





OPENING STATEMENT

# Conservation only works when it works *for people.*

In 2025, Space for Giants proved that truth at a scale we have never before achieved. Across Africa, our teams delivered conservation outcomes that transformed landscapes, protected wildlife, and changed the daily lives of tens of thousands of people.

*This is our story.*

SPACE FOR GIANTS

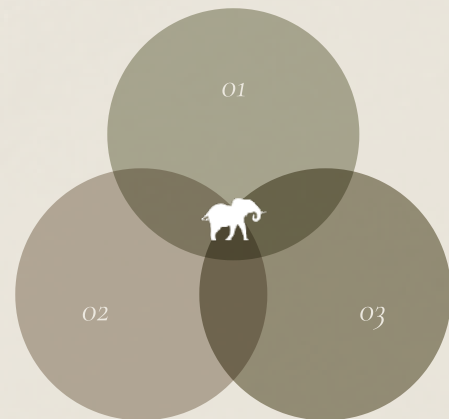
# What *we* do

Space for Giants is an international conservation organisation that protects Africa's remaining wild landscapes and the large animals they depend on, while building real value for local communities and national governments. We work across Africa, increasingly as the technical partner governments turn to when protecting wildlife also means protecting people's lives and livelihoods.

The organisation exists because conservation that ignores the people living alongside wildlife eventually fails, and conservation that includes them can last for generations.

## Wild landscapes and wildlife

*the land and its animals*



**Communities  
and livelihoods**

*the people who share it*

**National  
Governments**

*the partners we serve*

ONE IDEA, THREE COMMITMENTS



WELCOME

# A message from our Founder

*2025 was the year we developed our  
new conservation model and positioned  
to scale*

In Gabon, we crossed a threshold no Human-Elephant Conflict programme in the world had ever reached. Two thousand mobile electric fences, deployed across 47 of Gabon's 49 departments, protecting tens of thousands of subsistence farmers and their dependants. A landmark grant from the Central African Forest Initiative confirmed what we have long known: this model works, and the world is taking notice.

In Uganda, Nubian Giraffes are thriving once more in Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve, a species poached to extinction in the reserve within living memory. A 40-year carbon agreement with the Uganda Wildlife Authority positions the reserve as a cornerstone of the continent's emerging green economy. In Kenya, the andBeyond Suyian Lodge opened in July, establishing the most significant tourism revenue stream for a conservancy that now employs hundreds of people, most drawn from neighbouring communities.

None of this is simple. None of it is cheap. And none of it is inevitable. Conservation at this scale requires sustained belief, from governments, from partners, and from supporters like you.

## Dr. Max Graham

FOUNDER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
SPACE FOR GIANTS





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*Africa's wildlife is not a burden to be managed.  
It is one of our continent's great endowments,  
and securing it is an act of national  
development. Space for Giants has earned the  
trust of African Heads of State for a simple  
reason: they deliver, for wildlife, for  
communities, and for the governments  
responsible for both.*

IAN KHAMA

*Former President of Botswana and Patron of the Giants Club*



# Global impact *at a glance*

For decades, protecting Africa's wildlife has meant choosing, fencing people out to let animals survive, or pushing animals out to let people survive. We refused that choice. For years, we have worked to find a way for people, wildlife, and land to thrive alongside each other, not in spite of one another.

We call it Coexistence Infrastructure: conservation built so that protecting wildlife, protecting people's livelihoods, and protecting the land they share are never in competition with each other. Across the countries we work, three things happened at once in 2025.

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## People were *protected*.

Fewer crop losses. Safer nights. Stronger harvests.

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## Trust was *earned*.

More than 2,200 farmers requested fences for their own land. Trust, demonstrated in demand.

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## Models were *adopted*.

What started as our projects became government policy.

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*That is the model we are building towards for the rest of this decade.*

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# Impact Numbers 2025

Three countries, one idea.

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## Gabon

GABON 2025

33,489

People now protected by electric fences

2,130

Mobile electric fences installed across Gabon

932

Villages with crops under active protection

13,000+

Conflict incidents recorded nationwide, 2016 to 2022

USD 4.5m

Central African Forest Initiative grant awarded to scale the programme nationally



## Uganda

FENCING PROGRAMME

248 km

Total electric fencing protecting communities in Uganda

75 km

New electric fencing completed in 2025 across multiple sections, extending protection to thousands more farming families

88%

Of Ugandan farmers report increased crop harvests after fencing

+87%

Increase in land values near Uganda park boundaries



## Uganda

PIAN UPE

50

Nubian giraffes in Pian Upe Reserve, from 29 introduced in 2019 to 2020

2,040 km<sup>2</sup>

The second-largest protected area in Uganda, under active restoration

40 years

Carbon agreement signed with the Uganda Wildlife Authority



## Kenya

KENYA 2025

44,000

Acres of conservancy landscape secured at Suyian

4,250

Elephants in Laikipia County, kept safe by the fence

200+ km

Solar-powered electric fencing across Laikipia

### BEYOND AFRICA

*The expertise built in Africa, now called upon beyond the continent.*

156

Rangers trained across AIUla's six nature reserves in Saudi Arabia

4

Peer-reviewed research manuscripts published, including a study of elephant movement across the Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area, the largest transboundary conservation area in the world

# Gabon

An aerial photograph showing a complex river delta system. The river channels are dark and winding, cutting through a landscape of dense green forest and large, light-colored sandy or silty areas. The forest appears to be a mix of tall trees and lower vegetation. The sandy areas are interspersed with the forest, creating a patchwork pattern. The overall scene is a natural, undisturbed landscape.

*Home to an estimated 95,000 African forest elephants, more than Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Mozambique combined.*

In 2025, Space for Giants' mobile fencing programme became the defining national response to a crisis that touches every province of the country.

# A programme that changed the national conversation

At the beginning of 2025, the Government of Gabon faced a stark choice. Human-elephant conflict had reached a national crisis point, with more than 13,000 incidents recorded between 2016 and 2022 and the preferred policy response increasingly focused on culling. By the end of the year, electrified fencing had replaced lethal control as the government's national strategy, and both people and elephants had been saved in the process. That shift did not happen by accident. It happened because we demonstrated, at scale, that coexistence works.

Working as the lead technical partner for the Gabonese Ministry of Water and Forests, we received a two-year grant of USD 4.5 million from the Central African Forest Initiative, under the project titled "Peaceful Coexistence between Humans and Elephants in Gabon", to accelerate the national deployment of mobile electric fences for subsistence farmers across Gabon's dense rainforests. By the end of 2025, 2,130 fences had been installed nationwide, protecting crops in 932 villages and directly benefiting over 33,000 subsistence farmers and their dependants across some of Gabon's most vulnerable rural communities.



# 230%

*growth in a single year.*

*1,146 fences installed in 2025, reaching 47 of Gabon's 49 departments.*

The year 2025 marked a major acceleration in delivery. We installed 1,146 fences in a single year, an increase of nearly 230% compared to 2024, bringing the programme's reach to 47 of Gabon's 49 departments across all nine provinces.

Two milestones marked this acceleration: the installation of the 1,000th fence and the opening of a fifth provincial base, both of which significantly strengthened field presence, response times, and support to beneficiary farmers.



