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AWF is an invaluable partner in advancing Africa's biodiversity agenda in global negotiations. Their crucial support allowed us to more powerfully and inclusively represent the continent's interests during the formation of the Global Biodiversity Framework.

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*Chair of the African Group of Negotiators
for the Convention on Biological Diversity*

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AWF's support of leaders engaged in business, managing land, conserving wildlife, countering wildlife trafficking, and enacting policy spans the continent and beyond. Our country and landscape programs focus on specific countries and transboundary areas, emphasizing conservation solutions created in partnership with local people.

Meeting Global Targets

Many of our programs directly contribute to meeting Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) targets and specific Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). They are identified by number in this index.



The **Global Biodiversity Framework** is a set of recommendations and goals finalized in Montreal, Canada, in 2022 during the 15th meeting of the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15). It was signed by 196 countries and is guiding much of the world's global investments in conservation.

1. Plan and Manage all Areas to Reduce Biodiversity Loss

2. Restore 30% of all Degraded Ecosystems

3. Conserve 30% of Land, Waters and Seas

4. Halt Species Extinction, Protect Genetic Diversity, and Manage Human-Wildlife Conflicts

5. Ensure Sustainable, Safe and Legal Harvesting and Trade of Wild Species

6. Reduce the Introduction of Invasive Alien Species by 50% and Minimize Their Impact

7. Reduce Pollution to Levels That Are Not Harmful to Biodiversity

8. Minimize the Impacts of Climate Change on Biodiversity and Build

9. Manage Wild Species Sustainably to Benefit People

10. Enhance Biodiversity and Sustainability in Agriculture, Aquaculture, Fisheries, and Forestry

11. Restore and Enhance Nature's Contributions to People

12. Enhance Green Spaces and Urban Planning for Human Well-Being and Biodiversity

13. Increase the Sharing of Benefits from Genetic Resources, Digital Sequence Information and Traditional Knowledge
14. Integrate Biodiversity in Decision-Making at Every Level

15. Businesses Assess, Disclose and Reduce Biodiversity-Related Risks and Negative Impacts

16. Enable Sustainable Consumption Choices to Reduce Waste and Overconsumption

17. Strengthen Biosafety and Distribute the Benefits of Biotechnology

18. Reduce Harmful Incentives by at Least \$500 Billion per Year, and Scale Up Positive Incentives for Biodiversity

19. Mobilize \$200 Billion per Year for Biodiversity From all Sources, Including \$30 Billion Through International Finance

20. Strengthen Capacity-Building, Technology Transfer, and Scientific and Technical Cooperation for Biodiversity

21. Ensure That Knowledge Is Available and Accessible to Guide Biodiversity Action

22. Ensure Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice and Information Related to Biodiversity for all

23. Ensure Gender Equality and a Gender-Responsive Approach for Biodiversity Action



The **United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals**, or **SDGs**, are part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and illustrate the connections between environmental, social, and economic aspects of sustainable development.

