This has nothing to do with us directly... just an FYI about TZ government trying to proactively resolve further conflict between farmers and pastoralists.
http://www.trust.org/item/20140306141231-u0m4p
From: [Name]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 4:39 AM
To: [Name]
Cc: [Name]
Subject: RE: Draft Invitation to the ECHO East Africa Symposium on Best Practices in Pastoralist Areas
Attachments: NE_bomas & farms.jpg; Google Earth Enashiva map1.jpg; Boma survey 2013.xls; P1101373.JPG

Hi [Name],

Developing on from your comment below: "How do we get this carrying capacity done once and for all?" and overlapping with the idea of a guide school.

I would like to propose an initial data gathering survey that would provide information and records for the following:

1) Court case...evidence that cattle are grazing on the farm every day, going to water, peacefully
2) Livestock carrying capacity assessment and grazing policy/management planning
3) Building up a clear picture and history of who our neighbors are...
4) Clear and accurate understanding of the boundaries
5) A library of accurate maps for the use of SIT and other researchers
6) Preliminary studies for the purposes of establishing a guide school in the area.

There is a young South African who has just finished guiding school wanting unpaid voluntary work for 3 to 6 months, and we have [Name]...Both are available now.

The immediate tasks to support the above would be

1) Boma survey in and around [Name] I had an great realization this morning...See attached pictures...One of the whole farm...and one showing the North East corner where we have bomas and farms inside [Name]. One fast and reliable way to count cattle around the farm reliably is to take pictures from the air (with the microlight) between 6:30 and 7:30am...before the cattle and goats leave the bomas in the morning to dispersal to grazing and watering...The layout and nuts within the boma will also tell us about family and numbers.. We then compared data from ground surveys for greater detail and accuracy...See attached form. Other data can come from the district gathered from the last census tho it is not very reliable..
2) Cattle and wildlife surveys on the farm over a period of time...
3) Boundary, water sources, vegetation and topographical mapping...
4) Other tasks as appropriate..

While we build this foundation data up, we bring in someone to look at carrying capacities...I do have two people in Kenya who can do this but are expensive...They will need the above data...

[Name] says he has a few local Tanzanian experts who can do this, which, he proposes and prefers, would be a service that he would provide through his consultancy.

I have tasked both [Name] and [Name] with doing this Boma survey for a year now, using our scout and them coordinating and interviewing, with no results so far. I also asked [Name] to do a boma survey within the envelope of his college project which you help fund. Apart from a load of unknown unnamed GPS coordinates on my GPS, and a list of only 6 bomas in Sukunya, with very limited information, I have nothing and no sight of his report/thesis as yet.
This is why I am proposing this as something I can get better progress on.

Please let me know your thoughts and any additional ideas/tasks that you might have. This survey/data research proposal also comes out of a discussion with [redacted] this morning on... "what can we do now to prepare the ground for a guide school/conservation education project..." His answer was to start gathering data on cattle, habitat and people..

Best,

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 6:25 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Draft Invitation to the ECHO East Africa Symposium on Best Practices In Pastoralist Areas

Hi,  
Now that [redacted] has answered I had a few questions: 

Isn't this going to be delivered in English or Swahili? Besides the fact that Maanda might take them...what good would we hope to come out of this? We have talked about getting someone to do the carrying capacity of our property and we have never gone anywhere with that. Of course numbers of wildlife go up and down, but if we knew what the land could carry then we could have a better idea of how many cattle could come onto the land...and then we would have to police that number or hope the community gets on board with that "policing". It seems to me that if we don't know how many cattle will still keep our land safe, why would we suggest that our neighbors can or cannot use the land? 

So that brings me back to: How do we get this carrying capacity done once and for all [redacted] and I can afford this study...it just needs to be done. Or am I off the mark on this one?

Thanks,

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:03 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Draft Invitation to the ECHO East Africa Symposium on Best Practices In Pastoralist Areas

Hi [redacted] 
This really is a good thing, I totally agree with you that better livestock husbandry practices will reduce pressure for us at [redacted] but hopefully not in the near future. However just like you put it, I became a bit skeptical in some of the topics that you mentioned like the "mobilizing against land grabbing" actually, while this might back fire on us, we can always find a better way of handling that. 

That is, if we decide we take them, then we have to have a pre meeting and seminar to them to give them a brief of what they are going to hear from the symposium, and the characters that will be there, our objective for us will be for them to learn what is best for their livestock and not the NGO's politics, [redacted] is a good friend of mine and my former boss at [redacted], I can also have a chat with him and explain our situation at [redacted], he can advice us of what to do, or at least tell us what characters will be there.

However, thinking on the other side of the coin, it would be best if we take them as Maanda can take them, so it would be better if we take them.
About establishing the Carrying capacity, I have always been thinking about this and actually thinking very far, that yes we might know the number of livestocks that can graze within [redacted], but we can't actually know the number of wildlife, because the property is not fenced. These numbers go up and down with seasons, therefore it will be difficult to control over grazing.

Also , I am sure that , just the number of cattle within the periphery of [redacted] re enough to over graze the property, plus the number that will be invited from afar. Actually this is one of those things that we need to think very carefully as if we act on it immediately it might turn to us in a negative way.

Very best regards.

On Jan 9, 2014, at 11:22, [redacted]

Hi, [redacted]

C.c. [redacted]

I spoke to [redacted] last night about about getting an expert to come and assess the carrying capacity and management livestock/wildlife system. He told me about a symposium he is doing and encouraged us to attend...see below which he sent today.

Sometime back, in a phone call from Maanda, the only direct conversation with her I have ever had...concerning the detention of wood cutters... I threw her a bone...saying that we needed to do some research on livestock carrying capacity within and wildlife conservation and tourism system before we could have any meaningful process of mediation...and mentioned [redacted]'s name...she said that he was a good man (perhaps the only thing I have ever agreed with her on). I did go back to him on the matter of assessing the carrying capacity within this model but he said he could only help us with how to help community to manage cattle but had no experience of management practices within a wildlife/conservation system.

What would the risks and benefits of sponsoring a group of people (Sukenya?) to go to this... I am cautious of this as history tells us that all efforts at doing this kind of thing have been successful in the event (e.g. Northern Rangeland's trust visit, Enaboishu team, Manyara Ranch visit) but costly and failed to return any subsequent results as opposition sets out to sabotage and pull apart any momentum for progress. This may change as you may feel that you can protect and build on these efforts for better outcomes whereas [redacted] was not able to.

Reasons would be:

1) Improving their knowledge and capacity about their own management of livestock...e.g. the overgrazing issues
2) Improving knowledge about livestock/conservation and tourism coexistence and benefits..
3) Shows genuine respect and support of pastoralism within our surrounding communities..

This engagement is sailing a bit close to the winds of opposition...One of the items is "Mobilizing against land grabbing" and there will be some radical and hateful people there who may give our sponsored people hard time...and we could expect some noise on the internet.....But will it help in our move towards a serious partnership with community that accommodates and supports a balanced community conservation model that accommodates pastoralism within and around [redacted]
The other issue is that it does clash with the visit but if we can get everyone back to
on the 8th so it would be tight but feasible. I think you, or someone you can rely on to manage
any forces against or trying to manipulate our group, would have to accompany the trip..

Please let me know your thoughts..

Best,

Draft Invitation to the ECHO East Africa Symposium on Best Practices in Pastoralist Areas from
3-5th March, 2014 at Garden Hotels, Machakos, Kenya

*ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THOSE SEEKING IMPROVED WORK AMONG PASTORALISTS:*

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*4th-6th March, 2014 at the Garden Hotel in Machakos, Kenya*

*Symposium Dates*
3rd March Check-in and Fellowship
4-6th March Meeting Days
7th March Check-out and Optional Post Symposium Tour

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*Highlights* The ECHO Symposium will provide a network and training opportunity for those involved in alleviating hunger and poverty in East Africa. Three mornings of plenary sessions featuring knowledgeable and experienced speakers will be followed by afternoon workshops and discussion groups led by regional agricultural development workers and experts. Topics currently being discussed for the event include:

*Pastoralism - an appropriate misunderstood livelihood under siege*
*Reconciliation and curbing livestock raiding*

*Peace-making among pastoralists*

*Holistic management experience from Kenya*
*Sustainable animal health services in pastoralist areas*

*Community natural resource management plans*
*Mobilizing against land grabbing*

*Interfacing tourism and pastoralists*
*Conservation agriculture in pastoralist areas*

*Farmer managed natural regeneration in pastoralist areas - FMNR*

*Water storage by sand dams*

*Establishing & improving livestock markets*

*A Biblical basis to working in pastoralist areas*
*Innovative restocking*

*Livestock insurance for pastoralists*

Some of the other topics to be offered during the afternoon sessions include: *Breakout sessions:*

*Rural poultry systems & Newcastle disease vaccination*
*East Coast Fever immunization*

*Conservation agriculture using ox-drawn equipment*

*Hoe-based conservation agriculture*

*Water filters/water purification with Moringa seeds*

*Water harvesting at household level*

*Ethnoveterinary medicine solutions*

*Reducing post-harvest losses with ferro-cement grain stores*

*Dodoma underground grain stores*

*Small kitchen gardens in pastoralist areas*

*Symposium Fees*

The cost of attending the East Africa Symposium is $175 USD per person or equivalent in Kenya Shillings 15,000- at the door. Please note that spouses of a paying delegate will only be charged $100 USD.

*Early Registration deadline* is January 18, 2014 with a 10% discount of above fees.

A list of alternative hotels and guest houses in the Machakos area is being prepared.

Kind regards,
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Hi
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Anyway, the bottom line is that he should not farm there anymore because if we leave him it will set a precedence for other people to invade probably they are all watching what will happen, and also if we don't stop now, he will keep on expanding slowly.

Best regards,

> On Jan 9, 2014, at 18:11, 
> 
> Hi
> OMG.. if they arrest him Maanda will have a hay day!
> Is this the Irmisilig property where they are growing maize and keeping cattle...????
> 
> -----Original Message-----
> From:
> Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 9:15 AM
> To:
> Cc:
> Subject: Farm encroachment
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So I called the DC again and actually he responded immediately same day he drove to Arusha with District Land officer, Game officer and Police officer, but again this guy did not show up his wives said as they always did, that he is away. The DC left a message that he should go and see him at his office of which again, he did not go.

On January 3rd, the game officer called me saying that, Daniel Ngoitiko called him saying that and this guy need to have a meeting to discuss about the farm that he is farming, I told the game officer that, we have nothing to discuss, the fact is that the guy want to farm inside the property and he should stop immediately, and also the matter is at the District Commissioner's office now, so if Ngoitiko want any meeting he should go meet the District Commissioner.

After speaking to the game officer, I then called the DC explaining of what Ngoitiko is saying, the DC told me that he is in Arusha attending the meeting but he will give a call to Ngoitiko to tell him to tell the guy to stop farming otherwise the DC will arrest him. (I hope so)

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Best regards
From:
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2013 1:28 PM
To:
Subject: Petition for reinstatement of Kagasheki

Susanna posted this on her FB today.

WARNING!

Some people are spreading an extremely misleading petition to reinstate the resigned Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Khamis Kagasheki.