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*Food security, safety, and the restoration of the dignity of rural communities depend on mitigating human-wildlife conflict. With this in mind, we have made electric fencing a national priority.*

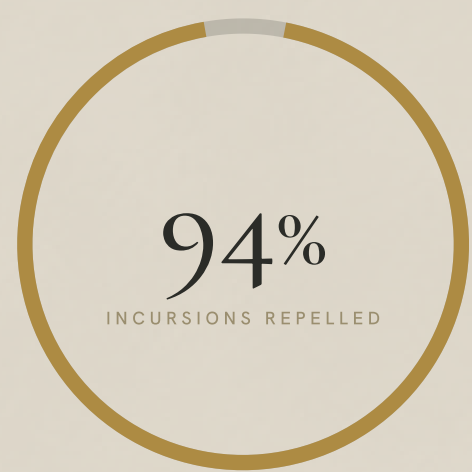
MAURICE NTOSSUI ALLOGO

*Gabon's Minister of Water and Forests*



DOES IT WORK?

# 94% effectiveness and building local ownership



Since monitoring began, 1,875 interactions between elephants and fences have been recorded, with 1,761 attempted incursions successfully repelled, an overall effectiveness rate of 94%. Where crop raiding has occurred, it has been the result of poor maintenance by the beneficiary. To address this, we completed 625 maintenance operations in 2025, systematically building local capacity so that beneficiaries can support one another in keeping fences operational.

This emphasis on sustainability is paying off. Since the programme began, 395 farm area extensions have been recorded, clear evidence that farmers are reinvesting in agriculture once their harvests are secure. Trust in the technology is growing, and with it, the ambition of the people it serves.

625

MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS  
COMPLETED IN 2025

395

FARM AREA EXTENSIONS SINCE  
THE PROGRAMME BEGAN

2,226

NEW FENCE REQUESTS FILED  
BY FARMERS IN 2025





LOOKING TO 2026

# From reducing costs to generating value

The mobile electric fence programme in Gabon, delivered in partnership with the Ministry of Water and Forests, now stands as one of the country's most effective tools for reconciling rural development with wildlife conservation. Looking ahead to 2026, the focus will be to maintain this momentum while making a strategic shift: from working solely to reduce the costs of living alongside elephants, to actively generating value, for and from elephants, by investing in Gabon's protected area estate and nature-based economy.



# Gabon 2025

*More fences in one year than in all the years before it.*

ALL YEARS BEFORE 2025



984

2025 ALONE



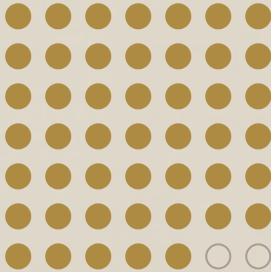
1,146

Our fastest year of delivery since the programme began.

## 625

MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS COMPLETED IN 2025

Systematically building local capacity so beneficiaries keep fences operational themselves.



47 of 49

DEPARTMENTS REACHED, ACROSS ALL NINE PROVINCES



## 2,130

TOTAL FENCES INSTALLED ACROSS GABON

## 5<sup>th</sup>

PROVINCIAL BASE OPENED, STRENGTHENING FIELD PRESENCE AND RESPONSE TIMES

# Uganda



*Uganda's elephant population has recovered from near collapse, one of Africa's clearest conservation successes.*

Recovery on that scale asks two things of the country: protection for the farming families who now live alongside elephants at park boundaries, and protected areas with the capacity to hold a growing population. Both are addressed here. Electric fencing keeps communities and elephants safely apart around Uganda's major parks, while at Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve, a vast expanse of neglected savanna is being restored into a functioning, financed ecosystem.

# From 550 elephants to coexistence

*For many communities, elephants became something you only heard about in stories.*



A population of around 60,000 elephants in Uganda in the 1970s was decimated by poaching until just 550 animals remained, less than one per cent of what had existed before. Over the decades that followed, sustained effort by the Uganda Wildlife Authority and conservation partners slowly turned that story around. Today, Uganda’s elephant population has recovered to around 6,800. In places like Queen Elizabeth, Murchison Falls, Kibale, and Kidepo Valley, elephants are once again part of everyday life. That recovery is something the country can be proud of.

But for people living along park boundaries, it has also brought elephants back into their fields, their gardens, and sometimes right up to their doorsteps. For these families, an elephant is not viewed as a conservation success. It is a night spent awake, guarding a maize plot. It is a season’s harvest lost in a few hours. It is the school fees that cannot be paid because the crops are gone.



# Uganda Fencing Programme

## ABOUT

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In the 1980s, Uganda came close to losing its elephants altogether. Today, the elephants have returned. That recovery is extraordinary. But for the families living along park boundaries, it has brought elephants back into their fields, their gardens, and onto their doorsteps.



# 250 kilometres *of change*

In 2018, we introduced electric fencing to Uganda as a practical way to break this cycle, building on experience and expertise in Laikipia in Kenya. From a pilot fence along Kyambura Wildlife Reserve on the boundary of Queen Elizabeth, nearly 250 kilometres of electric fences now stretch along the boundaries of Uganda's two leading protected areas. In 2025 alone, a further 75 kilometres of new fencing was added, extending protection to thousands more farming families living along park boundaries.

The results have been immediate and profound. 88% of farmers surveyed reported an increase in crop harvests. Land values have increased by 87% after fence construction. Farmers who had been losing harvests year after year can now plant with confidence. Attitudes towards elephants have started to shift, from fear and anger to cautious acceptance, and in some places, genuine pride. The Uganda Wildlife Authority has adopted electric fencing as national policy, with two dedicated technical experts on the ground ensuring fences are designed properly, built to the highest standard, and located where they will have the greatest impact.

