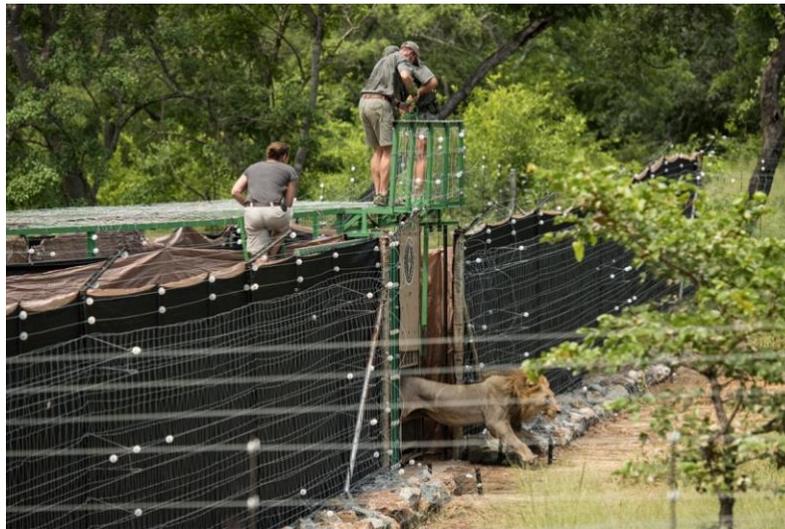




**Lion
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Project: Bringing Back Malawi's Lion Prides

Location: Liwonde National Park, Malawi

Partner: African Parks

Category: Stop the Loss

Lions were on the brink of extinction in the southern African nation of Malawi until just recently. Now, the Lion Recovery Fund (LRF) is aiding conservationists to bring back lions into Majete and Liwonde National Parks. After lions were successfully reintroduced last year, the LRF has supported the management of Liwonde and Majete to help ensure that they are adequately protected. In addition, the LRF has supported the development of a plan to manage lions in the various protected areas in Malawi as a healthy 'meta-population'.



Project: Helping a lonely lion find a mate

Location: Bateke National Park, Gabon

Partner on the ground: Panthera

Category: Stop the Loss

Until 2014, lions were considered to be locally extinct in the Central African nation of Gabon. However, in 2014 a lone male lion was sighted in Bateke National Park. Since his arrival, the lion has acted as an ambassador and catalyst for increased conservation action in the region. The Lion Recovery Fund is supporting the group Panthera to gradually restore lions to Gabon by bringing female lions from other areas with surplus lions in the hopes they will reproduce, providing hope for the future of lions in the region. The lionesses will first undergo an acclimatization period in a safe enclosure for several weeks. In addition, conservationists will work with local communities to make sure they are aware of - and benefit from - the restoration of lions in the park.



Project: Strengthening local communities to coexist with wildlife

Location: Kenya

Partner on the ground: SORALO

Category: Reduce the Cost

The borderlands between Tanzania and Kenya have great potential for promoting coexistence between people and lions in areas outside national parks. This is because the Maasai culture and pastoralist lifestyle is conducive to coexistence with wildlife and due to the natural affinity and respect of the Maasai people for nature. However, this coexistence is threatened by the privatization and fragmentation of land and due to human-wildlife conflict. The LRF is supporting the conservation group SORALO in southern Kenya (and several other conservation groups across Maasailand on either side of the border) to help prevent the fragmentation of pastoralist lands, to tackle human-lion conflict and to help local people benefit from living with wildlife.



Project: Keeping lions, people, and their livelihoods safe in Namibia

Location: Namibia

Partner on the ground: Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation (IRDNC)

Category: Reduce the Cost

Namibia's desert-dwelling lions constitute one of Africa's great conservation success stories. This unique, desert-adapted lion population grew from approximately 35 individuals in 1997 to at least 120 just 20 years later, their distribution growing by almost 6 times during the same period. Much of this expansion is attributable to Namibia's famous community conservancy program. However, with the growth in population has come increased human-lion conflict, particularly during recent years, which have been characterized by severe drought. Drought reduces natural prey populations, increasing the tendency of lions to prey on livestock. The Lion Recovery Fund is supporting the conservation group IRDNC to tackle human-lion conflict by alerting people when lions are nearby, so they can protect their livestock, which then reduces animosity towards lions and retributive killing.