Earlier this year Kagasheki announced the grabbing of 1,500km2 of important grazing land in Loliondo (division of Ngorongoro District) to create a protected area (but of course not protected from the government’s favourite hunting company), which would have destroyed the lives and livelihoods of the Maasai of Loliondo. In some demented press releases Kagasheki presented this as giving land to the Maasai! This threat was fortunately stopped, at least for now, but the petition is very hurtful to the people of Loliondo.

Kagasheki had to resign because of an anti-poaching operation – Operation Tokomeza - that turned into an operation against herders and cattle, and that included murder, rape, torture and extortion against both pastoralists and agriculturalists. The petition tries to paint Kagasheki as the person that reacted against this. However, human rights abuses committed by supposed wildlife defenders is nothing new or exclusive to Operation Tokomeza. It has been going on for a long time, but now it reached parliament. – and it was not Kagasheki who took it up. Members of the public and MPs were denouncing what was happening. Kagasheki set the tone at the start of the operation when in front of tour operators he was calling for extrajudicial killings of suspects even if this of course was not within his mandate as a minister – and in a frightening way it made him popular among tour operators and certain “conservationists” in social media.

The petition also claims that Kagasheki stood up against the “Serengeti Highway”, but no public statement by him about this issue can be found anywhere, and had there been one it would surely had been repeated by those involved in his campaign against the road.

Kagasheki should have been sacked a long time ago - and many with him.

Please don’t sign the petition and share this message instead.
Hi [Name]

Actually the cattle will survive with less feed but with enough water to drink, the thing is, the grasses are too dry for cattle now and no water around to drink, the only place that everybody now go to fetch water for domestic use and bringing cattle to drink is at Mondorosi, where by I was told people queue from morning till evening to get water for domestic use as well as for cattle to drink, people used to bring cattle to drink water every other day, but now they only bring once a week, so this is so serious.

It is very true that if we ever added what we have spent on lawyers and court cases together with what minority rights have given PWC for the same, it would have brought a huge positive impact within the community, but unfortunately, PWC & Minority Rights just narrow themselves to law suits pro maasais, and against investors, a battle which don’t seem to have a near end, but to work with the community and educate them and open their eyes so that they see how much time is being wasted on this at their expense as well as loosing so much opportunities for their own development, this is what exactly what I am trying to make sense out of them, so that they realize what is exactly going on.

I have been talking to some elders and explained how they are getting the wrong and false informations, and I told them that the court injunction is filed again, they are all asking to see if Loserian signed again for this so that they will be up on their neck to ask why he did so.

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Kind regards

> On Nov 19, 2013, at 23:48, [Name] wrote:
> Hi
> Would a borehole help the cattle? Surely what they need most is food, the rains will bring grass growth again, but a bore hole cant do that.
> If we added up what we have spent on lawyers and the court cases and also what Minority Rights have given PWC for this.....wow, the community would have so many benefits. Just a total waste of money on both sides. Really silly and I wonder if the community realizes this.
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From: 

Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2013 9:21 AM 

To: 

Cc: 

Subject: Re: Minority Rights Group on drought/Maasai/government 

Hi [name]

And all,

Yes, it is true that the drought went beyond the normal range this year and maasai cattle have started dying, they are really too weak now, I did mention at the recent meeting about the bore hole, but not that we want to do it again, but as one of the project that [name] said in the community but was not appreciated at that time.

However, I think it would be a good thing to do to the community, not now, but soon we sit with them and we can come into a sort of an agreement of how they are going to protect it, I think it would be a project that need to be implemented soon after the dispensary as it will also be difficult to operate a dispensary without water nearby.

It is also so surprising that Minority Rights funds a lot of money to Maanda to do a blah blah, I think they should have thought water is urgently needed by maasai and they should have took that as a priority.

I heard that Maanda and Melau were at Soitsambu village last saturday running a workshop/seminar to educate people about their legal right, and I also asked if that was a priority now as the cattle are dying and people will eventually die too if all the cattle dies if at all it won't rain for another long time.

Someone need to knock some senses out of Minority Right to, as [name] says, to educate people about climate change and how to be pro active on finding mitigative measures during the drought, rather than just talking about investors, and how the maasai are marginalized by the government.

Kind regards,

[Name]

>>> On Nov 19, 2013, at 16:05, [name] wrote:

>>> Is there a drought or just no rains for the dry season? Do we need to do anything to help our community? has the community come up with some plans for a bore hole protection? There was talk about drilling another hole but that there needs to be a plan to protect it. Has the community come together to do this? You once had a bit of a plan...but that would show the community that Loserian is not working for them but for Maanda.

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>>> From: [name]

>>> Sent: Monday, November 18, 2013 11:26 PM 

>>> To: 

>>> Subject: Minority Rights Group on drought/Maasai/government 

>>> FYI:
Minority Rights Group recently published an article on their website about the drought potentially affecting the Maasai and the government's role in aiding them. (Pasted below) There was a related link to this article, which was published a year ago, it also mentions a government more interested in investors than Maasai and Maasai rights. We are mentioned, but not directly by name. (Second article pasted below)

Tanzania: October cyclical drought should not catch government unaware

[http://minorityvoices.org/img.php?f=/data/images/covers/news_1533/ma\n a sai.jpg&p=toWidth&o=jpg&a%5bwidth%5d=190]

So far, no death has been reported, but if the situation is not addressed early on, it can only get worse. Both the government and local authorities are aware of the situation, but no action has been taken.

Some activists attribute this reluctance from the government as a sign to show how 'politically repressive and hostile' the government is towards pastoralists.

As water is for the moment the main focus of pastoralist communities, they may need training on climate change mitigation and rainfall harvest, in order to proactively confront cyclical drought.

Photo: Maasai women of Mondorosi village. MRG/Carla Clarke

Tanzania: Pastoralists face famine as effects of drought are worsened by government neglect

A severe hunger crisis has developed over the past two months in the Ngorongoro area in northern Tanzania. Seasonal rains have largely failed in October and November, weakening cattle that are now dying of disease. Consequently, the local Maasai people who depend on their cattle for nutrition, are starving. A large number of children have died of malnutrition and related causes already.

An investigation undertaken by Ngorongoro Councillors last month found that "human beings are sharing unsafe water with livestock/wild animals [and hence] many people are suffering from diarrhoea and dysentery" in the villages of Osinoni, Nayobi, Kakesio and Bulati. Due to the food shortage, "most of the households have reduced their meals to one meal a day (...). Five children in Nayobi ate poisonous fruits, and two of them died." In order to sustain the 55,000 people currently facing life-threatening hunger, the delivery of "2,694 metric tons of cereals" is necessary according to the investigation, to be distributed over the next months until March 2013.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=xJYp2-x_Uik

At this point, however, no relief is in sight. Despite the report produced, the regional authorities deny the emergency. The regional administration has been complicit in the longstanding causes of the crisis, as pastoralists' resilience to drought has been systematically eroded by government policy. With the 2009 Ngorogoro Conservation Area Ordinance Act, government restrictions began to be imposed on subsistence farming, and since 2010 it has been outlawed completely, yet alternative livelihoods have not been provided.
The Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA) in Arusha region is home to 60,000 people who live in 16 villages. Most of them are Maasai pastoralists who consider the area their ancestral home and have lived off the land by means of cattle herding and subsistence agriculture for generations. Pastoralism constitutes an important part of the cultural heritage of Tanzania, while contributing significantly to the country’s economy through livestock production.

The NCA is also a prime tourist destination due to its rich wildlife. A 2006 law mandates the coordination of conservation and tourism objectives with the interests of the pastoralists to enable coexistence. This provision has not come to practical implementation, however. Indeed, the Tanzanian central government prioritises foreign investment in safari tourism ventures over the interests of pastoralists, as clearly illustrated by the ban on subsistence farming. Equally negligent, during the previous crisis one year ago, authorities withheld the delivery of food which had already been paid for.

MRG has been working closely with partners in the region for a number of years and is currently assisting a community in Loliondo Division, Ngorongoro District, to fight a longstanding court case to gain recognition of their rights to their traditional lands which have been unlawfully transferred to a foreign safari company.

Luca Gefäller

- See more at:

famine-as-effects-of-drought-are-worsened-by-government-neglect#sthash.h

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HI
I AM REPLYING UNDER YOUR POINTS.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 5:25 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Enashiva Report

Dear all,
I would like to share what's happening at [Redacted] and within the community around.
PERFECT, WE LIKE GETTING THESE UPDATES.

Whether,
It has really been so dry with intense sun, hence the grasses are still so much dry now, we did get some rains a few weeks ago but wasn't enough to make the grass greener.
WELL IT IS NOVEMBER SO YOU SHOULD SOON HAVE SHORT RAINS.

Cattle,
The number of cattle in the property has really gone down, just by trying to talk to people, though we are still getting cattle every now and then, but it is actually due to sever drought all around right now. However we do expect that the number will go down when it starts raining.
GOOD

Wildlife
There have been an increase in wildlife in the property, and hoping to have more when it starts raining, the leopard sighting has been so frequent now and the cheetah as well, I guess the high number of cattle in the property recently has been making them to be so much illusive.
GOOD TO KNOW THAT REDUCED CATTLE DOES IN FACT RESULT IN MORE WILDLIFE AND INCREASED CATTLE RESULTS IN LESS. SO EVEN THOUGH CONDITIONS ARE DRY THE WILDLIFE GROWS, SO THE ONLY REASON HAS TO BE THE REDUCED CATTLE.

Track roads
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THAT IS VERY DANGEROUS TO THE DIFFS ON THE CARS. PLEASE DO FILL THOSE TRACKS TO STOP THE DIFFS FROM TOUCHING. ARUSHA WORKSHOP IS SEEING MANY CRACKED AND BROKEN AXLE HOUSINGS DUE TO THIS STRAIN PUT ON THEM. THE HOUSING BOTTOMS OUT AND THE WHEELS HANG ON THE END OF THE AXLES, THAT PUTS HUGE WIEIGHT ON THE DIFF WHERE EACH AXLE CONNECTS, SO THE TUBES AROUND THE DIFF CRACK AND BREAK. AGAIN, YOU
DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETELY COVER THE ROAD, JUST FILL THE TRACK TO MAKE IT LEVEL AGAIN WITH THE GROUND. THIS IS SLOW SEASON NOW SO A GOOD TIME TO HAVE CREWS DOING THIS KIND OF WORK.

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[redacted] is also requesting that she get an assistant, as sometime she gets over whelmed cooking for 12-14 people, breakfast, lunch and dinner plus doing the dishes, sometime she ask someone to stay to help her, which make the patrolling difficult, also when she goes on off days, it take time from the patrol staff to take over cooking, and mostly it takes two of them as they are not experienced in cooking for many people.

THANKS FOR THE INFO, THESE KINDS OF DECISIONS NEED TO BE HANDLED BY YOU AND [redacted] YOU KNOW BEST.

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Is there a possibility of installing the fast internet connection?

[redacted] TOLD ME ABOUT A SYSTEM FOR THIS, BUT I TOLD HIM TO WAIT UNTIL YOU GOT THE BOOSTER WORKING AND COULD SEE HOW IT WAS. IS IT TRUE THAT IN THE PAST THE CONNECTION WAS OK, I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS WORKABLE IN THE PAST. FROM WHAT YOU ARE NOW SAYING THIS IS NO LONGER THE CASE. HELP ME UNDERSTAND.

