

Uniform - \$200 Cost per ranger. Includes shirt, pants, boots, and other apparel. *Training - \$4,330* Cost for training per year for one anti-poaching Unit. Salary - \$400 **Gross Monthly Salary** Ranger Equipment - \$2,865 Cost per ranger. Includes camping gear, binoculars, tracking equipment, and other tools. BREAKDOWN OF RANGER COSTS Rangers are the frontline defenders of Africa's wildlife, from iconic lions to lesser known pangolins. They are skilled, committed, and deeply rooted in the landscapes they protect. When you support a ranger, you're not just funding a job; you're investing in safety for wildlife, stability for communities, and the future of wild places. From tracking lions across vast terrain to responding to threats in real time, rangers are essential to every conservation success story. Your support helps keep them equipped, trained, and in the field—where they're needed most. Visit <u>lionrecoveryfund.org</u> to donate today.

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THE LRF HAS INVESTED IN 64% OF LION RANGE





26 COUNTRIES



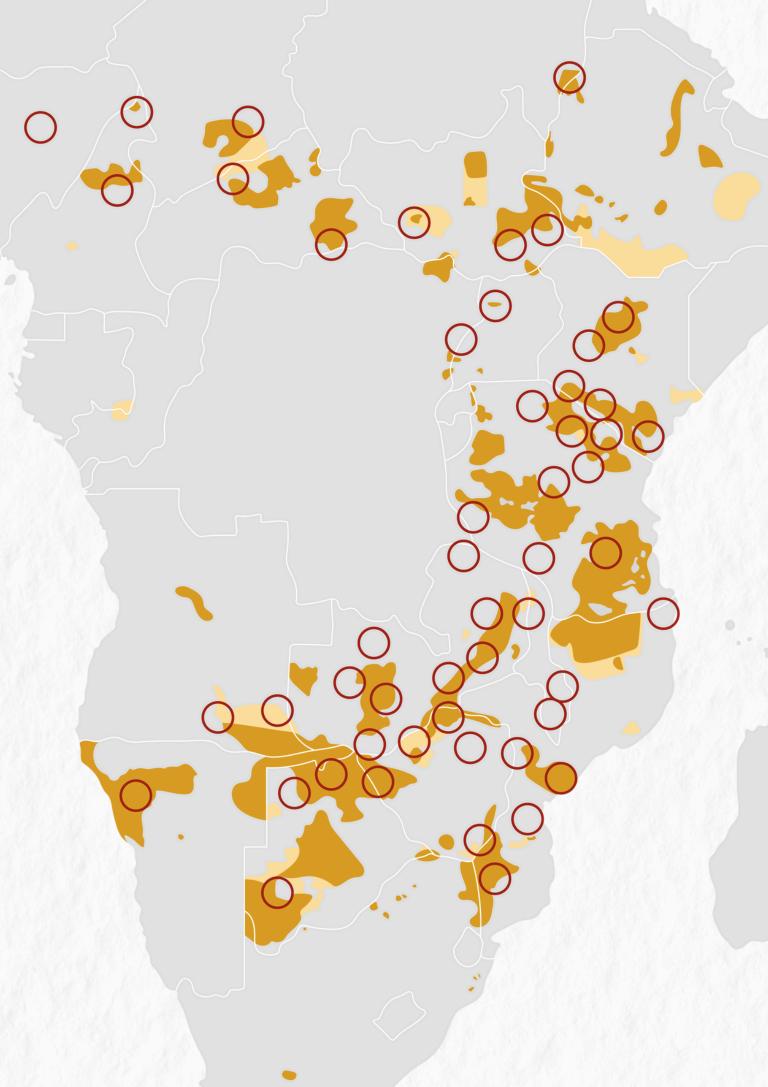
PROJECTS

Projects represent the number of grants issued.