1. No Poverty

2. Zero Hunger

3. Good Health and Well-Being

4. Quality Education

5. Gender Equality

6. Clean Water and Sanitation

7. Affordable and Clean Energy

8. Decent Work and Economic Growth

9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
10. Reduced Inequalities

11. Sustainable Cities and Communities

12. Responsible Consumption and Production

13. Climate Action

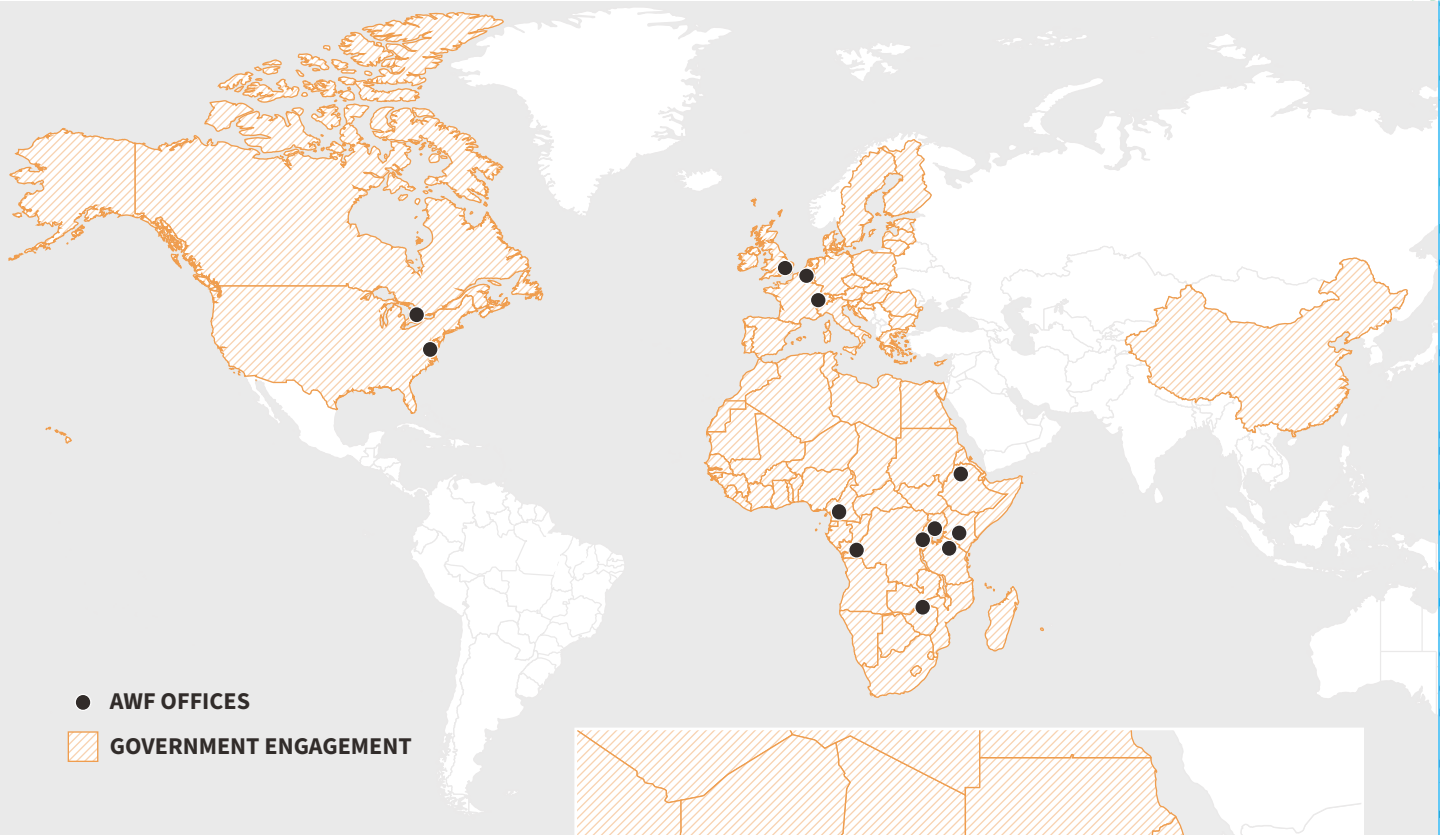
14. Life Below Water

15. Life on Land

16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

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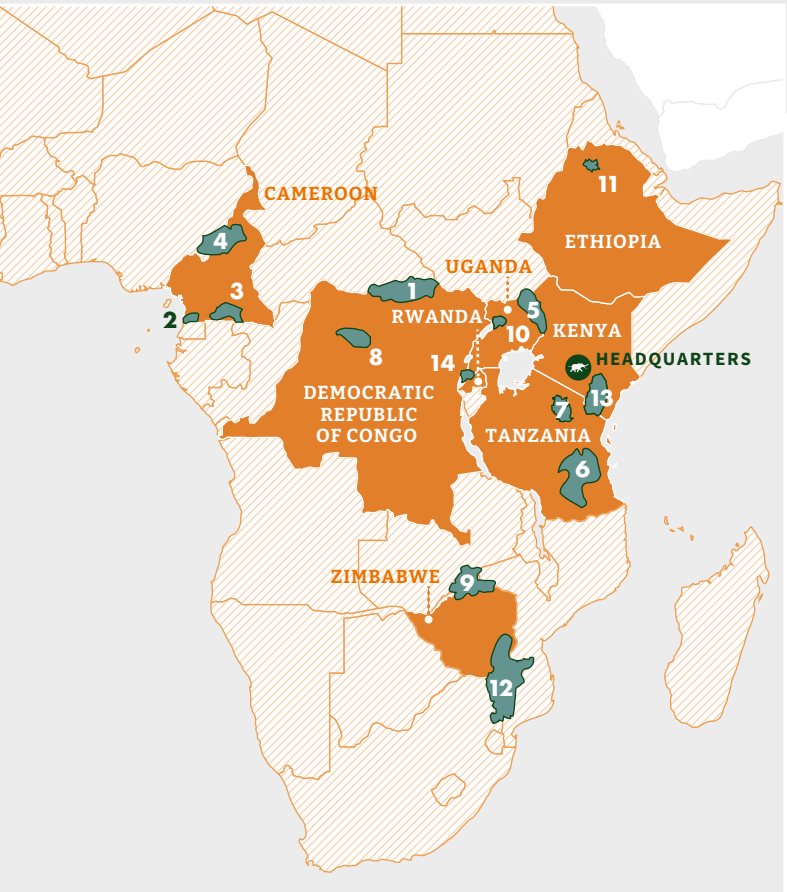
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Global & Pan-African Programs

BIODIVERSITY ECONOMIES

AWF helps local communities and governments unlock value and benefits from wildlife and habitat conservation. We support countries in the recovery of nature-based tourism and landscape restoration, diversification of sustainable livelihoods, private-sector engagement for building sustainable economies that include wildlife, and the national valuation of biodiversity as a sector contributing to GDP. In addition, we provide entrepreneurial and business development training for nature-based businesses and livelihoods across many of our landscape programs.

GBF:	1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20
SDG:	1, 7, 8, 10, 12, 15
Partners:	European Union, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, TUI Care Foundation, USAID, Danish Church Aid, African Leadership University School of Wildlife Conservation, Conservation Strategy Fund, Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife (Zimbabwe), Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (Sierra Leone), Inkomoko, IUCN, Boma, Okavango Capital, Village Enterprise, SACOLA

Climate Smart Agriculture

We support smallholder farmers to improve yields, access markets, and reduce post-harvest losses in ways that protect and restore forest, wetland and grassland systems as part of an integrated landscape approach that delivers for people and wildlife.

Locations:	Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe
Partners:	European Union, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Danish Church Aid, IUCN

Micro Enterprise Incubation

