



SHELDRIK WILDLIFE TRUST

PIONEERS IN THE RESCUE & REHABILITATION OF ORPHANED ELEPHANTS & RHINOS



48

YEARS OF
CONSERVATION

322

ORPHANED ELEPHANTS
SUCCESSFULLY RAISED

9

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 respected wildlife charities. Founded in 1977 by Dame Daphne Sheldrick, it was created to build upon the conservation vision of her late husband, David Sheldrick, the founding warden of Tsavo East National Park, Kenya's oldest and largest national park. The Tsavo ecosystem remains the base for much of SWT's operations.

SWT is best known for its pioneering Orphans' Project, a first-of-its-kind program to rescue, raise, and rewild orphaned elephants and rhinos. Underpinning this mission are SWT's field projects, which protect wildlife and preserve critical habitats across the country. Backed by decades of field experience, SWT is a multi-dimensional conservation organisation dedicated to tackling the greatest threats facing Kenya's natural world, while engaging local communities and mobilising a global supporter base in the process.

QUICK FACTS

- SWT was founded in 1977 by Dame Daphne Sheldrick and remains a family-run organisation under the leadership of CEO Angela Sheldrick
- Daphne Sheldrick is the first person in the world to successfully raise and rewild orphaned African elephants
- SWT's Orphans' Project and field conservation projects deliver on its mission to save Kenya's orphaned elephants and rhinos and secure a future for all wildlife





48 YEARS OF IMPACT

Creating a future for endangered species:

- **100+ orphaned wildlife** currently in the care of SWT
- **75+ wild calves** born to rewilded orphaned elephants
- **322 orphaned elephants** successfully raised to date
- **19 orphaned rhinos** successfully raised 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
- **49 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
- **29 Anti-Poaching Teams** and a specialised **Canine Unit**
- **12 aircraft** to elevate conservation reach and enhance field operations
- **18 million acres** of wilderness patrolled with the KWS

Making conservation a community effort:

- **15,000 rural students** provided with daily school lunches
- **85 community field trips** led into wild spaces each year
- **35 years** supporting local education in the greater Tsavo ecosystem
- **Community hospital support** through donation of a full suite of state-of-the-art medical equipment

SWT FIELD CONSERVATION PROJECTS

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

ORPHANS' PROJECT

Rescuing Kenya's orphaned elephants, rhinos, and other wildlife, providing them with specialist, round-the-clock care until they are ready for reintegration into a protected wilderness

ANTI-POACHING + CANINE UNIT

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

MOBILE VETS

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

AERIAL UNIT

Monitoring for illegal activity from the skies and providing rapid response assistance for 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

Enhancing livelihoods and education standards for rural Kenyans by addressing conservation challenges, supporting community initiatives, and creating 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'

ECO LODGES

Promoting sustainable tourism through bespoke lodges that are operated under a not-for-profit model

