



BIG CAT GUARDIANS FINANCIAL APPEAL!

The project will be headed by Dr. Leela Hazzah as Director. 4 Lion Guardians will be educated headed by one coordinator. To pay the salaries of the Lion Guardians we look for lion - godparents. Towards a successful realization of the Big Cat Guardians Project in principle, we call for public funds and donations.

The salary of one lion guardian is 126 USD/97 EUR per month. This means an amount of 1512 USD/1164 EUR per year.

You can help to save the endangered lion population of Tanzania! Become a godparent of one of our 4 Lion Guardians and ensure the salary of one Lion Guardian!

Make a difference! By supporting us through a Lion – Godparenthood you ensure the salary of a lion guardian!
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The decline of the lion population is a serious problem in Africa. According to IUCN (Internationally union for Conservation) a decline from up to 50% was registered over the last 20 years. The habitat of the lions has reduced due to herds of cattle and farming whereby - despite having different national parks - there is not enough space for the existence of a healthy population. Particularly during the dry season with food shortage the lions must extend their search for food to areas beyond the national parks. There they find easy prey in the cattle of the Maasai. As their way of living the Maasai practice cattle breeding and they graze their animals on different pastures during the day and lock them up in self-built enclosures, so-called Bomas, at night. There they become the victim of lions falling upon the bomas. Once this act occurs the lions are killed as revenge by the Maasai. Also trophy hunting and poaching of the lions contributes to the decrease in the lion population. Out of its 2,000 lions Kenya is losing 100 every year. If we won't stop this within 10 years Kenya won't have any lions at all, the situation is similar in Tanzania. To prevent this consequential decline of the lion population, the Shumata Educational Project is looking for solutions to allow a coexistence between human, cattle and predators in the unprotected areas beyond the national parks.

Project targets and realization

By providing logistic and material needs to our partners the Momella Foundation aims to ensure the longterm conversation of lion population in the Sinya-Steppe. During this project we work together with the Lion Guardians program in Kenya under the guidance of Dr. Leela Hazzah. This exemplary project has made it its target to investigate the behavior, the living space and the social structures of the lions in national parks of Kenya to be able to create better conditions for the lions in the future. Annual bilances mark their impressive success. In 2011 no lion was killed compared to areas without lion guardians where 10 lions lost their lives. 32 huntings were stopped by the guardians. The routes of 96 lions were recorded via GPS and Telemetry. The first time in history of lion monitoring all of the lionesses were in company of their cubs. We want to tie on this successfully proven employment of Lion Guardians in Kenya in order to get a country crossing net of information and supervision by educating new Lion Guardians on the Tanzanian side. We will support Dr. Leela Hazzah as Director of the Lion Guardians and Ingela Skarp as the biologist of the project. Starting from our Shumata Camp we will provide the whole infrastructure which is needed for a successful implementation of our efforts.



The Big Cat Guardians Project protects the lions, while it puts their natural enemy, the Maasai warrior, into a position of being their protectors. As Lion Guardians the Maasai have an additional way of living besides the cattle breeding and - in addition - develop a new consciousness for predators and nature in general. The duties of the Lion Guardians consist of the identification of the lions, the follow up of their movements, the help for their own people and to stop the hunting of lions by other Maasai. During the supervision the lions are tracked down regularly through their GPS and VHF collars. The range and the behavior of a single lion group can be taped and evaluated. This success of the Big Cat Guardians Project originates from the combination of ancient knowledge of the Massai about the animals and nature as well as the new technology of the organization for the supervision of each single lion.

