko Hembe and

“The Enterprise development program is changing lives. It brings me so much joy to see businesses thrive because of the skills we're teaching.”

Philip Simel, Grumeti Fund Project Officer



©Calvin Kulaya "Sara Samel in front of her restaurant"

Meet Sara Samwel

Sara Samwel is a true success story from the Enterprise Development Program. A 28 year old mother of 3, from a small village bordering the protected area, Sara stays busy growing her restaurant, where she sells a variety of Tanzanian foods and snacks.

Sara was once fully dependant on her husband. She would have to ask her husband for money for everything, from food to baby diapers. With the help of the Enterprise Development Program Sara was able to open a small restaurant close to her home.

"I decided to open a restaurant so that I can gain some independence, I was totally dependant on my husband."

Shortly after opening her small business, things took a turn for the worse; Sara and her husband were divorced. Sarah was left the bread winner and primary caretaker for her three children.

Undeniably, Sara explains that her circumstances were very challenging . She was unfamiliar with business management and many business concepts were new to her. But with the support of a Grumeti Fund project officer, Sara was able to build and grow her small business.

"The training gave me confidence. I learned skills like record keeping, budgeting, and marketing. I always knew I had the talent to do business but lacked confidence"Sara Samwel

Sara's business continues to thrive, she is busier than ever and looking forward to her continued expansion.

"Before I felt inadequate, I hated not being able to provide my children with the things they wanted. Things are different now. I feel good about my life".

"Corona hit us hard, but we had been taught how to absorb unexpected shocks in business. I tightened up hygiene and took precautions to make my clients feel comfortable about eating at my restaurant. Things are slowly improving"

"I work all day and keep myself busy, I don't have time to get down or feel depressed, I use my time to work hard and make a future for my children. This business has saved my life. My next move is to diversify. I want to open a small retail shop. "

Monica Mang'oha Machuchuliani, also known as "Mama Monica" has worked with the Grumeti Fund since 2004. As a single mother of 7 children, Mama Monica said her life changed when she joined Grumeti, "I could not have built my home, educated my children, and ran my farm without being at Grumeti. It is so rewarding working with the EEC students and seeing the lives of these children being changed for the better." The EEC students cannot get enough of her cooking.

Environmental Stewardship

The Environmental Education Center operates on the same academic schedule as all Tanzanian secondary schools. The Center typically hosts students 42 weeks of the year.

Undoubtably, this year has been a hard academic year due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Schools in Tanzania were closed on March 18th as a measure of keeping the students safe from the pandemic; the government reopened the schools with COVID-19 measures in place on June 29, 2020.

Due to the shutdown between March and July the Environmental Education Center was unable to host students during this time.

Despite all the challenges, the Environmental Education Center was able to achieve 80% of its targets by training 24 teachers and 384 students.



©Calvin Kulaya "Mama Monica preparing lunch for the EEC "

SAFARIS WITH A PURPOSE

Safaris with a purpose are up-close and personal experiences that offer a way for donors to become a part of the work we do at Grumeti Fund while raising much needed funding for projects.

Serengeti Girls Run

The Grumeti fund believes that investing in girls is a critical step to breaking the cycle of poverty in local surrounding villages. We run girls empowerment events that encourage girls to have confidence to be who they dream to be.

Practices such as female genital mutilation still occur illegally, and young girls are married off for dowry, unable to finish their education. Menstruation and reproductive health are taboo subjects and access to materials can be challenging. Many girls do not go to school during their menstrual cycle, missing out on a significant portion of their studies. In the last three years, we have introduced empowerment events whereby high school girls come together to learn about career development, confidence building, menstruation, female genital mutilation, early marriage and reproductive health.

The Serengeti Girls' Run is an event aimed at raising awareness and support for local women and girls. The third annual run in 2020 saw nine women from around the world come together to support the program.

While the run itself took place inside the protected area, the reason for the run was never far from mind. Discussions on the run and around the campfire were centred around breaking down barriers and finding healthy and positive ways to impact young women in the surrounding areas and around the world.

2021 SAFARI WITH A PURPOSE DATES

27 October - 1 November

Email: info@grumetifund.org for more information



ANTI-POACHING & LAW ENFORCEMENT



79

Law Enforcement
staff members



158

Number of
arrests



0

Elephants or
rhinos poached.



3,305

Kilograms of Bushmeat
recovered



903

Snares removed



25

Animals desnares and
treated



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Five years ago the Grumeti Fund Anti-Poaching team was given a mandate to have well-trained boots on the ground, supported by Anti-Poaching focused technology designed to take on modern poaching threats.

