



ALWG workshop and KWS carnivore workshop 2019

General information

Summary information on **KWS Carnivore workshop** held on 30 and 31 October 2019 at KWS Head Quarters (main gate Nairobi national park) and the **African Lion Workshop (ALWG) Meeting** held in Mpala Research Centre, Laikipia, Kenya on 2 and 3 November 2019.

Please send a signed scan of the filled in registration form at the bottom of this information sheet to **alwgworkshopkenya@yahoo.com** before the **deadline of 1th June 2019**.

Reservations will be on sequence of entry and we cannot guarantee accommodation for registrations received after 1 June 2019.

Each tent in Mpala Research Centre has two beds. Kindly indicate in the registration sheet at the bottom with which ALWG member you would like to share. If you do not indicate with whom you would like to share your tent the organizing committee will decide on sharing arrangement.

1. Planning

The ALWG workshop will be organised by an Organising Committee of the ALWG, Coordinated by Hans de Iongh, Laurence Frank and Francis Lesilau supported and facilitated by the Living with Lions project in Laikipia (Laurence Frank), Leo foundation (Hans de Iongh, Laura Bertola), WildCRU (Hans Bauer) in collaboration with Kenya Wildlife Service (Francis Lesilau and Monica Chege). The Organizing Committee reports to the Chair of the ALWG (Hans de Iongh).

The ALWG workshop is synchronised with the annual Carnivore Workshop organised by KWS annually, which aims at an exchange of information between (large) carnivore conservationists and researchers working in Kenya. For this occasion, KWS will open the workshop for international participation. ALWG members are *explicitly* invited to attend the KWS workshop and possibly present their work on lion conservation at the KWS workshop.

The proposed planning for both events is as follows:

DATE	ACTIVITY	REMARKS
Tuesday 29 October 2019	Arrival of ALWG participants who want to participate in the KWS workshop	You have to book your own Hotel if you intend to stay in Nairobi
Wednesday 30, Thursday 31 October 2019	KWS workshop at KWS Head Quarters (main entrance Nairobi National Park) along Langata road	ALWG members can pre-register with the ALWG organizing committee Formal registration will take place during July-September by KWS
Friday 1 November 2019	We will gather at around 9.30 am in front of the souvenir shop on the right side of the main gate of Nairobi	Busses will be ready in the morning at 10.00 am to transport the ALWG participants to Mpala Research Centre in Laikipia County (http://www.mpala.org/). The travel from Nairobi to Mpala will be 4 hours, see below for costs. People whose



		flights do not match this departure should make their individual arrangements to travel to Mpala Research Centre.
Saturday 2, Sunday 3 November 2019	ALWG workshop in Mpala Research Centre.	
Monday 4, Tuesday 5 November 2019	Optional excursion for ALWG participants in Laikipia (contact Laurence Frank)	
Wednesday 6 November 2019	busses depart from Mpala research centre to Nairobi KWS Headquarters (main gate Nairobi National Park)	Drop off is in front of the souvenir shop on the right side of the main gate of Nairobi

2. Transportation

ALWG members who are attending Kenya's KWS Carnivore workshop on 30 and 31 October, prior to the ALWG workshop in Mpala Research Centre, are advised to arrange their own transport by taxi from their hotel to the KWS workshop venue. If they want to travel by taxi to Mpala, they can contact Laurence Frank well ahead of the meeting directly on the options for reliable taxi rental (lgfrank@berkeley.edu).

As from the departure to Mpala Research Centre (at the main entrance of Nairobi National Park) on Friday 1 November 2019 10.00am, the organising committee will make the bookings for Mpala Research Centre and for the transportation by busses to and from Mpala, based on registration sheets received. *Reservations will be on sequence of entry and we cannot guarantee accommodation for registrations received after 1 June 2019 or when maximum capacity of Mpala Research Centre is reached.*

3. Suggestions for Hotels in Nairobi

ALWG participants are requested to book their own Hotel and arrange their own transportation upon arrival at Nairobi, if they are attending the KWS workshop on 30 or 31 October OR when they arrive on 31 October and will use bus transportation from KWS Headquarters to Mpala Research Centre on 1 November 2019. The Organizing Committee has prepared a registration form in which participants can indicate which hotel they have booked.

We can suggest the following Hotels for ALWG participants who stay in Nairobi. These hotels are close to KWS Headquarters, at the main gate of Nairobi National Park, where the KWS workshop on 30 and 31 October will take place and where the busses will leave for Mpala Research Centre on 1 November at 10.00 am from the parking lot near the main gate of Nairobi NP.

The first three Hotels below are more economic, the last Hotel is more expensive.

- Wildebeest Ecocamp; <http://www.wildebeestecocamp.com/accommodation/wildebeest-eco-camp/>
- Longview suites Hotel ; <http://www.longviewsuites.com/>
- Hotel Troy; <http://www.hotel-troy.com/>
- Hotel Ole Sereni; <https://www.ole-sereni.com/>



4. Mpala Research Centre

ALWG participants registered through the ALWG Organizing Committee will make payment for transportation Nairobi-Mpala, board and lodging and an registration fee directly to Mpala Research Centre upon arrival on 1 November 2019 for board and lodging and for transportation. Accommodation at Mpala Research Centre will be mostly in a tented camp. Each tent has two beds, please indicate on your registration sheet who you would like to share a tent with. If nothing is indicated, the organizing committee will have to decide on arrangements.

