



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

When Kirimbai and I started Honeyguide Foundation in 2007, we saw it as a labor of love that might find success if we were lucky. Now, Honeyguide has soared upward, recently increasing our total wildlife and habitat protection coverage to more than 5,000 square kilometers, (1.2 million acres). Over 2014, we also launched initiatives in human-wildlife conflict prevention; management and governance; enterprise development; and environmental education.

Internally, we have set up new teams, such as our Monitoring & Evaluation Unit, to improve our decision-making through innovative technology, data, analysis and adaptive management.

Furthermore, we have strengthened our partnerships. For example, Honeyguide and Tanzania People & Wildlife promise to cultivate a robust, long-term collaborative relationship that will improve programming for both organizations. Similarly, we are both part of the Northern Tanzania Rangelands Initiative: a consortium of seven organizations headed by The Nature Conservancy.

Ultimately, we know we cannot lose sight of what allowed us to grow in the first place: we work well with communities and partners, delivering results. Losing sight of that goal, means we forget why we started Honeyguide in the first place. This labor of love is shared among hundreds of us and one we hope to keep going for a long, long time.

Regards, Damian Bell

WORDS FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

For over 40 years, I have worked among the magnificent animals of Tanzania. In 1973, I graduated from the College of African Wildlife Management, where I would, later, teach. I also served as a ranger, and an officer, in Tanzania's Wildlife Division, venturing into the most remote and untamed corners of the country.

My first experiences with wild animals came like they do for any Maasai male, when I was a boy and then a warrior, herding cattle near Arusha. Of course, we had to show bravery in front of predators, and we would take their lives if they killed our livestock. Many of the challenges for conservation then remain challenges today but they are now more complicated.

Yet we also now have new ways of facing such challenges. For the Maasai, community-based conservation is nothing new - communities have always managed natural resources. These days, however, we can even combine science and technology with the traditional knowledge and management systems that people, like us Maasai, have used for thousands of years.

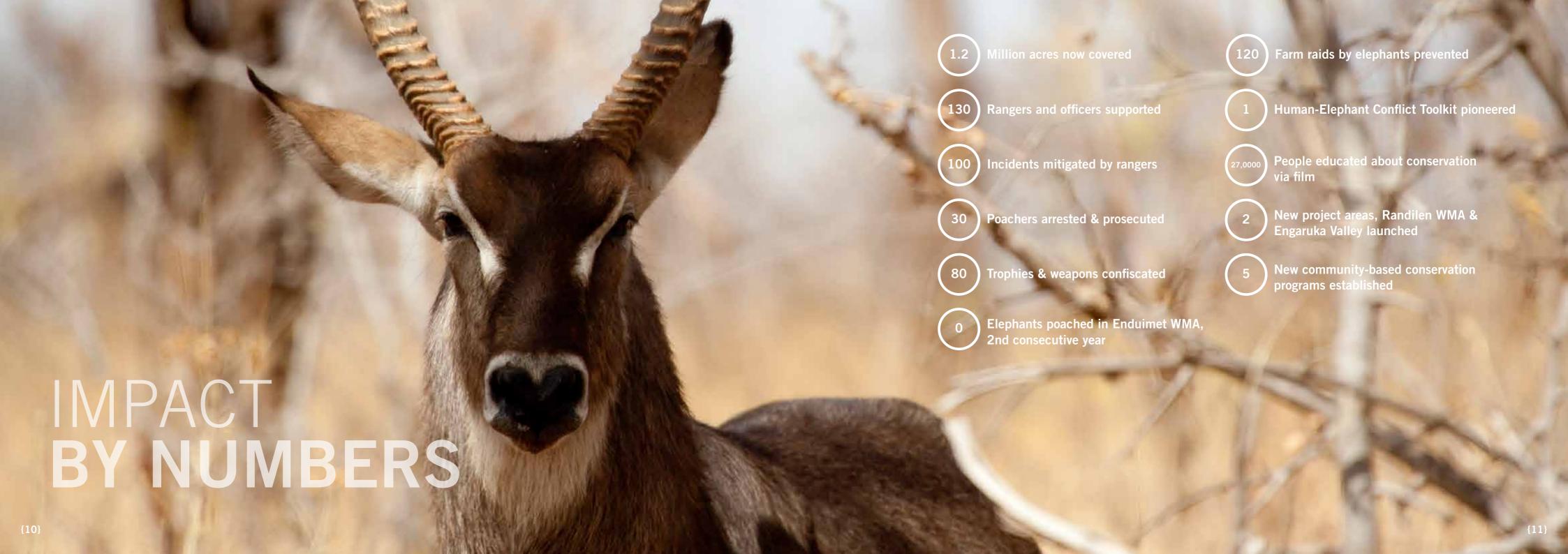
I am proud to serve as the chairman of Honeyguide Foundation at such a critical time. I look at some of the diverse young people we have in our organization and it gives me hope. Together, we can work to conserve wildlife and strengthen communities for generations to come.

