



EAST AFRICAN WILD LIFE SOCIETY IMRE LOEFLER LECTURE

THE SPACE DILEMMA

By Dickson Ole Kaelo

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Kenya is facing a land crisis. Space and the quality of habitat for people, livestock and wildlife has surpassed the tipping point and soon the damage will be irreversible. The rangelands are drier and degraded and grass and tree species are fast disappearing. Bare ground is expanding and water is becoming a scarce commodity resulting in natural resource-based conflicts

Lack of space and the deterioration of the quality of resources on land is the silent killer to wildlife conservation. It is far more dangerous than illegal wildlife trade, human wildlife conflict and commercial bush meat trade, combined.

With only 8 per cent of Kenya's landmass under National Parks and Reserves, the country is yet to attain its Aichi target of 17 per cent of land under conservation.

The incentives offered by agriculture - subsidized loans, farm inputs and the absence of a land use

policy means that wildlife on these lands face a bleak future.

Do wildlife conservancies present a plausible opportunity for addressing these challenges? Dickson will take stock on the journey of conservancies, the evolving policy environment, threats to conservancy growth and the solutions they present in addressing the space dilemma to ensure long-term survival of wildlife.

Dickson Simiren ole Kaelo has over the past 18 years, been at the forefront of community-based conservation in Kenya. Before joining the Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association (KWCA) as founding CEO, he was fully involved in setting up five conservancies in the Mara ecosystem. He was instrumental in establishing the Masai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association (MMWCA).

Dickson holds a Bachelor's degree in livestock production and a Master of Philosophy degree in Wildlife Management from Moi University. He is a board member of Koiyaki Guiding School and Kenya Wildlife Trust. He was in 2012 recognized as a co-awardee of the Sustainable Science award by the Ecological Society of America.

Lecture & Canapés:

Members & Guests - 1,500/-

Lecture & Dinner - 3,000/-

Programme:

6.30: pm - Bar and canapés

7.00: pm - Lecture Starts

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