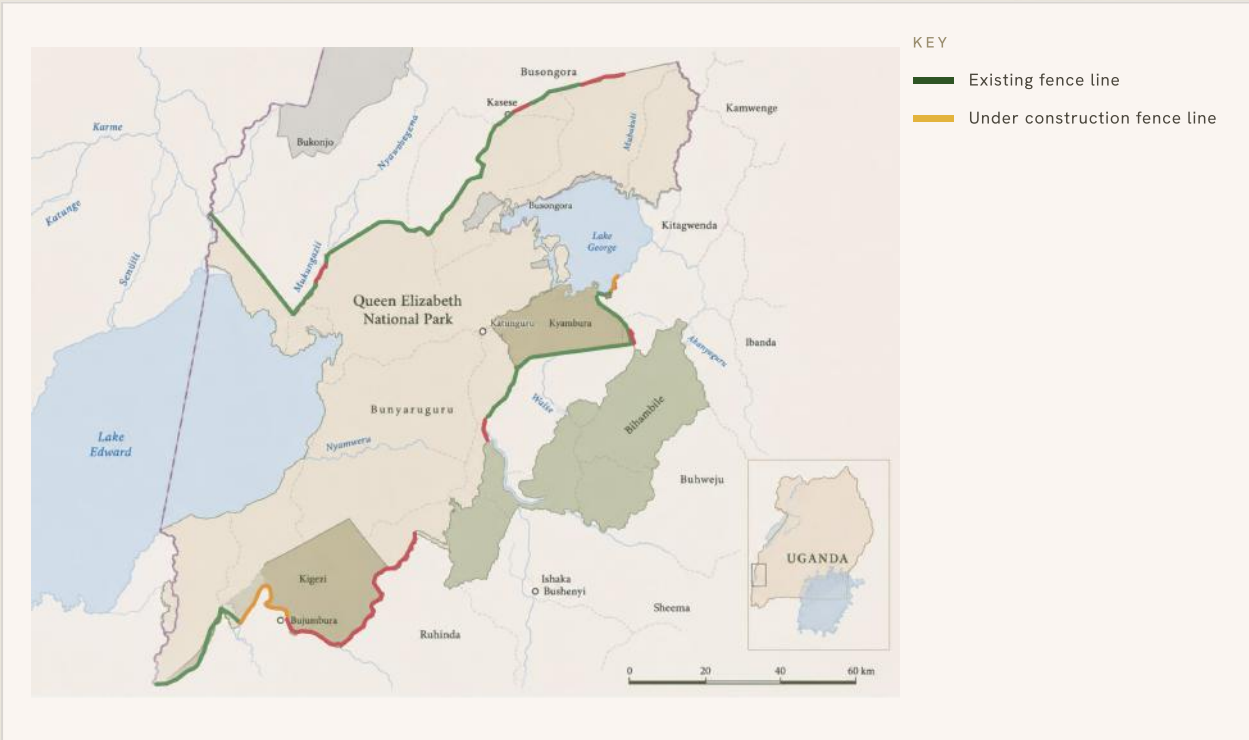


# The fence line, from one pilot to a national network



Murchison Falls National Park and surrounding reserves

FENCE MAP I



Queen Elizabeth National Park and the Kyambura pilot fence

FENCE MAP II



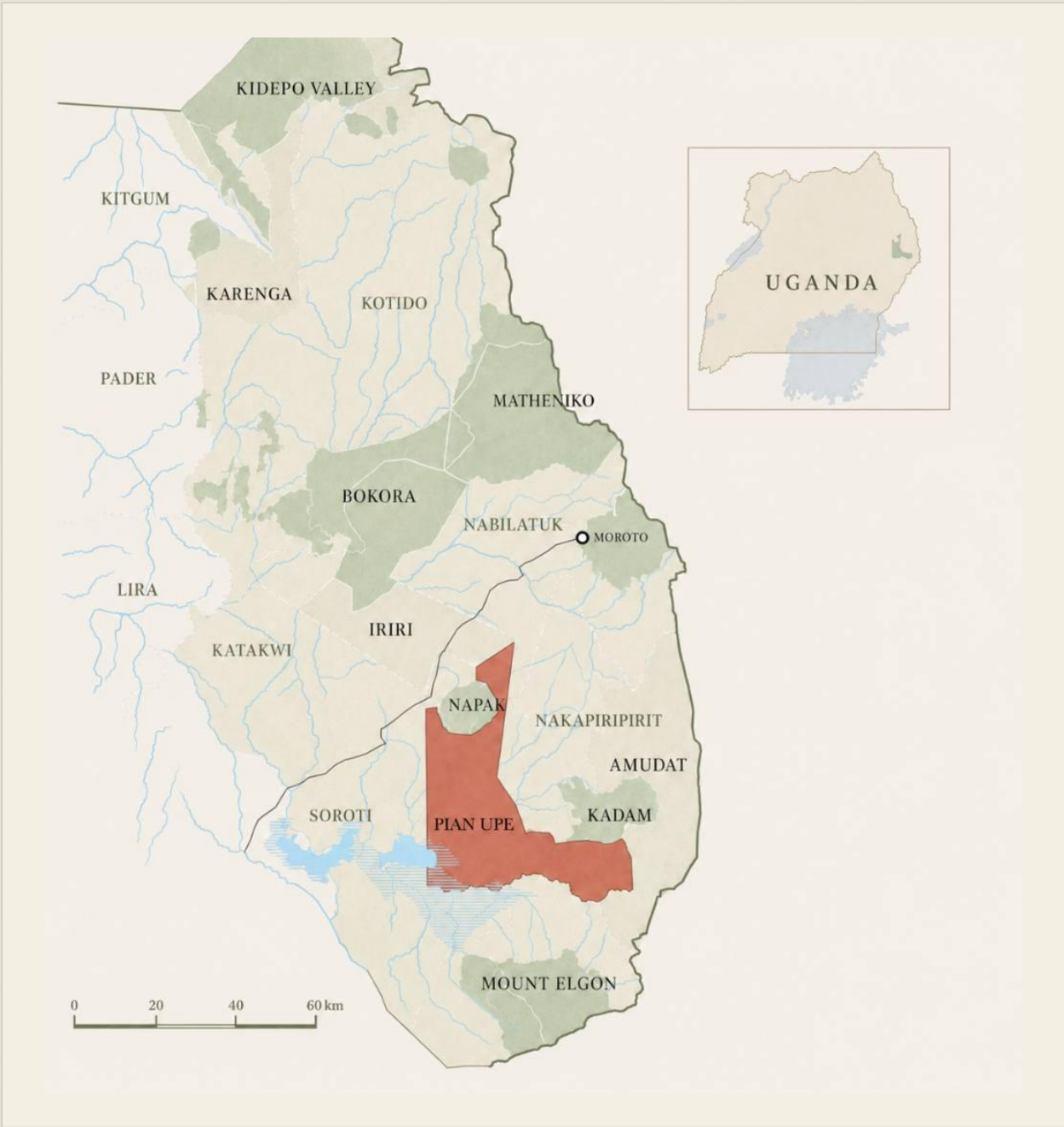
# Pian Upe

## ABOUT

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We operate as co-management partner to the Uganda Wildlife Authority at Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve, the first partnership of its kind in the country, combining on-the-ground ranger capacity, ecological monitoring, and community engagement with the long-term financial structuring, such as the carbon agreement now in place, needed to make the reserve self-sustaining. The wildlife recovery and community progress described below are the result of that combination, not of any single intervention working alone.

# Where Pian Upe sits



Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve lies in Karamoja, north-eastern Uganda, stretching across 2,040 square kilometres of savanna between Mount Elgon to the south and Kidepo Valley to the north. It is Uganda’s second-largest protected area, and one of its least known. Remote, under-resourced, and long overlooked, it is precisely the kind of landscape our model exists for: a reserve with extraordinary ecological potential, surrounded by communities whose trust must be earned for its recovery to last.

# Wildlife numbers rising

2025 marked a year of accelerated development at Pian Upe, with a surge in activity across our programmes supported by a generous anchor donor. An aerial wildlife survey conducted in March recorded a 4.5% increase in wildlife numbers compared to the previous survey in 2023.

In June, a second Integrated Management Effectiveness Tool assessment showed a 7.68% improvement in management effectiveness against the 2023 baseline. At the species level, the population of critically endangered reintroduced Nubian giraffes increased to 50 individuals. The giraffes were poached to extinction in the reserve within living memory. Their return and their growth is one of the most powerful symbols of what patient, disciplined conservation can achieve.

7,261

WILD ANIMALS COUNTED, +4.5%

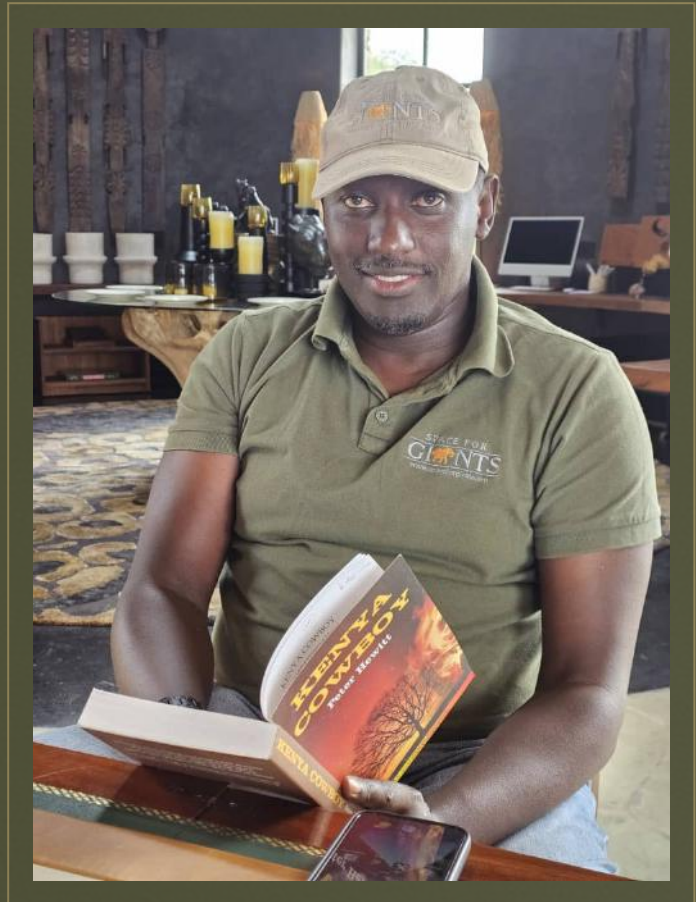
+7.68%

MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS



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*The Topi population, nearly locally extinct in the 1990s, has rapidly increased over the last five years. The survey documents 18 species and 7,261 individual animals across the reserve.*