We support budding entrepreneurs with the skills they need to develop and invest in new business ideas that link sustainable resource management to economic development opportunities. This work is particularly impactful for remote rural communities, who are often hard to reach through traditional business incubation programs.

Locations:	Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Rwanda
Partners:	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Inkomoko, Boma, Village Enterprise, SACOLA

Investment Blueprints

As part of our signature landscape approach, we produce investment blueprints that shape opportunities for enterprise solutions to deliver on conservation and development outcomes. These blueprints help local leaders engage business partners and leverage private finance to deliver jobs and economic growth while protecting and restoring natural resources.

Locations:	Rwanda, Zimbabwe
Partners:	Rwanda Development Board, Musanze District, Inkomoko, SACOLA, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

Business Engagement

We partner with businesses committed to contributing to conservation outcomes. The business acumen helps us to innovate and scale ways of harnessing markets to sustain ecosystems and biodiversity, incentivize the protection and restoration of wildlife habitat, and reduce threats to biodiversity from human activities.

Locations:	Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe
Partners:	European Union, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Danish Church Aid, IUCN

COUNTER WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

Fighting illegal wildlife crime requires a multi-pronged approach that emphasizes developing capacity within wildlife authorities and other law enforcement entities. Our strategic set of services, interventions, advocacy, and policy efforts are designed to detect, deter, investigate, and prosecute wildlife crime. We also support countries in developing strong policies and legislation relating to wildlife crime. To better enforce those laws and policies, we offer an array of programs and interventions, including the Wildlife Investigation & Emerging Crimes program, the Wildlife Judicial and Prosecutorial Assistance Program, court monitoring, and training of detection and deterrence canine teams.