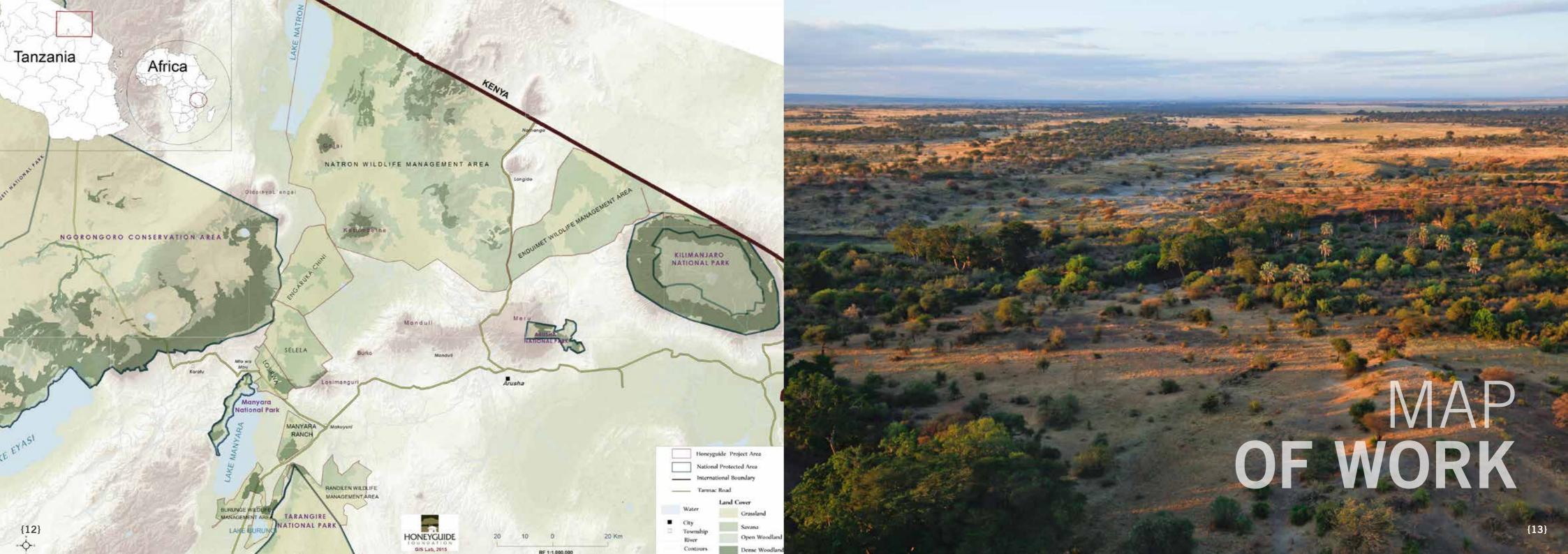
Sincerely, Ole Kirimbai













Sokwe Camps established; Starts community-based initiatives

Sokwe trains ex-poachers to be guards in Serengeti; Begins to develop separate NGO