The vast majority of poaching incidents within the Grumeti concession involves commercial bush-meat poaching, however, elephant poaching for ivory is an ever-present threat which our team must always be prepared to prevent.

Intelligence

Tourism is a major sector of Tanzania's economy and the primary foreign exchange earner. When tourism essentially dried up overnight in response to the pandemic, unemployment skyrocketed. As a direct consequence illegal activity increased and along with it the traditional indicators of poaching activity. We saw a 57% increase in snares recovered, along with approximately three tons of dried bushmeat recovered.

In light of these challenges Anti-Poaching adjusted the department's strategy to focus on Intelligence, Aerial Surveillance and strengthening prosecutions.

Aerial Surveillance

2020 saw the start of the Airwing, a new tool and concept in the Anti-Poaching armoury. The Aviat Husky arrived at the start of the year and in March, the new position of Chief Pilot was filled. The Husky is a light fixed wing aircraft that is capable of landing on rough terrain as well as flying at slow speeds, perfect for conducting aerial surveillance and key species monitoring. The Husky is equipped with a telemetry kit, which enables the crew to locate and monitor tagged black rhinos and elephants. After the extremely wet start to the year, most of the protected area became inaccessible by ground, highlighting the extreme value of aerial support – on the ground rhino monitoring was not possible, but luckily the work still continued through aerial monitoring. The deterrent factor of having a frequent "eye in the sky" was immeasurable, the Husky was flown frequently in known poaching hotspots to enhance the deterrent benefit.

“The creation of an aerial wing increases our effectiveness as an organization as a whole, across anti-poaching, conservation management, and research and monitoring. We are better positioned to respond to threats, prevent incursions, check in on injured or treated wildlife, and monitor black rhino and collared elephants.”

Wayne Cornhill, Chief Pilot





Prosecutions

In 2020 the Anti-Poaching department developed yet another tool in its fight against poaching, the Mara Task Coordination Group (MTCG). The MTCG is a collaboration between the Grumeti Fund Anti-Poaching Department and various authorities of the Tanzanian Government, including the Tanzanian Police Force. This multi-organizational team has been given the mandate to conduct Anti-Poaching operations throughout the Mara Region and targets dealers and trafficking syndicates as well as poachers.

Looking ahead, the Grumeti Fund's Anti-Poaching and Law Enforcement Department will continue to apply new technologies in combination with, and in support of, our team of highly trained scouts operating on the ground.



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CANINE UNIT

The Grumeti Fund Canine Unit consist of four dogs - Tony, Okie, DJ and Radar – and 6 highly skilled handlers who have taken primary responsibility for all the dogs trainings.

The dogs have been trained to track scent, ammunition and guns, Elephant ivory, Rhino horn and bushmeat. The Canine unit is an instrumental part of the Anti-Poaching and Law Enforcement Department and an integral tool the Grumeti Fund uses to detect and prevent poaching.



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CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT

Proper management of the ecosystem is ensuring that the fauna and flora are secure for years to come. The Conservation Management department is responsible for maintaining and sustaining the habitat in which the wildlife of the Grumeti concessions abounds. The team often removes invasive alien plants, one of the largest threats to the functionality of the ecosystem; managing controlled fire burns and arson fires; ensuring the general wellbeing of wildlife, including animals found wounded due to human interference. The 350,000 acres is divided into three sections' each of which is overseen by a Section Manager



27Km
of new road
constructed




38%
of the concession burned
(40% arson, 60% controlled
burn)



6,307
acres of the concession
cleared of alien vegetation



21
wildlife rescues all involving
snare removal: 8 Zebra, 6
Buffalo, 3 Elephant, 2 Hyena, 1
Lion, 1 Eland

A young rhinoceros, Zaituni, is the central focus of the image. She is positioned on the right side, looking over a dark wooden fence. Her head and one horn are visible. The background shows a classroom environment with a whiteboard and wooden walls. The lighting is warm and natural, highlighting the texture of the rhino's skin and the straw on the floor.

Zaituni, the Orphaned Rhino

Zaituni, an orphaned Eastern black rhino was brought to the Grumeti concession in November 2019, after being rescued by our government partners, Tanzanian National Parks. Zaituni is now thriving and growing quickly, thanks to her dedicated and hard working team of caretakers who have provided around the clock care since her arrival.

In the classroom, Environmental Education Center students learn the importance of conservation, and during field trips to visit Zaituni, students witness first-hand the tangible impacts of those lessons.

The long journey to stabilization has been a fruitful one, transforming a tragic story of an orphaned rhino calf, into one of hope for a critically endangered species and of inspiration for local students.

