

# UVUMBUZI AFRICA

*OUR CONSERVATION BY DISCOVERY JOURNEY OVER THE LAST FOUR MONTHS*



## UP-TO-DATE WITH US

Dear Friends & Partners,

We hope that you have been well. It is hard to believe that we are already embarking on the last leg of 2021.

Whilst the Covid-19 pandemic remains a global reality, we at Uvumbuzi Africa continue to implement creative and collaborative approaches that promote citizen engagement in environmental stewardship and amplify the voices of the largely unheard conservation champions across Kenya.

In this newsletter, we share with you, snippets of what we have been up to over the last four months and some of our exciting upcoming projects that are in the works.

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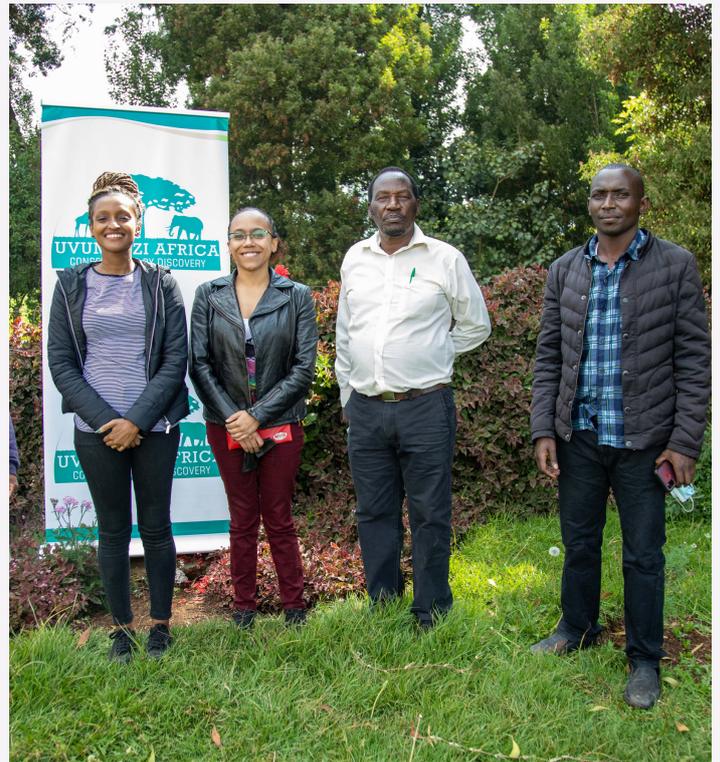
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## DISCOVERY JOURNEY ACROSS LAIKIPIA'S LANDSCAPE

Uvumbuzi Africa continues to discover conservation stories and initiatives from across Kenya, deserving of the spotlight. We often find these compelling stories through the support of our partners and various stakeholders in the conservation space.

One of our newest partners, the Laikipia Wildlife Forum (LWF), brought to our attention, a number of conservation initiatives within the Laikipia landscape and this September, we embarked upon an immersive discovery journey into the County to connect with some of them. We engaged with various organizations and stakeholders who gave us unique insights into the natural resource management and wildlife conservation efforts within the landscape.

We are currently in the post-production phase and will soon be sharing these authentic stories, captured during this expedition, of the inspiring men and women who have dedicated themselves to sustainable environmental stewardship within the County.



*(From left to right) Stephanie Wandurwa & Natasha Nyangara (Programmes Officers-Uvumbuzi); Stanely Kirimi (MKEWP Coordinator); Samuel Wanjohi (Programme Manager-Ngusishi WRUA)*

## CLEAN-UP OF OUR BELOVED OLOOLUA FOREST

Considered the lung of Nairobi, the Oloolua Forest is an important biodiversity hotspot, a long-time friend of the Uvumbuzi Club, and by association-Uvumbuzi Africa.

On the 11th of July 2021, we partnered with the youth-led Rafiki Conservation Network (RCN) and the Rotaract Club of Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), to host a clean-up event during which over 90 kilograms of non-biodegradable waste were collected from the Oloolua Nature Trail and signages warning against littering were put up along the trail. The Oloolua Forest administration assisted with the disposal of the collected waste.