Protecting Lions Beyond National Parks Southern Tanzania Elephant Project Tanzania

Tanzania, home to around half the world's remaining lions, depends on a network of community conservation areas to protect these populations beyond national park boundaries. The Southern Tanzania Elephant Project's work in the strategically important Mbomipa Wildlife Management Area—adjacent to Ruaha National Park—provides essential protection for lions and their prey. When funding shortfalls threatened to shut down

village game scout operations, the LRF stepped in with emergency support, ensuring continued protection against poaching pressure in an area vital to Tanzania's lion populations.

Reducing Lion Poaching and Habitat Loss Associação NATURA Moçambique Mozambique

Over the past three decades, Central Mozambique has emerged as a vital refuge for Africa's lions. Populations in Gorongosa National Park were fewer than 10 in the 1990s and are now around 180. Populations that were once declared locally extinct in the Zambezi Delta, until a reintroduction in 2018, are now thriving, and lions in surrounding conservation areas show promising growth potential. Yet serious poaching pressures remain. Lions are increasingly targeted or inadvertently caught in gin traps (similar to bear traps) set for bushmeat. With support from the LRF, NATURA is strengthening management across key areas, establishing a permanent operations center in the Macossa Ecosystem to anchor ranger training, coordination, and establish regular patrols.

LION RECOVERY FUND GRANTEES REMOVED 84,864 SNARES.

THEY DIRECTLY SAVED 94 LIONS FROM SNARES.





Protecting the Rare Northern Lion Subspecies Uganda Conservation Foundation Uganda

Uganda's Kidepo Valley National Park, once home to at least 70 lions between 2018 and 2020, now holds fewer than 20, according to some estimates. Targeted poaching for lion body parts has caused this sharp decline, threatening the Endangered northern lion subspecies that are found there. These lions are especially important because they help connect populations across Uganda, Kenya, and South Sudan. With recent support from the Lion Recovery Fund, the Uganda Conservation Foundation is monitoring remaining lions and providing realtime intelligence to Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA). The funding also strengthens UWA and local conservancies to enhance lion protection and support broader regional conservation efforts.

3,256 PEOPLE EMPLOYED WITH LRF FUNDING

Recovering Lions Through Habitat Restoration and Coexistence Gonarezhou Conservation Trust Zimbabwe

Collaborative conservation efforts drove a significant lion recovery in Gonarezhou National Park between 2009 and 2019. However, 2021 surveys revealed a troubling reversal, with particularly low lion population numbers in the park's southern regions. Targeted poaching for lion body parts appeared to drive this decline, threatening years of conservation progress. The LRF is supporting

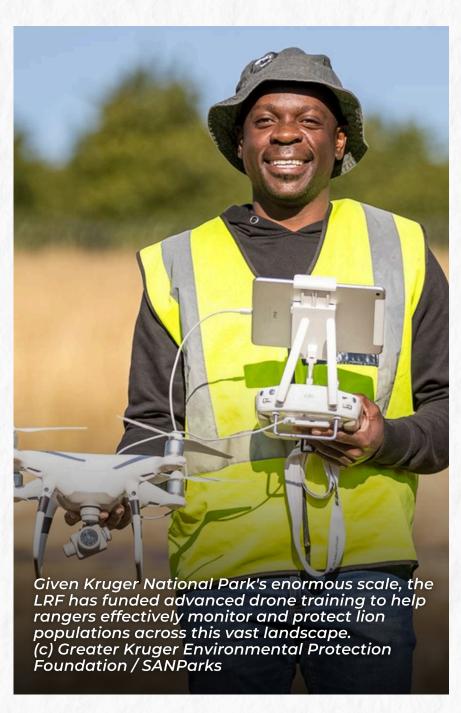
Gonarezhou Conservation Trust in implementing intensive monitoring of lion prides throughout the park, providing critical intelligence to direct law enforcement efforts. These protection measures are already showing promise, with early signs of population recovery emerging.

Strengthening Protection and Law Enforcement in a Lion Stronghold Greater Kruger Environmental Protection Foundation South Africa

Kruger National Park stands as one of Africa's key lion strongholds, yet its resident lion population confronts mounting threats, especially in the northern region.