Honeyguide established

Elephant poaching becomes an epidemic

Big Life Foundation established: Partners with Honeyguide

Honeyguide enters Enduimet WMA Tracker Dog Unit &

Mobile Unit established

Honeyguide starts Responsible Tourism Tanzania

New Projects: Manyara Ranch, Burunge WMA, Natron WMA

New Projects: Randilen WMA & Engaruka Valley Zero elephants killed in Enduimet WMA for two years





2014 HIGHLIGHTS

96%

of respondents surveyed in Burunge WMA report significant decrease in crop destruction

120

elephant crop raids prevented in Burunge WMA

20

community volunteers & 30 rangers trained in HEC prevention

5

community-based conservation areas now with farms protected in 2015

"We have saved more crops this year than any other. Farmers and communities become so much more supportive of conservation when you help protect their livelihoods."

LOIRUK A. MOLLEL, A HONEYGUIDE HWC FIELD OFFICER



"I have worked my entire life in wilderness areas trying to protect the animals and work well with people, It is what motivates me every day."

JOHN MAGEMBE, HONEYGUIDE'S HEAD TRAINER AND ANTI-POACHING COMANDER



WILDLIFE & HABITAT PROTECTION

Beyond HWC prevention, Honeyguide focuses much of its efforts on elevating, and strengthening, the protection of wildlife and their habitats. In 2014, Honeyguide continued to assist in guiding, training, equipping and incentivizing nearly 130 village game scouts across 6 project sites, covering more than 5,000 square kilometers of critical habitats, and including a new team in Randilen WMA.

2014 IMPACTS

1.2 Million

acres now covered

130

rangers and officers supported

100

incidents mitigated by rangers

30

poachers arrested & prosecuted

80

trophies & weapons confiscated

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elephants poached in Enduimet WMA, 2nd consecutive year

95%

reduction in elephant poaching at Manyara Ranch over 18 months

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Kilimanjaro Foot Patrol Unit established in Enduimet WMA

15

new rangers trained deployed in Randilen WMA

new Tracker Dog Unit stationed outside of Serengeti National Park

wildlife corridors under increased protection





2014 HIGHLIGHTS

250

people from 5 WMAs educated about natural resource management

20

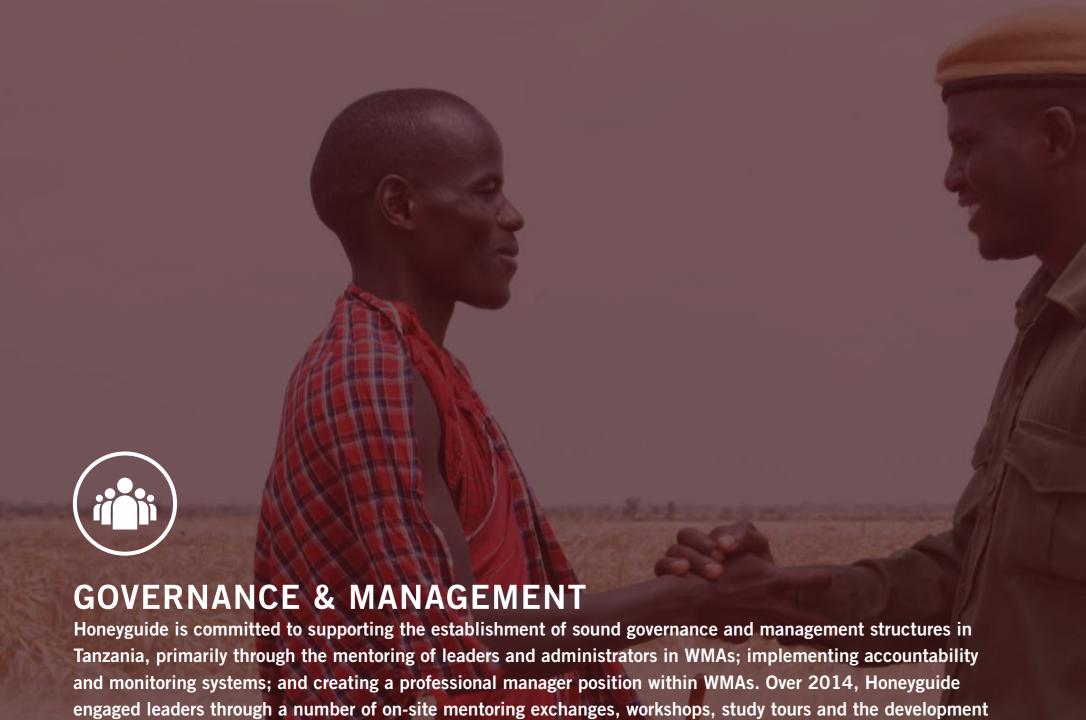
top WMA leaders trained in management & governance structures and strategies

