



# Quarterly Report

APRIL - JUNE 2025

The Grevy's Zebra Trust (GZT) is the only organization in the world dedicated exclusively to the conservation of the endangered Grevy's zebra. Understanding that the species' survival is deeply tied to its coexistence with the people of northern Kenya, we place these communities at the heart of our conservation efforts, partnering with them to safeguard the Grevy's zebra. In every initiative, GZT prioritizes using data and information (from both indigenous knowledge and science) to guide our decisions and achieve positive conservation outcomes. Our strategic goals are:

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## **Valuing Grevy's Zebra**

Ownership of Grevy's zebra conservation is embedded within indigenous and local communities.

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## **Understanding Grevy's Zebra**

Action is informed by accurate information on Grevy's zebra populations.

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## **Supporting Grevy's Survival**

Immediate threats to Grevy's zebra are mitigated.

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## **Regenerating rangelands**

Healthy rangelands support people, livestock and wildlife.

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## **Connecting landscapes**

Community and Grevy's zebra needs are integrated into land use planning.

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## At a Glance

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- 17,478 km walked during foot patrols by Grevy's Zebra Ambassadors, Scouts, and Warriors.
- 32.5% proportion of Grevy's zebra foals and juveniles in the populations monitored, indicating population growth potential.
- 35,946 hectares under regenerative grazing with 4,341 cattle.
- 774 semi-circular bunds construction in Wamba and 97 in Laisamis.
- 110 kilograms of grass seed planted across restoration sites.
- 485 cows introduced to Grassland Champions restored sites in the Wamba region to utilize pasture.
- 2,362 dignity packs (reusable sanitary pads) produced and 2,150 distributed to school girls and community women.
- Over 120 participants from over 20 countries attended the International Wild Equid Conference (IWEC).

## Valuing Grevy's Zebra

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### Nkirreten

The Nkirreten team, made up of 12 women, continues to efficiently produce dignity packs. Each pack contains four reusable sanitary pads and comes in zebra-striped packaging. These products support menstrual hygiene and women's empowerment, but also creates a space for conversations about the importance of conservation. This quarter, the Nkirreten team produced 2,362 dignity packs and distributed 2,150 to school girls and community women.



A few of the Nkirreten team with bags of finished dignity packs ready for distribution.

On Menstrual Hygiene Day, the Nkirreten team joined Wamba Mixed Secondary School to celebrate. They distributed 310 dignity packs and shared conservation messages with the students. The school's principal, Mr. Michael Omondi, expressed heartfelt gratitude:

"Thank you for choosing Wamba Mixed Day to celebrate World Menstrual Hygiene Day. Our hearts are full of joy for the concern you have shown towards the girl child. I'm so grateful on behalf of the parents and students. This new partnership will really be of great help to our girls. Feel most welcome to visit us again. Blessings and live long Grevy's Zebra Trust."



The students at Wamba Mixed Secondary School on World Menstrual Hygiene Day.

Sintiwan Lekilia, one of our Nkirreten women, inspired by her experience using the sewing machine, has recently enrolled in a driving course in Archer's Post. She shared,

"Having been able to use the wheel of a sewing machine and help restore the dignity of women and girls through the production of reusable sanitary pads, I can also try driving. And once I succeed, I can also try something else."

Sintiwan's journey is a powerful reminder that when women are supported, they begin to see new possibilities for themselves far beyond their starting point.



Sintiwan on a practice drive.

Two loop gatherings were also held in this quarter, reaching 132 women from Lturuya and Sasaab villages in Westgate Community Conservancy. These women-only community meetings focus on menstrual health, human-wildlife conflict, and the role of women in conservation. In one loop, the weather was especially chilly, but the women stayed engaged, warming their hands with tea and biscuits as they exchanged stories and ideas.

“During one of our loip meetings at Sasaab village in Westgate Conservancy, the spirit of community and solidarity truly came to life. The women collectively contributed 8,000 Kenya Shillings to support the secondary school education of a girl whose mother, in attendance, had been deeply distressed about her daughter’s inability to attend school due to financial constraints. The young girl, who had taken the initiative to volunteer by preparing tea for the meeting, was also gifted an additional 1,000 Kenya shillings in appreciation of her efforts and to encourage her positive attitude. The women felt a strong sense of fulfilment and joy, seeing how their collective support could bring hope and change. It was a moment where the positive spirit of loip was not just talked about but was truly felt and lived.”

- Damaris Lekilua, Gender and Youth Coordinator, GZT

The Nkirreten team also held their quarterly meeting, where they reviewed production progress, with a strong focus on both the quantity and quality of the reusable pads. The women made impressive progress toward their production target of 2,500 units, and most demonstrated a clear understanding of quality standards, including correct sizing, shape, and fine finishing. The team also discussed distribution efforts and ways to deepen community engagement beyond the regular loip meetings. Women suggested new outreach strategies, such as individually mentoring neighbours on hygiene and conservation.



