



# LION GUARDIANS

## 2011 in review

### Summary

- 🔦 **Zero lions killed** within Lion Guardian area; ten lion killed outside Lion Guardian jurisdiction
- 🔦 **32 hunting parties stopped** by Guardians and collaborators
- 🔦 **96 lions monitored** by Guardians during 2011; 43 adults, 9 sub-adults, 44 cubs
- 🔦 For the first time since lion monitoring began, **all of our monitored females are with cubs**
- 🔦 Lion Guardians has established a **501(c)(3) in the US** for fundraising

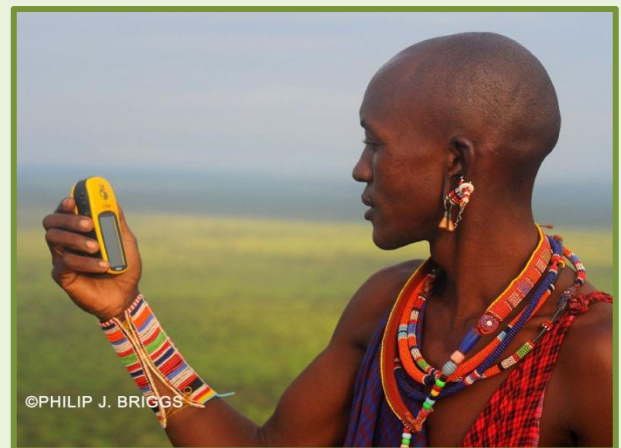
### Collared lions

- 🔦 Guardians monitored **19 collared lions** from both KWS and LWL
- 🔦 **Two collared lions were killed** this year on a neighbouring group ranch with no Lion Guardians
- 🔦 **Five lions have GPS collars:** [www.abycats.com/klplionmap](http://www.abycats.com/klplionmap)

### Spoor Routes

- 🔦 LGs completed **1,000+ spoor-counting routes**, totalling nearly 13,000km systematically surveyed in one year

Lion Guardian Accuracy			
n-124	Accurate	Lion Gender	Spoor
Correct	91.1%	73.4%	65.3%
Incorrect	6.5%	4.8%	4.8%
N/A	2.4%	21.8%	29.8%
Lion ID (Maasai name chosen)			
Confirmed	46.8%	Correct	87.9%
Not Confirmed	53.2%	Incorrect	12.1%



### Immense reduction in human-wildlife conflicts in 2011

- 🔦 Guardians **reinforced 244 bomas** in 2011 (85% were revisited; less than 1% reported further depredation)
- 🔦 Guardians **helped bring 6,411 head of livestock safely back** to bomas out of the **7,597** lost livestock reported to them (84% success rate)
- 🔦 **Guardians found 17 young children and one old man** who got lost while out herding
- 🔦 LG reports to *Big Life* led to the **arrest of eight poachers** as well as informing authorities of poached elephants

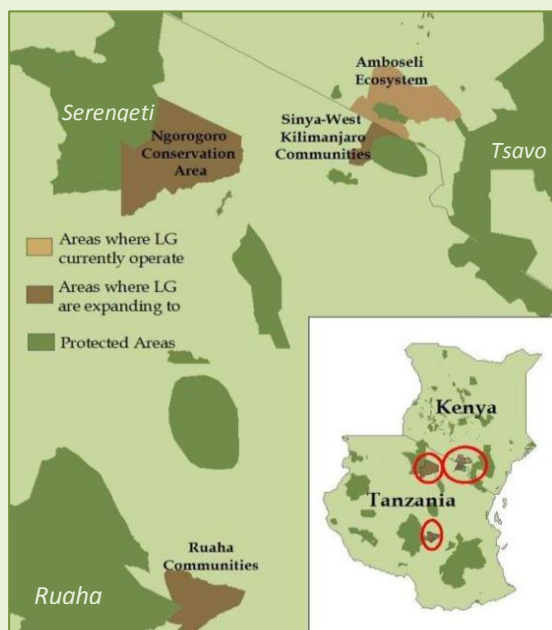
### Lion Guardian Games

- 🔦 **Lion Guardians competed** in 100 metre dash, stick throwing, spear throwing and football
- 🔦 **Awards were given** to the most improved, most reliable, best conflict mitigation, the greatest program impact, the best all-around Guardians as well as to one Guardian who went beyond the call of duty



## Warrior Transition

- 🔦 **Maasai tradition continues and a new warrior age-set** has begun early stages of initiation
- 🔦 The LG program is transitioning with the culture and has already hired **two new warriors**, one of whom is the elected leader of the young warriors
- 🔦 We are working in close collaboration with other organizations to **transition current Lion Guardians** into other wildlife conservation jobs



## Expansions

The LG program initiated expansion visits at the request of the communities and interested conservationists to:

- 🔦 **Sinya West Kilimanjaro communities** on the TZ/Kenya border (hoping to begin in Feb 2012)
- 🔦 **Ruaha** in southern central Tanzania (in collaboration with the *Ruaha Carnivore Project* and *Panthera*, hoping to begin in early 2012)
- 🔦 **Ngorongoro Conservation Area** (working with the *Serengeti Lion Project* to ascertain the best area)
- 🔦 LG program also hosted a representative from *Hwange Lion Project* in Zimbabwe to provide support and insights for them to possibly initiate a lion-community conservation program in the future

## Publications, Presentations and Awards

- 🔦 **Leela Hazzah earned her doctorate** in July 2011 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 🔦 Leela and Stephanie are both preparing to submit a total of **five scientific publications** in 2012
- 🔦 Leela and Stephanie gave talks at the **Society of Conservation Biology 25th International Congress for Conservation Biology**, December 2011, Auckland, New Zealand. Leela was awarded the prestigious Young Women Conservation Biologists Award from the African Section of SCB.
- 🔦 *Explorer's Club: "Lions and Warriors: A Participatory Approach to Lion Conservation in Kenyan Maasailand"*. April 2011, New York City, U.S.A.
- 🔦 *Vail Symposium Adventure Series: Lion Guardians*. March 2011, Vail, Colorado, USA Cross-Border and National KWS forums "*Lions & Warriors*", June 2011 and July 2011, Nairobi and Amboseli, Kenya

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