

PROGRAMME

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ALWG Meeting at Mpala Research Centre, Kenya: 2 – 3 November 2019

The Laikipia Excursion: 4 – 5 November 2019

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

During the first day, observers and KWS staff and KWS Management will participate.

The first evening and the second day will be exclusively for ALWG members and a limited number of KWS observers only.

DAY 1. SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2019 DAY CHAIR HANS DE IONGH		
<i>Morning session</i>		
7:30 – 8:45	Late Registration (first registration also upon arrival in Mpala on 1 November 2019)	
8:45 – 8:50	Short welcome and introduction morning sessions plus announcement break out groups	Hans de longh
8:50 – 9:00	Short welcome by Chair ALWG	Kelly Marnewick
9:00 – 9:15	Opening speech	Chair Board of Directors KWS
9:15 – 9:30	Welcome speech	Director General KWS
9:30 – 10:00	Lion conservation in Kenya, lessons learned	Director Research
10:00 – 10:25	Tea/coffee break	
10:25 – 12:45	FIRST PLENARY SESSION ON THE AFRICAN LION DATA BASE CHAIRED BY SAMANTHA NICHOLSON	
10:25 – 10:40	African Lion data base	Samantha Nicholson
10:40 – 10:50	Lion numbers in West and Central Africa	Etotepe Sogbohossou
10:50 – 11:00	Lion numbers in East Africa	Nic Elliot
11:00 – 11:10	Lion numbers in Southern Africa	Paul Funston
11:10 – 11:20	Lion numbers in India	Meena Venkataraman
11:20 – 12:45	Discussion	
12:45 – 12:55	The Wildlife Conservation Network's Lion Recovery Fund	Peter Lindsey
12:55 – 13:00	Questions	
13:00 – 13:05	Closure by Day Chair and announcements	Hans de longh
13:05 – 14:00	Lunch	
<i>Afternoon Session</i>		
14:00 – 14:05	Short introduction afternoon sessions and announcements by Hans de longh	
14:05 – 16:55	SECOND PLENARY SESSION ON LION GENETICS CHAIRED BY LAURA BERTOLA	
14:05 – 14:15	Phylogenetic relationships in the lion and application of genetics for conservation management	Laura Bertola
14:15 – 14:25	Lion genetics and metapopulation management: A South African perspective	Susan Miller
14:25 – 14:35	Genetics of Zambia lions	Caitlin Curry
14:35 – 14:45	The African lion genome project	Simon Morgan/Ellie Armstrong
14:45 – 14:55	Availability of materials (including live animals) for understanding the lions' diversity (including its genetic diversity)	Noboyuki Yamaguchi
14:55 – 15:05	Development of a collaborative lion traceability network	Simon Dures
15:05 – 15:30	Tea/coffee break	
15:30 – 16:55	Discussion	
16:55 – 17:00	Short introduction by Day Chair	Hans de longh
17:00 – 17:15	Collaboration, Inclusion and Diversity in lion conservation	Members of Pride Lion Conservation Alliance
17:15 – 17:25	Discussion	
17:25 – 17:30	Closing remarks Day Chair (announcements)	Hans de longh
<i>Evening</i>		
18:30 – 20:00	Dinner	
20:00 – 20:30	Applauding the going Chair Sarel van der Merwe, and welcoming the new Chair of the ALWG; presentation on governance issues ALWG	Kelly Marnewick
20:30 – 21:30	Discussion and social gathering with drinks	Kelly Marnewick

DAY 2. SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2019 DAY CHAIR KELLY MARNEWICK		
<i>Morning session</i>		
8:30 – 8:35	Opening and introduction morning sessions by Day Chair and announcements	Kelly Marnewick
8:35 – 8:50	Outcomes of the Disney supported Lion Footprint Forum	Paul Thomson
8:50 – 9:00	Questions	Kelly Marnewick
9:00 – 12:10	THIRD PLENARY SESSION ON CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS PER REGION CHAIRED BY LAURENCE FRANK	
9:00 – 9:10	Ecological and socio-political fragility of 68 lion populations in Africa	Amy Dickman
9:10 – 9:20	Challenges and solutions in West and Central Africa	Pricelia Tumenta
9:20 – 9:30	Challenges and solutions in East Africa	Laly Lichtenfeld
9:30 – 9:40	Challenges and solutions in Southern Africa	Paul Funston
9:40 – 10:00	Tea/coffee break	
10:00 – 12:10	Discussion	
12:10 – 12:25	Presentation on lion conservation guidelines	Urs Breitmoser/Hans Bauer
12:25 – 12:35	Discussion	
12:35 – 12:45	Presentation ALWG website	Caitlin Curry
12:45 – 12:55	Questions	
12:55 – 13:00	Closure by Day Chair and announcements	Kelly Marnewick
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
<i>Afternoon session</i>		
14:00 – 14:05	Short introduction morning sessions by Day Chair and announcements by Day Chair Kelly Marnewick	
14:05 – 16:15	FOURTH PLENARY SMALL SESSION ON CO EXISTENCE IN LION CONSERVATION CHAIRED BY HANS BAUER	
14:05 – 14:15	Options and challenges for translocations of problem lions	Monica Chege and Luka Narisha
14:15 – 14:25	Options for boma improvement in Laikipia	Steven Ekwanga
14:25 – 14:35	The role of conservation education in Cameroon	Elise Bakker and Iris Kirsten
14:35 – 14:45	Co-management in practice; Human Lion conflicts in Kenya	Francis Lesilau
14:45 – 15:15	Tea/coffee break	
15:15 – 16:15	Discussion	
16:15 – 18:30	FIFTH PLENARY SESSION ON LION BONE TRADE AND TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINES CHAIRED BY VIVIENNE WILLIAMS	
16:15 – 16:25	Latest developments in the trade in SA African lion bones	Vivienne Williams
16:25 – 16:35	Latest developments in the use of lion bones in Chinese Traditional Medicines	Peter Coals
16:35 – 16:45	The poaching of lions for bones and body parts in West and Central Africa	Pricelia Tumenta and Gueye Malle
16:45 – 16:55	Captive lions in South Africa; status, welfare issues, mortal accidents and poaching	Kelly Anne Marnewick
16:55 – 17:55	Discussion	
17:55 – 19:00	Summary of discussions and closing of ALWG meeting by chair ALWG and Prof. David Macdonald	Prof. David Macdonald and Kelly Marnewick
<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 on the ALWG website:

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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.