Women gathering at one of the Loip meetings



The Nkirreten women during their quarterly meeting.

Another key topic was women’s livelihoods. The discussion centered on how participation in the Nkirreten project has improved their overall well-being compared to before they joined, and how to continue building on these benefits. A new savings initiative was launched, where each woman contributes KES 1,000 monthly. This shared fund allows members to borrow during emergencies and repay with interest, supporting both financial stability and community resilience.

## **Grevy’s Zebra Scholarship Students**

GZT has continued to support two scholarship students this year. Grace Lerus is in secondary school. She continues her secondary education and is preparing to go on an academic trip following her midterm exams, an opportunity that will further enrich her learning experience.

Isaac Lenanyie is the second student we are supporting and he is pursuing a diploma in Wildlife Management at the Wildlife Training and Research Institute (WRTI). He has embraced his studies with enthusiasm, especially when it comes to sharing knowledge about Grevy's zebra. He has taken a particular interest in teaching fellow students about the animal's unique features, as well as the conservation challenges they face in northern Kenya. Isaac's time at WRTI has deepened his passion for conservation and strengthened his commitment to engaging both his peers and his community in wildlife protection efforts.



Isaac Lenanyie at WRTI.

## School Outreach

Our teams regularly visit schools to share information about Grevy's zebra, helping to deepen students' appreciation and understanding of the species. In addition, these school visits offer tangible support, like providing sanitary pads through the Nkirreten project so that girls can stay in school without interruption. Introducing young learners to the link between caring for wildlife and improving community wellbeing can shape their outlook for years to come.

At Natiti Primary School, Joel Loongo'nyo, our El Barta Regional Coordinator, and the Grevy's Zebra Ambassadors engaged 136 students in a session focused on Grevy's zebra conservation, peacebuilding, and rangeland management. With the support of the school's active environmental club, the students showed remarkable enthusiasm for the idea of championing restoration efforts within their school environment. What stood out most was the thoughtful way the children spoke about the impact of inter-ethnic conflict in their communities, a powerful reminder that even the youngest are affected by these challenges. Engaging students in this way not only fosters awareness in the classroom but also helps us reach young herders and future stewards of conservation and peace.



Joel Loongo'nyo at Natiti Primary School.