GBF:	4, 5, 9
SDG:	15, 16, 17
Partners:	CITES, US State Department, US Fish and Wildlife Service, World Bank Group

Detection and Tracker Dogs

We train canine teams to deter poaching and detect illegal wildlife trafficking at transportation hubs. Dogs and handlers from national wildlife authorities are both trained and AWF provides wellness oversight of the dogs once they are deployed by wildlife authorities.

Locations:	Botswana, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda
Partners:	GIZ, USAID, BIOFUND, Department of Wildlife and National Parks (Botswana), Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority, Kenya Wildlife Service, Ministry of Forests and Wildlife (Cameroon), National Administration for Conservation Areas (Mozambique), Peace Parks Foundation (Mozambique), Tanzania National Parks Authority, Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority, Uganda Wildlife Authority

Wildlife Investigation & Emerging Crimes Program

These trainings and programs range from 3-day training courses to year-long mentorship programs. They are targeted to police officers, prosecutors, customs officers, and investigators to help them identify, investigate, and gather evidence of illegal wildlife crime.

Locations:	Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda
Partners:	GIZ, USAID

Wildlife Judicial and Prosecutorial Assistance Program

These trainings and programs range from 3-day training courses to year-long mentorship programs. They are targeted to judges and prosecutors in the courts systems to help them build cases, interpret wildlife laws, and impose appropriate sentences.

Locations:	Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda
Partners:	GIZ, USAID

FELLOWSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

One way AWF invests in Africa's young people is through fellowships and training that provide skills and professional opportunities. AWF fellowship programs included the AWF-Wall Leadership & Management Fellows for developing leadership skills, the AWF-Wall Policy Fellows for gaining conservation policy expertise, Charlotte Fellows for graduate and post-graduate research, and the African Conservation Voices Producers Lab in partnership with NEWF, offering mentorship and training for mid-career filmmakers. We also invest in conservation journalism training for African journalists.

GBF:	20, 22, 23
SDG:	1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15

African Conservation Voices Producers Lab

This filmmaking mentorship program is designed to help mid-career African filmmakers make short conservation films. We currently support nine fellows creating short films about conservation issues relevant to landscapes where AWF works.

Partners:	National Geographic Society; Nature, Environment, and Wildlife Filmmakers (NEWF)
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Charlotte Fellows

The program focuses on offering support to qualified staff and students in Africa to attain post-graduate training at the Master's or PhD degree level. Two Charlotte fellows, one from Kenya and one from Uganda, are currently supported.

AWF-Wall Youth Leadership Fellowships

We offer two nine-month fellowships: the AWF-Wall Leadership & Management Fellows Program and the AWF-Wall Policy Fellows Program, supported by the Wall Family Foundation. Each enrolls 15 fellows, building their leadership skills through training, networking, and hands-on professional experience.

Partners:	United Nations Environment Program, WWF
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GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

AWF partners with civil society, youth networks, protected area officials, and government to influence policy decisions, at local, national, regional, pan-African, and global levels. As part of this effort, we support networks such as the Africa Protected Area Directors, the African CSOs Biodiversity Alliance, and the Global Youth Biodiversity Network. We facilitate stakeholder engagement, secure endorsements from African institutions and leaders, and foster connections with international biodiversity agencies. Additionally, we support the convening of conferences, workshops, and meetings with stakeholders to drive dialogue and build consensus for action. The Wall fellowships are managed by this team, as are our strategies to reach new generations of changemakers through conservation education to primary school-age children.

GBF:	1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
SDG:	1, 4, 5, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
Partners:	French Biodiversity Agency, GIZ, IUCN, Stichting Nederlandse Vrijwilligers (SNV), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

Africa Protected Area Directors Network (APAD)

AWF established and is now secretariat of this network of representatives from national authorities overseeing 8,932 Protected and Conserved Areas (PCAs) across Africa.