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HA, GOOD IDEA NOT TO DIVE INTO THAT. YES, THEY COULD BE PLAYING BOTH SIDES AND THINKING ONLY OF THEIR POCKETS, GOSH, VERY SAD EH. WHAT A MESS WHEN THE RESPECTED ELDERS ARE ACTING LIKE THAT.

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I am still talking to a lot of people in the village, and they are all encouraging me a lot, seeing them happy about me be back and a lot promising lots of support, even Loserian promised me support before I came back, so he owe me a promise… which I am going to talk to him soon.

From my previous email responding to your email, I did mention that, I am working on convening a full village assembly meeting, to explain how [Community] have landed their heart in Sukenya and what have been done so far is out of passion and love to the area, so the agreement they keep on talking about doesn’t mean anything for sure, and they shouldn’t take for granted for what have been achieved so far, will ask for their continued cooperation in managing [Community] so that the community at large will benefit through a mutual and shared responsibilities between [Community] and the community around.

I believe and through an experience working with communities, and it is a big agenda in the communities development projects at this moment, that there must be a sort of partnership with the community in all kind of projects, this is to instill a sense of ownership on the side of the community to ensure the long term sustainability of the project. They will either have to contribute financially to a certain percentage to a project or in kind contribution by being part of it by doing some/all of unskilled labor work.

It is going to be a challenging innovation in the community, but we must start somewhere so that down the road we will have a full participation of the community, and hence have a sense of ownership and long term sustainability for the project.

I am also so happy that the staff at [Location] feel more happy and rejoiced for the fact that I am back to join their team, and all are now working diligently to protect enashiva, they are now telling me good stories of how they are becoming good ambassadors to the community trying to counter attack the
false fabrication about [redacted] in the community, they are all telling me what is happening in the community including what Loserian is saying to people, they are really our strong shield within the community right now.

Ooops, forgot to mention that the wildlife are increasing in numbers right now, more than what you saw the last time you were here, I believe this is because of the decreasing number of cattle in the property.
The roads are being revived and all are visible now, and the vehicle patrol is going on quite well, the only challenge I foresee now is during the heavy rains, it is always impossible to cross the pololet river to the other side, and normally that time is when all the cows reside in that area.

I have a feeling that we need to do a light grading and morrum for the road from the school up to the wageni camp, to be passable smoothly even during and after the heavy rains.
I do still think we need to have some outpost huts, at least three of them in the property, this is to protect the property when the grasses grow high again.

Do we need to think of drilling a bore hole again?? Definitely this will need to have an agreement with the villagers of how they will protect it, and how they will contribute to some costs as well so that they will have a sense of ownership. (will wait for you to tell me when we should start to pursue the talk with the community)
Thanks and will write more soon.

Kind regards
Susanna blogged about the PM’s statement. (I love how she titles this a brief summary!) I don’t think there is much of interest in this but if you want to know her understanding of the history of the land/information she has been given, go for it. Believe it or not, we are not mentioned in this post!

**Brief Summary of the – Hopefully Now Forever Stopped – Plan of Grabbing 1,500km2 from the Maasai of Loliondo**

The Government of has repeatedly declared interest in taking 1,500km2 of important dry season grazing land bordering from the Maasai of Loliondo and divisions of Ngorongoro District.

Under the provisions of the Village Land Act No 5 of 1999 – and under customary land tenure since as long as can be remembered - this land belongs to the villagers of Ololosokwan, Soitsambu, Oloipiri, Oloirien, Maaloni, Arash, Malambo and Piyaya – and the land is also of vital seasonal importance for pastoralists beyond the borders of these villages. The loss of this land would signify the destruction of tens of thousands of lives and livelihoods.

In 1992 Otterlo Business Corporation – OBC – that arranges hunting trips for royalty from the United Arab Emirates got a hunting permit (hunting block) for the whole of the 4,000km2 Loliondo Game Controlled Area and the core hunting area falls within the 1,500km2 in conflict. The hunting block was handed over in a scandal still remembered as Loliondogate and the permit has since kept being renewed. There have been many allegations of OBC breaking all hunting laws and the company has made constructions within 10 metres from a vital water source for wildlife and for residents of Soitsambu, Kirtalo, Ololosokwan and Arash.

In 2004 the Government and Frankfurt Zoological Society proposed the establishment of a Wildlife Management Area in Loliondo. This idea was decidedly rejected.

In 2008 TANAPA erected border beacons on the village. These beacons were destroyed by villagers.

When the hunting season was approaching in the drought year of 2009 the Field Force Unit assisted by OBC started evicting people from the 1,500km2. Houses were burned down and many cattle were lost, while 7-year old Nashipai Gume disappeared in the chaos and has never been found.

The reasons given for the human rights abuses were protection of wildlife corridors and water catchments – and the Maasai were accused of being invaders from. These are also the reasons that have been used to justify the land grab plan.

In 2010 a constitutional case was initiated by several CSOs against, among others, the Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism and OBC.

The evicted people eventually moved back.

In 2010 Wildlife Conservation Act of 2009 came into effect. Game Controlled Areas had previously not affected grazing and agriculture and Loliondo GCA overlaps in its totality with registered village land, but with the new act such activities are restricted and GCA is now the name for a kind of protected area. The act also states that GCAs and village land are no longer allowed to overlap.
Towards the end of 2010/beginning of 2011 a non-participatory draft Land Use Plan for Ngorongoro District was exposed. In this plan the Government’s intention of taking a “corridor” of 1,500km2 as the new kind of GCA that’s a protected area is made public. The making of this Land Use Plan had been financed by OBC. The plan was vigorously rejected.

In 2011 the was requested to hand in its village land certificate – which was refused.

Some leaders “reconciled” with OBC and some thought that the Government had been defeated.

In November 2012 it was found that TANAPA again had border beacons stored at Klein’s Gate. There were big demonstrations and the beacons were dumped inside the national park by the villagers.

After ambiguous “stakeholders” meetings, in March 2013 the Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Khamis Kagasheki, announced that the Government would take the 1,500km2. Though to justify this land grab the Minister brazenly lied that the people of Loliondo were “landless” and would be given 2,500km2. Then he went on making announcement after announcement and press conference after press conference. Big meetings were organised in various villages where people decided to fight against the land grab plan.

There were reports of people handing in their CCM cards and governing party representatives went to Loliondo for damage control. CCM’s Deputy Secretary General Mwigulu Nchewa expressed support for the people of Loliondo. The opposition party Chadema also arrived, and MPs Tundu Lissu and Peter Mzigiwa spoke up in parliament.

Several delegations from Loliondo travelled to and to meet people in power. Kagasheki’s vociferous campaign full of lies died down after Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda issued a letter to the Regional Commissioner for Arusha saying that the land did indeed belong to the villages and people would be seriously affected by losing the 1,500km2. The PM’s letter however talked about surveying what “infrastructure” there was and did not show an understanding for pastoralism.

Besides the tireless work of the local NGOs several international organisations voiced their support for the people of Loliondo.

In July 2013 Frankfurt Zoological Society were again researching to “assess community acceptance for a WMA”, and saying that they had German funds for land use plans.

On 3rd September a team from the Ministry for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Developments started a survey of the villages of Loliondo and . The following morning they were ordered to stop and return to .

On 23rd September Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda at a meeting in Wasso declared, according to people who were present, that the plan of taking the 1,500km2 had been stopped, that the land belonged to the Maasai and their coming generations and that the Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism would no longer be allowed to bother them – the people of Loliondo were told to continue their lives as before his statements.

The Prime Minister’s statement is cause for celebration – but in newspaper articles things do not look quite as good. In the Mwananchi the General Manager of OBC is quoted and he seems to look forward to new Land Use Plans. It’s also a fact that the land grab plan is much older than Kagasheki’s time as Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism.

I would stay very vigilant while celebrating.

Susanna Nordlund

A regular update is on its way.

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From: [Name]
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2013 1:20 PM
The only info available thus far is from ITV Tanzania who did a quick update on their FB. The English translation is directly below, the original Swahili text is further down.

Eventually crisis long-term land between the government and residents of the regions of Loliondo and Sale in Ngorongoro District has ended after the prime minister Mizengo Pinda announced that the government imeufuta his plan to break square kilometers thousand and concluded a pact from the land of disciplines those after investigate and discover that the deal would harm the economy and the lives of more than sixty thousand people living in the area.

Hatimaye mgogoro wa ardh wa muda mrefu kati ya serikali na wakazi wa tarafa za Loliondo na Sale wilayani Ngorongoro umemalizika baada ya waziri mkuu Mizengo Pinda kutangaza kuwa serikali imeufuta mpango wake wa kumega kilometa za mraba elfu moja na miatano kutoka katika ardh za tarafa hizo baada ya kuchunguza na kugundua kuwa mpango huo ungeathiri uchumi na maisha ya zaidi ya watu elfu sitini wanaoishi katika eneo hilo.

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I don’t have the full story on Happy but John thought she was fine. Right now I think we should wait to hear the full story and read what is being said, we don’t want to put our foot in anything by jumping too early.

What position was making?

I don’t know where she stands on the land thing... just curious.

Great that he stopped by Soit Sambu! Can we mention that anywhere?? Or is it too loaded?

Thanks,
I talked with [redacted] a.m. He returns from Loliondo tomorrow.

The PM has said that the gov. has backed away from the plan that KSK put in place. No one needs to be concerned about that anymore, the Loliondo GCA is remaining how it is for now. The gov. will be working on how to best proceed.

At one meeting [redacted] felt a urge to speak and gave a short but passionate (almost to the point of tears) delivery making a point that she was speaking as a Tz woman and not representing any co. or organization.

The PM made an impromptu visit to the Soit Sambu Secondary School and visited the recently completed girls dorm. There was no fan fare because it was not planned. At least he can now see the work done by [redacted] at that school.

The feelings the visit by the PM has defused the crisis over land.

Good to know! Thanks for passing that info along. I've been continually checking but nothing new on the Swedish front and there has been no official news released yet.

[redacted]

I just called [redacted] to get an update, he is still in Loliondo.

All is calm, not much going on. Pinda has made some statement about how things will be back to how they always were before Kagasheki made change. So perhaps this is what the swede is talking about, but we will have to wait for the official news I suppose. But seems that the 1,500sqkm bit of Loli along the SNP boundary will not be anything special per what Kagasheki was doing. Nothing affects us.

As I hear more I will let you know.

[redacted]

Susanna reports that she has heard it has gone very well but there has been no official news yet. She says her sources tell her: PM said that the land was theirs and for coming generations and Kagasheki will not be allowed to bother them anymore.
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2013 4:27 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: TZ Daily News: Loliondo Braces for PM Solution on Land Conflict

I'm not positive about the outcome today but Susanna seems happy - saying she has good news about Pinda - which probably doesn't bode well for us...(?)

BTW, there is a [Redacted] in this article (6th, or so, paragraph down)

The local residents of Loliondo and Sale are Maasai and Sonjo communities who for years have also been arch-enemies while the foreign investors include the hunting firm, Ortello Business Corporation, the [Redacted] and luxury lodge operators.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2013 12:33 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: TZ Daily News: Loliondo Braces for PM Solution on Land Conflict

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 4:46 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Water survey

Hi [Redacted],

I remember that, the report was verbal, and actually Nicholas just came to verify that there was not water in [Redacted] during that period. so that he will inform the DC.

