



Get Involved

Conservation

Karisia Walking Safaris and Tumaren Ranch have been involved in conservation since their inception in 2005. Tumaren neighbours several Laikipia Masaai ranches and the majority of our safari teams represent those immediate communities. Our safaris pass through community and private land and each guest pays a conservation and community fee to these owners. This not only provides a revenue to the local community but it is instrumental to the conservation of our wildlife populations.

If you wish to give back and protect habitat that also supports wildlife conservation in the area there are a number of ways to do so. Below you can read about some of Karisia's projects and you can either specify how you would like to assist or else allow funds to be used where they are best needed at the time.

- **Security Team:** The 12 rangers are a crucial part of the team at Tumaren, patrolling over 10,500 acres. They work to prevent poaching and engage local communities in conservation and monitoring wildlife. We suggest the idea of contributing to advanced training of the team or donating kit and binoculars. US\$ 50 -200 per ranger per year.
- **Conservation Leases:** We always are looking for ways to expand our conservation footprint and by leasing neighbouring land otherwise dedicated to livestock, we can easily achieve that goal. US\$ 1,000 will protect 1,000 acres for a month.
- **Wildlife Surveys:** As wildlife managers, Karisia and its ranger teams are better able to manage land with concrete biological information. Surveys of biodiversity such as birds, small mammals as well as Elephants and Endangered wildlife help us make better decisions for those resources.
- **Invasive Species Control:** While there are few invasive species in Laikipia, a significant issue are invasive cactuses. A team of payed community members physically dig cactuses up and dispose of them to prevent their spread and safeguard our indigenous flora and fauna.
- **Restoration:** Overgrazing has been an issue across Laikipia, resulting in a reduction of ground cover which enables erosion and compaction of the land. While reducing the extent of grazing has helped, there are areas where soil still needs assistance in order to absorb rainfall and enabling successful vegetation growth. These areas are identified and helped by our team with a small tractor that ploughs swales which catch rainfall, seeds and slowly restore grassland.
- **Drought Management Fund:** Kenya experiences more regular droughts that can result in problems for wildlife. We support that wildlife when in need through purchasing hay, cubes, molasses and providing water resources.

How can you 'Get Involved': Donations help facilitate and support a number of programmes. It is possible to pay via bank transfer through Karisia Ltd or else Conservancy Guardians, which is a 501 K organisation helping to facilitate donations through a tax free environment for either USD or GBP. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and 100% of your donation will go to work driving community led conservation.

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Conservation starts with people and it is hard to make concessions for wildlife when families are badly in need. These are some of the ways we like to outreach and assist our neighbours so that their lives as well as the wildlife can improve simultaneously.

- **School Meal Program :** We currently supplement food that the government provides for the local Primary schools, Kimanjo and II Motiok. We aim to facilitate a more nutritional balanced diet for these children, allowing the school and students to focus more upon their studies. Between the two schools we feed 1,000 students. US \$5 feeds one child per term.
- **Educational Bursaries:** Many local children and families can not afford their school fees, consequentially we provide a bursary opportunity for these students to assist them in finishing their studies. The bursaries range from \$150 - \$1,000 per year dependent upon age and schools they wish to attend.
- **Donating Resources:** A simple but hugely appreciated gesture is to buy or bring studying materials that can be utilised within schools. Items such as Books, Pens, Pads, Stationary and Small educational games (Lego!) are excellent items that can be donated directly to the local schools.
- **Field Trips To Tumaren for High School Kids:** We are always keen to share the beauty of Tumaren to local high school students. Our overnight adventures introduce younger individuals from the community to wilderness, wildlife management, job possibilities and the importance of conservation.
- **Community Wildlife Club :** A donation to the Wildlife Club can purchase binoculars or a bird field guide to be shared by members while birding and wildlife viewing on Tumaren.
- **Tumaren Rock-climbing Day for Kids:** Rock climbing is hugely popular among a number of our safari guests. In donating a rock climbing day, we are able to share the unique experience with a group of local children, facilitating transport and guides during the rock climbing day trip, so they too can experience the best and most enjoyable climbing routes. \$50 is enough to bring 12 kids climbing with a simple lunch.

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