



Sosian Conservation and Community Projects

Conservation

Sosian provides a safe area for wildlife, with a full anti-poaching security ranger team. Wildlife can flourish on Sosian and elephants can be protected from the illegal ivory trade. Sosian also supports the **Laikipia Predator Project**, donating money for GPS collars, which help to monitor lion and wild dog behaviour. Sosian also supports **Space For Giants**, a project focussing on the protection of elephants across Africa. Recently, in partnership with Space for Giants and other nearby properties, we have formed a broader based mobile anti poaching/ security team to ensure that the greater area around us also comes under better protection. Sosian has no fences to restrict the movement of wildlife so this is imperative to ensure the long term future of the animals which roam across Laikipia.



A collared lioness from the Sosian pride having data collected prior to being woken up.

Sosian Community Education Project

Sosian supports Kinamba School with 350 pupils, by raising money and implementing repairs, building work and improvement in the classroom.

Primary school education is now free under the government in Kenya, but this is not the whole picture. While school fees and teacher salaries are paid, the numerous extras such as books, stationary, desks, sports equipment and even basic sanitation are not covered.

Sosian also has a scholarship project, funding the children who are showing exceptional performance.

School visits may be arranged and the staff and pupils are delighted to meet guests from Sosian. Anyone wishing to contribute to the school may send donations to Sosian to a special account set up to support the school and ensure donations are well spent. Please email sean@sosian.com if you would like any further information.



Sosian Health Project

Sosian provides a clinic in the local village with a nurse. Another project which we support is CHAT which provides women with contraception in all areas of Kenya. Sosian's shop profits as well as donations go towards this. For more information how to support these projects please email sean@sosian.com



Community Grazing and Livestock Support

Sosian has a number of pastoral neighbours on our boundaries whom we lease subsidised grazing and water to in times of drought when their own grazing is exhausted, under carefully planned grazing schemes. We also buy and fatten community cattle, which are then sold to local butcheries. By being able to fatten the animals we are able to fetch better prices than the communities can and therefore are able to pay higher prices to the owners who would otherwise lose out. In 2015 alone we have bought over 4 million shillings worth of cattle, which goes directly back into the community. Sosian is also a founder shareholder of the Laikipia Beef Company formed in 2015 which intends to increase this community buying scheme and build a slaughterhouse on site which will be able buy and sell livestock on a much larger scale and rehabilitate large areas of overgrazed community lands.