JUSTUS KARUHANGA

*Space for Giants Country Director, Uganda*

# Trust is not a given. *It must be earned.*

Throughout the year, our teams worked hand in hand with the Uganda Wildlife Authority deepening understanding of, and integration with, the communities living around the reserve. These communities are critical to the long-term survival of Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve. A major milestone was the implementation of an intensive Social Assessment for Protected Areas survey by our Community Conservation team, covering seven districts and collecting 684 completed surveys of 97 questions each.

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# 684

HOUSEHOLDS  
SURVEYED ACROSS  
SEVEN DISTRICTS, 97  
QUESTIONS EACH

The survey gives the project its baseline. Our continued investment must improve on it materially over the next three to five years. Community trust is not a given. It must be earned, steadily, through tangible benefits.

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*Trust earned steadily, through tangible benefits.*

In response, two boreholes were completed in Lokoreto Village, Nakapiripirit, and Napoa Village, Nabilatuk, providing reliable water access to 598 households, approximately 3,500 people. Human-Wildlife Conflict teams expanded the use of non-lethal deterrents, vuvuzelas, reflective tape, torches, and ropes, to farmers in three districts, reaching 94 households and benefiting 732 people. Over the year, 56 community meetings were held, and 458 children from local schools visited the reserve to learn about conservation and the giraffe conservation programme.

3,500

PEOPLE WITH RELIABLE WATER FROM TWO NEW BOREHOLES

732

PEOPLE BENEFITING FROM NON-LETHAL DETERRENTS

56

COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD OVER THE YEAR

458

CHILDREN FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS VISITED THE RESERVE

*“Pian Upe was nearly lost. Its giraffes were gone within living memory and hardly anyone outside Uganda knew its name. Watching this reserve come back to life, the animals, the rangers, the communities around it, has been a privilege. This is what happens when you back the people doing the real work.”*

RUSSELL CROWE  
*Actor and film director*

# Holding the line for a sanctuary under pressure

Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve continues to face high levels of illegal incursions, in particular, large numbers of cattle forced into the reserve by herders, often paid by cattle barons, causing significant ecological damage and growing pressure on the rangelands. This, together with the illegal wildlife, charcoal, and timber trades, undermines the rule of law and the role of Pian Upe as a sanctuary for Uganda's endangered Eastern savanna species.

In response, we strengthened the Law Enforcement department with the recruitment of Andrew Marshall as Law Enforcement Advisor, supported by major investments in vehicles, motorcycles, and ranger equipment. Over the year, rangers patrolled 4,196 kilometres and arrested 50 suspected criminals.

4,196 *km*

PATROLLED BY RANGERS IN 2025

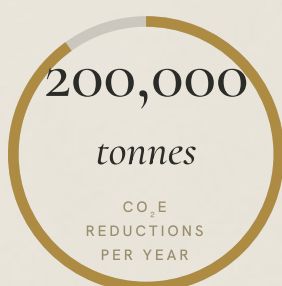
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SUSPECTED CRIMINALS ARRESTED DURING OPERATIONS



# A 40-year agreement

*A reserve that will finance its own protection.*



## 40 years

RANGELAND CARBON  
AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH  
THE UGANDA WILDLIFE  
AUTHORITY

2025 marked a landmark in securing long-term, sustainable financing for Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve. We completed a full carbon feasibility study in September, confirming that the reserve has the potential to generate nearly 200,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emission reductions per year over 40 years. A 40-year agreement was signed with the Uganda Wildlife Authority for the development of a rangeland carbon project.

The Project Design Document was completed in late 2025, and approval from the Ministry of Water and Environment is now awaited to officially launch the project, positioning the Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve Carbon Project as a cornerstone of the reserve's financial sustainability, delivering climate, biodiversity, and community benefits simultaneously.

- *September 2025*  
Full carbon feasibility study completed
- *The agreement*  
40-year agreement signed with the Uganda Wildlife Authority
- *Late 2025*  
Project Design Document completed
- *Awaited*  
Ministry of Water and Environment approval to officially launch

# Converting potential into delivery

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## PIAN UPE WILDLIFE RESERVE

The year ahead is about converting potential into delivery. With the forty-year carbon agreement signed and the Project Design Document complete, the priority for 2026 is securing final government approval to launch the Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve Carbon Project, unlocking the financing that will fund the reserve's protection for decades to come. Alongside this, addressing the community trust baseline revealed in this year's survey work remains a multi-year commitment, not a box to tick. Real progress will be measured in whether more of Pian Upe's neighbours feel the reserve's presence as a benefit rather than a cost.

## UGANDA FENCING PROGRAMME

The Uganda Wildlife Authority has adopted electric fencing as national policy. The task for 2026 is scaling it. We will continue extending fence coverage along the boundaries of Uganda's most affected protected areas, while working alongside the Uganda Wildlife Authority to ensure the maintenance and rapid-response systems that make the existing 248 kilometres effective can be replicated as the network grows.

# Uganda 2025



*The fence line, from one pilot to a national network.*

BEFORE 2025



173 km

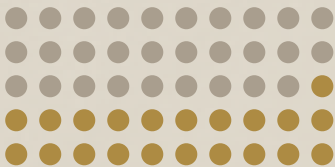
TOTAL TODAY



248 km

75 kilometres of new fencing added in 2025 alone.

*Each giraffe is one animal. Poached to extinction here within living memory.*



29 → 50

## UGANDA FENCING PROGRAMME

2018

The Kyambura pilot fence that began the programme

2

National parks now fenced, Queen Elizabeth and Murchison Falls

## PIAN UPE WILDLIFE RESERVE

18

Species documented in the March aerial survey

598

Households with reliable water from two new boreholes

50

Suspected criminals arrested by ranger patrols

50

SUSPECTED CRIMINALS  
ARRESTED

684

SURVEYS ACROSS SEVEN  
DISTRICTS

458

CHILDREN VISITED THE  
RESERVE

2

TECHNICAL EXPERTS WITH  
THE WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

# Kenya



*Two defining milestones on the Laikipia plateau.*

In 2025, Space for Giants delivered a conservancy that opened its first tourist lodge and proved conservation can sustain itself financially, and an elephant fence that kept thousands of farming families safe through another hard season.