# Understanding Grevy's Zebra

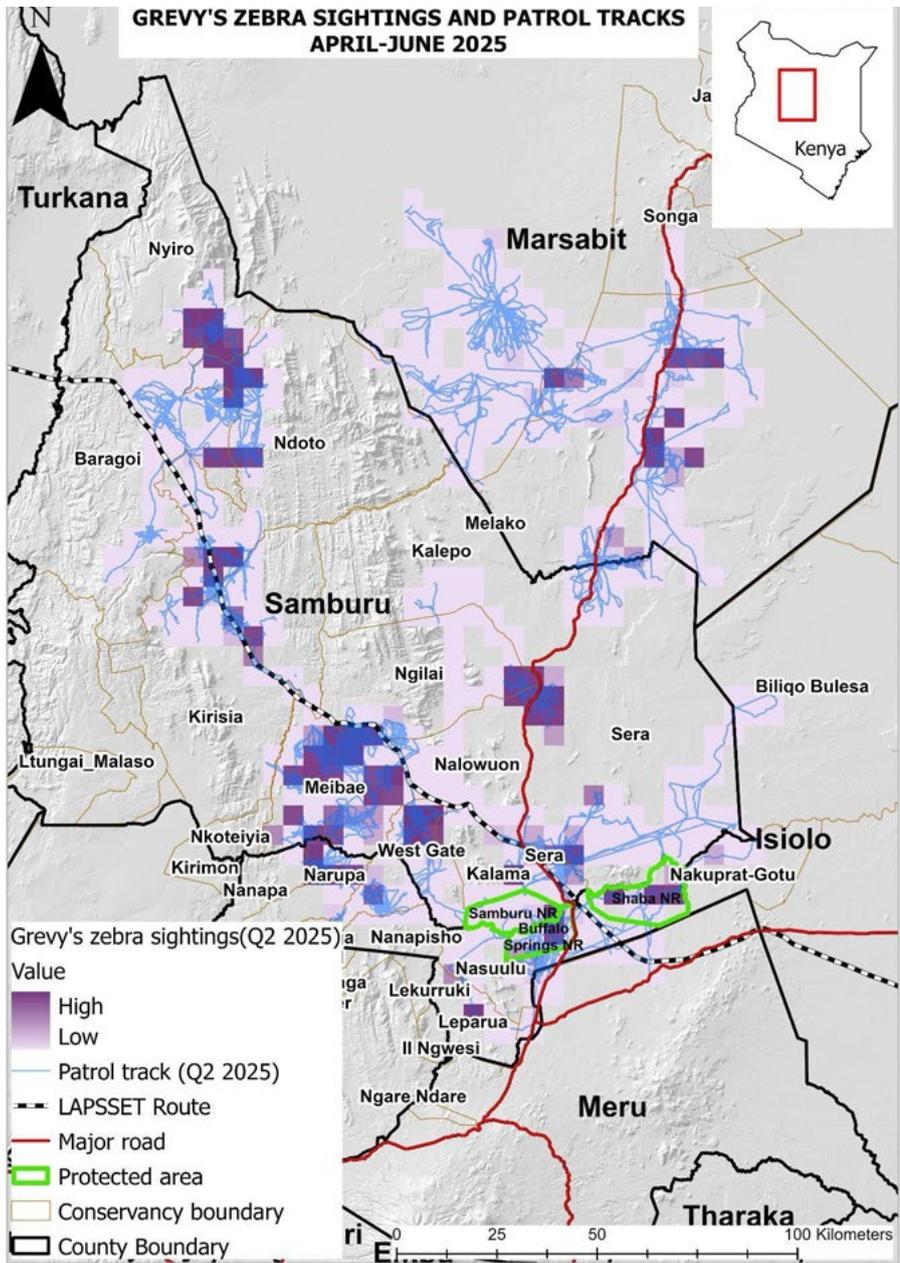
## Patrols

Our team continues to carry out consistent monitoring of Grevy's zebra populations across the landscape using the Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART), with Grevy's Zebra Ambassadors, Scouts, and Warriors collectively completing more than 1,270 foot patrols this quarter and walking over 17,000 kilometers. These efforts led to over 1,300 Grevy's zebra encounters and offered valuable insights into group dynamics, distribution, and demographics, including sex and foal-to-adult ratios. Observations continue to strengthen our understanding of trends in these populations. The data from these patrols help to inform both real-time decisions and long-term planning.

The number of kilometers patrolled by the field teams was significantly higher compared to the previous quarter, as well as over the same quarter last year. This reflects improved performance from the teams as well as improved equipment procurement and maintenance. Our key indicator of population health, the ratio of foals and juveniles to adults, continues to show strong performance across the entire area of operations. The current average of 32% is above the recommended 30% target. The El Barta population is especially significant at 42% foals and juveniles, suggesting a high birth rate and survival of foals as well as a high female to male ratio.

Metric	Grevy's Zebra Ambassadors	Grevy's Zebra Scouts	Grevy's Zebra Warriors
No. of team members	17	26	10
No. of foot patrols	454	593	225
No. kms walked	5,850	7,598	4,030
No. Grevy's zebra sightings	1,215	4,997	269
No. Grevy's zebra encounters	160	454	40
Average group size	5	7	5
Foal/juvenile adult ratio	42%	30%	37%
Sex ratio (M:F)	1:2.3	1:2.1	1:1.8

Our research team conducted rain gauge monitoring in Meibae, Kalama, and Westgate at the end of June. Regular maintenance is essential for checking battery voltage to avoid power reset, replacing batteries when necessary to avoid data loss, downloading data, and cleaning the rain collectors to avoid any interference with rain collection. The team observed that seven rain gauges were functioning properly, with no data loss. One rain gauge at Tuale was vandalized last quarter, and the



Grevy's Zebra Scouts, Ambassadors, Warriors, Isiolo Regional Coordinator, and Ecological Monitoring Officers' Grevy's zebra sightings and patrol tracks (Q2, 2025).

rain logger is currently not operational. Rainfall data showed an average of 23.65 mm and 4 mm of rain received so far in 2025 in Wamba and Laisamis regions respectively compared to 40.44 mm and 11.16 mm of rain received in the same period last year.

**Joint Patrols**

During this quarter, Joel Loongo'nyo and the Grevy's Zebra Ambassadors conducted six joint patrols with partners, involving 72 participants and covering a total of 407 kilometres across the landscape. The primary objective of these regular patrols is to enhance wildlife security in identified hotspot areas. Specifically, the teams aimed to monitor and assess the status of critical natural resources for wildlife survival, evaluate the level of human-wildlife coexistence within the landscape, and understand the distribution patterns of key wildlife species in the region. High concentrations of Grevy's zebra (92 individuals) were observed in Lmari and Mputaput areas, confirming their importance in providing critical habitat and security for Grevy's zebra. The regular presence of Ambassadors at Mputaput camp, along with ongoing joint patrols with Ngiro Conservancy scouts, has contributed to the increased numbers of Grevy's zebra in these areas due to improved security.