Partners:	African Civil Society Biodiversity Alliance, African Development Bank Group Secretariat, Africa Protected Areas Congress, African Union Commission, Alliance of Indigenous People and Local Communities for Conservation in Africa, Campaign for Nature, High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, French Biodiversity Agency, German Federal Ministry for the Environment and Consumer Protection, IUCN, WWF Youth Committee, United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity Youth Committee
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Classroom Africa

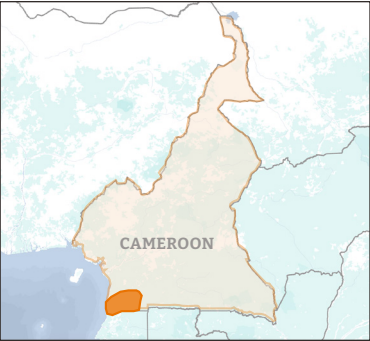
We are empowering new generations of African conservationists through after-school programs and wildlife clubs aimed at introducing conservation to primary and secondary school children.

Partners:	Classroom Africa School Partners: Adsigne Primary School (Ethiopia), Ilima Primary School (DRC), Kidepo Primary School (Uganda), Manyara Ranch Primary School (Tanzania)
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Country & Landscape-Level Programs

CAMEROON

AWF is partnering with Cameroon's Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife to develop principles and conditions for how local communities can be involved in the management of protected areas. We lead across the ministry's technical and financial partners, integrating insights gained by ourselves and other conservation organizations, including WCS and WWF, with the goal of having a new policy adopted by the government next year.



Campo Ma'an

In this landscape in southwestern Cameroon, AWF is improving park management and promoting ecotourism, strengthening anti-poaching measures, monitoring wildlife—including establishing community-based great ape monitoring—and improving community livelihoods through sustainable agriculture and the creation of markets for non-timber forest products. In addition, as part of our rights-based work, we have established a grievance and complaint management committee for local communities to voice concerns and participate in park management.

GBF:	1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
SDG:	1, 4, 5, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17
Partners:	Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife, Fondation pour l'Environnement et le Développement au Cameroun, GEF, KfW Development Bank, Ministry and Wildlife Common Fund Resources (Cameroon), People's Trust for Endangered Species, WWF-Cameroon



Dja

This landscape in south-central Cameroon is part of the Congo Basin rainforest. AWF is integrating conservation and community well-being through rights-based training, improvements in management of the Dja Faunal Reserve, anti-poaching support, and the development of livelihood opportunities tied to sustainable agriculture and non-timber forest products. Completion of a project with the Nancy-Carroll Draper Charitable Foundation included outreach to local communities to help them understand the reserve's boundaries and activities allowed within and around it. With greater security in the reserve, this year observations of wildlife increased significantly for chimpanzees, elephants, and gorillas. Food security for a local village previously dependent on bushmeat increased with the introduction of a fishpond and fish farming.

GBF:	1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
Partners:	European Union, Nancy-Carroll Draper Charitable Foundation, UNESCO, APIFED, Olam Food Ingredients, Telcar



Faro

Straddling Cameroon and Nigeria, the Faro landscape is part of a large protected area complex. AWF is extending activities begun during a five-year program supported by ECOFAC-6 to reduce poaching and strengthen management of Cameroon's Faro National Park. This includes implementing a community-led program called TANGO to promote understanding and reduce conflict between local residents and seasonal livestock herders. We also support enterprise development and sustainable livelihood opportunities, including establishing an agricultural center and training Indigenous Mbororo community members to run the center's plant nursery. This year crop processing equipment was donated to women of the Mbororo community, and we increased access to clean water by adding water sources at a school, police station, community center, and the yard of the local community leader's home (a frequent community gathering spot).

GBF:	1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
SDG:	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
Partners:	Conserve Global, European Union, Noe

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC)

AWF is the longest-running boots-on-the-ground conservation organization in the country. Our work is tied to national priorities under the DRC REDD+ National Fund (FONAREDD) and designed to contribute to global climate and biodiversity targets.