# Suyian

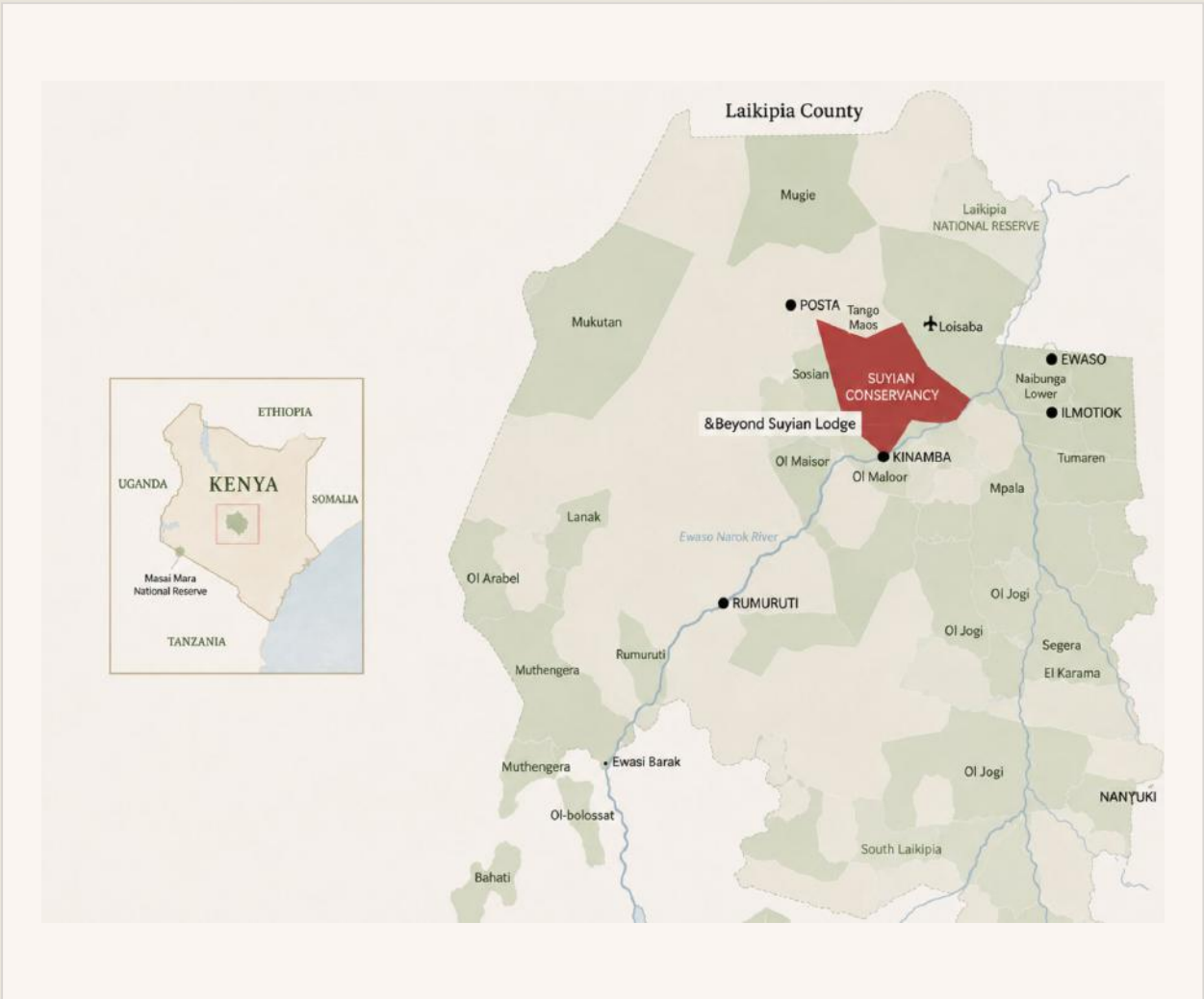
## ABOUT

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2025 was a defining year for Suyian Conservancy, the moment its model of conservation-funded tourism, community employment, and regenerative land management became real. The opening of the andBeyond lodge changed everything.



# Suyian Conservancy



## WHERE SUYIAN CONSERVANCY SITS

Suyian Conservancy covers 44,000 acres of the Laikipia Plateau in northern Kenya, at the heart of the Ewaso Ecosystem, one of Africa’s most important conservation landscapes. Laikipia hosts roughly half of Kenya’s second-largest elephant population across a mosaic of protected and community lands. Suyian Conservancy sits within this living patchwork: a former cattle ranch turned conservancy, now proving that tourism, holistic livestock ranching, and community livelihoods can secure a landscape together.

## HOW SUYIAN BECAME A CONSERVANCY

Suyian became a conservancy in 2022, when Space for Giants facilitated the transition of Suyian Ranch from private ownership into a Kenyan conservancy trust, committing the land to conservation and community benefit in perpetuity. Space for Giants serves as Trust Protector, providing strategic oversight as the landscape develops into a fully protected area and a hub for community support.

That structure shapes everything that follows. The lodge, the employment it created, the ranching model, and the wildlife recovery all sit within a governance framework built to outlast any single owner, funder, or generation.

# The lodge that *made it possible*

At Suyian Conservancy, we have worked since 2023 to combine three things that conservation rarely succeeds at holding together: a viable tourism business, a holistic livestock ranching model that works with local herds rather than against them, and a workforce drawn overwhelmingly from neighbouring communities. The andBeyond Suyian Lodge is the clearest evidence yet that the three can reinforce, rather than compete with, one another.

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## 01 A viable tourism business

The andBeyond Suyian Lodge, opened July 2025, an anchor investment and a vital new revenue stream

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## 02 Holistic livestock ranching

Working with local livestock rather than against it, across the whole landscape

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## 03 A workforce from next door

Drawn overwhelmingly from immediately neighbouring communities

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*A mature, financially resilient conservation landscape.*

2025 marked Suyian Conservancy’s transition into a mature, financially resilient conservation landscape. This milestone was driven above all by the successful launch of the andBeyond Suyian Lodge, an anchor investment central to securing Suyian Conservancy’s long-term future. The lodge opened in July 2025, establishing a vital new revenue stream, creating substantial employment for local communities, and strengthening Suyian Conservancy’s relevance and value to its neighbours.

The first months of the year were dedicated to preparing Suyian Conservancy for world-class tourism operations. This required a major programme of infrastructure development: offices renovated, new buildings constructed for the conservation, security, and operations departments, housing built for senior staff and armed rangers, a new canteen and ablution facilities in the staff camp. All ranger bases across the conservancy were refurbished, ensuring frontline teams are properly equipped and supported to operate effectively across the full landscape.

July  
2025  
THE LODGE OPENS

July 2025  
THE ANDBEYOND SUIYAN LODGE OPENS ITS  
DOORS

56%  
AVERAGE OCCUPANCY IN OPENING  
MONTHS

# 250+

*people employed, more than 75% drawn from immediately neighbouring communities, and over 85% permanent residents of Laikipia County.*

The establishment and successful operation of the lodge have had a transformative impact on local livelihoods. Today, Suyian Conservancy and its partners directly employ over 250 people, making the conservancy one of the most significant employers in the area. The economic benefits of conservation are felt directly and tangibly by the people who live alongside it.

Suyian Conservancy also made major advances in integrating livestock management and regenerative agriculture into its conservation model. Over 3,000 head of commercial cattle were transitioned into an Ultra-High Density Grazing system, improving soil health and habitat quality while generating a meaningful financial contribution to the conservancy, further diversifying income streams and strengthening long-term sustainability.



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*2025 was not just a year of growth for Suyian Conservancy, but a year in which the conservancy's conservation, community, and financial models became more deeply integrated, laying strong foundations for a resilient and sustainable future.*

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LUCY KARUME

*Suyian Conservancy Executive Committee Member*

# THE GIANTS CLUB

## at Suyian Lodge

The Giants Club is where conservation meets the people with the means and influence to change its odds. Founded by Space for Giants, it convenes heads of state, business leaders, and philanthropists around a single proposition: Africa's wild landscapes are an asset worth protecting, and protecting them takes political will and private capital pulling in the same direction. Members commit through leadership gifts, and in return receive what few funders are ever offered, direct access to the landscapes, the science, and the people doing the work.

