



RAMAT WILDLIFE SOCIETY
COMMUNITIES FOR WILDLIFE

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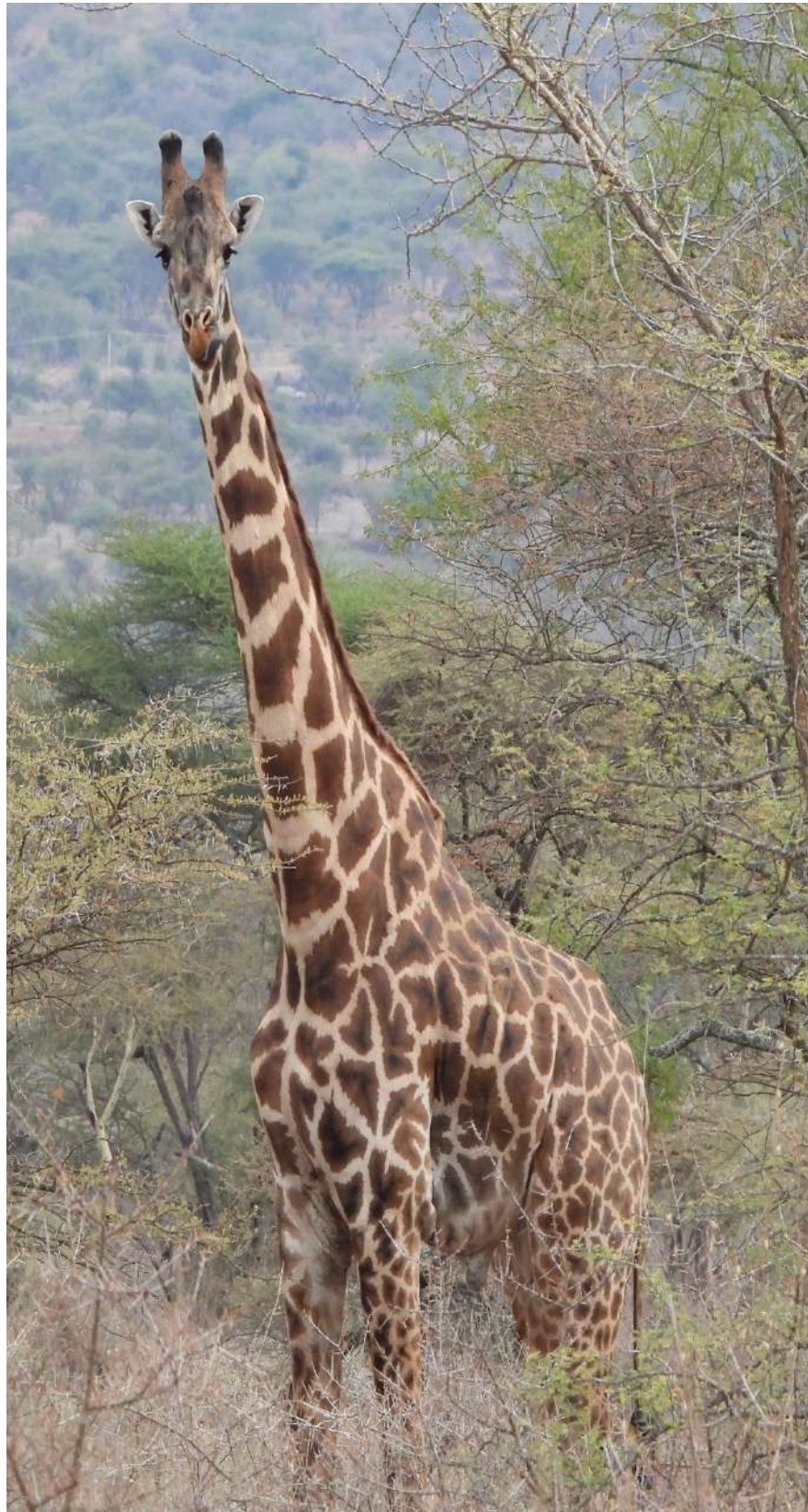
OUR VISION

Thriving rangelands where people and wildlife coexist in harmony through strong community leadership and sustainable natural resource management.

OUR MISSION

To strengthen Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) in conserving biodiversity, restoring ecosystems, promoting climate resilience, and improving livelihoods through community-led conservation.

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Message from the Chief Executive Officer

The financial period of 2024-2025 marked another important milestone in RAMAT Wildlife Society's journey to strengthen community-led conservation across the Matapato landscape in Kajiado County.

Throughout this period, the RAMAT secretariat team worked alongside conservancy leaders, government agencies, development partners, and local communities to build stronger institutions capable of protecting biodiversity while improving livelihoods.

Among our proudest achievements were strengthening governance across member conservancies, expanding conservation partnerships, supporting ecosystem restoration initiatives, improving human-wildlife coexistence, and elevating community voices to national conservation platforms.

One of the year's defining moments was our research documenting the growing challenge of fencing in the Amboseli-Matapato ecosystem. The findings prompted government action that resulted in the rescue of over 50 giraffes trapped within fenced private properties, demonstrating how evidence-based advocacy can translate into tangible conservation action.

We were also extremely pleased to see our conservancies receive a total of KES 27 million from the carbon program, which enabled 3,000 students to attend school without school fee challenges.

As climate change, land fragmentation, and habitat loss continue to threaten our rangelands, RAMAT remains committed to building resilient community institutions that safeguard Kenya's natural heritage for future generations.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our member conservancies, community leaders, government agencies, WWF Kenya, Africa Conservation Centre, conservation partners, and all supporters who continue to believe in our vision.