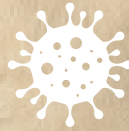


RELATIONSHIPS.



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432,978

TOTAL PEOPLE
REACHED



The Grumeti Fund Relationships department works to maintain, build and strengthen close relationships with all relevant conservation and local community stakeholders that operate within the Serengeti ecosystem. Specifically, we work in partnership with Singita, who holds the concessions on the land we manage; the Wildlife Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, the Tanzanian Wildlife Management Authority, various district and regional government authorities, local village councils and an array of other government entities and non-profit organizations.

Following the eruption of COVID-19, departmental activities were highly impacted and limited between March and July 2020. While regularly scheduled programs like community movie nights and human-wildlife conflict mitigation activities were temporarily halted, the department shifted its focus to COVID-19 awareness programs. The focus was to educate the 23 surrounding villages on precaution measures. The Relationships Department Manager, David Mwakipisile, went on a road show meeting with health officers and village leaders. Sanitizers and masks were distributed to the communities.

“For most of 2020 the goal was to educate the surrounding villages on COVID-19. We made sure the 23 surrounding villages were equipped to deal with this pandemic.”

David Mwakipisile, Relationship Manager



RESEARCH & INNOVATION
FOR THE SERENGETI ECOSYSTEM

Grumeti Fund's Research and Innovation for the Serengeti Ecosystem (RISE) is an applied research facility in the western Serengeti, with a mission to create innovative tools and solutions to combat the most pressing conservation issues and challenges of our time. Built upon a platform of collaboration and education, RISE aims to develop and support research initiatives that provide tangible and resilient solutions to benefit the people and wildlife of the Serengeti ecosystem and beyond.

Foundational to RISE is the commitment to support local talent, make space for women in conservation, and to support early-stage conservationists. Fundamental to the Grumeti Fund is the belief that conservation programs that create opportunities for women and youth will lead the way to a future where conservation actions and policies are inclusive of a diversity of needs and perspectives, and ultimately, contribute to better outcomes for both people and wildlife.



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The RISE Facility

The incredible RISE building incorporates key aspects of sustainable design, including a roof-mounted solar array, rainwater harvesting, the optimization of natural ventilation and lighting, and the use of FSC certified timber. The majority of materials have been sourced locally – including stone used for exterior cladding, which were obtained during site excavation. Laminated teak beams, flooring and glass were sourced from Arusha, Tanzania. The building will operate completely off-grid.



A note from Dr. Kristen Snyder, Head Scientist, RISE

“2020 was a challenging but still a very exciting year for RISE. We held a grand opening for our research facility, and two days later we welcomed the 2020 cohort of the Women in the Field course.

Being able to host the course in our brand-new facility was a bright spot in the year. The dining facility was completed in December and the tented accommodation will be completed in the first quarter of 2021.

We will now be able to provide overnight accommodation for up to 12 people, facilitating the expansion of our Women in the Field program in 2021 and giving us more flexibility in hosting students and researchers.

We are looking forward to the community we will create in this space in the coming years.

We purchased essential equipment that will allow us to adhere to rigorous scientific standards and safely prepare, store, and arrange for further analysis or export of biological samples.

This equipment includes a -20°C freezer, fridge, centrifuge, vortex, drying oven, water bath, microscope, complete pipette set, and array of consumables. One of the first uses has been preparing Rhino fecal samples from our collaborative research with Stanford for export to South Africa for hormonal analysis!”



Yamat Lengai – Monitoring & Evaluation Program Assistant @ African People and Wildlife



Plakizia Msalilwa – HWC Field Officer at Oikos East Africa



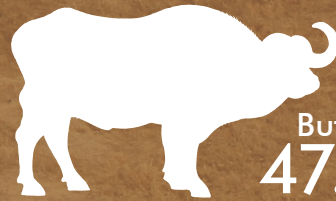
Leena Lulandala – Recent graduate from University of Dar es Salaam



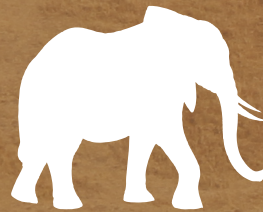
Nyasatu Mkaka – Intern at Ruaha Carnivore Project



RESEARCH AND MONITORING



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Figure 1: Proportion of herbivore biomass in the concession based on 2020 Aerial Census.

The aim of the Research and Monitoring department is to understand and monitor the local ecological and environmental conditions. The Research and Monitoring Department monitors climate, hydrological variables, fire, vegetation biomass and composition, large mammal numbers, large and important bird species, and human-wildlife conflict. Maintaining long-term records facilitates an understanding of how and why parameters change and thus better inform management interventions. State-of-the-art GIS software enables the team to accurately map everything from wild fires and alien plant infestations to human-wildlife conflict and poaching incidents. This data ensures that only the best evidence-based information guides management decision-making.