*In 2025, the Giants Club came to Suyian Conservancy.*

From 28 June to 1 July, Space for Giants took over the newly completed andBeyond Suyian Lodge and brought supporters, trustees, and conservation leaders together to mark the completion of the conservancy transition and the opening of the tourism operation that underwrites it. Those arriving that Saturday were the first people ever to stay at the lodge.

Four days built to show the model rather than describe it. Anne Powys, whose family stewarded this land across three generations, led an ethnobotanical walk that ended with breakfast among the rangers, and spoke at the firepit about what it took for the land to change hands. Archie Voorspuy walked guests through the cattle operation, showing how holistic livestock ranching restores rangeland and lifts species diversity across the conservancy. Evenings turned to the economics of protection, with Professor Judi Wakhungu, former Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, and Silvia Museiya, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Wildlife and Tourism, alongside Joss Kent of andBeyond and carbon specialist Henry van der Does.





On Monday morning, guests joined a collaring operation the Kenya Wildlife Service was carrying out in partnership with Space for Giants, and watched two bull elephants fitted with satellite collars that now report their movements across this conservancy and beyond.

This is what the Giants Club is for. Conservation is easier to believe in once you have walked the ground, met the people who run it, and watched the work happen in front of you. Several who came that weekend went home as investors in what Suyian Conservancy becomes next.

# Zero.

*Not a single poaching incident reported since  
the conservancy's creation in 2022.*



## 45,000 km

PATROLLED BY RANGERS EACH YEAR

On the conservation and security front, Suyian Conservancy significantly strengthened its capacity on the ground. The conservancy now employs over 40 highly trained and motivated rangers.



### WHAT COMES NEXT

A new General Management Plan for 2025 to 2030 integrates conservation priorities with financial capacity and livelihood development indicators, setting the framework for the most ambitious chapter in the conservancy's history.



# Laikipia Elephant Fence

## ABOUT

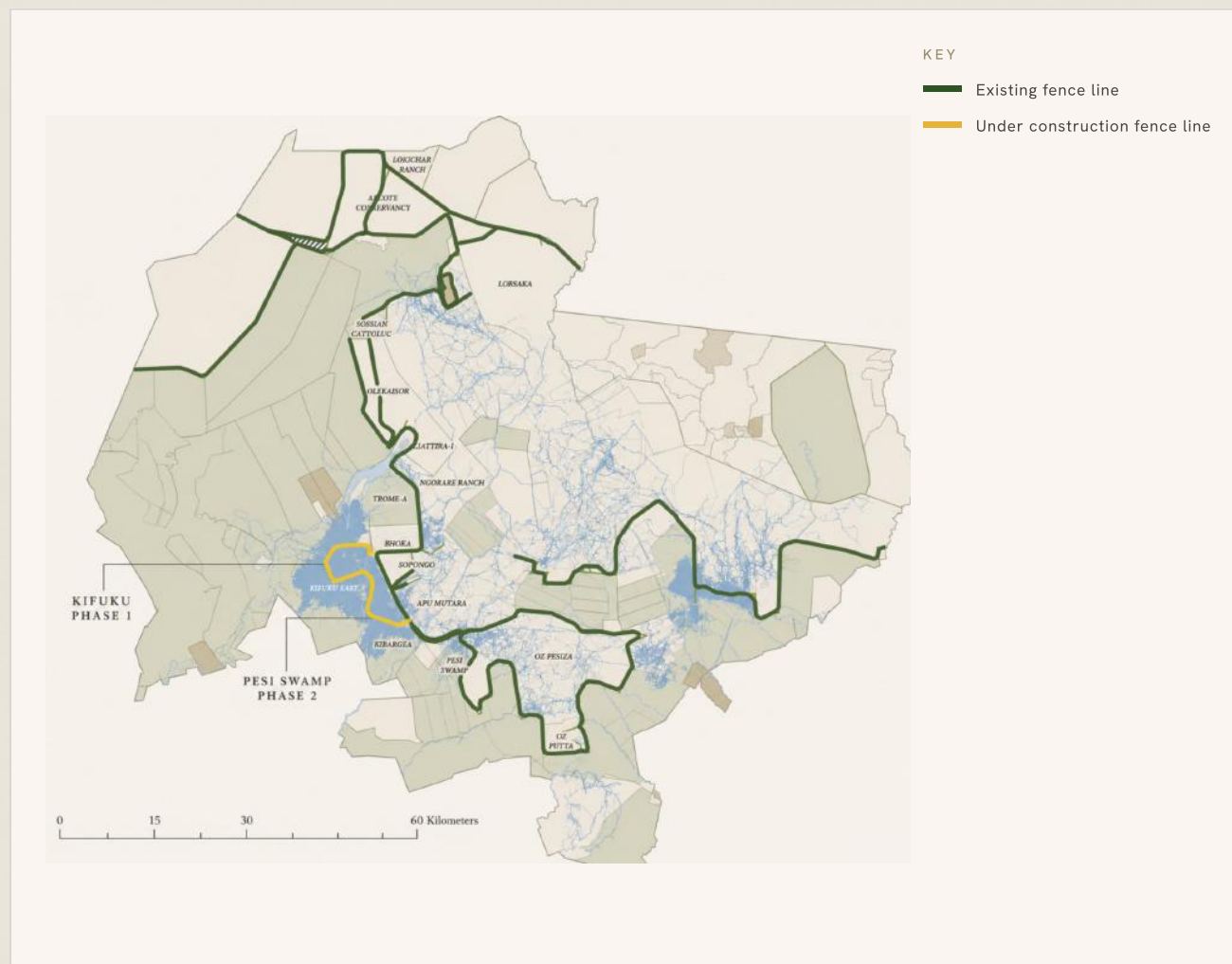
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Laikipia County is home to approximately 4,250 elephants, roughly half of Kenya's second-largest elephant population. With more than 100 people per square kilometre relying on smallholder agriculture, the Laikipia Elephant Fence is the single most important Human-Elephant Conflict mitigation project in northern Kenya.

# The fence that makes coexistence possible

Laikipia County, spanning 10,000 square kilometres, lies at the heart of one of Kenya's most important conservation landscapes, the Ewaso Ecosystem. The county is a complex mosaic of private and community conservancies, large-scale ranches, and densely settled smallholder farms. In this setting, the Laikipia Elephant Fence stands as a county-wide, landscape-scale intervention: the piece of infrastructure that makes coexistence possible.

For the communities who live here, coexistence is not an abstract ideal, it is a daily, hard-earned reality. With more than 100 people per square kilometre relying on smallholder agriculture, Human-Elephant Conflict threatens food security, household incomes, and, at times, costs lives. The fence, over 200 kilometres of solar-powered electric fencing constructed in partnership with the Laikipia County Government and the Kenya Wildlife Service, forms both a physical and psychological barrier between people and wildlife. It is by no means a perfect solution, but it is the most effective one for this landscape.



# Three elements, *one coordinated system*

The Laikipia Elephant Fence is maintained through a standing partnership between Space for Giants, the Laikipia County Government, and the Kenya Wildlife Service, combining daily physical maintenance, a rapid-response unit, and satellite tracking of high-risk elephants into a single coordinated system. None of these three elements alone would keep the peace across 200 kilometres of fence line. Together, they do.