- Registration fee will be **USD 35,00**
- Accommodation cost will be **USD 60,00 per person per night** on full board to be paid upon arrival at Mpala Research Centre.
- Transfer from Nairobi to Mpala will be done by coaster bus with 22 seats and is **USD 25,00 per person one way, USD 50 two ways**. Transfer costs should all be paid at Mpala Research Centre upon arrival.

Mpala provides:

- Housing for over 50 researchers and students. The McCormack lab building and the NSF lab building are the main facilities for research.
- Laboratory space with basic equipment for DNA analysis, microscopic examinations, analytical chemistry, computer facilities, freezer space, a "screenhouse" for potted plant experiments, a herbarium/specimen collection, field specimen holding space, and offices.
- Clean water and electricity (both 110v and 240v) in the labs on a 24-hour basis.

The **Graham Library** provides a comfortable reading and working area with some basic guide books to birds and mammals and reference books on ecology and conservation. There are also back copies of select African journals. A lecture and meeting hall with a 60 seat capacity is attached to the Graham Library and is equipped with LCD powerpoint, slide, and overhead projectors.

Mpala also provides print and electronic versions of publications by Mpala researchers.

5. Information on the Laikipia excursion 4 And 5 November 2019

More information is available from the ALWG website: <http://www.africanliongroup.org/>

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.

6. Important remarks on the ALWG meeting

- The Mpala meeting will be as low cost as possible. Costs of transportation from Nairobi to Mpala are 25 USD one way and 50 USD two ways, per person. Costs of full board in Mpala research Centre is 60 USD per person per night.
- Vehicles of the Laikipia lion project will be available free of charge but if there are many participants we will have to charge the costs of car rental. We will keep the organisation costs



(registration fee to cover a.o. costs of coffee and tea and drinks) to a maximum of USD 35 per person.

- We are committed to make the Mpala meeting as climate- and environmentally friendly as possible. There is drinking water available in dispensers at Mpala and you are requested to bring your own refill bottle. Also we suggest offsetting by compensating carbon credits, f.e. via Wildlife Works (www.wildlifeworks.com). This is a Kenya-based (Tsavo) REDD+ project that is doing a lot of excellent conservation work in community ranches. Vegetarian meals are available at Mpala.
- We will prepare instructions for session chairs and speakers. The main purpose of presentations is NOT to present one's own work, but to stimulate debate and discussion among ALWG members. For this we will ask speakers to formulate strong statement and recommendations for debate at the end of their presentation. These statement should preferably be action-oriented and lead to follow up action by ALWG (f.e. policy, strategy, conservation management, research).
- We are committed to ensure that this meeting is inclusive and we have a good balance of ALWG members from Southern Africa, East Africa, West and Central Africa and India., This has added value compared to the regional Skukuza meeting. Many of the topics discussed at Skukuza will be new to other members.

7. Phone numbers and email addresses of organizing Committee

In case you have queries you can contact a member of the organizing Committee:

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Registration sheet

Please cut here and scan filled in copy and send to; alwgworkshopkenya@yahoo.com, **before 1 June 2019**

Personal details

Name

Home Address

Office Address

Mobile Phone

Office Phone

Email Address

KWS meeting

I intend to attend the KWS large carnivore workshop on *Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 October*

- Yes*
- No*

I would like to give a presentation of about 15-20 minutes on my work at the KWS large carnivore workshop

- Yes*
- No*

Accommodation

Hotel booked in Nairobi

Arrival date

ALWG Meeting

I intend to attend the ALWG Meeting on *Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 November*

- Yes*
- No*

I will attend the optional excursion to Laikipia during *Monday 4 November to Tuesday 5 November 2019* and will stay two extra nights in Mpala Research Centre until *6 November*.

- Yes*
- No*

Accommodation

I would like to share a tent at Mpala Research Center with:

Name

Email address

Transport

I would like to use the busses from Nairobi to Mpala, organized by the ALWG organizing committee and Mpala, which depart on *Friday 1 November 2019* at 10.00. Please be present at least half an hour



before departure (9.30 am in front of the souvenir shop on the right side of the main gate of Nairobi NP).

- Yes*
- No*

I would like to use the busses from Mpala to Nairobi, organized by the ALWG organizing committee and Mpala, which depart on **Monday 4 November** 2019 at 10.00. Please be present at least half an hour before departure(9.30am in front of the souvenir shop on the right side of the main gate of Nairobi NP).Drop off will be at Mpala Research Centre

- Yes*
- No*

I would like to use the busses from Mpala to Nairobi, organised by the ALWG organising committee and Mpala, which depart on **Wednesday 6 November** 2019 at 10.00. Please be present at least half an hour before departure (9.30am) Drop off will be at the same place as departure from the parking lot of KWS HQ.

- Yes*
- No*

I will organize my own transport to Mpala Research Centre

Arrival date/Time

Departure date/Time

Other

Dietary requests/allergies

- Yes, please specify;*
- No*

Signed

Name

Place

Date

Other remarks or suggestions

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