Best regards,

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2013 9:34 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Water survey

Hi [Redacted],

I have been reading past emails over the last 7 years and am amazed at the abuses we have incurred. I am reading these to try to get the [Redacted] and need to show how Maanda continued to fabricate lies during our history of ownership. One of those was from an email she sent to me complaining that we would not allow cattle onto the property during the drought to use the Pololet ...I wrote back and said that she and a few others should come along with Nicolas to see a water survey being done.

Do you remember this incident? Was a report actually done or was it verbal only?

should be showing you the excel document we did and what we hope you will be able to say in a statement about the false accusations on [Redacted]
From: 
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2013 12:02 PM 
To: 
Subject: FW: Court Case

So both [REDACTED] agree with me that our co's are not involved in the case that [REDACTED] mentions. The fact is that we have no active cases in Tz now that the [REDACTED] case is closed.

-----Original Message-----
From: [REDACTED] 
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2013 6:33 AM 
To: [REDACTED] 
Cc: [REDACTED] 
Subject: RE: Court Case

Hi [REDACTED]

You are absolutely right. I have been going through the rubbish story complaining about postponing the case due to my absencce. As by my memory, there was no any single mentioned day I missed the court except on 2nd May 13 when I was sick in Arusha and I called the PP (Public Prosecutor).

All the postponments made were on their lawyer's fault, everytime he had an awkward appology, and it came a time the Judge decided that when he misses again the case will continue without him.

I understand that all the allegations and the language used are to attract fundings... businessmen/ladies always paint attractive colors to the clients.

We have no any other co case than those you know before and after.

Cheers

[REDACTED]
This is the Government's case not ours. It is only a 2nd witness, with the police who made the arrest being the 1st witness. It keeps getting postponed, to the cost of all parties and witnesses. The next hearing is on 5th June where... is once again, required to be there as witness.

The arrest of the 5 people follows the instruction by the DC at a public meeting at Sukenya Village about resolving conflicts that are not allowed to make any arrest of herders. If a situation cannot be resolved amicably then we were told not to do anything but to call the DC or the OCD. The government would deal with it.

This event was a set up.

3 herders from Sukenya Ju came right to the camp when guests were there with the intention to intimidate and confront. When our scouts went to ask them to move their cows away from the camp because we have guests there, they threatened our scouts and maintained their position in front of the camp. The scouts backed off as instructed and called the police who came and made the arrests, along with 2 other herders from Mondorosi. Those two herders were not threatening our scouts; they just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Did go to see the DC the next day to see how it could be resolved. The DC was understandably convinced that this was a deliberate set up and wanted to get to the bottom of it. He said that we wanted to work on it. We got close to resolving it but when the defendant's lawyers got involved along with a journalist, it became impossible. Their design was to make a show of this. The arrests and the whole business of court is the show as planned their interest is to maintain that show. This is the government's case and they make the decisions on how to handle it.

Please feel free to comment on the above as this is all my interpretation of your description and therefore 2nd hand.
And answer Ina on her question of "are there any other cases of us prosecuting trespassers (or anyone related to [redacted], (past or present)?"

I am aware of 3 herders who were arrested and then the case was dismissed because you did not appear in court's witness.

The arrest of Ndekre was another set up where he beat up [redacted] (but presented otherwise), but later resolved by you with the elders without a case for assault being filed by either side.

Best,

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 6:18 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Court Case

Hello,

What is the story on this?

Did we bring these guys to court and what was the result? If so, are there any other cases of us prosecuting trespassers (or anyone related to [redacted])?

Thanks,
News: continue to pursue a bogus case against the five young men originally arrested in July

The men after their heads were forcibly shaved

30th November 2012 - Pictured are the five men arrested and detained in July this year. Two are from Mondorsi village and three are from Sukenya village. Both villages are involved in the court case against These men are Morani (warriors) and traditionally wear their hair in long braids. This important part of their cultural identity was taken from them by police who shaved their heads during their detention. This was a deliberate act of humiliation.

The prosecution against the five young men is ongoing as continues to pursue a case against them in the local Lollondo courts for trespassing. Because of the remoteness of the area legal representation is provided by the Legal and Human Rights Centre but they lack funding for the case so their costs to come are covered by the community, local NGO’s and in some cases the lawyers personal funds. Several hearing dates have been set with LHRC travelling nine hours each way to attend but each time the case was postponed, adding to the stress and financial burden for the men. A preliminary hearing was finally held recently. The five accused gave their statements which were disputed by The main hearing is now set for 14th December.

Thanks,
Hi

Further to my last e-mail on this, here with a statement from TATO..

The latest in the village talk is that 3 people are now dead, 60 injured in hospital, some seriously....and several other unexploded devices were found concealed in various places at the scene.....Am not sure if the latter is true but according to my maid, who was there and sustained minor injuries, the former is true..day

Also, 6 people have been arrested so far the operation to catch the culprits is continuing..

The incident took place close to our offices, in our local village, about 1/4 of a mile from here..

Best,

-----Original Message-----
From: Sirili Akko. [mailto:sirili@tatotz.org]
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 9:54 AM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: EXPLOSIVE ATTACKS IN ARUSHA CHURCH

Dear Members,

With deep grief we are informing you that yesterday during inauguration of Olasiti new Catholic Parish, the explosive (not yet established on whether it was a bomb or not) hit the church. The Main Mass Celebrant was The Vatican Ambassador to Tanzania, Archbishop Francisco Montecillo Padilla flanked apart from other clergy, by Bishop Louis Lebulu head of Catholic Dioceses of Arusha.

One person died and several others injured, and are in various Hospitals in Arusha.

High level investigation is still ongoing, we will share any update from the Government as and when we receive it.

Kindly update your agencies wherever they are, that there is no threat to safety and security in Tanzania as this is an isolated incident. Tanzania is still a safe and peaceful country.

Kind regards

Sirili Miontini Akko.
Executive officer.
I am in no hurry at all to answer her. But I think that we need proof by video that there is no water. And supervisor, I suggest that we get Loserian, some other officials, Tall skinny, to go with us and see if there is water. However, when we make this video are we suggesting that when there is water that we will let the cattle...500 - 5000 of them onto the property.

I think we need to meet and get going on the Trust. Then Maanda will have to speak with the Trust. who will include members perhaps of the surrounding villages. In the meantime we could tell her we are thinking about it....working on ways to benefit our neighbors.

When can you round up some people to get some footage. says next week, but that seems so far away. Is that because is in Arusha?
This is one of two letters I received.

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From: Maanda Ngoitiko  
Sent: Sunday, July 25, 2010 4:01 AM  
To:  
Subject: urgent request from Maanda on behalf of Soitsambu sub villages

Dear [Name],

We have a big problem here, Mondorosi community are very disparate of water problems. We are in the process to fix a water pump. They have been using Pololet River of the last 4 months. Yesterday your guards turn over 500 livestock preventing them from Pololet water source. And telling them never to come and drink water or even to across the disputed property. I’m writing this email to ask you if you could make an official statement to you staff here to allow the community surroundings the disputed property to use the pololet water and Elotim water.

The village chairman is trying to conduct [Name] and I’m told to find Telele and DC over the same. It is an urgent situation we know you have offered to help for development this is the most desperate help we need. We do not know if this decision to denied access to water again is made by you or somebody else. The community at Mondorosi thinks that after meeting this Friday that refused to accept [Name] money for the school led to [Name] decision to denied access to water. As since January 2010, we have seen improvement in [Name], allowing the community access to water and grazing, and are shocked by the current change in situation.

We know we are in the middle of the conflict over this property, but please do not harm so many people at this critical stage of drought. Here my mobile phone in case you want to talk to me. + 255 785481165.

Looking forward to your quick feedback.

Maanda

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Maanda Ngoitiko

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Hi [Name]

The letter came in at 4:00am...this morning.

I do NOT want this to become a war...and I know you don’t either so we need to come up with options. I imagine that Maanda told Mondorossi that they should reject our help because what they need is water and our land to graze on. So, perhaps we let 100 cattle onto the property at a time but limit it to 200 and we fix the pump.

I understand that we should wait for the details...but you know me, I am thinking of tons of options now so that Monday morning doesn't come around and we haven't formulated a plan.

Anyhow...welcome home...hugs to little [Name].

-----Original Message-----

From: [Name]
Sent: Sunday, July 25, 2010 9:45 AM
To: [Name]
Cc: [Name]
Subject: RE: Maanda
Importance: High

Just spoke with [Name]. He is going to get more information about what happened yesterday in Mondorosi. He is in Arusha now.

I think we should schedule a tour with village, district leaders, and Maanda to tour the areas where she says there is water. This should be well documented. Again, I was just there. Dry as a bone. Unless there is something I am missing.

The water pump is something that should be in the letter. I will draft something first thing tomorrow morning.

When did you receive the letter?

I will wait to hear more from [Name] this afternoon.

Best,
-----Original Message-----
From:  
Sent: Sun 7/25/2010 8:17 AM  
To:  
Cc:  
Subject: Maanda  

Dear  

I have received a letter from Maanda requesting that we allow 500 head of cattle to drink from the Poloet and Elotin water supply. She is concerned that because the Mondorroi Community rejected our request for help that we are using this to punish them. She has, interestingly enough, said that we have allowed access to water on our property over the past 4 months. That is very good that she has acknowledged this.

I certainly will not answer her at all until I hear from you. But this is an opportunity to begin a dialogue with Maanda...and I feel that we can start down the path of working with her....but it is very political and I will await your report of Friday's meeting and what has happened since then. I need to get back to her asap so please let me know what has happened and if I could be the person to suggest a plan that might work.

I think the village has a right to decide if it wants us to help with schools or not. It appears that the water pump is broken and I am wondering if we can allow small groups of cattle to drink under the condition that we fix the water pump. 500 cattle is alot when we are working on bringing back the wildlife. Might 500 cattle upset the balance and does she want this forever or until the pump is fixed. I could ask her all of these.

She was very reasonable..and for the first time in almost 5 years she has written to me personally. I would like to use this to move forward. It doesn't mean that she has "won"...it means that we begin a long process...of perhaps healing...

I imagine you are very mad  but what we have to lose here is more press on  "punishes local communities for rejecting their help". That would not be good...and in the end I think we might lose an important opportunity.

Could I hear from everyone about their suggestions on how to move forward.

Thanks,
Hi [Name],

I hope you had a good trip back and happy to be home after your busy tour. I thought I would take the opportunity to follow up...Sorry for the very long e-mail...I did not have the time to write a shorter one.

I am glad that we had the opportunity to meet and get some useful info from [Name]. Both of us share the underlying concern in your article about the future of the Maasai. It would have been good to spend more time over a cold beer to cover more ground.

I am relatively new to [Place] and much of the drama surrounding [Issue] not only originates in [Context] but substantially predates my involvement.

I, for now, have the opportunity to take a broad view and look beyond the local turf wars and conflicts in order to resolve them.

In Africa, well meaning bright and hopeful projects are built and then strangled every day by short term conflicting or competing political, ethnic and personal interests, where everyone loses in the longer run. A few succeed depending on their ability to continually adapt to and/or change their surroundings and context (social, economic, legal, political framework etc). It’s good to know you have been around the block and have witnessed the complexities and drama inherent in the region, some played out in small pockets like [Place] and some across whole districts and even states.