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## 01 Daily maintenance

Dedicated teams patrol the line every day to check voltage, clear vegetation, and carry out rapid repairs

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## 02 24/7 rapid response

Kenya Wildlife Service rangers and Space for Giants personnel, guiding elephants safely back and preventing crop raids

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## 03 Satellite tracking

Mobile scouts on motorbikes and Global Positioning System collars on high-risk elephants, anticipating conflict rather than reacting to it

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Maintaining this system is demanding, unglamorous, and hard work, but it is precisely this effort that keeps people and elephants safe. In 2025, the unit conducted 212 patrols covering 17,810 kilometres, with mobile unit interventions protecting up to 1,000 square kilometres of smallholder farmland. Five high-risk crop-raiding bull elephants were fitted with satellite collars, and 100 kilometres of fence were actively maintained throughout the year. Supported by Elephant Cooperation and many private donors, it continues because of the belief that human beings and elephants can, with the right tools and sustained commitment, share the same earth.



# Collars that keep *the peace*

*Five bulls, two operations, and a live picture of where the elephants of Laikipia are heading.*

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|  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Bolt</b>                                                                       | <b>Jimbo</b>                                                                      | <b>Roland</b>                                                                     | <b>Melnikov</b>                                                                     | <b>RoughBack</b>                                                                    |
| SUYIAN<br>CONSERVANCY<br>30 JUNE                                                  | SUYIAN<br>CONSERVANCY<br>30 JUNE                                                  | WEST LAIKIPIA<br>5 AUG                                                            | WEST LAIKIPIA<br>5 AUG                                                              | WEST LAIKIPIA<br>5 AUG                                                              |
| 30 to 35 years, with a broken left tusk                                           | The elder of the two, at 40 to 45 years                                           | Mature bull, known to raid smallholder farms                                      | Mature bull, known to raid smallholder farms                                        | Mature bull, known to raid smallholder farms                                        |

In 2025, Space for Giants and the Kenya Wildlife Service fitted satellite collars to five bull elephants in Laikipia. Two were collared at Suyian Conservancy on 30 June, and three followed on 5 August in West Laikipia. Kenya Wildlife Service veterinarian Dr Matthew Mutinda led both operations, and both were completed without a single complication. Every collar went to a bull, and that is deliberate: bull elephants drive most of the crop raiding behind human-elephant conflict in Laikipia, and a collar turns an unpredictable individual into a known one.

Each collar reports its position through EarthRanger, giving the landscape a live picture of where its elephants are heading. When a collared bull moves towards farmland, the joint response unit can reach the crossing point in time to turn him back. The year also carried loss. Four of Laikipia’s long-monitored bulls were killed in human-elephant conflict in 2025, and conflict has been the leading cause of elephant deaths in this landscape since 2018. Across the continent, there is significant evidence that human-elephant conflict is now the single biggest cause of elephant mortality, and that it is increasing. This is the gap the fence exists to close, and closing it for good is the priority for 2026: securing the long-term funding to upgrade the Laikipia fence.

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COLLARING OPERATIONS, JUNE AND AUGUST



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LONG-MONITORED COLLARED BULLS  
LOST TO CONFLICT



2023

THE YEAR THE BULLS THAT HAVE  
SINCE DIED WERE FIRST COLLARED

# From cattle ranch to rhino sanctuary

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## SUYIAN CONSERVANCY

With the andBeyond Suyian Lodge open and the conservancy's financial model proven, 2026 turns to Suyian Conservancy's most ambitious goal: the potential reintroduction of the critically endangered black rhino. Achieving this would place Suyian Conservancy among East Africa's most significant private conservation areas, and would demonstrate that a landscape can move from former cattle ranch to flagship rhino sanctuary within a single decade, when conservation, tourism, and community livelihoods are built to support one another from the start.

## LAIKIPIA ELEPHANT FENCE

The priority for 2026 is securing the long-term funding to upgrade the fence itself, the investment that will keep this county-wide barrier effective for decades to come. Around that central effort, the daily, unglamorous work continues: patrols, maintenance, and rapid response, supported by satellite tracking of the landscape's highest-risk elephants, in partnership with the Kenya Wildlife Service and Laikipia County Government.



# Kenya 2025



## SUYIAN CONSERVANCY

|       |                                                   |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 3,000 | Head of cattle on Ultra-High Density Grazing      |
| 85%   | Of staff permanent residents of Laikipia County   |
| 2022  | The year Suyian became a Kenyan conservancy trust |

## LAIKIPIA ELEPHANT FENCE

|                        |                                                           |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>  | Of smallholder farmland protected by mobile interventions |
| 212                    | Rapid-response patrols, covering 17,810 kilometres        |
| 100 km                 | Of fence actively maintained through the year             |
| 5                      | High-risk bull elephants fitted with satellite collars    |
| 10,000 km <sup>2</sup> | Laikipia County, at the heart of the Ewaso Ecosystem      |

# Beyond Africa

*The expertise built in Africa, now called upon beyond the continent.*

Space for Giants' core mission is rooted in Africa. In 2025, the expertise built over more than a decade of African conservation was also called upon beyond the continent. We supported the Royal Commission for AlUla in Saudi Arabia with a focused programme of ranger training and protected area management.

Over 18 months, 156 rangers were trained across six nature reserves, EarthRanger was deployed as the first such platform in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and four peer-reviewed research manuscripts were completed on carbon sequestration in hyper-arid landscapes. This engagement reflects the growing international relevance of the skills and systems we have developed in Africa, and our commitment to sharing that expertise where it can make a meaningful difference.

*EarthRanger, deployed as the first such platform in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.*



HRH The Prince of Wales visiting rangers trained by Space for Giants at AlUla, with HH Prince Badr, Governor of the Royal Commission for AlUla, and Abeer AlAkel, CEO of the Royal Commission for AlUla.



156

RANGERS TRAINED OVER 18 MONTHS

6

NATURE RESERVES ACROSS ALULA

4

PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH MANUSCRIPTS COMPLETED

# Funding protection *that lasts*

USD 7.72m  
TOTAL INCOME 2025

Conservation that endures needs finance that endures. In 2025 we spent more than we received, a deliberate investment of reserves in a year of acceleration, while building the enterprise income that will make this work self-sustaining.

WHERE OUR FUNDING CAME FROM



More than half came from donations and grants, led by major institutional support for Gabon and Uganda, including the Central African Forest Initiative grant secured in partnership with the Government of Gabon and the Wildlife Conservation Society. A further USD 2.01 million came principally from the specialist programme with the Royal Commission for AlUla in Saudi Arabia. And USD 1.21 million, 16 per cent of all income, came from conservation enterprise: the lodge, cattle, and land management operations that turn protected landscapes into self-funding ones.

*The most important financial story of 2025 is a change in how the work is funded.*

Income from conservation enterprise grew by 83 per cent, led by Suyian Conservancy, where the business generated USD 1.29 million in income, recorded net income of USD 425,686, and closed the year with positive net assets for the first time. Lodge occupancy averaged 56 per cent in its opening months, well ahead of expectations. This is the model working: a landscape beginning to pay for its own protection.

+83%

GROWTH IN CONSERVATION  
ENTERPRISE INCOME

USD 425,686

SUYIAN CONSERVANCY NET  
INCOME, FIRST YEAR

WHERE EVERY DOLLAR WENT

84%

*of everything we spent in 2025 went directly to conservation. Of USD 8.36 million spent, 84 cents in every dollar.*

|                            |                        |             |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Human-Elephant Coexistence | <div><div></div></div> | USD 3.92m   |
| Securing Space             | <div><div></div></div> | USD 2.40m   |
| Conservation Investment    | <div><div></div></div> | USD 309,874 |
| Carbon                     | <div><div></div></div> | USD 189,143 |
| Conservation Science       | <div><div></div></div> | USD 85,978  |
| Giants Club                | <div><div></div></div> | USD 72,235  |
| Wildlife Law and Justice   | <div><div></div></div> | USD 62,145  |

Human and elephant coexistence was the largest single investment, more than half of all conservation spending and a 61 per cent increase on 2024, reflecting the scale-up in Gabon and Uganda. Securing and managing protected landscapes accounted for a further USD 2.40 million, with the balance advancing conservation science, wildlife law and justice, carbon development, and the Giants Club.