Aerial Census

The Research and Monitoring department was able to carry out sixty percent of the key ecological monitoring programs in 2020.

The most notable accomplishments this year were the successful rhino monitoring program and completion of the biennial game count. This year's count is the 14th aerial survey since the inception of Grumeti Concession operations.

Buffalo and elephant contributed the largest share of resident herbivore biomass (47.2% and 23.3% respectively). Topi, giraffe, impala, and eland follow - together contributing 26.1% of resident biomass in the concession (Figure 1).

Of all the trends observed in the census, perhaps the most remarkable is the continued increase in buffalo numbers. Since 2002, the buffalo population has increased by 14% per year on average. In 2020, the buffalo population was estimated at 10,000 – a substantial increase from 2018 (7,709).

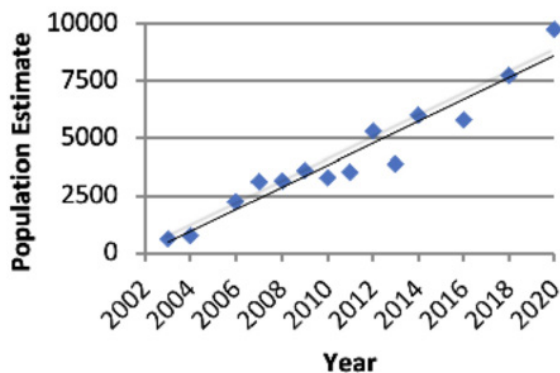
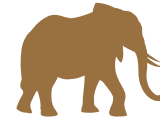


Figure 2.

Medium term trend in the estimated population size of buffalo in the Grumeti Reserves complex.

The elephant population appears to be stabilizing, after many years of rapid growth. At 1,255 this year's estimate was slightly lower than, but within range of, that recorded in 2018 (1,534).

It is exciting to report that this year, for the first time, we saw and counted free-ranging Eastern black rhino in Ikorongo, including a newly born calf, something that marks the beginning of establishing a demographically viable population in the concession.



Elephant

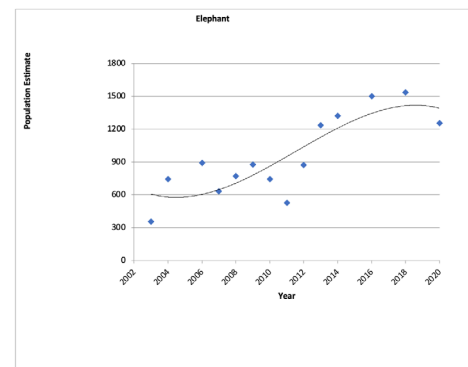
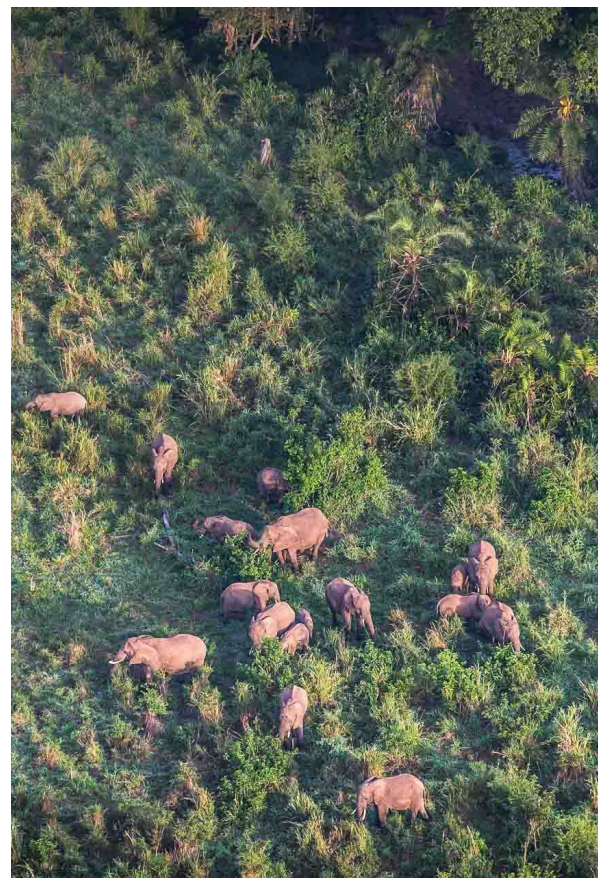


Figure 3:

Medium term trend in the size of the elephant population in Grumeti Reserves.