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The Grevy's Zebra Warriors, led by Laisamis Regional Coordinator Joshua Labarakwe, conducted a joint patrol with partners from the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), Melako Conservancy rangers, and the National Police Reserve. The patrol took place at the onset of the rains, when forage had begun to regenerate and most livestock remained in dry season grazing areas. During the patrol, the team recorded sightings of two territorial male Grevy's zebra, 15 non-lactating females, six foals, and six

lactating females. Other wildlife observed included reticulated giraffe, gerenuk, Somali ostrich, and Grant's gazelle.

Led by Isiolo Regional Coordinator Pascal Esekon, the Isiolo team successfully conducted a five-day joint patrol in collaboration with conservation partners, including Isiolo County Rangers, Nasuulu Community Conservancy Rangers, and Nakuprat-Gotu Community Conservancy Rangers. The patrol covered Shaba, Buffalo Springs National Reserve, Nasuulu, Nakuprat-Gotu, and Leparua Community Conservancies. Through these joint efforts, the team confirmed that Grevy's zebra body condition was stable, measured at 4.0 for territorial males and 3.5 for lactating females. They observed that while the Ewaso Nyiro River is declining in flow and dependent on upland rains, there remains sufficient forage in both Shaba Reserve and Nasuulu Conservancy, despite notable livestock encroachment in Shaba. The security support provided by partners enabled the team to access insecure areas for mapping and patrolling Grevy's zebra habitats. More than 50 Grevy's zebra were sighted in Shaba National Reserve and parts of Nakuprat-Gotu Community Conservancy, with the lowest sightings recorded in Buffalo Springs National Reserve.



One of our Grevy's Zebra Warriors, Fereiti Moga from Loglogo, on patrol in Laisamis. ©Joshua Labarakwe

# Supporting Grevy's Zebra Survival

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Livestock drinking at a water source in Laisamis.

## Water Management

In Laisamis, with the onset of the long dry season and the diminishing availability of water from pans and dams, Joshua Labarakwe convened a series of borehole meetings to help ensure that Grevy's zebra and other wildlife could continue to access water from boreholes. At Manyatta Lengima, a borehole meeting brought together members of the borehole committee and village elders, who expressed appreciation for the support they had received from GZT, including previous servicing of the borehole, provision of fuel, and the employment of casual workers to manage camera traps. The community encouraged the continuation of this partnership to help ensure the borehole remains a dependable water source for both livestock and wildlife. A meeting at Tirgamo focused on the condition of the borehole, and although it was found to need repairs, the group agreed to engage a technician for assessment and necessary maintenance. The importance of sound management practices was highlighted to ensure the borehole can continue serving both livestock and wildlife, especially during the dry season. Participants also emphasized that collaboration will be key to meeting water needs in the months ahead.

"I'm so glad to be here today. Here is the Naisicho River, swiftly flowing, with very clean water from the Nyiro mountains. It's the most critical water point in this region. Over the years, the Naisicho has been the only water source that can sustain the livestock and wildlife we have here, particularly the Grevy's zebra. We are very lucky this time of the year, because the vital resources are enough for us, and now we are approaching the short rains season. June through August, we will be experiencing some rains up here on the plains, whereby the lowland communities will be conferring at these particular areas. And this is the only water source that everyone will be focusing on."

- Joel Loongo'nyo, El Barta Regional Coordinator



The beautiful Naisicho River.

## Peace Building

The destructive fires that affected the El Barta region earlier this year largely came to an end in April with the onset of rains. Some of the burned areas, particularly those that received steady rainfall, have begun to recover well.

At the beginning of the quarter, rivalry and hostility between the neighboring Turkana and Samburu communities, historically linked to cattle rustling and competition for scarce resources, were ignited by political incitement and poorly facilitated land ownership discussions. This eventually led to violent conflict, causing loss of lives and property. The situation was worsened by cycles of revenge, which have destabilized operations across the region. In response, Joel Loongo'nyo, our El Barta Regional Coordinator, convened a meeting with local leaders from the area, including security officials, chiefs, and local administrators, to collectively explore ways to reduce tension, understand ongoing challenges, and identify sustainable solutions for peace and stability.



A peace-building meeting held in El Barta.

