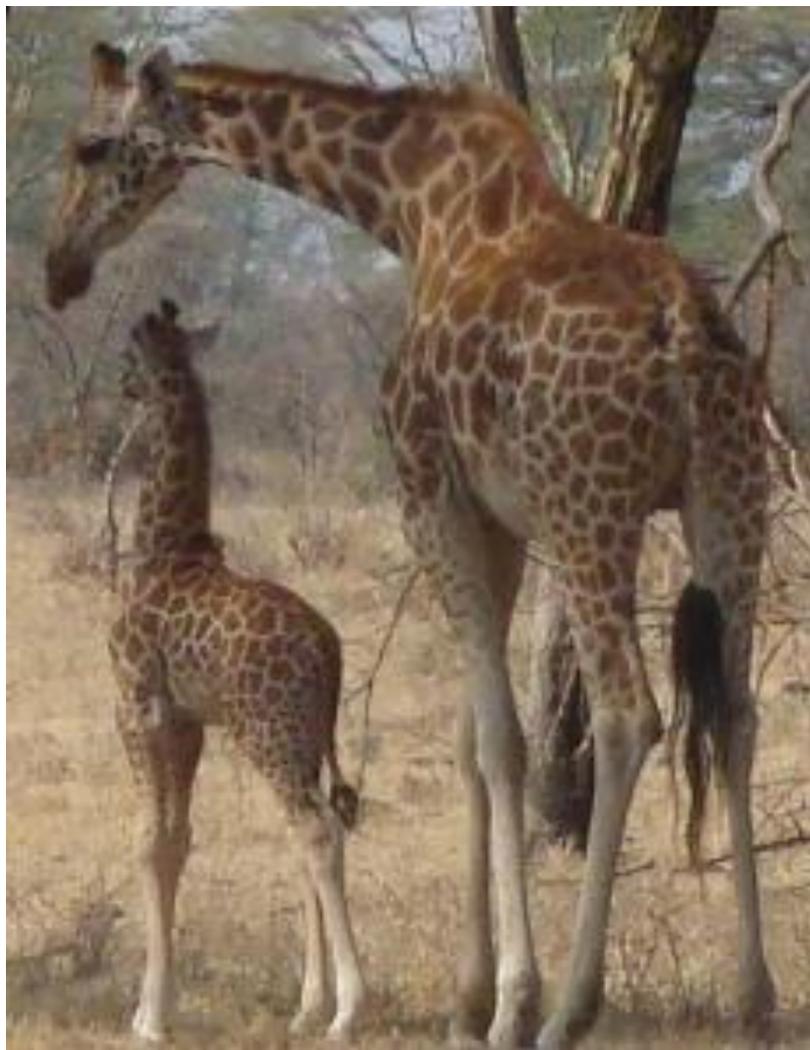


Project Update: April 2009

The project has begun its search across Kenya in an effort to decipher which giraffe occur where, how many there are and if they are they isolated. One Kenyan MSc student is studying the ecology of the Masai giraffe in southern and central Kenya (Nairobi National Park south to Amboseli National Park). Volunteer support for Soysambu Conservancy is next. One of the largest Rothschild's giraffe population remaining is providing invaluable data and insight –there are less than 700 Rothschild's giraffe left in the wild. Sadly, numbers of reticulated giraffe in northern and north-eastern giraffe have not fared well lately either, assumed to have dropped from approx. 30,000 to 5,000 in the past decade. Working with local NGOs and a visiting PhD candidate, we have already shown that great interest exists and within the protected area of Samburu National Park and its neighbouring reserves - almost 100 individuals have been recognized and counting!



A new born Rothschild's giraffe is a positive addition to the dwindling population in East Africa.