

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

ALWG MEETING IN MPALA RESEARCH CENTRE, KENYA

2 AND 3 NOVEMBER 2019

THE LAIPKIPIA EXCURSION

4 AND 5 NOVEMBER 2019

Version: 200319; This version may still be subject to changes

Registration forms for ALWG members can be downloaded on;
<http://www.africanliongroup.org/meetings.html>

Deadline for registration is **1st of June 2019**

During the first day a number of (mainly KWS) observers will be allowed to participate, the first evening and the second day will be exclusively for ALWG members and a more limited number of KWS observers only

Blue markings: are optional, still to be confirmed

Yellow markings: are tentatively confirmed (subject to possible changes and funding constraints)

DAY 1: SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2019 (THIS DAY WILL BE OPEN TO OBSERVERS)		
<i>Morning session</i>		
8:15 - 8:45	Registration	
8:45 - 9:00	Short welcome by Chair ALWG	
9:00 - 9:15	Opening speech by Chair Board of Directors	
9:15 - 9:30	Welcome speech by (Acting) Director General	
9:30 - 10:00	Lion conservation in Kenya, lessons learned by Director Research	
10:00 - 10:30	Tea break	
10:30 – 12:45	FIRST PLENARY SESSION ON THE AFRICAN LION DATA BASE CHAired BY: SAMANTHA PAGE NICHOLSON	
10:30 - 10:40	African Lion data base by Samantha Page-Nicholson	
10:40 - 10:50	Lion numbers in West and Central Africa by Etotepe Sogbohossou	
10:50 - 11:00	Lion numbers in East Africa by Nic Elliot	
11:00 - 11:10	Lion numbers in Southern Africa by Andrew Loveridge	
11:10 - 11:20	Lion numbers in India by Meena Venkataraman	
11:20 - 12:45	Discussion	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
<i>Afternoon Session</i>		
14:00 – 17:00	SECOND PLENARY SESSION ON LION GENETICS CHAired BY LAURA BERTOLA (topic proposed by Laura Bertola)	

14:00 - 14:12	Phylogenetic relationships in the lion and application of genetics for conservation management, by Laura Bertola	
14:12- 14:24	Lion genetics and metapopulation management: A South African perspective, by Susan Miller (tentatively)	
14:24 - 14:36	Genetic Analysis of African Lions in Zambia Support Movement across Anthropogenic and Geographical Barriers, by Caitlin Curry (tentatively)	
14:36 - 14:48	The African lion genome project, by Simon Morgan	
14:48 - 15:00	Availability of materials (including live animals) for understanding the lions' diversity (including its genetic diversity), by Noboyuki Yamaguchi	
15:00 - 15:30	Tea break	
15:30 - 17:00	Discussion	
17:00 - 17:15	Collaboration, Inclusion and Diversity in lion conservation, by a member of Pride Lion Conservation Alliance	
17:15 - 17:30	Discussion	
<i>Evening</i>		
18:30 - 20:00		Dinner
20:00 - 20:30	Applauding the going Chair Sarel van der Mwere and welcoming the new Chair of the ALWG ALWG	
20:30 - 21:30	Governance issues OF ALWG by new Chair ALWG	

DAY 2: SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER (THIS DAY WILL BE FOR INTERNAL ALWAG DISCUSSIONS AND WILL ONLY BE OPEN FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF KWS OBSERVERS)		
<i>Morning session</i>		
8:30 - 8:35	Announcements by Chair of morning session	
8:30 - 8:45	Introduction to the Lion Recovery Fund by Peter Lindsey	
8:45 - 9:00	Questions	
09:00 - 12:15	THIRD PLENARY SESSION ON CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS PER REGION CHAIRED BY LAURENCE FRANK (topic proposed by Robynne Kotze)	
9:00 - 9:10	Ecological and socio-political fragility of 68 lion populations in Africa By Amy Dickman	
09:10 - 09:20	Challenges and solutions in West and Central Africa by Pricelia Tumenta	
09:20 - 09:40	Challenges and solutions in East Africa by Laly Lichtenfield	
09:40 - 10:50	Challenges and solutions in Southern Africa by Paul Funston	
10:50 - 11:05	Tea break	
11:05 - 12:15	Discussion	
12:15 - 12:30	Presentation on lion conservation guidelines by Urs Breitenmoser	

12:30 - 12:45	Discussion on guidelines	
12:45 - 12:55	Presentation ALWG website by Caitlin Curry	
12:55 - 13:00	Questions on ALWG website	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
<i>Afternoon session</i>		
14:00 - 16:30	FOURTH PLENARY SMALL SESSION ON CO EXISTENCE IN LION CONSERVATION CHAired BY HANS BAUER (topic proposed by Hans Bauer)	
14:00 - 14:10	Options and challenges for translocations of problem lions by Hans de longh and Luka Narisha	
14:10 - 14:20	Options for boma improvement in Laikipia by Steven Ekwanga	
14:20 - 14:30	The role of conservation education in Cameroon by Elise Bakker and Iris Kirsten	
14:30 - 14:40	Co management in practice; Conservancies in Namibia by Hanlie Ingels or colleague	
14:40 - 15:00	Tea break	
15:00 - 16:30	Discussion	
16:30 - 18:30	FIFTH PLENARY SESSION ON LION BONE TRADE AND TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINS CHAired BY VIVIENNE WILLIAMS (topic proposed by Kelly Anne Marnewick)	
16:30 - 16:40	Latest developments in the trade in SA African lion bones by Vivienne Williams	
16:40 - 16:50	Latest developments in the use of lion bones in Chinese Traditional Medicines by Peter Coals	
16:50 - 17:00	The poaching of lions for bones and body parts in West and Central Africa by Pricelia Tumenta and Gueye Malle	
17:00 - 17:10	Use of genetics to trace the origin of confiscated lion parts and bone by Laura Bertola	
17:10 - 18:30	Discussion on lion bone trade	
18:30 - 19:00	Summary of discussions and closing of ALWG meeting by chair ALWG	
<i>Evening</i>		
19:00 - 20:30	Dinner	
20:30 - 22:00	Social gathering with drinks	

MONDAY 4 AND TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER EXCURSION TO LAIKIPIA ORGANISED BY LAURENCE FRANK

MORE information is available from the ALWG website: <http://www.africanliongroup.org/meetings.html> The excursions will consist of visits to Laikipia ranches and conservancies to learn how they raise livestock commercially in rangelands that also support robust populations of all the African large carnivores and their wild prey. We will see the locally developed mobile lion-proof bomas, local herding practices, the use of GPS collars to aid in lion and livestock management, and the new Lion Rangers programme. Steven Ekwanga will demonstrate the setting of foot snares, a technique that is more efficient and humane than cage traps for capturing wary lions that cannot be approached for free darting. We will not actually trap any carnivores.