During the meeting, Joel shared GZT's vision, outlined our regional conservation efforts, and emphasized the vital link between peace and community prosperity in areas where people and wildlife coexist. He shared peace-building approaches with leaders and worked in groups to identify root causes of conflict and proposed strategies for long-term peace. Those attending the meeting committed to collaborating and developed several actionable strategies, including intelligence information sharing, community dialogues, engagement with political leaders to curb incitement, fair distribution of social and livelihood projects, improved natural resource management through planned grazing, promotion of ecotourism to support conservation, youth engagement to counter online incitement of violence, and more peace-building meetings.

## Veterinary Interventions

In late May, a female Grevy's zebra was reported with a snare around her neck in the Shaba area. Our Isiolo team responded, coordinating with the KWS veterinary unit for urgent intervention. The vet team set out to join them as soon as possible and, in the meantime, our team tracked the injured Grevy's zebra and eventually located her near Camp Nugu. They remained on-site to monitor her condition and support the veterinary team upon arrival, assisting with a successful rescue.



The veterinary team rescuing a Grevy's zebra from a snare.

**Table 2: Number of Grevy's zebra veterinary interventions April-June, 2025.**

	Date	Age	Sex	Location	Intervention	Outcome	Comment
1	15/05	Adult	Male	Naibelibeli, Samburu	Treatment	Prognosis good	Lameness; terrain
2	04/05	Adult	Male	Buffalo Springs National Reserve, Isiolo	Treatment	Prognosis good	Lameness; failed predation
3	08/05	Adult	Male	Ngokin, Kisima, Samburu	Treatment	Prognosis good	Lameness; territorial fight wounds
4	29/05	Infant	Male	Ol Donyiro, Isiolo	Rescue	Prognosis grave	Multiple fractures suspected to be as a result of a fall in a gulley
5	30/05	Adult	Female	Shaba National Reserve, Isiolo	De-snaring	Prognosis good	Wire snare around neck
6	25/06	Adult	Male	Lewa Conservancy	Treatment	Prognosis favorable	Lameness, territorial fight wounds

## Mortality and Injuries

**Table 3: Grevy's zebra mortality April-June, 2025.**

Age Class/ Means of Death	Predation	Injuries	Roadkill	Disease	Total
Adult	1	0	0	1	2
Juvenile	0	1	1	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>



# Regenerating Rangelands

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**“I am personally glad, as a board representative from Lpus zone of Meibae Conservancy, to witness the progress both the conservancy and my village have made in grazing planning,”** says Mzee Lekulal.

Reflecting on the previous season, he adds, **“Last season was the best I’ve seen so far. We had proper coordination of cattle movement and made the most of the limited forage available during the below-average rains.”**

Despite challenging conditions, the community successfully hosted over 900 cattle from within and beyond their village during the short dry season, and still had grass cover left by the end. Mzee Lekulal credits this success to teamwork: **“I thank all the board members who supported the process during both quarterly and special meetings. Special thanks also go to our partner, Grevy’s Zebra Trust, for providing vital technical assistance.”**

With this support, elders are now integrating forage assessment calculations into their grazing plans, an innovation that strengthens traditional knowledge. **“We can now sketch out grazing blocks, estimate forage availability per block, and calculate how many cows can graze there and for how many days. Best of all, these assessments are led by the elders themselves.”** Building on their momentum, the community opened a portion of the dry season grazing reserve last wet season.

**“The grass was so tall, the cows looked like goats in a forest,”** he says, pleased with how well the area had recovered.

**“Unlike in the past, we are confident we’ll remain within our village boundaries for the next five months or more.”** Despite the families building their herds after huge drought losses, with coordinated grazing management, we shall continue building momentum for healthy rangeland and better quality of life for the community, Mzee Lekulal affirms: **“We are making real progress as a conservancy, and we must keep going.”**



The kickoff of the Naisunyai Fora Boma settlement at Lesaancha Block, with a total of 313 cows reported on the first day.

The Grassland Champions, 12 women from Wamba and 10 men from Laisamis, came together for a quarterly joint workshop. The research team presented first-quarter data, highlighting key activities, including bund construction, control of invasive species, ongoing fencing of plots, the introduction of 485 cows to restored sites, community meetings held, and harvesting and reseedling updates. The session provided a valuable opportunity for participants to reflect on their work, discuss successes and areas for improvement, assess community involvement, and strengthen shared responsibility for restoration and rangeland management efforts.



The Grassland Champions quarterly workshop.

The workshop also included several joint activities. There were separate roundtable discussions for each group to share progress and challenges. The team had an excursion to the Westgate core area and they also took paired walks to encourage open sharing of challenges, opportunities, and strengths between the two teams. Additionally, there were open sessions for exchanging experiences and lessons learned. One Grassland Champion, Lependera, reflected during the open session, “I am now certain

we face the same challenges despite the fact that we come from different regions. Communities are the same. It is a personal commitment and the will to educate your community that is guiding all of us. I will take up the challenge.”