I’ve been operating in those kinds of social/political environments for most of my working life, in Africa and South East Asia, and have up till now, with right kind of people and work, and time, obtained a good outcome for all. It needs a lot of dialogue and understanding, sitting under trees talking, ability to see the pitfalls, to empathize, find compromise and evolve a good path that works.

In these environments, the onus is always on the operator to get it right. They take all the risk and they are always held fully accountable for all their actions. Mistakes, fact or fiction, can be exploited relentlessly and with impunity as we have seen. The operator, particularly if they are foreign, is utterly vulnerable to anything thrown at them. Expecting local communities and interests in conflict to play by the rules, where national and local legal and institutional frameworks are themselves in conflict an unclear, is totally unrealistic. It all comes down to working it out locally somehow, bottom up.

This is why we are reaching out to ground level experienced people like [Name] grass roots development NGOs, people across an array of expertise working in community areas in Tanzania and Kenya, from conservationists, microfinance, cattle and wildlife management, through to tourism operators. We are also looking
to build a picture from independent impartial stakeholder research for [ ], leading to a working strategy and structure for recognizing and working with those stakeholders, including but not limited to the Laitayok and Purko.

The value of the areas bordering the Serengeti are, by their location and condition best expressed through tourism. The Maasai, are not only predominant as the community, but entirely compatible with the development of these areas for tourism, the main assets being wildlife and community in effective balance. Long term committed investors and operators like [ ] are in for the long run and have a universal interest in the preservation and conservation of the wildlife and cultures where they operate. If it was all about profit we would restrict our operations to the parks. We would not be investing rivers of time and resources in a stable long term platform outside the park trying to do good community & conservation tourism.

There is no one silver bullet perfect model in the evolutionary landscape. Some are being squeezed and rendered unviable by discordant change (our highly successful direct with village agreements in [ ] Western Serengeti, have been rendered void by the imposition of the WMA model marching across the landscape of community areas, itself; imperfect and consequently a source of internal conflict between communities with layer upon layer of institutional and political costs and demands to negotiate). There has to be diversity to allow for the evolution of stable successful sustainable models. [ ] and other pioneering models should be given a chance, noting that this project and many others, including WMAs, are only in the very first stages. Both the models and the stakeholders will have to evolve and adapt if they are to be successful.

You had asked me about why benefits had been delivered to the Laitayok in preference to the Purko. To some extent the turf war in play does also affect NGO/development activity. I had answered: Delivering benefits has to start somewhere, and it so happens that the Laitayok were there, responsive and easy to work with. Being first in line for the first test efforts does not imply that the next in line is or will be excluded. The objective was to have a win win for all...which in any community project like this in Africa is a long and difficult journey...The Purko may be difficult and against the project to the extent that a win all/lose all is the immediate and only acceptable objective to them, but the objective is to resolve differences so we can move forwards on a wider front that does not exclude Purko or PWC. I expect all manner of tactics will be used to leverage the lion’s share of resources available, even if such demands risk killing the goose that lays the eggs, but things, over time, will settle into more sustainable ecological balance with reference to community.

I also asked my colleague, [ ], to elaborate upon and clarify upon some of the responses I gave you concerning development support among the different clans.

He is more informed about many of the efforts on the ground at [ ] and has investigated many of allegations that you may have heard during your tour.

He has informed me that [ ] has a long history of reaching out the Purko, to the Pastoralist Women’s Council, and to all communities. There are a significant number of Purko who have expressed a deep interest in collaborating with [ ]. Local NGOs have often undermined such cooperation for the sake of their own political agenda, however, [ ] is confident that its support among the Purko is growing. The personal politics of a few groups and individuals will always be a fact of life in any context, but good sense, good ethics and well balanced business with the community should bring these aspects into a more workable environment.

For now and for example the turf war of political and economic interests of a few groups continues to play its hand. Mondorosi Primary School, which is just beyond the north side of [ ] has established a dialogue with [ ] and, in fact, has written to [ ] requesting numerous resources. [ ] welcomed such requests and through [ ] it was determined that teachers’ houses simultaneously at Mondorosi and Sukanya Primary School. The directors of [ ] and others have visited with teachers and parents at Mondorosi Primary many times. They have documentation to support all of this. The school council, however, has a number of PWC members who actually blocked such a project from getting off the ground.
Similarly, many Purko women on the north side of the property wanted to form a women’s group similar to the one in Sukanya. *welcomed* such an effort, as, with travelers coming to the area in large numbers, they can certainly diversify their cultural activities among many different groups. However, again, *individuals* actually threatened the women with violence if they dared to form such a cooperative.

*does* have strong support among elements of the Purko so we cannot say nor want to say that it’s all bad or irreconcilable. It need not be. Despite efforts to curb the initiatives and efforts to deliver benefits to the area up to now and for the time being, as *project* expands and a conservancy trust takes over all community and conservation efforts, improving relations will progressively provide a more progressive and constructive environment for all. This is, after all, the first year of the project being full-fledged.

You had also mentioned about “dozens” of arrests for trespassing made by. *I am not aware of this and its certainly not the practice you have witnessed in your unannounced visit. Dragging up the past, inaccurately, to imply it is the current practice and orientation of the company seems a bit dated and misleading of your sources. I am aware that the property was set upon at some time in the past and the police came to try to keep the peace. Being set upon must have been terrifying for the staff on the property. The decision and action to intervene was made by the police. They did make a couple arrests as I am told. It was an awful time that we regret that enormously. Do you want me to look into this for you?

Do feel free to discuss anything on your mind. We are totally open to hearing from you on any gaps or concerns that you would like to cover. In any event, we should be given and ask for the opportunity to respond to any of the assertions that may have been made about in your investigation.

Probably best that you contact as soon as possible. I only go back 6 months with and am more concerned with my work to constructively move forwards on this..

Finally, best of luck with the article. My worries aside on whether it will help or hinder the work of myself and others in finding good joined up responsible tourism solutions for Loliondo, where we are seeing human-wildlife conflict being precariously resolved while human to human conflict escalates over short term benefits, the future of the Maasai has a lot of challenges ahead, internal and external. Anything that constructively addresses this is a good thing, for them and for those responsible and committed operators like *whose business is not only there because of them but interdependent with them. Who knows, small anchor projects like may provide islands of real commitment, innovation, and stability that will catalyse and facilitate wider success in these kinds of community/wildlife areas. They are certainly not viable if everything else around them collapses in the face of chaotic development where population pressure will double each 15 or so years. That threat alone is powerful incentive for us to think more broadly when acting locally. The future of the Maasai, conservation and the future of our investment in the area are inextricably linked. Protecting one is protecting the other.

All the best,
Does the DC know that Josh Hammer is there as a reporter? I am taking for granted that he knows since the DC office has given Josh an interpreter from his office. I don't want you to ask the DC but do you know if he knows? I am concerned that we are complicit in working with journalists knowing that the RC, DC, PM all want journalists to register or have a permit.

What would [redacted] say about this happening. What is our obligation? Would the PM want to meet with Joshua Hammer? Would Joshua meet with him? How about [redacted]?

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 6:07 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Joshua Hammer

Dear all,

I met Joshua at Klein's camp yesterday with wazee from Sukenya, because of time factor, I was only able to collect four people, [redacted] and Sukenya Chairman Loserian.

As I said, Joshua had already made up his mind of what he want to write, he was with one guy from wassos, a masai who work with the District Council as an assistant Legal officer (now this gives me some light as to why the opening of the case without the village gov. knowing was possible and the fact that the legal officer is not following up as he should have) Anyways, he met a few village gov. members at soitsambu and they sung the same chorus they have been singing about us.

When we met him at Klein's, he started asking the wazee about the projects that I told the quests that we and [redacted] have done in the area, the wazee confirmed everything and that they were happy to have [redacted] near them, he also asked about grazing and they told him that there is no problem with that and we are working a way for them to be able to graze during the drought, however they told him that they were able to graze during the last drought and their cattle survived better than other places.

He said that he was given a totally different story at soit sambu village and he was wondering why, the wazee told him that, he should have stopped at sukenya to get the s

He also asked about people being arrested for tres passing, I reminded him when we were walking in we met a group of masai with donkeys crossing to the other side and they were friendly with me and we stoped for the long masai greetings. He also saw cattle in the property, I asked him that he saw for his own eyes, the maasai walking on a property, the warriors coming to the camp, the tourist visiting the boma, and the masai
visiting the bomas too, I don't know why he was still worried about us and telling the tourist that they should not believe me. He is just very crazy.

The video file is 247 MB I can't upload, it's taking ages, will see how I can order an empty dvd from the office so that I can burn and send with [redacted] when she comes.

--- On Sun, 5/30/10.

From: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Joshua Hammer
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Date: Sunday, May 30, 2010, 9:23 AM

Just spoke with [redacted].

[redacted] confirmed that Joshua did indeed tell them that he was working on an "expose" and that they shouldn't believe anything he says. She says that the guests, from what she has viewed have not been discussing the issue anymore, but she was under the impression that they did believe him. She was going to talk with [redacted] more and diplomatically with some of the PAX and then write to us from [redacted].

[redacted] brought several elders and Sukonya leaders to Klein's Camp to meet with Joshua. He actually recorded the interview on FlipVideo, as did Joshua. Can we somehow get a copy of the interview ASAP? Does [redacted] have a laptop?

Joshua had met with Daniel Ngoitiko, Maanda's brothers, and the Soit chairman, today as well, so obviously that was the foundation of his information. However, [redacted] felt that he did acknowledge the complexity of the clan issue, and he had been surprised to see people freely crossing the property and cows grazing on the property undisturbed. The elders challenged him on many counts. Early on, the translator, whose mother is close to Maanda, already started leaving out information from his translation until [redacted] challenged him.

[redacted] will go into the details and I will follow up later tonight.

I have not heard back from Dorinda or Brook. I have also called Deborah Dunn, the editor who set up the trip, and left a message with her.

I think we should push for a face-to-face background conversation with the editors this week in NYC [redacted] and I can go on Thursday.

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: Sun 5/30/2010 7:35 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Joshua Hammer

Hi [redacted]
Thanks for the update.

Yes, it does seem that his questions are skewed, and yes, it will be most important for you to urgently work on this issue rather than with Ali.

He actually told our guests not to believe you??!! That's astounding...so disrespectful and totally awful.

Has there been any backlash in the group? Surely the group would be talking about this amongst themselves - and perhaps to other safari groups they run in to??

Can you please call [email address] and check in on the group and speak to [name]

Thanks,

----Original Message-----
From: [email address]
Sent: Sun 5/30/2010 4:22 AM
To: [email address]
Cc: [email address]
Subject: Joshua Hammer

Dear all,

We now all know about Joshua Hammer who came as a tourist but he was actually a journalist who wanted to come to Tanzania after knowing that, was actually happy because he had his chance to see what we do and our relationship with the community.

Actually he had the car already arranged by Tandala safaris and it came to pick him up and drove to Waso where he went to pick a translator, his a guy who work at the district council and he also work very closely with Maanda and CRT.

I went with [name] and Wageni to see the women milling machine and the school, and after the school they left for Serengeti, I hang a little bit at the school, which turned out to be good because Joshua came to the school, I talked to him and he said he was trying to find a women group that he was told was near the school.

