

ACWF/CATCA in Kenya

Collaboration with the Kenya Wildlife Service

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Few days ago, ACWF/CATCA started collaborating with the renowned Kenya Wildlife Service, to tackle the illegal e-commerce of wildlife. I was there as a trainer showing how to research the internet trade in a formal way, looking for key words related to elephant ivory and other protected wildlife to detect the advertisements online, explaining how to assess each advertisement and to capture enough data that could eventually lead to confiscations of specimens and the prosecution of the sellers.

As ACWF, we will keep collaborating together for the African elephant conservation during the upcoming CITES CoP in Bangkok 2013.



Mr. Patrick Omondi, Senior Assistant Director and Head of Species and Conservation Management of the Kenya Wildlife Service, Solomon Kyalo of the CITES Management and Scientist Authority and other KWS Officials, just after one of our meetings in East Tsavo and Nairobi last week.

The KWS is a leader in elephant conservation in Africa, and Kenya is the head country of African Elephant Coalition, which is fighting to stop the senseless and brutal poaching of elephants for their ivory.



With Mr. Omondi at Nairobi Airport

The KWS was created to combat the intense elephant poaching in Kenya with a paramilitary army of courageous rangers, that every day risk their own lives to save elephants, rhinos and other endangered wildlife in Kenya.



With the Warden of Tsavo East Park and the pilot of a KWS Husky plane and In Tsavo, after a demonstration of how the KWS use its planes and troops to track and stop the poachers.

Only this year, 15 brave rangers have died in confrontations with poachers in this country.

The KWS also work with their local communities, providing education and helping the people around the national parks, for them to understand the importance of co-existing and protecting wildlife.



Elephants in Tsavo West, Kenya

It was a real honour for our Teams and for me to collaborate with the KWS in these issues.

For more information about the KWS, please read our article:
Kenya Wildlife Service Interview 2010 here: <http://www.catcahelpanimals.org/24.html>

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