Women participating in grass seed harvesting in Remot village.

Additionally, in reviewing the efforts and progress of the Grassland Champions, who have contributed to reclaiming 200 hectares of degraded land over the past three years. The Rangelands team conducted 11 feedback meetings, reaching 460 participants. These meetings provided an opportunity to engage the wider community, share updates on restoration progress, and reinforce the importance of community ownership in sustaining rangeland management efforts.

## Wamba

The Wamba Grassland Champions continued their work in restoration and rangeland management, building on the momentum from the joint workshop. They used roundtable discussions to highlight progress made in their communities and share challenges encountered on the ground. These discussions helped surface key issues they face and identify areas needing further support from the supervising team.



Photos taken during the forage assessment activity.

In June, a successful forage assessment was carried out in the Lesaancha block by our Rangelands team together with 15 local elders. The assessment is a key activity in monitoring ecosystem health, and the findings were encouraging. The landscape showed a good mix of plant species, with diverse grasses and nutrient-rich forbs, a positive sign for both livestock and wildlife. During the assessment, the team observed 35 Grevy's zebra within the area. Among them was a collared female Grevy's zebra. Tracking data later confirmed she had stayed within the protected grazing area for nearly the entire 120-day period, pointing to the safety and availability of forage in the area. The forage assessment indicated that the Lesaancha block currently has enough quality forage to support livestock and wildlife for up to 137 days. This is a strong result, particularly during the dry season. This is the first time such a large group of Grevy's zebra has been recorded in this area during the dry season. It reflects the impact of ongoing grazing planning and the community's active role in conservation. The findings offer a clear reminder that well-managed rangelands benefit both people and wildlife.

## Isiolo

In May, Pascal Esekou, our Isiolo Regional Coordinator, convened a three-day community workshop at Nasuulu Conservancy with elders, women, and warriors from Loruko and Ariemet villages with 74 participants. A similar three-day workshop followed in Nakupurat-Gotu, again engaging elders, women, and warriors with 83 participants.

Both were Holistic Land and Livestock Management (HLLM) workshops aimed at exploring community understanding of rangeland management, and building a collective community vision for rangeland health and community well-being. Each day was dedicated to a different group—elders, women, and warriors/youth. Participants reflected on changes in land health over time, identified key causes of land degradation such as overgrazing, invasive species, and charcoal burning, and discussed solutions like regenerative grazing, controlling invasive species, and restoring bare ground. They explored how healthy ecosystems depend on the water cycle, energy flow, and biodiversity, and learned about regenerative grazing as a community-driven strategy to align livestock management with sustainable land use. The interactive format encouraged active participation, and both workshops were well received, with attendees fully engaged and contributing their own related indigenous knowledge on HLLM throughout.



One of the HLLM workshops held in Isiolo County.

At the close of each workshop, participants formed village-based committees (VBCs), with four representatives from each group, to lead local conservation efforts. They also developed collective action plans, including a shared commitment to expand restoration work, promote unity of purpose across all social groups, and strengthen grazing plans to ensure sustainable land use.

## El Barta

At the end of May, the El Barta team convened a joint meeting bringing together core groups from El Barta, Masikita, and Ndoto, three locations that collectively represent ten major villages. The meeting, attended by 72 participants, followed a series of previous community workshops on HLLM and eco-literacy, as well as multiple follow-up meetings with core groups in each location. Through these engagements, it became clear that merging the efforts of the three locations would allow for the development of a unified and harmonized grazing plan. This approach aims to address key challenges, including peacebuilding and sustainable land use, while supporting the shared goal of maintaining and restoring land health in the El Barta region.

In June, a larger community meeting was held at Masikita, bringing together village representatives from El Barta and Ndoto wards. The event gathered 210 elders and 12 local leaders, including chiefs and administrators, with support from key stakeholders such as Milgis Trust and county conservancies. This meeting built on the foundation of earlier workshops and follow-up sessions, creating a platform for communities to jointly discuss and harmonize grazing plans and rangeland management strategies. Discussions focused on resource and land management, with communities showing a growing sense of ownership over the solutions. A critical topic addressed was the increasing immigration of livestock into the El Barta plains, which threatens land stability, resource use, and wildlife. The participation of lowland communities from Latakweny and Loikumkum underscored the importance and inclusivity of the discussions. These communities were encouraged to fully cooperate in implementing the grazing plans, recognizing the historic role of the El Barta plains as a refuge during times of drought and conflict.



A rangelands workshop in El Barta.