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revenue-tracking software app developed for improved WMA management

"We proudly deployed the new scouts and look forward to the partnership with Honeyguide Foundation and others. Randilen has great potential to work with our villages for greater benefits."

MELEMBUKI MEISHURIE, WMA SECRETARY



of management organization systems.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS

community-owned campsites now in development in Enduimet WMA

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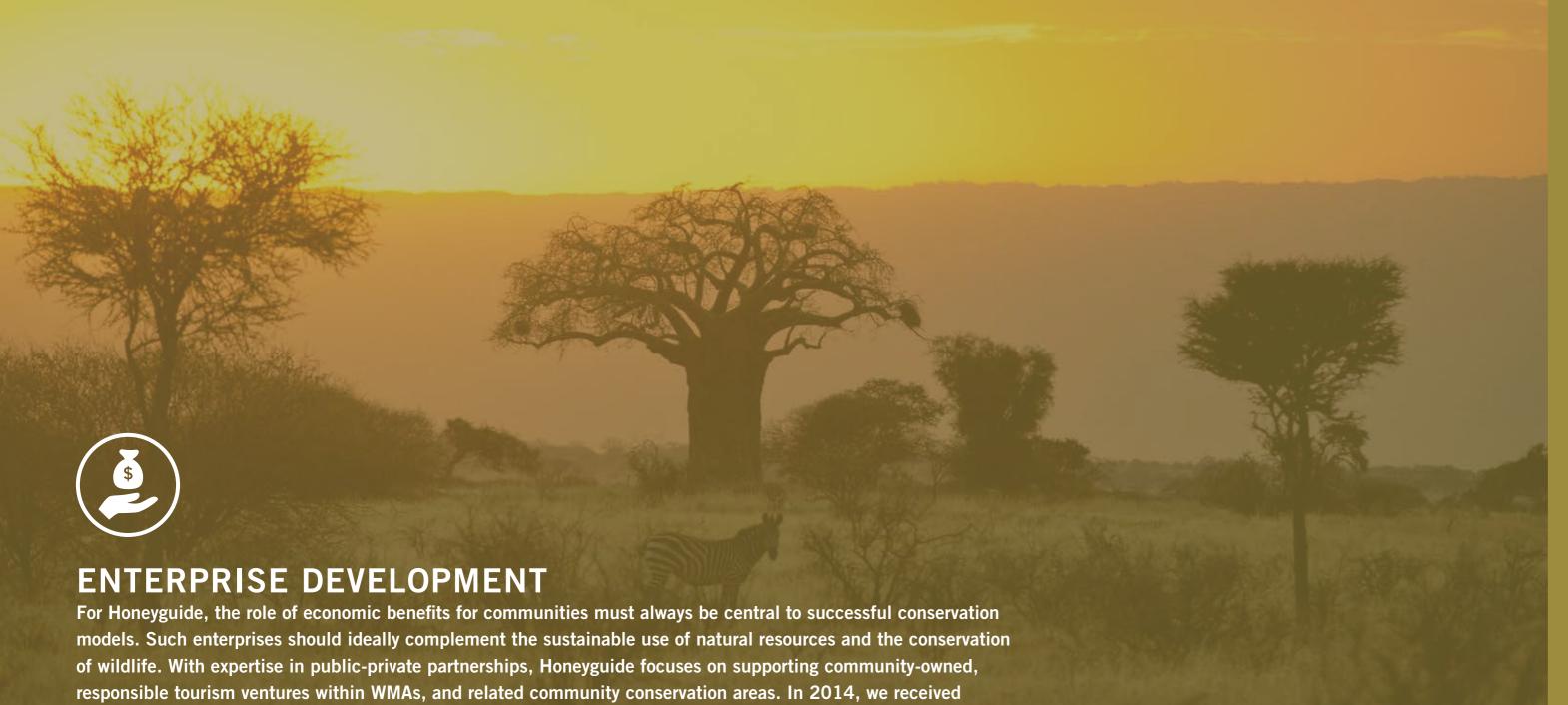
WMA website in all of Tanzania developed (www.enduimet.org)