I showed him where the women normally do their business and the new hurts that they are building, he said he wanted to meet them, and told them that I can arrange for him to meet within 4hrs, I will be able to collect all of them there, he said he don't have that much time and he told me 'I want them now!'

I told him that the best I can do now is to take him to one of the Enyuata women home and can meet, he agreed and took him to the boma close to the milling machine so that he can see the milling machine too. He bought some jewelry there and saw a milling machine and asked this woman a few questions, like how this milling machine project is helping them, and also if they normally sell things to tourist, the woman replied by saying that the milling machine is a big step in their life and that they also make a lot of money from selling jewelry to tourists.

I also told him that we expect many tourists this season, about 500 the whole season, and if each tourist spend an average of $20 to buy jewelry, then the women group have a potential of making $10,000 this season, also told them that we are helping them opening up a bank account.

Anyway, his questions from the camp up to yesterday seemed rather skewed. I gave him my mobile numbers so that he can contact me any time, I tried to contact him since yesterday but his phone is not reachable, I want him to meet the wazee of Sukenya so that he can talk to him.

He actually told the other group what he was doing and that he did not want us to know because [name] will change the story if I knew he was writing about us, he actually told them that what ever I told them was not true, so my story about [name] is not true (kind of irritating to me) [name] will tell more of what he told the other group.
Ooops, I was trying to call him while writing this email too, (very busy) and just spoke to him and he said he don't have time to do that and asked me to give the telephone numbers of people that he can talk on the phone, I offered to bring the wazee to Klein's and he said yes it will be fine since he had all the after noon free, (I wonder why he can't come back) so I will drive there with Loserian, so that he can talk to him.

My program will be a bit disrupted this afternoon but I think this is very important and since met, in Robanda, she already know the issue.

Thanks
More in red below:

From:  
Sent:  Friday, January 29, 2010 6:08 AM  
To:  
Subject:  

Report

Hi,

Hope you had a wonderful holiday, we are doing well at and we had lots of rains, the grasses are tall again and lot of wildlife. This is a good year with lots of rains though people lost lots of cows but at least there is some hope for them and every one after the rains.

We started a new year very well, and we had a small new year party at the camp, at first we thought it is small but we ended up having 93 people from all around us, Sukunya, Mondorosi, Nadooshoke, and Ilmasilag. It was a very nice one we had all the purko, loita and laitayok together and we had a wonderful time. We slaughtered two goats and cooked rice, and 5 crates of soda.

It was so nice for them to come together and talking about and how people around us benefited from grasses in the drought (though we never allowed them) so they were speaking of a grass bank concept and that they will help protect us from people who bring cattle from far to come to graze in.

It was nice to see people from Mondorosi who have been our enemies coming and talking nicely, some saying that they have just been being pushed to do what they have been doing without their knowledge. Though there were people from Maanda’s boma too, which I think it was good because they will tell Maanda of how we have a very good relationship with the community.

Below is the brief on how everything else is doing at

Community projects;
The women milling machine took longer to install than expected, this is due to lots of rains that were raining and it was difficult for the fundis to come over from wasso, because they are riding the bicycles, but they have recently finished the job and we are waiting to finish on small things to get it up and running.

Water project;
We had a talk with the elders and they are forming a water committee so that it will oversee the water project, and they are deciding on how much they will charge people to use the water well so that they will have funds available to fix incase it break down as well as paying for someone to guard it 24/7.

They are now waiting to hear from our side as to what next and when are we going to do the other bore hole.

School;

We talked about the construction of classrooms and teacher housing while [redacted] were here and they had very big expectations that is something that will happen soon (they always do) they have more children this year and a shortage of teachers and they really really need some more teachers but the problem is accommodation.

[redacted] was working with this last year trying to get quotes from [redacted] but she travelled to the US for one month, I am not sure if she is back or not but will try to get hold of her soon.

Kind regards,

[redacted]
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 11:44 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: WordPress Visits

Hi,
I would like to engage him in helping us along with a group of people in the wildlife sector, the community, conservation specialists, and responsible tourism consultants... and find out if he might be interested in working with us in some capacity on our interim committee to construct a trust for [Redacted]. Our goal is to provide a model of sustainability using privately held land that provides a symbiotic place for the communities around the refuge, the tourists who visit, and the wildlife that reside there.

We understand that this is a very charged area with much demonization happening, but we want to look ahead and build what will work for the future.

Our last 3 years have been about deciphering if wildlife will come back with less but some grazing. And now that we know that wildlife will inhabit the area, we can begin to find the balance of grazing, wildlife, tourists, and the benefits to the local communities.

Find out if he might be interested. We are looking for diversified points of view, not just those who will agree with one particular line.

See what he says. We are in Dar and hope to begin the interim committee in the month of April while [Redacted] is here. [Redacted] will assist us in bringing key stakeholders together. The stakeholders are people who believe that some type of model can work and make a model for the future.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tue 3/30/2010 10:53 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: WordPress Visits

Hi, [Redacted]
Just to clarify - his name is [Redacted] and he is [Redacted].

What is the goal here - Since he is a consultant on exactly what we are trying to do, are you suggesting we collaborate with him? Or is the urgent goal simply to have him remove the post? Seeing that he specifically built that site for debate, it seems unlikely that he would remove it outright.

I think it would be good to suggest to him that public debate is not a viable option since the only ones who engage in it are the people who are invested in demonizing us... they have already made up their minds, so there is no room for debate.

He is on his way out today, so I'll get in touch with [Redacted] as soon as I have confirmation on what you feel is appropriate.

Thanks,
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 9:29 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: WordPress Visits

FYI

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 2:06 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: WordPress Visits

Either you and [redacted] should write to him now...and call him...Best to contact him and be careful not to sound too crazed even though we are.

We are about to meet with the Minister of Education...and getting a letter from the Permanent secretary to the Prime Minister to use the summary.

Most important is that someone calls and talks to Kent...asap...this to me is very very urgent.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Mon 3/29/2010 10:14 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: WordPress Visits

2 UK visitors today.

London - responsibletravel.com
They are a broker, you pay to get advertised on their site and then have the appearance that you are a responsible operator. (we've seen this one before).

- came from the link posted on irresponsibletourism.info in response to Susanna's BS. Just did some sleuthing...turns out, this visitor is actually the owner of irresponsibletourism. He lives in... I have written to him multiple times, perhaps my last letter may have him questioning Susanna's legitimacy. I guess he's looking into it, anyway.

Other hits this past week were from Wisconsin, Germany, Seattle and London.
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 2:08 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: WordPress Visits

Also, if you give me an email address I will contact him about our plan...

Just so you know,

1. Cattle grazed on our property during the drought.
2. Local communities came to collect water, but it was a drought and there was little water.

3. Our plan is to continue to bring back the wildlife, allow limited grazing depending on the amount that will work alongside wildlife, continue to work with the communities that will work with us, and bring tourist dollars to an area that has had little tourism...unlike villages that are close to the park. This is a business opportunity for all.

More later.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Mon 3/29/2010 10:14 AM
To: [Redacted]
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and I just had a conversation and I realized that I might be out of the loop or not listening properly reported to me that the Ngorongoro district has signed off on all the paperwork that they approve the land use change. That paperwork is what is sitting on the desk of the woman in Moshi. His point is that "everything is approved, it just needs the signature of this woman." Is this correct. I asked him where he got the info that everything was approved ... and he said,

Let me know
Hi [Name],

I wanted to chat with you because I truly believed that you would be honest and helpful. I didn't believe that you would undermine me and I am pleased to hear that this is true.

I am keen to move forward with a plan that may not look like the one you have drawn out. Yesterday when you mentioned taking [name] out of the mix I wondered whether I should let you know that when we asked [name] to see if wildlife would come back onto the property by reducing the number of cattle, we together asked the village elders to hold off on bringing their cattle. Most did so, except for a group of Maasai to the north of us. This group then brought hundreds of cattle onto the property and when [name] approached them they threw spears at him. He called the police. I believe [name] story on this. What the police did was to protect [name] and our staff. Why doesn't anyone believe this?

You say you haven't been up to Loliondo for 20 years...so might you be getting incorrect stories? The reason I am bringing this up is that I do believe that you can help with this situation, but to have a Maasai veterinarian who can speak the language, conserve the land for wildlife, and talk to our guests...is imperative. And I am not sure he is so "hated" amongst most of the Maasai. Taking [name] out is like taking Maanda out...and I would like to engage her, not push her out of the mix.

Let me give all of this some thought...and keep this moving forward. The fact that you took time to email these details is helpful and appreciated.

Back to you soon,

[Signoff]

-----Original Message-----
From: [Name]
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 1:38 AM
To: [Name]
Subject: Re: A chat

I'll only say this once. I did not agree to engage with you as a ploy to undermine you. From the beginning I have wanted this issue to be resolved in a way that works for you, the community and conservation.
I only learned about the court case (summons?) day before yesterday from Maanda. I asked who was funding and she named an organization which I'd never heard of and don't remember the name - I can find out if you want. We or our foundation have not funded any of this nor do we plan to. UCRT did in the past (don't remember when exactly) send up an investigative task force on Sukenya which was funded by Oxfam I think.
I think it's a very good idea to engage if I am involved I would feel much better about having another party on board, in fact taking the lead role and totally endorse them if they are willing.

I will reiterate and summarize my take and way forward on this. I recognize that there are different perceptions all with a mix of truth and falsehood.

Both you and the community are victims - you because you made an investment in good faith and with good intentions that has serious baggage which threatens to undermine your investment and plans - the community due to perceived and real injustice in terms of loss of land and access to resources. As we discussed, "the community" is complicated by factions in particular, dynamics between the different sections - Purko, Lataiyok & Loita and this needs to be taken into account.

The way I see it, you have two main options at this point.

The first is to continue as you have, using Govt support for the investment and strong arm tactics towards community members through the police along with incentives on the edges such as the maize milling machine and borehole you mentioned. This tac will almost certainly involve a protracted legal case of uncertain decision which will likely delay progress of your plans and will continue to foster community ill will and conflict.

The second is to show a new face by removing your current and modifying your well intentioned plans to incorporate concession in dialogue with the community as real partners.

This will require you to give up exclusive use and rights over some of the lease - the most difficult hurdle given what you've put into it and what your dreams are. I do firmly believe that if you go to the community in open transparent meetings starting with the statement to the effect that "we are both victims, that much abuse has happened which we weren't aware of and/or was out of our control" - say you're sorry for this and ask how we can go forward" that you can be freed not of problems and issues in the details and implementation but at least of the conflictive nature of the relationship as stands.

As I said on the phone, you propose a core area which is the most important for tourism as an exclusive use area. Beyond that you work/ plan together with the community to come up with a management plan for the rest of the area - what can happen when in different areas. You don't need expensive consultants to do this - your's and the expertise and experience in tourism and community members experience and needs should be enough along with and perhaps me. Even though the core area will likely only be a quarter or so of the total, and there will be other agreed on uses of the rest of the area, you continue to have exclusive tourism use of the whole area. You negotiate a bed night fee that goes into village coffers which is part of a contractual agreement. As part of this agreement you also commit to training and preferential hiring of community members for the operation.

This sounds too simple to be true or to work but I think therein lies it's merit.