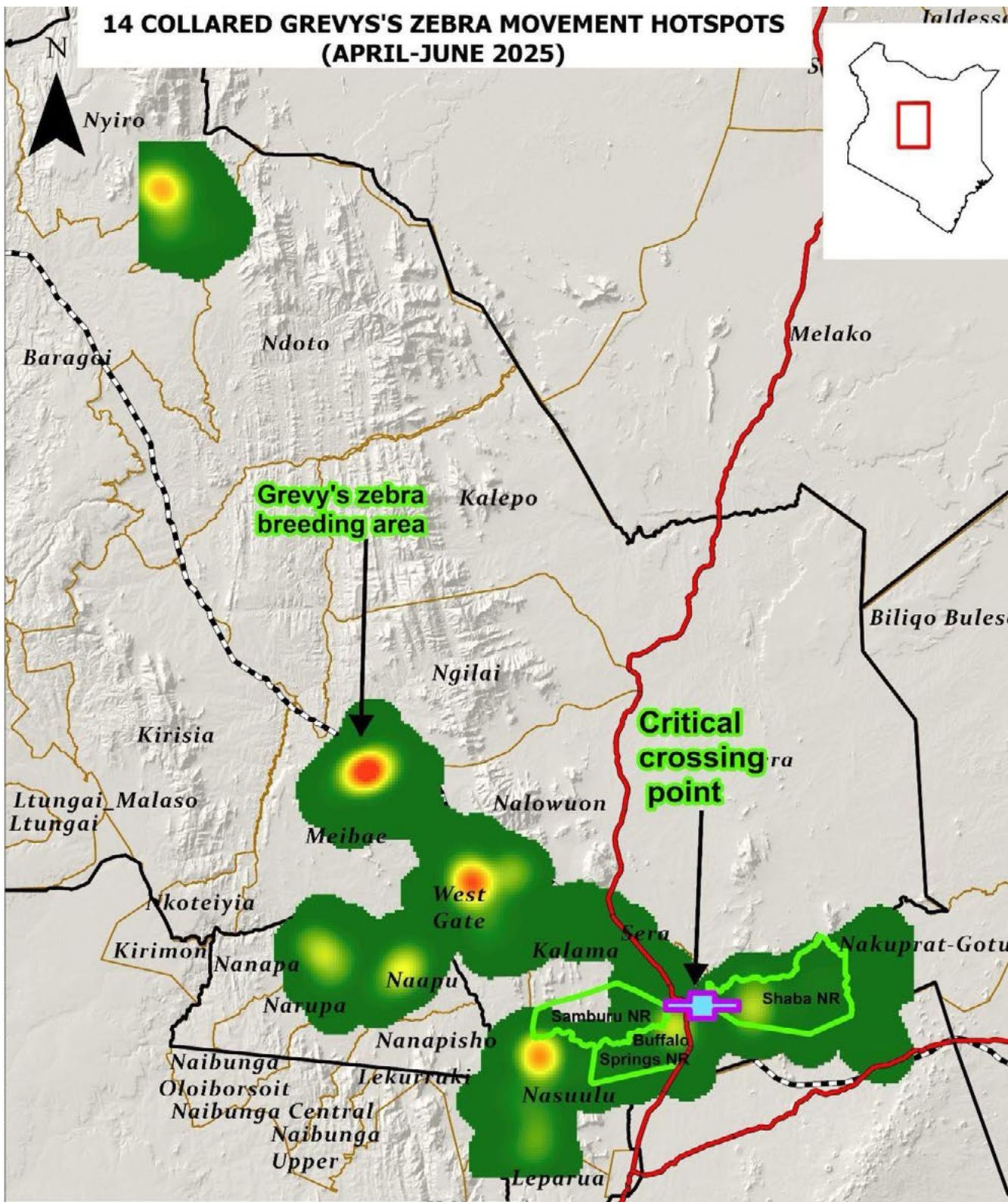
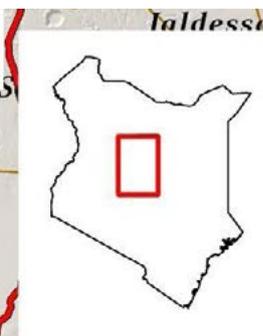
## Connecting Landscapes

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This quarter, there was a notable shift in movement, from Mlango, an area in Nasuulu Conservancy, to south east of Leparua nearing the Isiolo-Lewa wildlife corridor. In Shaba, Grevy' zebra moved east from view plains, spending time around Joy's Camp plains and springs. In Meibae, the collared Grevy's zebra have maintained the same areas with a very slight move to the south of Loltepes Plains. In Westgate, collared Grevy's zebra moved to the Lolua areas of dry season grazing blocks along the regenerative interventions areas in Naisunyai blocks. Their movement shifts are driven by pasture availability and quality.