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QUALITY SERVICE INTEGRITY

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Tanzania is a largely unfenced country, there are no fenced protected areas.

In 2020 Phase 1 of the rhino protection fence was completed. This pilot electric fence is a critical component of the rhino protection strategy, and prevents black rhino, a critically endangered species, from exiting the protected area. The fence was also designed to deter elephants, in part because if the fence is easily damaged by elephants it will require frequent maintenance and reduce its effectiveness in its primary goal, protecting rhino. The fence serves the dual purpose of preventing elephant access into adjacent farms and settlements with the aim of reducing human-elephant conflict, which farmers have historically reported is the most significant threat to crop production.

While evaluations of fence efficacy and impacts are ongoing, initial findings indicate that the fence is a highly effective tool for containing black rhino.

In an effort to further reduce the impacts of human-elephant conflict and provide wider protection for free-ranging black rhino, 30 kilometres of additional fencing is planned for 2021.



Michael Kaiguma,
Farmer in Rwamchanga village

“Elephants and other dangerous animals have been a huge problem. There was a night I was out watching over my farm, and I was chased by an elephant and fell. I was screaming for an hour, when you feel you’re about to die, you sweat a lot. In short, I’m grateful to Grumeti Fund for putting this fence; we are extremely grateful to them”



Kamanbe Matongo,
Farmer in Rwamchanga village

“I grew up and I have lived in this village since 1977. The elephants were always a big problem. We would never sleep. We would have to be up all night keeping watch over our farms. Some people have left this village because of elephant raiding. I’m glad I stuck around, my kids can now sleep at night. We are all happier. The surrounding villages should get the fence as well so they can live in peace; no-one should speak against the fence”

PARTNERS



Tanzanian Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA)



The Tanzanian Wildlife Management Authority and the Grumeti Fund work in partnership to conserve the Grumeti concessions. The co-management agreement includes decision making surrounding the wildlife and habitat of the area, and overseeing activities such as the black rhino re-establishment project, wildlife wellbeing and law enforcement.

Singita

Singita

Singita is the Grumeti Fund's sole eco-tourism partner. The low-impact and exclusive tourism carried out by Singita creates opportunities for people from around the world to learn and experience the beauty of the Grumeti concessions, shining a light on conservation and community development.



AFRICAN
COMMUNITY & CONSERVATION
FOUNDATION

African Community and Conservation Foundation (ACCF)

The African Community and Conservation Foundation is the Grumeti Fund's fundraising partner in the United States. The organization operates a 501(c)(3) non-profit through which all US-based Grumeti Fund donors can make tax-deductible donations.



FINANCIALS

Relationships



3.8%

Community Development



8.1%

Conservation Management



9.2%

Anti-Poaching



29.5%



Research and Monitoring



10.1%

Support Services and Administration



38.0%



Grumeti Fund is excited to announce our new leaders, our change makers, the co-management team of Noel Mbise and Matt Perry.

“To be entrusted with the responsibility of co-leading the Grumeti Fund is an honor and a privilege. For more than a decade, I have personally witnessed the delivery of positive change and impact in this renowned Tanzanian conservation area and it has been a rewarding experience to say the least. Our collective efforts so far have generated stories of inspiration and hope, and demonstrates the power of a unified vision, supported by a diverse approach to improve lives and protect natural landscapes. We are confident that together we will achieve this through on-going collaborations with our strategic partners, but with the continued backing of generous donors and supporters who believe in our vision and thus empower us to fulfill our mandate. As a team, we are looking forward to a united and successful chapter.” Matt Perry



“It is a huge privilege for me to be here at Grumeti. It’s amazing to work in this iconic landscape. Even though 2020 was a tough year for all of us, I’m so excited to see improved habitat, thriving wildlife, significant milestones in research and innovation as well as robust community outreach initiatives. All I can ask is continued support from our partners and our valued donors. Without them, we couldn’t do the work we’re doing here. Without a doubt I am confident Matt and I are ready to carry out the Grumeti vision and mission” - Noel Mbise

THANK YOU

The Grumeti Fund is extremely grateful to all of its donors, supporters and partners for their generosity. Through your ongoing support and donations, the Grumeti Fund is able to create lasting change for communities and wildlife alike.

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A wide-angle photograph of a savanna landscape. In the foreground, a dirt path winds through a grassy field. A large, leafy tree is on the left, and a bare, dead tree is on the right. The middle ground shows rolling hills with scattered trees and small mounds of earth. The background features a range of mountains under a hazy sky.

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