750

community members interviewed for study on tourism & conservation

"We can benefit more from tourism and take the lead in conserving the lands around so we receive more benefits."

LOMOYANI KOMOLO SIMEL, HONEYGUIDE TOURISM OFFICER



funding to develop such community-owned ventures and tourism products in Enduimet WMA.

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"I'm so appreciative to be at an organization like Honeyguide, I am meeting so many interesting people and experiencing so much."

HAIKA HERRY, WHO VOLUNTEERED WITH OUR ORGANIZATION FOR 3 MONTHS BEFORE STARTING HER MASTER'S DEGREE RESEARCH



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

At Honeyguide, we have seen firsthand how young people can become educated about environmental issues and aspire to work in conservation-related fields. Every year, we offer dozens of opportunities for students and recent graduates to receive on-site training and paid internships, and for our own staff to pursue additional educational opportunities. For communities, we also operate our Mobile Cinema Unit, which, over 2014, completed its 18-month tour of screenings and educational events around the Enduimet WMA. The unit primarily screened a Honeyguide-produced documentary focused on conservation issues and on the mission, objectives and structures of the Enduimet WMA itself.



2014 HIGHLIGHTS

27,000

people educated about conservation and WMAs via a Honeyguide produced film

70

screenings held in 9 villages, 45 sub-villages and 11 primary and secondary schools

9,000

students (ages 6-20) engaged in post-screening discussions and activities

50%

of 1,500 community members surveyed listed HWC as their top concern

90%

of those surveyed noted that the film significantly increased their knowledge about the WMA



Rocky can sniff and track down a poacher practically from the hills of West Kilimanjaro to the back alleys of Dar-es-Salaam.

Enter Jerry, always on standby to leap into action in hot pursuit of the scent trail.

With funding from our largest donor and closest partner, Big Life Foundation, Honeyguide established the Big Life Tracker Dog Unit in October 2011 to provide operational assistance to the multiple anti-poaching teams we support. Since then, the dog duo has helped lead countless anti-poaching operations in northern Tanzania, leading to arrests nearly every month. The unit is now so popular that Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), the Wildlife Division, the police and other agencies have requested the assistance of Rocky and Jerry.

The pair have led successful joint operations with both community and government ranger teams in nine national parks and community-based conservation areas across northern Tanzania, leading to major arrests of poachers and confiscation of ivory, bush meat, weapons and other illicit items.

More recently, the unit welcomed two new conservation canines, Chester and Rosdas, and launched a pilot project with TANAPA outside of Serengeti National Park. The unit's new headquarters in Manyara Ranch is allowing the team to easily access multiple-protected areas within the Tarangire-Manyara ecosystem, which has been under increasing poaching pressure.

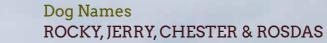
Due to the successes of our four canines, Honeyguide will look to expand upon its tracker dog programs in the future to ensure greater wildlife protection in Tanzania.











