



SHELDRIK WILDLIFE TRUST

PIONEERS IN THE RESCUE & REHABILITATION OF ORPHANED ELEPHANTS & RHINOS



47

YEARS OF
CONSERVATION

320

ORPHANED ELEPHANTS
SUCCESSFULLY RAISED

7

CORE FIELD-BASED
CONSERVATION PROJECTS

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ABOUT SHELDRIK WILDLIFE TRUST

Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (SWT) is a global leader in elephant conservation and one of Africa's most established wildlife charities. It was created in 1977 by Dame Daphne Sheldrick to build upon the conservation vision of her late husband, David Sheldrick, the founding warden of Tsavo East National Park.

SWT is best known for its first-of-its-kind work rescuing orphaned elephants and rhinos, and reintegrating them back into the wild. However, rescuing orphaned elephants is futile if they do not have a true wilderness to one day call home. The long-term mission of SWT is to secure a future for all Kenya's wildlife through the effective management and protection of key ecosystems across the country.

Backed by decades of field experience, SWT has evolved into a multi-dimensional conservation body, tackling the greatest threats facing Kenya's natural world and engaging local communities in the process.

FAST FACTS

- Founded in 1977 by Dame Daphne Sheldrick
- SWT CEO is Angela Sheldrick
- Daphne Sheldrick is the first person in the world to successfully raise infant orphaned African elephants
- SWT mission: to secure a future for all Kenya's wildlife through the effective management and protection of key ecosystems





47 YEARS OF IMPACT

Creating a future for endangered species:

- **120 milk-dependent** orphaned elephants currently in SWT's care
- **61 wild calves** born to rewilded orphaned elephants
- **320 orphaned elephants** successfully raised to date
- **19 orphaned rhinos** successfully rescued for wild reintegration

Preserving key habitats across Kenya:

- **2 million acres** of wilderness protected with partners
- **450 kilometres** of 'wild border' fencelines erected
- **12 million** indigenous trees propagated
- **34 boreholes** drilled to mitigate drought and supply water to wildlife

Saving wild animals and protecting their homes:

- **6 Mobile Vet Units** and an aerial **Sky Vets** program
- **30 Anti-Poaching Teams** and a specialised **Canine Unit**
- **11 aircraft** elevating field operations
- **18 million acres** of wilderness patrolled with the KWS

Making conservation a community effort:

- **16,000 rural students** provided with daily school lunches
- **80 community field trips** led into wild spaces each year
- **131 beehives** on fences to mitigate human-elephant conflict
- **34 years** supporting local education in the greater Tsavo ecosystem

SWT FIELD CONSERVATION PROJECTS

SWT takes a 360-degree approach to conservation, operating comprehensive, field-based programs across the country. It proudly works with the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), Kenya Forest Service (KFS), stakeholders, and local communities to further its mission.

ORPHANS' PROJECT

Rescuing Kenya's orphaned elephants, rhinos, and other wildlife, nurturing them with specialist, round-the-clock care until they are ready to be reintegrated into a protected wilderness

ANTI-POACHING

Patrolling key ecosystems across Kenya to prevent illegal activities, apprehend poachers and other perpetrators, and protect all manner of creatures

MOBILE VETS

Providing rapid treatment to wildlife in need across Kenya, responding to field veterinary emergencies and saving thousands of wild lives each year

AERIAL UNIT

Monitoring for illegal activity from the skies and offering rapid response assistance to field emergencies, anti-poaching operations, human-wildlife conflict, and veterinary treatments

SAVING HABITATS

Safeguarding vulnerable habitats across Kenya through conservation management, reforestation efforts, and partnerships with local and government stakeholders

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Improving the livelihoods and education standards of rural Kenyans through support with conservation challenges, community initiatives, and local employment opportunities

WILDLIFE SUPPORT

Helping wildlife navigate our rapidly changing world through human-wildlife conflict mitigation, water-relief programs, and fencelines that serve as 'wild borders'