Lions in Kruger face a triple threat from poaching. Wild herbivores are targeted by poachers for bushmeat (reducing lion prey species), and the snares they use also catch lions incidentally. Additionally, there is a growing threat of targeted poaching of lions themselves for their body parts for local and international trade. The population of lions in the north of Kruger has taken a significant hit from these threats, and it is a concern that a protected area and lion population stronghold is under such pressure. The LRF is supporting the Greater Kruger Environmental Protection Foundation, which works closely with South African National Parks, to enhance law enforcement and regional efforts to address these specific threats and safeguard this cornerstone lion population.





BUILDING COLLABORATION FOR COEXISTENCE

The Lion Recovery Fund's approach extends beyond individual grants because effective lion conservation demands that no single organization work alone. With lions found across 21 countries, efforts to secure their future require unprecedented collaboration. Recognizing this, the LRF—supported by The Walt Disney Company—convened the second Lion Footprint Forum (LFF), a weeklong gathering of the world's leading lion experts, in Zimbabwe this June. Building on the success of the inaugural forum, which identified critical gaps in lion conservation, the second LFF gathered conservationists to tackle one of the most urgent challenges: how people and lions can coexist successfully in the same landscapes.

Held under the theme "People and Lions: Reducing the Cost and Unlocking the Value of Coexistence," the LFF prioritized relationship-building and peer learning. This approach broadened participants' understanding of conservation efforts across regions. When strategies remain disconnected, breakthrough solutions in one region fail to benefit others facing similar problems. Field researchers, community leaders, and conservationists exchanged strategies, found solidarity, and established regional networks to sustain the momentum, turning shared challenges into shared solutions.



SINCE AUGUST 2024, THE LRF HAS SUPPORTED:

Adrian Garside (Consultant)

African Parks Network

African People & Wildlife

<u>African Wildlife Conservation Fund</u>

Agency for Conservation and Development

Associação NATURA Moçambique

<u>Association pour le Développement des Aires</u>

Protégées

CLAWS Conservancy

Conservation and Wildlife Fund

Conservation Lower Zambezi

Conservation South Luangwa

Conservation Travel Foundation

Defend

Endangered Wildlife Trust

Frankfurt Zoological Society - U.S.

Greater Kruger Environmental Protection Foundation

Honeyguide Foundation

IUCN SSC Cat Specialist Group

Kalahari Research & Conservation

Kenya Wildlife Trust

KopeLion

Kwando Carnivores Trust

Lion Guardians Ltd

Lion Landscapes

Lipilichi Wilderness Investimento, Lda

Mozambique Wildlife Alliance

Musekese Conservation

Nelson Mandela University

Niassa Carnivore Project

PAMS Foundation

Panthera Corporation

SATIB Trust

South Rift Association of Landowners

Southern Tanzania Elephant

Sudd Conservation and Community Development

Tsavo Trust

Uganda Conservation Foundation

Victoria Falls Wildlife Anti-Poaching Unit

Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust

Volcanoes Safaris Partnership Trust

WASIMA

WildAid

Wildlife Conservation Action

Wildlife Conservation Society

Wildlife Crime Prevention

Zambeze Delta Conservation

Zoological Society of London



THE POWER OF COLLECTIVE ACTION

The equation is stark but simple: decreased funding leads to fewer rangers, less protection, and more losses to poaching. Your support tips the balance toward a better future for lions.

Because of donors like you, we quickly deployed emergency grants when federal funding cuts threatened ranger programs across Africa. This timely support kept experienced rangers in the field and equipped them with advanced monitoring technology, preventing budget shortfalls from leaving lions defenseless.

The challenges continue to evolve, but so does our response. With your support, we're building a resilient, long-term network of protection that spans Africa's most critical lion landscapes and safeguards their future.

Your continued partnership ensures that when poaching pressure intensifies, when federal funding disappears, when lions need defenders most—the rangers will be there.





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