Current Number of Dogs 4

Current Number of Handlers 6

Headquarters
MANYARA RANCH
WEST KILIMANJARO

Pilot Program
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Unit's Primary Donor BIG LIFE FOUNDATION

Other Key Donor
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Unit's Primary Partners
CANINE SPECIALIST SERVICES
ENDUIMET WMA
TANAPA
WILDLIFE DIVISION
AFRICAN WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

An average dog's sense of smell is estimated to be more than 10,000 times stronger than a human's and a trained tracker dog has a super shnozz that goes far beyond that level. As an analogy, if the same uncanny sensory powers were applied to sight, you could see about one-third of a mile ahead; the dog could see about 3,000 miles ahead, and with perfect vision. A tracker dog can follow a scent trail for up to seven hours or more and will pick up a suspect out of a line-up with ease. That's one super power that poachers better start fearing. Our super canines will always be ready to be on their trail until they are caught.





A strategy that is not informed by data is no strategy at all. In 2014, Honeyguide set up its Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Unit to assist in improving upon everything we do. Ideally, data and in-depth analysis will drive all of our strategies and an overall adaptive management system for all six of our current project sites and all five of our program areas.

The M&E team has adopted new software and technology to better track all of our programs in resource protection, such as SMART conservation software, Open Data Kit (ODK), and UTRACK. Via a USAID project, we are even piloting a conservation data collection app called WILD.

Now our teams can quickly clean, analyze, and map field data, which can show us, for example, new poaching trends and gaps in wildlife protection, prompting team commanders to adapt their patrol routes and strategies. Deeper understandings of human-wildlife conflicts, through incident data collected by our HWC Officers, led us to focus on the areas hit hardest, for example, by extreme crop damage before the harvest season caused by risk-taking bull elephants.

Social surveys and focus group discussions among leaders give us an indication of communities' perceptions, their immediate needs and their long-term vision.

While our M&E team has up to five gifted Tanzanian university raduates working almost full-time on monitoring, these method-logies and this type of organizational thinking will be something dopted throughout Honeyguide from the most distant reaches of he field to the home office.



At Honeyguide, we believe deeply in the power of partnerships. Big Life Foundation became Honeyguide's first long-term partner and donor in 2010, a partnership that has since blossomed into one of the most highly successful cross-border conservation collaborations in Africa.

PARTNERSHIP FOR PROGRESS

With great enthusiasm, we have also teamed up with the Northern Tanzania Rangelands Initiative (NTRI), a coalition of seven core partners working on a diverse set of interrelated objectives to improve the management of natural resources and rangeland habitats, as well as the livelihoods and wellbeing of communities. NTRI's other partners include The Nature Conservancy, Tanzania People & Wildlife Fund, Ujamaa Community Resource Trust (UCRT), Dorobo Fund, Maliasili Initiatives, Carbon Tanzania, and the Wildlife Conservation Society.

Among these partners, The Nature Conservancy also started funding Honeyguide for the first time in 2014.

Furthermore, after years of informal collaboration, we joined forces with Tanzania People & Wildlife Fund (TPW) and plan to roll out joint programming together in almost all of each other's project areas.

Honeyguide has also continued evolving partnerships with the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) and Asilia Africa. In fact, Honeyguide's beginnings came with the rise of Asilia Africa, a responsible and renowned tourism company, which merged with another small tourism camp outfit, Sokwe, founded by our executive director.

AWF also funds Honeyguide to provide wildlife protection at Manyara Ranch, a critical area within the Tarangire-Manyara ecosystem.

In July 2014, Honeyguide partnered with the Wild Nature Institute on the Synergy Project, as led by TRIAS Tanzania. The project focuses on wildlife conservation; natural resource management; small enterprises; and land security along the corridor connecting the Tarangire-Manyara ecosystem with Lake Natron.

Honeyguide continues its commitment to cross-border collaboration by starting a collaboration with the Southern Rift Association of Landowners (SORALO), which runs community-based conservation and resource-protection programs among the group ranches and conservancies just across the border from Natron WMA, and other lands in Tanzania. Furthermore, Honeyguide has joined the Borderland Conservation Initiative, an alliance of dozens of Tanzanian and Kenyan organizations working for the greater conservation of elephants and lions among the borderlands.