Bili-Uélé

Our work in this extremely remote landscape in northern DRC is focused on supporting the security of local communities through rights-based training and interventions; decreasing tension between subsistence farmers, local authorities, and pastoralist herders with the community-led TANGO program; reducing poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking around the Bili Uéré Protected Area through support to the Congolese wildlife authority; and investing in protected area and community infrastructure.

GBF:	1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
SDG:	5, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17
Partners:	European Union, Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature, Parc AgroIndustriel Dingila, EcoTransferts, Juristes pour l'Environnement au Congo, Centre de Surveillance de la Biodiversité de l'Université de Kisangani



Maringa-Lopori-Wamba

This landscape in northwestern DRC is part of the Congo Basin rainforest. This year, we finished renovations of an elementary school first built as part of a forest management conservation covenant. Rights-based sensitization with local communities and rights-based trainings with authorities continue, and there is now a complaint mechanism for communities living near the Lomako Protected Area. In addition, we continue investments in sustainable livelihoods and support small enterprises with an emphasis on empowering women. We also encourage sustainable agriculture practices to reduce deforestation. Our partnership with wildlife authorities continues with wildlife monitoring and counter wildlife trafficking activities in the Lomako Protected Area and the Iyondji Community Bonobo Reserve.

GBF:	1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
SDG:	1, 3, 4, 5, 15, 17
Partners:	ARCUS Foundation, Centre pour la Protection de l'Environnement et le Développement, Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature

ETHIOPIA

At the national level, we are collaborating with the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority on a comprehensive conservation plan for the vulnerable Walia ibex. In addition, we provide support for the Authority's national planning and reporting platforms and serve as the secretariat for the Federal Regional Park Advisory Committee. Our engagement extends to offering strategic guidance as part of the National Steering Committee and the State Think Tank group.



Simien Mountains

Due to civil unrest our field office in northern Ethiopia was closed from August 2023 – March 2024. Work, however, continues. We are improving conditions at the local elementary school, including adding smokeless cooking stoves as part of a school meal program, and providing better access to clean water for the school and people living nearby. When wildlife monitoring revealed concerning population trends for Walia ibex, we began a community outreach program on the importance of not killing Walia ibex. We also provided vaccinations to local livestock to reduce spread of a disease deadly to the species. Other community engagement includes forest restoration efforts and land rehabilitation projects to reverse erosion and land degradation. The landscape was also host to the launch of rights-based training or AWF landscape directors with PeaceNexus.

GBF:	1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
SDG:	1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17
Partners:	IFAW, KfW Development Bank, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Country & Landscape-Level Programs

KENYA

At the national level we consult on economic development strategies impacting wildlife corridors and ecosystem services, including serving on the technical team developing Kenya's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans, where we successfully advocated to include national governmental targets for increasing human-wildlife coexistence as well as rangeland restoration. This year marked the adoption of Kenya's five-year Species Recovery and Action Plan for Giraffes, which AWF collaborated on as technical advisors. Currently, we participate on Kenya's National Rhino Management Committee.



Tsavo-Mkomazi

The Tsavo-Mkomazi landscape straddles the boundary between Kenya (Tsavo) and Tanzania (Mkomazi). It is one of the world's largest protected areas. Tsavo is home to over a third of Kenya's elephants and nearly a fifth of its black rhinos. We are partnering with communities to identify strategies for increasing human-wildlife coexistence, with water scarcity identified as a major stressor. To address this, we are increasing access to fresh water for households, livestock, and wildlife. This includes supporting better water resource management of water catchments and riparian areas (e.g. Bura River and Lumi Rivers), an important source of water for Taita Sanctuary and Lake Jipe respectively. We also support forest conservation and provide irrigation to support high-value crops grown by a community cooperative.

GBF:	1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
SDG:	1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17
Partners:	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Elephant Cooperation, TUI Care Foundation, GIZ, UK Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions, Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry, County Government of Taita Taveta, Cottar Group, Diwadane Farmers Cooperative, Indigenous Livelihood Enhancement Partners, IFAW, Land Development and Governance Institute, Nature's Path, Taita Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, Taita Taveta Wildlife Conservancies, US Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Water Resource Authority, Downforce Technologies

RWANDA

We are partnering with the government of Rwanda on a comprehensive conservation and development master plan for Volcanoes National Park and surrounding communities (the Virungas landscape). The plan is being reviewed by stakeholders prior to finalization next year, as we move forward on implementing our "proof of concept" pilot project in the landscape.



