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KENYA WILDLIFE SERVICE RECEIVES LAND CRUISERS AND DRONES TO BOOST CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

Nairobi, Kenya – 10th September 2025 – The Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) has received a donation of **five brand new Land Cruisers** from WildLandscapes International and Re:wild through the support of Tsavo Trust, in a significant boost to the fight against poaching and protection of endangered species. The vehicles will strengthen ranger patrols, enhance mobility across rugged terrains, and improve intelligence-led conservation operations. "*This launch symbolizes what is possible when partnerships are anchored on trust, shared values, and collective responsibility," said Koipaton. "Kenya's wildlife heritage is a national treasure and a global asset, and its protection requires joint effort by governments, conservation organizations, communities, and individuals."*

KWS Director General, Prof. Erustus Kanga, welcomed the support, noting that it comes at a time when the Service is transforming its operational capacity.
"*When I first took office, one of our biggest challenges was the acute shortage of operational vehicles — rangers often had to patrol vast areas on foot," said Prof. Kanga. "Two years down the line, however, we have turned a corner. Through internally generated revenue and the support of partners, we have acquired over 90 brand-new Land Cruisers. Slowly but surely, we are building a stronger, more mobile KWS — one that can meet the demands of modern conservation."*

Highlighting the immediate impact of the new assets, Prof. Kanga added:
"*For our rangers, these vehicles mean quicker patrols in the rugged terrains of Tsavo, faster response to threats, and better protection for our rhinos, elephants, and other endangered species. For the Kenyan people, they mean stronger tourism, healthier ecosystems, and sustainable livelihoods."*
The donations will primarily support Tsavo Conservation Area, home to one of the last great strongholds of black rhinos and elephants. They directly align with the KWS Strategic Plan 2024–2028, which prioritizes wildlife security, use of modern technologies, and expanded monitoring of endangered species.
The initiative also supports the Government of Kenya's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which recognizes conservation as both a biodiversity safeguard and a driver of sustainable tourism, jobs, and community livelihoods.

Both leaders praised the role of partners — including WildLandscapes International, Re:wild, and Tsavo Trust — as well as the dedication of KWS staff and rangers on the frontlines.

David, CEO and Founder of WildLandscapes International, commended KWS's leadership and commitment:
"Kenya Wildlife Service is widely regarded as Africa's premier wildlife agency — a model of conservation success that inspires neighbors across the continent and beyond. Tsavo, with its vast wilderness and thriving populations of elephants, lions, wild dogs, and rhinos, is second to none. Under the leadership of Prof. Kanga and the KWS Board, Kenya is telling a new story — one of hope and resilience for endangered species. WildLandscapes International is honored to stand with KWS in safeguarding this natural heritage for generations to come."

KWS reaffirmed its commitment to transparency and accountability in managing the donated assets to safeguard Kenya's wildlife for generations to come.

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