I will keep these emails to myself as well but will talk to folk for input on what can work.

As we all do, I have a pretty full slate in terms of schedule so can't commit to a lot of time on this but if you want, I will do what I can given this constraint.

Baadaye & stay well,

On Feb 24, 2010, at 9:39 PM, wrote:
Hi,

Thanks for your time. I am starting from the position of honesty and taking for granted that you are too. My desire is to keep our dream alive...to produce a model that if symbiotic for the wildlife, the communities, our guests, our company and for the wider range of community...that being the people of Tanzania.

I am wondering how to proceed...in light of the fact that you mentioned court case...and I think you were talking about the summons received. I know about the summons, but not a court case. Perhaps confusion? Were you involved in putting together or funding this summons? If so, you should tell me and be honest about your intentions in talking with me. If we both agree to let go of the past and move forward, then I think we could solve the Loliondo issue together. You and are two of the few who might truly believe that our intentions are not bottom line driven. But if on one hand you are funding the slanderous accusations, then it may be hard to work together.

I truly would like your help and wonder if you are able to step out of the opposition and work with us temporarily. Or, can we call a "truce" until we get the trust in order and meet with the village elders. We would get on a plane shortly if we can ask the opposition to show that they are willing to work with us.

I felt hope for the first time today...and hope that we can move forward.

Last question...I asked about and your relationship with them...are you on board with me getting their help as well, or does that muddy the waters.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks for the "chat".

Kind regards,

[Signature]

PS. I have decided not to share my emails with anyone at the moment. I have, however, talk to about our conversation and feel that someone needed to stop the momentous battle that is being waged. It is a waste of time, energy, and monies that could be used for a far better cause.

-----Original Message-----
From: [Email Address]
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 12:01 PM
To:
Subject: Re: A chat

We have folk coming over kesho eve. Will 9 am your time and 5 pm my time work?

Home phone:
From:  
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2009 3:30 AM  
To:  
Cc:  
Subject: RE: Loliondo Maize Delivery - Thomson Fuel Invoice  

That is $5200 minus 4614.23....leaving plenty to finish the facility for the maize mill. What would be very very important and something we need to look at for the Bukenerya area is water collection. The WFP (World Food Program) is working across the Loliondo area where the drought has hit very very hard...and they are working on adding gutters to houses with tin roofs and 5000 liter plastic collection tanks. The Maasai have not in the past had a way to collect water...and when it rains it rains. The rains are just about to arrive so I would suggest that it works on getting the final mortar up for the facility (by the way the facility is up with a roof and strapping for walls which the women paid for themselves). Now the facility needs: a foundation for the maize mill, the walls filled with mud and stone, doors, locks and my strong suggestion of a water collection area. Having just come from this area, where cattle are dying every second and now the school affected because they have no water to make the lunches...I feel that for a small amount of money we can provide the gutters and collection tank (1000 liters for the size of the roof) for these women.

I suggest that gets the money to Masap. I pressed the women about why this facility was not done, and they said that they had spent their money to get the facility where it is and they also spent the money they raised from guests on just trying to get past the drought. (Perhaps the worst drought I have seen). They had 50,000 tsh left which I asked them to go fetch from their collection box. They did, and gave it to so we could finish the job.

You will be very proud of these women once we get this up and running. But we still have work to do...more on that later.

Best,

From:  
Sent: Tue 11/3/2009 11:43 AM  
To:  
Cc:  
Subject: RE: Loliondo Maize Delivery - Fuel Invoice  

Hi,

gave $2000, the board matched the $2000. I then raised an additional $1200 to finish moving the 50 tons of maize. At the last meeting, we approved $500 (probably from my leftover fundraising) to use for the Enyuala Women's Collaborative to finish their kibanda to house the maize mill.

Thanks,
can you please review the meeting minutes and let me know how much money the Board approved for the Loliondo food delivery at our summer meeting? We might need to have wire the money if the Stanbic account doesn't have enough to cover this invoice.

On Tue, Nov 3, 2009 at 11:33 AM,

Yes, this is OK to pay. But before you write a check - what's the current balance in the account? I have no idea what has happened in that account for 7 months now. Have you made any progress with getting electronic access to it?

On Tue, Nov 3, 2009 at 3:45 AM,

Dear,

I want to get approval to pay the invoice of $4,614.23 for the fuel used to deliver the maize to Loliondo. purchased the fuel and has billed

There is a supporting document showing the number of liters used on each of the 13 truckloads, for a total of 4,200 liters at 1,440 Tsh per liter.

As I did not have a specific amount that was already authorized, can you please confirm this invoice is OK to pay?

Regards,
More... from... over a year ago.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 8:09 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Soitsambu

Dear [redacted],

This was the message I sent to Maanda in February after her visit to Olasiti, and the subsequent unpleasantness that ensued.

I suggested I should make sure [redacted] has a copy for his files.

Warm regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 05 February 2008 15:53
To: [redacted]
Subject: Soitsambu

Dear [redacted],

Thanks for visiting our offices the other day, it was great to chat to you and Dismas.

However, I have since received worrying news from Loliondo about aggressive grazing on our land with local people accusing my staff of violent arrests, beatings and abuse of local residents in carrying out their patrols.

These cases have not been substantiated, nor formal complaints made to the police at Wasso.

My staff are under strict instructions not to harass or physically tackle any trespassers on our land so it is a great surprise to us that these accusations have been made and that journalists have been notified that our staff are conducting themselves in this fashion.

Maanda, if you are going to encourage people to attack [redacted] personally, then I'm afraid you will simply confuse everybody about the real dispute concerning the land. I'm also not happy that you are trying to discredit my employees in this way.
I think your time might be better spent ensuring that the village assembly understands exactly what they are fighting for and to approach their own leaders to represent this in a formal way and to unite towards a common goal. False accusations of a personal nature will not further your cause.

Warm regards,

[Signature]

From: Maanda Ngoitiko [mailto:maandapwc@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2008 11:23 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Ref. Loliondo land and tourism information

Dear [Redacted],

I'm very delighted to have a meeting with you yesterday, this is a good begging. Herewith the first draft contract between Moivaro and Ngaresero village and the well written paper on competing interests over village land in Loliondo area.

Best wishes
Maanda

Maanda Ngoitiko

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I don't know...but if they have a copy and it reads "hotel" then we need to say that we do not have intentions to put a hotel there...or something. I just want to make sure this doesn't come back to bite us.

Do they have a copy? How do you know this? Could they have an old copy? This thing has gone through a few changes from when [redacted] originally did it, and [redacted] I think added in all sorts of extra whatevers just in case back then.

Not sure why you have not commented. But, if Alex or his activist friends have a copy of our application for the land use change, isn't it true that there is a request for a hotel? So why are we putting our necks out?
More for your studies!

From:  
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2009 10:30 AM  
To:  
Cc:  
Subject: RE: Pastoralists eviction  

Dear,

As it has always been, most of these stories are fabricated, it is true that the FF burned some temporary bomas in the OBC area, but no single person was beaten or injured, no single woman was raped, in fact the government followed on that woman who was said to be raped and she denied that nothing like that happened.

Yes, I know Dismas Partalala and you and might remember him too, he is the one who presented “tourism in loliondo the bad and the ugly” at the Traveler’s Philanthropy workshop last Dec in arusha. He works for Dorobo safaris and he comes from ololosokwan village next to soistsambu village before Klein’s gate. As you can see it is PWC and dorobo spreading the same malicious rumors, seems like they are good at it.

Most of the bomas and maasai whom are being evicted are from Kenya, and they are causing serious environmental destruction by cutting down trees, it is difficult for someone who is not here to know the truth, as always the newspapers write only one side of the story, without actually telling the real truth.

Kind regards,

From:  
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2009 12:12 AM  
To:  
Subject: FW: Pastoralists eviction  

Hi,

sent me this today. Have you heard of this person Dismas Partalala? The reply is coming from Cortaid, the Dutch aid organization that we know about.

Are you hearing any stories like this one? I thought the FF was only operating in the OBC area, this sounds like they are in other areas too. So hard to know if this is real or somehow fabricated.

Let me know.

From: Alba Espinoza Rocca [mailto:Alba.Espinoza.Rocca@cordaid.nl]  
Sent: 22 July 2009 10:13
Dear Dismas,

I have been keeping inform about the situation by PWC and I knew that the Pastoralists Livelihood Taskforce will meet to decide what can be done. I think that the earnest of the situation is justify to approach the Pastoralist parliamentary group and if the Pingo’s assessment on the situation is ready can be very usefull. The taskforce can also use the Policy liason officer to made some enquiries about which ministry is responsible for and then we can think if we can make an appeal.

Please don’t loss your spirit and keep us inform.

Warm regards

Alba Espinoza Rocca

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-----Original Message-----
From: Partalala Meitaya [mailto:partalala@yahoo.com]
Sent: zondag 19 juli 2009 19:14
To: africandevlopment@yahooogroups.com; ced.hesse@lied.org; joseph.sime@mpido.org; othiamo ocheng; jason king; jules nomad; John Magembe; vitale@unical.it; info@gaong.org; tom camlpbell; paddye.rielly@dsekim.ie; Patrick Marren; info@dsekim.ie; spcarmody15@yahoo.com; Alba Espinoza Rocca; Ada cassavani; damian bell; brgardner@yahoo.com; jules nomad
Cc: partalala Meitaya
Subject: Pastoralists eviction

Dear all,
We are suffering in our mother land, because of the richness of a single person or company from Arab

The pastoralists maasai communities of eight village in Loliondo have faced severe problems of lost of properties and violation of human rights in an operation to evict them from their homes and grazing land. The operation was conducted on 04th of July to date. During the exercise more than two hundred Maasai bomas including my personal boma were totally burnt, one woman was raped by 8 policemen and left more than 3000 people homeless without food and other social basic need. More than 50,000 cattle were left with no grass and water due to that eviction. The eviction was conducted by Tanzania police {field force unit} with assistance of private guards anti poachers Otterllo Business Cooperation.

The conflict between villages and Arabs Company named Otterloo Business Cooperation (OBC) has been existing since 1992 after the company was given the hunting block by the wildlife division with no local community involvement. Since then the local community faced a lot of
difficulties including lose of life, injuries and destruction of properties while attempting to oppose these brutal actions and practice their livelihood.

On 15th of July, 2009 the Minister of Natural Resource and Tourisms made a sudden visit to Loliondo to see the situation were she managed to meet with few number of local leaders in the district. During the meeting she condemned the operation and said it should be stopped immediately. The minister has refused to meet the villagers for the reason of limited time. The minister statement contradicts with her previous statement in the parliament that the government is not involved or aware with what is going on in Loliondo division. However the minister didn’t take to task those who conducted the human being harassment.

Only a day after the minister visit and made a strong statement of stopping eviction, more bomas were burnt, people were beaten, injured and harassed, including two of my brothers in my village.

We need your prayer
Dismas Partalala
More for your files

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 5:34 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Soitsambu

Dear [redacted],

This was the message I sent to Maanda in February after her visit to Olasiti, and the subsequent unpleasantness that ensued.

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Warm regards,

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 05 February 2008 15:53
To: 'Maanda Ngoltiko'
Subject: Soitsambu

Dear Maanda,

Thanks for visiting our offices the other day, it was great to chat to you and Dismas.

