

KWS RECEIVES 4 VEHICLES TO ENHANCE CONSERVATION

David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (DSWT) has donated four vehicles to Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS). The vehicles will be used to enhance capacity in tackling prevailing conservation challenges in Tsavo Conservation Area, such as poaching for ivory and rhino horn, human wildlife conflict, climate change and variability.

The vehicles were handed over to KWS by Angela Sheldrick at an event graced by Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala and Senior KWS Officers including the acting KWS Director General Mr. Julius Kimani.

The vehicles include two Land Cruisers that have been customized for KWS security operations in the northern area of Tsavo East National Park and the Rhino Intensive Protection Zone (IPZ) in the southern area of the Park. DSWT also donated a new 10,000 litre water bowser to facilitate transportation of water to KWS security field stations and water pans within protected areas with a view to sustaining wildlife during extreme drought conditions. In addition, the Trust also donated a new Mitsubishi Fuso 10 wheeler truck fitted with a heavy tonnage crane to facilitate elephant and rhino translocation operations by KWS Animal Capture Unit.

ABOUT DSWT

DSWT is a registered charity dedicated to the protection and conservation of wildlife and habitats. The Trust embraces all the measures that complement conservation, preservation and protection of wildlife. These include de-snaring, safeguarding the natural environment, enhancing community awareness, addressing animal welfare issues, providing veterinary assistance to animals in need, rescuing and hand rearing elephant and rhino orphans, along with other species.

Thanks to its founder, Dr. Dame Daphne Sheldrick, the Trust's commitment to the Tsavo Conservation Area has been consistent since the 1940s when the pioneering efforts of David Sheldrick, the founding warden of Tsavo helped transform Tsavo into Kenya's largest and most famous National Park.

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