The 60 youth who participated, also engaged in our signature, Picnic Conversations on Conservation (PICCs) where they expressed their views on sustainability, and ecosystem restoration, through poetry and literary works. We are always geared to support and promote vital conservation activities initiated by the youth with the aim of entrenching their engagement in environmental stewardship. Here is a [video](#) showcasing the event.



*Volunteers cleaning up the Oloolua Nature Trail.  
Photo by Joy Kiarie*

## FEATURE ON BONNIE MBITHI AND THE WEEE CENTRE

During quarter three, on the 27th of July 2021, Kenya's Top 35 under 35 laureate and Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Centre's C.E.O, Bonnie Mbithi invited us to his e-waste company and walked us through his personal conservation journey. Through our Sauti Za Conservation web series, Mr Mbithi gave insight into the increasing e-waste menace and his entrepreneurial approach to environmental stewardship.

Uvumbuzi Africa continues to encourage conservation entrepreneurship amongst Kenyans. Bonnie's and the WEEE Centre's stories are true inspirations for aspiring tech and conservation-conscious businessmen and businesswomen to create sustainable livelihoods through innovative solutions to environmental problems. You can watch the [video](#) here.



*WEEE Centre, C.E.O, Bonnie Mbithi*

## ROLLOUT OF THE 'EKCC' PROJECT CONTENT-ISILOLO COUNTY

At the end of July, we began to roll out the content from our immersive discovery journey in Isiolo County. The video featuring the young conservationist and Executive Director of the Isiolo Conservationists Trust (ICT), Issa Boru, was positively received by our audiences and is projected to steer more support to his organization and those within Isiolo and beyond, as the [video](#) continues to gain more traction.

Issa is a young and dedicated conservationist who is determined to reshape and spearhead the future of environmental stewardship within his County and Kenya as a whole, by fostering youth engagement and ownership of conservation. We continue to partner with and support Issa and look forward to future engagement with the brilliant individuals and organizations we engaged within Isiolo County.



*Issa Boru, ICT co-founder and Executive Director*

## 'SAUTI BRIEFS' SEGMENT REVAMP- COMING SOON!

Earlier this year, we launched a new segment on our YouTube channel called 'Sauti Briefs'. In this segment, we create informative videos on current and urgent conservation issues to keep our audiences in the loop of what is happening in the Kenyan and African conservation spaces.

To date, we have produced and published 9 Sauti Briefs episodes on topics ranging from Environmental pollution issues to the status of human-wildlife conflict in Kenya. In these episodes, we have also highlighted and given 'shout-outs' to various individuals and professionals within the conservation space from across Kenya.

After receiving valued feedback from our audiences regarding this segment, Uvumbuzi will soon be launching the new format for Sauti Briefs that promises to be more appealing, compelling and engaging; while continuing to deliver reliable information, conservation news and emerging conservation updates.



*Celebrating...*

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*"Good job Uvumbuzi team in profiling conservation initiatives across the country."*

*~YouTube subscriber comment*

# CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



We are in the process of recruiting dedicated volunteers to aid us with our social media, content development, and field activities. Through this volunteer programme, we hope to help budding conservation content creators and journalists hone their skills and inspire them to use these skills to adequately capture and portray the authentic stories of youth and women in conservation. We also aim to give our volunteers an opportunity to give back to their community through environmental stewardship. The call for volunteers is still open and we encourage interested candidates to apply via [uvumbuziafrica.org@gmail.com](mailto:uvumbuziafrica.org@gmail.com).



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‘A sustainable and mutually beneficial coexistence between man and nature is possible!

But we cannot achieve this on our own. We need your help!

Your donations help us continue to profile, highlight and support the numerous unique and effective conservation initiatives and enterprises that are geared towards preserving and restoring our natural world, spearheaded by the youth and women across Kenya. Uvumbuzi Africa welcomes you to play your part for the planet!’