Together, we are proving that conservation succeeds when communities lead.



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John Kisimir
Chief Executive Officer

About RAMAT Wildlife Society

RAMAT Wildlife Society is a legally registered Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLC)-led conservation organization serving community conservancies across Central Kajiado, Kenya. The Society provides coordination, institutional strengthening, advocacy, technical support, and partnership development to member conservancies while promoting sustainable rangeland management and biodiversity conservation.

Our work focuses on:

- Community conservancy development and institutional strengthening
- Wildlife conservation
- Ecosystem restoration
- Climate resilience
- Sustainable livelihoods
- Policy advocacy
- Human-wildlife coexistence



IMPACT IN NUMBERS



15

COMMUNITY
CONSERVANCIES
MOBILIZED AND
REGISTERED

100,000

APPROXIMATELY 100,000
ACRES UNDER COMMUNITY
CONSERVATION



STRENGTHENED
CONSERVANCY COMMITTEES

KES 27 MILLION

DISTRIBUTED
THROUGH SOILS FOR
THE FUTURE AFRICA
CARBON PROGRAMME



48

PREDATOR-PROOF
SOLAR LIGHTING
SYSTEMS INSTALLED



3

COMMUNITY
BOREHOLES
SOLARIZED



50+

GIRAFFES RESCUED



1

NATIONAL
WORKSHOP
ON FENCING
ORGANIZED



CELEBRATING RAMAT'S 2024-2025 ACHIEVEMENTS.
BUILDING COMMUNITY VITALITY & THRIVING LANDSCAPES TOGETHER.

Strengthening Community Conservancies



Throughout the year, RAMAT continued mobilizing communities to establish and strengthen conservancies across the Matapato landscape. Technical support was provided for conservancy registration, governance, planning, and institutional development.

Boundary mapping and delineation helped provide clarity on conservancy management areas, reducing disputes while strengthening planning for wildlife movement and habitat conservation.

Governance training equipped conservancy committees and boards with practical knowledge on leadership, accountability, financial oversight, conflict management, and effective decision-making.

RAMAT strengthened collaboration between conservancies and local government administration through regular engagement with chiefs, assistant chiefs, county officials, and national government agencies.

These partnerships improved coordination in addressing conservation challenges, conflict resolution, security, and community participation in natural resource management.

Community Wildlife Ambassadors also played an important role in conservation awareness, environmental education, wildlife monitoring, and promoting peaceful coexistence between people and wildlife.

Climate Action and Sustainable Livelihoods

Community conservation delivers both ecological and economic benefits.

In 2025, member conservancies received approximately KES 27 million through the Soils for the Future Africa Carbon Programme. These revenues demonstrate the growing value of community-led climate solutions while providing important financial incentives for conservation.

The funds contributed to strengthening conservancy operations and supporting local livelihoods linked to sustainable land management.



Promoting Human-Wildlife Coexistence

Human-wildlife conflict remains one of the greatest conservation challenges in Kajiado.

Through support from partners, RAMAT facilitated the installation of predator-proof solar lighting systems in 48 livestock bomas. These systems reduce nighttime livestock attacks by predators while minimizing retaliatory killings of wildlife.

The intervention contributes to improved community safety while supporting predator conservation.

Access to reliable water remains essential for both communities and wildlife and with support from WWF, RAMAT successfully solarized three community boreholes, reducing dependence on costly diesel pumps while providing sustainable water access during dry seasons.

The initiative contributes to climate resilience, reduces carbon emissions, and supports both pastoral livelihoods and wildlife.



Research and Conservation Advocacy

Evidence-based conservation remains central to RAMAT's work.

During 2025, RAMAT conducted research examining the impacts of fencing on wildlife movement across the landscape. The study documented increasing habitat fragmentation and identified wildlife trapped within fenced properties.

The findings informed engagement with government agencies and conservation partners, leading to the successful rescue of more than 50 giraffes.

The Society also convened a National Workshop on Fencing in partnership with Africa Conservation Centre, bringing together government institutions, conservation organizations, researchers, and community representatives to discuss practical solutions for maintaining ecological connectivity while safeguarding livelihoods.



National Recognition

RAMAT's growing leadership was recognized nationally during the year.

The Society was officially recognized as the regional representative organization for the southern conservation landscape and elected to represent the region in the National Conservancies Council.

This recognition strengthens the voice of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in shaping national conservation policy and advancing community-led conservation across Kenya.

Partnerships

Our achievements were made possible through collaboration with communities and partners including:

- Member Community Conservancies
 - Kenya Wildlife Service
 - WWF Kenya
 - Africa Conservation Centre
 - County Government of Kajiado
 - National Government Administration
 - Soils for the Future Africa Carbon Programme
 - Community leaders and local stakeholders
 - Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association
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Looking Ahead

In 2026, RAMAT Wildlife Society will focus on:

- Expanding the community conservancy network.
- Restoring degraded rangelands and controlling invasive plant species.
- Strengthening ecological connectivity and wildlife corridors.
- Building stronger governance and financial sustainability for conservancies.
- Scaling climate finance opportunities for communities.
- Increasing youth and women participation in conservation leadership.
- Strengthening research, monitoring, and evidence-based policy advocacy.
- Developing strategic partnerships to enhance community resilience.

Appreciation

RAMAT Wildlife Society expresses sincere gratitude to every conservancy member, community elder, youth volunteer, ranger, government institution, development partner, donor, researcher, and friend whose dedication continues to make community conservation possible.

Together, we are protecting Kenya's wildlife, restoring our rangelands, and creating a future where people and nature thrive together.



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