AN HONEST BALANCE

Whilst we ended the year with a positive balance sheet, because of the assets we own, our cash reserves were down by USD 404,082. The draw on reserves was deliberate, matching the pace of a year in which programmes in Gabon, Uganda, and Kenya all accelerated at once. Rebuilding unrestricted income, the flexible funding that lets us act quickly and invest where the need is greatest, is a central priority for 2026, and it is where your support matters most.

Financial figures are drawn from the consolidated financial statements of Space for Giants for the year ended 31 December 2025, which were unaudited at the time of publication. The audited annual report and accounts are filed with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. Figures are reported in pounds sterling and converted to US dollars at the 2025 average rate of £1 = USD 1.32.

# Partnerships and Events

In 2025, we brought our mission into rooms, cities, and campaigns where influence, philanthropy, and public generosity intersect. These were not isolated events. They were platforms, for funding, for relationships, and for the long-term support that conservation depends on.

## BUILDING A MOVEMENT BEYOND THE FIELD

The work of protecting Africa's remaining wild landscapes does not happen only in reserves, along fence lines, or in government offices. It also happens in the conversations between conservation and the wider world, with donors, policymakers, partners, and the public. In 2025, we invested in those conversations deliberately, using events and campaigns to grow our supporter community, deepen existing relationships, and introduce the mission to new audiences.

### andBeyond Suyian Lodge opens, a new model launched

JULY 2025

July 2025, andBeyond Suyian Lodge opened its doors on Suyian Conservancy, welcoming its first guests to a private wilderness in the heart of Laikipia. The opening marked more than a tourism milestone. It was a public demonstration of the central argument: conservation can be economically productive while keeping land wild. Owned by the Suyian Conservancy Trust and managed under a plan approved by the Kenya Wildlife Service, the conservancy brings wildlife protection, regenerative ranching, community livelihoods, and responsible tourism together in a single model, with andBeyond holding sole tourism rights across the concession. As Trust Protector and strategic conservation partner, Space for Giants helped position Suyian Conservancy as a living example of how private land, tourism revenue, ecological restoration, and local employment can work together to secure a landscape for the long term, where every guest who stays contributes directly to its protection.

*"The opening of andBeyond Suyian Lodge marks a major milestone in Space for Giants' mission to make Suyian Conservancy a self-financing engine for nature conservation. We are proud to partner with andBeyond to demonstrate how world-class tourism can sustain vital conservation efforts while delivering tangible benefits to local communities. When guests stay at this lodge, they directly support the protection of wildlife and the wellbeing of the people who share this landscape."*

DR. MAX GRAHAM, THE FOUNDER & CEO OF SPACE FOR GIANTS



### House of Lords

NOVEMBER 2025

We brought our mission into one of the United Kingdom's most influential institutional settings, gathering leaders across conservation, policy, philanthropy, and public life. The evening positioned Space for Giants as both an effective conservation organisation and a serious institutional voice on the future of landscape protection, speaking to the systems needed to secure nature at scale, from conservation finance and political leadership to community partnership and long-term ecological governance.

*"Governments can draw lines on maps. What Space for Giants does is make those lines mean something: fences that hold, rangers who are paid and trained, communities with a stake in the outcome. I have seen many conservation organisations promise this. Very few deliver it at this level."*

LORD ZAC GOLDSMITH, HOUSE OF LORDS EVENT, 2025



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## Lily James Dinner with Chantecaille Beauté Inc., Culture, Community, and Purpose

MAY 2025

Global Supporter Lily James hosted an intimate dinner in London in support of our mission, generously sponsored by long-standing partner Chantecaille and held at La Maison Ani. The evening brought together philanthropy, culture, and conservation, introducing our work to new audiences while deepening commitment among existing supporters. It was a demonstration of what values-aligned partnership can achieve: conservation reaching further, into new rooms and new networks, carried by voices people already trust.

*“I first came to Space for Giants because of the elephants. I stayed because of the people: the rangers, the farmers, the communities who live beside these animals every day and choose to protect them. Supporting that choice is deeply meaningful and essential.”*

LILY JAMES, GLOBAL SUPPORTER



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## New York Chapter, a community takes shape

JUNE 2025

June saw the first gathering of our New York Chapter, a significant step in building a stronger, more rooted community of support in the United States. More than a fundraising event, the launch created a lasting platform for engagement, giving supporters a clearer way to connect with the work and help grow future support across one of our most important donor markets.

*Community is one of conservation's most powerful assets. The New York Chapter gives supporters a way to stand closer to the mission and help protect Africa's wild spaces for generations to come.*



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## BGC Charity Day, business networks for conservation

SEPTEMBER 2025

We joined BGC Charity Day, with Global Supporter Lily James joining our team on the trading floor to raise vital funds and awareness. The event used one of the City of London's most high-profile corporate fundraising platforms to connect business networks, public figures, and philanthropy around an urgent global issue. It was a powerful example of how conservation can find new champions in unexpected places.



*Across 2025, these events did more than raise funds. They built a stronger global community around the mission, and reinforced a central truth: protecting Africa's remaining wild landscapes requires collective action, long-term investment, and people willing to stand with giants.*



*Africa's wild places do not need saving once. They need protection that lasts, that is sustained, for the people who live alongside them, for the wildlife that depends on them, for the land that holds them both.*

In 2025, we built the infrastructure, the partnerships, and the policy designed to make that a possibility, not protection for a season, but protection built to endure. That is the future we are building towards.

IN GRATITUDE

# The people behind the protection

*Behind every fence, every ranger, and every  
hectare recovered stands a community of  
people who chose to make it possible.*

To the governments who trusted us as partners in their most important landscapes. To the institutions and foundations whose grants carried the largest programmes through their most ambitious year. To the corporate partners who lent this work their platforms, their creativity, and their conviction. To the philanthropists whose generosity moved first and reached furthest. And to every individual who gave what they could because they believe wild Africa is worth protecting; thank you.

You built this. The fences that kept families and elephants safely apart through another season. The rangers on patrol tonight in Pian Upe. The giraffes returning to plains that had lost them. The boreholes, the classrooms, the first guests arriving at a lodge that pays for a landscape's protection. These things exist because you decided they should.

*Every gift, at every level, made this year  
possible. We recognise our partners and  
funders by name, overleaf.*

# Our Funders

*We are deeply grateful to everyone who shares our passion for protecting Africa's great landscapes and all the life that depends on them. Thank you.*

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GIFTS OF USD 50,000  
AND ABOVE

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Wes Carter  
Russell Crowe  
Mike Foust  
James and Laurel Knight  
James Packer  
Samantha Marx

GIFTS OF USD 10,000  
TO 49,999

Julia Edge  
Adam and Melony Lewis  
Kate McBride  
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Nicholas Kurkrica

GIFTS OF USD 1,000  
TO 9,999

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YOUR SUPPORT

# Your support ensures a future for Africa's wild heart

None of what you have read in this report happens by accident. It happens because of the sustained belief of the people who fund it, champion it, and stand behind it, year after year. In a year when uncertainty ran high, our partners and supporters gave us the confidence to grow, to innovate, and to deliver.

You made 2025 possible. And you are making the next five years possible too. Every gift goes directly into the work described in this report: the fences, the rangers, the landscapes, and the people who live alongside them.

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*Conservation only works when  
it works for people.*

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