Virungas

As part of our pilot project to improve people's lives and increase habitat for wildlife in Volcanoes National Park, a community land valuation and compensation plan was approved by the Musanze District Council (community leaders of the town closest to the park). The process included intense socialization of the plan with local communities, applying best practices of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent. We are contributing to economic growth strategies identified in the master plan through a program encouraging the formation of nature-based community businesses. We are also mobilizing resources for climate-resilient agriculture projects, including one focusing on empowering women. Finally, we are supporting the government in developing terms of reference for smart green villages to improve the standard of living for people affected by the park's expansion.

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SDG:	1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17
Partners:	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation Heritage Turambe, Ecoplanet Bamboo, Eco Excellency, Holland Greentech, Inkomoko, Mass Design Group, Rwanda Development Board, SABYINYO Community Association, University of Rwanda, Vanguard Economics

TANZANIA

We presented to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism on benefit sharing for open wildlife ranches, based in part on the success of our work with Manyara Ranch. This opens a new conservation model to Tanzania and a pathway for the Manyara model to be replicated elsewhere in the country. In addition, we are contributing to the National Black Rhino Action Plan and guidelines for securing wildlife corridors, dispersal areas, buffer zones and migratory routes.



Kilombero Valley

The Kilombero Valley in southern Tanzania, part of the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor, produces over half of the country's food but faces significant ecological challenges due to climate change and unsustainable land use. Since 2014, we have been collaborating with local communities and commercial farmers on land-use planning, human-wildlife conflict prevention, and adopting sustainable farming practices. This includes improving access to financial institutions and helping families diversify their incomes, both to increase earnings and reduce pressure on land and water resources. Recent watershed restoration work includes participation in a coalition of institutions focused on improving ecosystem connectivity. Additionally we are engaging local district councils to develop a nature-based solutions strategy and network to link stakeholders and conservation efforts.

GBF:	1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
SDG:	1, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17

Partners: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Government of Tanzania, IUCN, Stichting Nederlandse Vrijwilligers (SNV), Rufiji Basin Water Board, Kilombero Sugar Company, Kilombero Community Charitable Trust, College of African Wildlife Management (Mweka), Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute, National Land Use Planning Commission, Tanzania Forest Services Agency, Tanzania Wildlife Authority, Kilombero Organization for Community Development, ILUMA Wildlife Management Area, Associazione Mazingira, Mazingira ni Uhai Foundation, Tanzania Electrical Supply Company, Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency, Mbingu Sisters Spiritual Centre, Pasiansi Wildlife Training Institute, District Councils of Kilombero and Kilosa, Reforest Africa, Southern Tanzania Elephant Program



Maasai Steppe

This landscape in northeastern Tanzania spans over 40,000 square kilometers and includes Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks. Since 2014, we've aided local communities and the Tanzanian government in securing an important corridor between the parks. AWF's efforts have turned Manyara Ranch into a successful livestock operation and a thriving habitat for elephants, leopards, aardvarks, and elands, providing a crucial corridor for wildebeest migration and the largest giraffe nursery in the region. This year marks a major milestone for the ranch, when the local Manyara Ranch Management Trust took over day-to-day management from AWF and secured ecotourism development investment as part of a long-term sustainability strategy for the ranch.

GBF:	1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
SDG:	1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17

Partners: USAID, RTI International, Manyara Ranch Management Trust, Monduli District Council, Tanzania National Parks, Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority



Tsavo-Mkomazi

The Tsavo-Mkomazi landscape straddles the boundary between Kenya (Tsavo) and Tanzania (Mkomazi). In Mkomazi, thanks to an AWF-financed borehole, rhinos and rangers now have access to fresh water in the Mkomazi Rhino Sanctuary. Previously rhinos and rangers were dependent on park management trucking in water twice a week. Our teams continue counter wildlife trafficking efforts, including court monitoring, supporting witness attendance at court proceedings, and sensitizing people to wildlife laws. Other activities include detecting trafficked wildlife and deterring poaching.