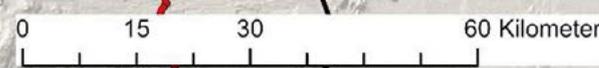
Through the Northern Kenya Road Watch, eight roadkills were recorded along the Isiolo-Marsabit A2 road. The species affected included one Grevy's zebra, an African wild dog, a spotted hyena, a white tailed mongoose, two black backed jackals, and two puff adders. The stretch between Buffalo Springs National Reserve and the Archers Post bridge has increased presence of elephant and Grevy's zebra usage, especially in the evenings. These records continue to underline the importance of interventions to reduce collisions along critical crossing points. GZT continues to work with KenHA and other conservation partners on the design and location of these mitigation measures like rumble strips and active signage.

# 14 COLLARED GREVY'S ZEBRA MOVEMENT HOTSPOTS (APRIL-JUNE 2025)



## Legend

- 14 Collared Grevy's zebra
- Movement density
  - High
  - Low
- Protected Area
- LAPSSET Route
- Major road
- Conservancy boundary
- County Boundary
- Crossing point



# Other Updates

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## International Wild Equid Conference



Some of the GZT staff who attended IWECC.

GZT was proud to co-host the third International Wild Equid Conference (IWECC) in 2025, together with the IUCN/SSC Equid Specialist Group, in Nanyuki. The gathering brought together scientists, managers, and wildlife professionals from over 20 countries. IWECC serves as a global forum for those dedicated to the conservation and management of wild and feral equid species. The 2025 conference focused on sharing knowledge and insights, with academic presentations covering themes such as movement, habitat, diet, disease, conservation, behavior, fertility control, and management.



The IWECC organizing committee welcoming our honoured guests from WRTI and KWS.

We were honoured to open the week with remarks from Dr. Patrick Omondi, Director and CEO of WRTI, and Professor Erastus Kanga, Director General of KWS. Their presence set the tone for a

meaningful and impactful week. We also extend our sincere thanks to Colorado State University's Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory and Warner College of Natural Resources, the Saint Louis Zoo WildCare Institute, Savannah Tracking, the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and the Wildlife Conservation Network for generously sponsoring the event alongside us.

Several members of the GZT team presented throughout the conference, sharing our work and insights from the field. Our Executive Director, Peter Lalampaa, delivered a keynote speech, and oral presentations were given by Belinda Low Mackey, Andy Lekisanyal, Redempta Njeri, Tony Orwa, and Sarah Chiles. In addition, the team shared several poster presentations highlighting recent research and findings from our programs.

A highlight of the week was a field trip to Mpala Research Centre, where delegates had the opportunity to see Grevy's zebra in their natural habitat. The conference closed on a high note with a ceremony hosted by the GZT team, featuring traditional dances, humorous skits, and a special blessing from the Ntorosi women. The event not only advanced critical conversations in the wild equid conservation field but also celebrated the cultural richness and community-led efforts that make Kenya a key player in the protection of these animals.

## Visitors to Camp

We always value the opportunity to host our partners and donors at our camp in Westgate Conservancy. This quarter, along with several local guests, we welcomed teams from Marwell Wildlife and the Houston Zoo. Their visits gave us the chance to share our work with them directly, allowing them to see and experience our efforts in person.



The Marwell Wildlife team at camp.



The Houston Zoo team gave David Muriira, our Camp Manager, a special gift.

## National Geographic Explorers Week

Our Executive Director, Peter Lalampaa, had the opportunity to visit several of our valued partners and supporters in the United States. His trip included meetings with teams at Jacksonville Zoo, White Oak Conservation Center, and Disney. He also traveled to California, where he visited the Wildlife Conservation Network (WCN) in San Francisco and saw some of The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) work in Santa Barbara. His time in New York provided another important touchpoint to strengthen relationships and share updates on our conservation work.



Peter Lalampaa with friends and collaborators at National Geographic Explorers Week.

In addition to these visits, Peter participated in National Geographic's Explorers Week in Washington, D.C., where he joined fellow conservation leaders from around the world. The event was an inspiring platform for exchanging ideas and reflecting on the shared mission to protect wildlife and ecosystems globally. Peter also had the opportunity to spotlight the unique challenges and successes of Grevy's zebra conservation in Northern Kenya, bringing valuable attention to this critical work.

## Lewa Marathon

Lewa Wildlife Conservancy is a key Grevy's zebra habitat and home to the annual Lewa Marathon. Additionally, the Lewa Marathon supports the Grevy's Zebra Warrior program through a partnership with Tusk Trust. This year, our team participated in the event by helping with runner registration. We hope to have some of our team members actually running in the race next year!



Our enthusiastic volunteers representing GZT at the Lewa Marathon.

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