However, I have since received worrying news from Loliondo about aggressive grazing on our land with local people accusing my staff of violent arrests, beatings and abuse of local residents in carrying out their patrols.

These cases have not been substantiated, nor formal complaints made to the police at Wasso.

My staff are under strict instructions not to harass or physically tackle any trespassers on our land so it is a great surprise to us that these accusations have been made and that journalists have been notified that our staff are conducting themselves in this fashion.

Maanda, if you are going to encourage people to attack personally, then I'm afraid you will simply confuse everybody about the real dispute concerning the land. I'm also not happy that you are trying to discredit my employees in this way.
I think your time might be better spent ensuring that the village assembly understands exactly what they are fighting for and to approach their own leaders to represent this in a formal way and to unite towards a common goal. False accusations of a personal nature will not further your cause.

Warm regards,

From: Maanda Ngoitiko [mailto:maandapwc@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2008 11:23 AM
To: 
Subject: Ref. Loliondo land and tourism information

Dear 

I'm very delighted to have a meeting with you yesterday, this is a good begging. Herewith the first draft contract between Moiraro and Ngaresero village and the well written paper on competing interests over village land in Loliondo area.

Best wishes
Maanda

Maanda Ngoitiko

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alternative emails: pwc@serian.org; crt@serian.org

Never miss a thing. Make Yahoo your homepage.
Dear All,

This is one of those fabricated stories, like beating two pregnant women till they miscarried, we have NEVER beaten anyone on the property, it is those people who sometime come and threat our staff with poisoned arrow, another case was when one of our staff was calmly telling someone that we need to have an agreement before grazing in the property and out of surprise this maasai guy tried to spear our staff because he was a sonjo, luckily it only injured his finger which he had five stiches at the wasso hospital, this is the only case that our staff have to sue this guy for attempting to hurt him with a spear.

The guy was not jailed as that article says, if he decided to bribe the police or the court that was his problem, our staff had all right to sue him because his life was threatened, what could have happened if this guy killed our staff with the spear? I think everybody is protected by law and no one person has the right to threat other people life.

After all, Tanzanian government has an organ which deal with corruption, why don't they report this case to them? if at all it was true?

Best regards,

--- On Tue, 9/8/09, 

From: 

Subject: FW: trespassing email to Nyamera

To: 

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2009, 8:44 AM

Could you let us know what this is about please.

Thanks,
This is something we should look at. I pulled it from the safaritalk.pdf I just sent. It's an excerpt from an email to Nyamera from a friend of hers from Tanzania. Is all of this fabricated?

On 27 June 2009, for example, Kamai Salaash from Mondorosi was herding his livestock near the disputed area when he was arrested and detained by security and armed police. Mr Salaash was transported to Loliondo police station where he was confined until 30 June 2009. Mr Salaash was subsequently charged for "trespassing and grazing on private property". The cattle he was herding scattered during the confrontation, a number of them died and a number have not been recovered.

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From:  
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 5:24 PM  
To:  
Subject:  

I think this is very good...except the singular use of "refuge". Nature refuge will be better.

From:  
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 5:15 PM  
To:  
Subject:  

Please read and let me know if you approve of content. Then I'll forward to WS.

Thanks!

In the heart of the former Sukanya Farm in northern Tanzania runs a half-mile-long creek lined by whistling and umbrella acacia trees. Long ago, Maasai cattle herders called the creek Usangu, the Maasai word for happiness. Today, it is working alongside the Maasai to conserve this vast wilderness of wooded savannah and open grassland covering 12,600 acres within the Serengeti ecosystem.

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Since purchasing the property, Usangu has met regularly with the village council of Soit Sambu, which represents all of the villages that directly border the farm. This council has officially voiced its support for the farm, and actively collaborates with the community on future plans and initiatives. Working closely with this council, the land Usangu has already helped develop numerous local projects for the benefit of the community.

Among those projects, they've drilled a borehole and water well on the property, and established a controlled grazing program. They provide ongoing support to several local schools and a women's collaborative near the refuge. Future projects include significant improvements to education and medical care. Increasing employment and entrepreneurship opportunities, especially among women, have also been prioritized.

Local people have been hired and trained to work at Usangu, and they've played a key role in the conservation efforts taking place there. Led by a Maasai project manager, the staff represents all three Maasai clans (Loita, Laitayiok, and Purko) as well as the area's minority non-Maasai tribe, the Sonjo.

This dedicated staff has led explorations of the land for prestigious researchers, including noted and . Remarkable increases in wildlife numbers have been noted. Rare species such as wild dog and bat-eared fox have been seen. There have also been important discoveries of endangered flora. For example, it's now known that supports one of the only remaining forests of pencil cedar in the country.

With the support of the community, the restoration of habitats and the steadily increasing populations of wildlife have proven to be an ideal destination for the responsible-tourism that will sustainably fuel future community goals. Test groups of travelers who visited Usangu during 2008 and 2009 highly praised the experience for offering authentic
cultural exchanges with the Maasai and unique accessibility to wildlife and untouched landscapes. As the concept fulfills the dream of creating a sustainable model for community-based conservation and development, [redacted] will become a key destination in many of its itineraries.

Based on this encouraging early progress, [redacted] will move forward with plans to form a conservancy trust as an independent non-profit organization. The trust will have significant local representation, empowering the community, and ensuring that a shared vision is maintained. The goal is to have the trust fully formed in 2010. [redacted] will help support the trust through continuing responsible tourism efforts. Currently, every guest who stays at [redacted] pays a conservation fee toward this end.

[redacted] represents the culmination of nearly 30 years of [redacted] commitment to Tanzania.
Great update and wonderful to see we are all on the same page. Nice! I am most pleased to see that we are not dependent on [redacted] for the land use change...although we understand that having his support will be worth it's weight in gold.

Keep on keepin' on!

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2009 8:13 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Land Change Use

Since things are moving so fast, and [redacted] is in town today taking care of some business, I will respond to issue of land change use. [redacted] please correct me or make additions as necessary.

Land change use is still the top priority for her. Every single official we have met has expressed support for the land change use. As you may recall, [redacted] received directives from the [redacted] to first play politics and get [redacted] on board and then--FINALLY!--the land change use would be pushed through. She still doesn't see the land change use as being contingent upon [redacted] public support, however, it seems as if that will be happening soon nevertheless.

While we were in Dar, the [redacted] and his main deputy [redacted] were on a trip in southern Tanzania. We have continued to stay in contact with them, and, in fact, [redacted] just sent overnighted them documents concerning [redacted] case.

After the trip to [redacted], I believe we will make our way back to Dar after a short time in Arusha. [redacted] will focus on the land change use. I will be working with the [redacted], the [redacted], and a select number of reporters to get truth out there about the report and [redacted]
Dear [Name]

I am very sorry to hear about your neighbor. I am keenly aware of what that means to your family and realize they might feel less safe for awhile. Your operations manager, was robbed at gun point, survived, and has a story to tell. Perhaps you might want to chat with him to see how his family got passed this trauma.

Thinking of you.

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From: [Name]
Sent: Sunday, July 05, 2009 2:35 AM
To: [Name]
Cc: [Name]
Subject: Food problem

Dear [Name],

I spoke to the Ngorongoro DC yesterday and told me that they have more than 100 tones of maize in Arusha but the problem have been how to get them there, he told me that 45 tones are allocated to Soit sambu village only and another 40 tones to ololosokwan and about 20 tones to Arash.

May be we can think of helping transport and worry about buying food later. Infact when I told them that there might be a possibility for transport they were very happy.

I am sorry I was to send my thoughts about grazing at loliondo and particularly [Name], but my immediate neighbour was shot dead by thieves the other night that's why I couldn't sit and write you an email tomorrow, I will do it soon though.

Kind regards to you all.
From:  
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2009 2:00 PM  
To:  
Subject: RE: Your visit to [redacted] in Loliondo.

Sorry, I meant that his timing might work very well for us... early September. So please let [redacted] know when we will arrive so that he doesn't do something sooner. Wait until the 2nd week of September.

From:  
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2009 11:05 AM  
To:  
Subject: RE: Your visit to [redacted]

Yes and it looks like they did allow grazing in the grass bank but due to the long drought even that was not enough, they then had to move on to Tz. [redacted]

From:  
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2009 10:55 AM  
To:  
Subject: FW: Your visit to [redacted]

This might work very well for us....
Dear [Name],

I hope this finds you well.

Apologies for the delay in responding to your mail - i was in Shompole (we do not have internet services).

Am in Nairobi now.

First, we have to reschedule my visit since our original plan for June has been overtaken by events. Drought - we were very badly affected, all of our cows including from neighbour communities were allowed to graze in the grass Bank (Conservation Area) before moving to other areas in Tanzania. For instance, we hosted over 3000 cows from Mosiro Purko Clan alone, another big number came from Olkiramatian Group Ranch and Matapato areas (close to Namanga).

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How is the drought in your area and Tanzania in general?

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I will be free after that and would like to propose that i pay you a visit first / second week of September if that works with you. Kindly let me know your thoughts.

Look forward to your reply.

Regards,
Thu, 6/18/09,

From: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Your visit to [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2009, 6:42 AM

Hello,

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By the way, how is your grass bank worked this year? Did you open it for grazing? It will be very interesting for us to know.

Thanks and looking forward to hear from you soon.

--- On Tue, 2/24/09, [Redacted] wrote:

From: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Your visit to [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 12:38 AM

Dear [Redacted],

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Sorry for the delayed response to your mail due to a number of factors;
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From: [redacted]
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[redacted]
Think his ideas sound good...Conservancy...nice ring. But he has only one director? Yeek!

Game scouts...like it.

Note that he addresses the concerns of the local community. This is something we have to do carefully...and scientifically. Is the pressure for the communities grazing? lack of good education? Population growth? Lessening resources? Tribal wars? And what is our role in working with them?

You know, I was aware of this but have not looked at the site in some time. I just read it through, it has a nice style and uses great words to deal with many of the concerns and problems we have at...i.e. "community game scouts" is so much better than anti poaching patrol...please take the time to click around and read each page, I think this has some really useful pieces in it.

Thanks.

Interesting to note that...has had a trust, the...since 2002.

Seems...started by having a per guest conservation fee, but then saw the need to expand the vision and the funding.
Hi [Name]  
Thanks for this wonderful report. I am so pleased that your trip was successful on many levels. Let's try to get together this week. I believe hidden in my emails is a note from [Name] about new costs and dates for your trip to TZ. Keep in mind that we won't move forward until we get the land use change...so let me see how you addressed this and then we can meet.

Best,

[Name]

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From: [Name]  
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2009 10:22 AM  
To: [Name]  
Subject: Report

Dear [Name],  
How are you. Do hope you had a great weekend. My trip to New York proved to be successful and a learning opportunity. I just completed a brief report on the conference. I had an opportunity to talk to [Name] and [Name]. I think our discussion shone a light on the truth on what's happening in Loliondo. It was an interesting conversation and it was interesting to see the other side of [Name]. There is a lot that I have not included in the report, but we could meet up and have a conversation. Let me know when you have a chance. I enjoy reading the report. Also lets start thinking about the trip. I just found out the parliamentary sessions would not last until August, they will be ending at the end of July. So we need to take action soon.

Ciao

[Name]

Talk to you soon,