GBF:	1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
SDG:	1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17

Partners: GIZ, Judiciary of Tanzania, Tanzania National Parks, Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority

Country & Landscape-Level Programs

UGANDA

With a new AWF country director in place, we have refreshed AWF’s country strategy to refine areas of prioritization through 2031, with an emphasis on demonstrating the value of wildlife as a key asset for national sustainable development and encouraging strategies for human-wildlife coexistence. Counter wildlife trafficking work in the country includes canine units with wildlife authorities at the main national airport, Entebbe Airport, and in Karuma, part of the Murchison Falls landscape. The Karuma Bridge is highly strategic due to its connectivity with northern Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and South Sudan. As a major transit hub, Karuma links critical trade routes between Uganda and these neighboring regions, making it an important point for both legal and illegal cross-border activities.



Kidepo

Located in northern Uganda and crossing into Kenya and South Sudan, the Kidepo landscape has more than 30 protected and conserved areas. In partnership with the Uganda Wildlife Authority, we are helping to establish the Kidepo Landscape Conservation Stakeholders Forum with community leaders, government and district officials, civil society organizations, and others. The forum advocates for comprehensive, adaptive, and community-centric conservation solutions for the landscape. This includes partnering with community members to rehabilitate water sources and improve water resource management to benefit the overall resiliency of the ecosystem and reduce human-wildlife conflict. Other human-wildlife conflict mitigation efforts include working with local farmers and community scouts.

GBF:	1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
SDG:	1, 4, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17
Partners:	Regenerative Fund for Nature, Dynamic Agro-Pastoralist Development Organization, Fine Spinners Uganda, KKAKKA Community Wildlife Association, Uganda Wildlife Authority

Murchinson Falls

This landscape, located at the northern end of the Albertine Rift Valley, includes Uganda’s largest and oldest conservation area. Our work focuses on managing land sustainably, enhancing climate resilience, strengthening wildlife law enforcement, reducing human-wildlife conflict, and promoting conservation to youth. This year, as part of our species work to conserve giraffes and rhinos, we created space for dialogue between local communities and park authorities in managing community-based wildlife crime, limiting human-wildlife conflict, and understanding legal policies and penalties regarding wildlife crime. We are also helping rangers and community scouts better understand rhino behavior management in anticipation of a planned relocation of rhinos to Ajai Wildlife Reserve.

GBF:	1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
SDG:	1, 4, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17
Partners:	Uganda Wildlife Authority, WCS

ZIMBABWE

At the national level, AWF is working closely with the Zimbabwean government and other partners to unlock the potential of a biodiversity economy, with the launch of the Zimbabwe Biodiversity Economy Report this year and a presentation on green financing for the environment at the Zimbabwe Economic Development Conference in October. We provide counsel for various national legislation, policies, and action plans, including the Agriculture National Strategy Action Plan and the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. In addition, we lead the protection enforcement group for Zimbabwe’s National Elephant Strategy, offering expertise to improve wildlife management.



Mid-Zambezi Valley

The Mid-Zambezi Valley is a transboundary area straddling Zimbabwe and Zambia. We are working alongside communities to develop sustainable and participatory conservation solutions. This includes increasing people’s access to clean water, improving community health, and creating opportunities for food cultivation and beekeeping. We are also working with communities on fire management to protect wildlife habitat from wildfires and addressing human-wildlife conflict through investments in community wildlife scouts. This year, we continued to directly support Mana Pools National Park. Infrastructure investments for the park included building family bathing facilities for rangers, installing a solar water supply system, and renovating and installing a water purification system for a critical radio communications field station. We also provided rangers with field equipment to strengthen anti-poaching efforts and donated a boat to support transboundary river patrols.

GBF:	1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
SDG:	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17
Partners:	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Danish International Development Agency, Danish Church Aid, Bushlife Africa Trust, CITES MIKE, Farmers Association of Community Self Help Investment Group, Future of Hope Foundation, Government of Zimbabwe, ZimParks