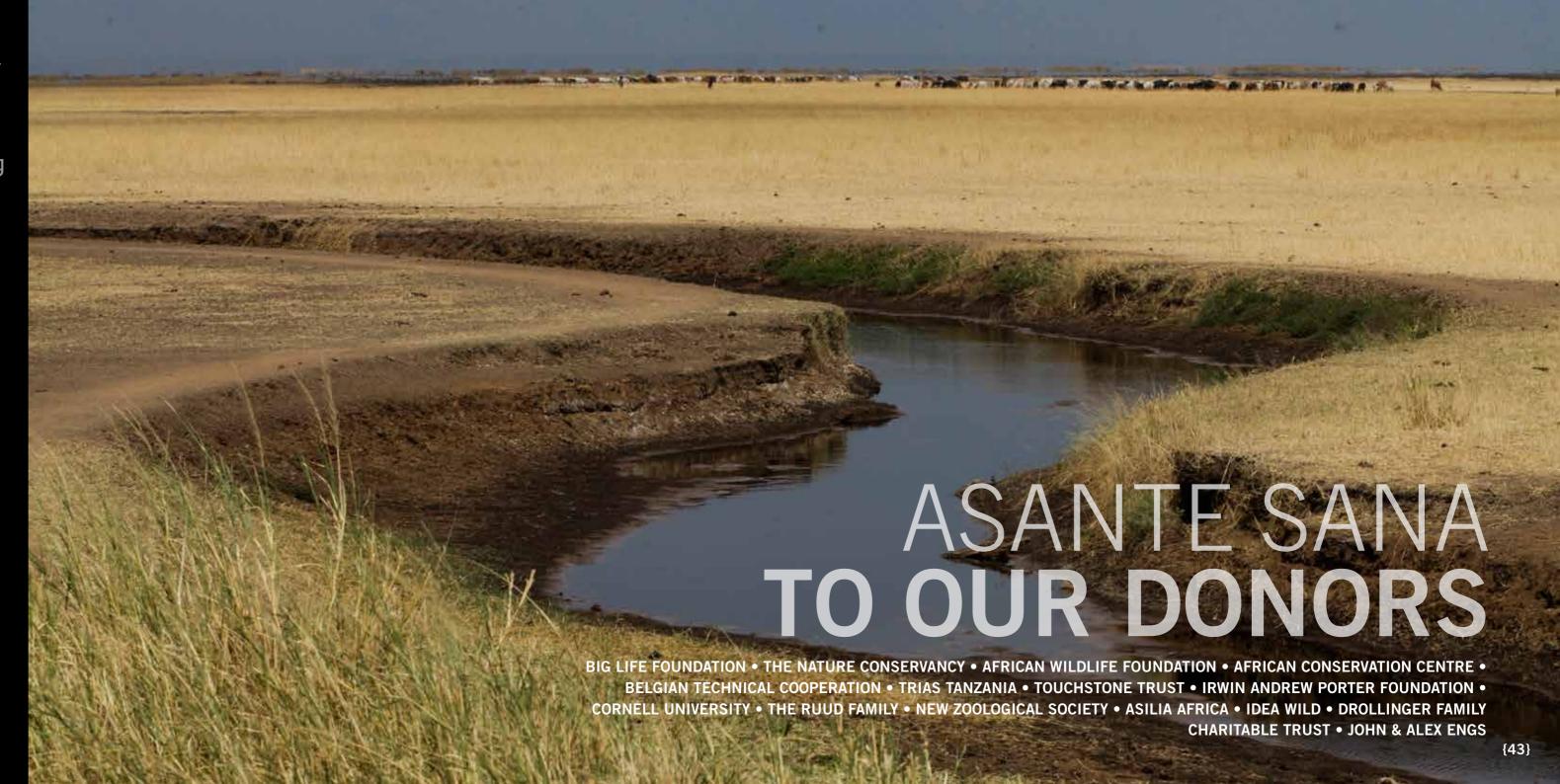


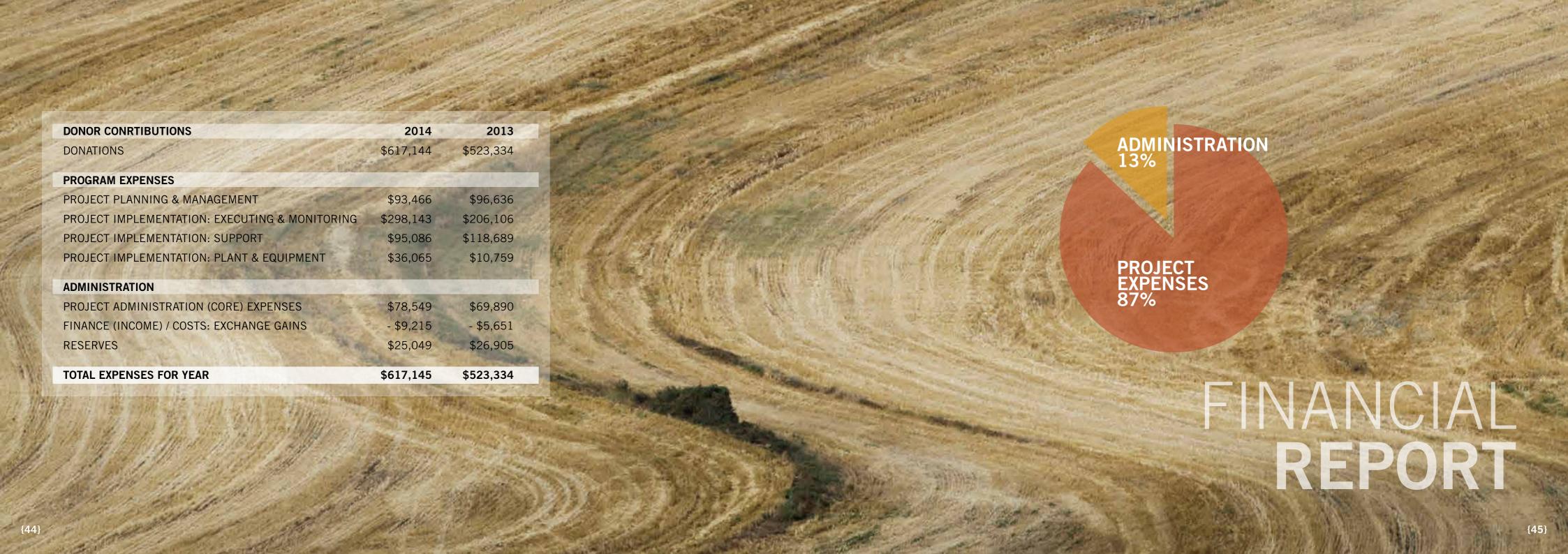


Honeyguide Foundation owes its success to the outstanding work and collaboration of its team members, a diverse and highly talented group of over 45 Tanzanian professionals and central Honeyguide staff. We have a culture at Honeyguide of being one, big extended family. Our team is responsible for all of the work involved with our mission, such as maintaining our fleet of vehicles; ensuring that communities are fully involved in guiding the direction of our programs; following each and every court case of suspected poachers; and double/triple checking budgets and expenses so that every dollar is spent wisely. Through all of our hard work, we find time to laugh, listen to stories, support one another and keep our faith in our work strong!

Honeyguide is truly humbled by the organizations, and the individuals, who have donated to our mission of strengthening communities and supporting conservation in northern Tanzania. This past year has been a breakthrough period for Honeyguide in terms of the diversity and the sheer number of new donors. For 2015, we will exceed far more than a total of \$1 million in donations and revenue for the first time.

Honeyguide wishes to recognize the listed organizations and their generous contributions, without which, Honeyguide would not have been able to see such organizational success. Asante sana!







Communities and wildlife will benefit from each other's existence and thrive for generations to come.



