

Project Update: June 2012

Sinya Expansion

In late 2011, the local communities in West Kiliminjaro met and agreed unanimously to initiate the Lion Guardian programme. In accordance with our stipulation that communities show their dedication to the programme and the conservation of lions, lion killing has ceased in the area since the start of 2012. We have now had numerous meetings with various community and political leaders in the area and have also formed a partnership with the local tourism operator who will provide invaluable logistical support. We found the process of getting permissions from local government to take longer than we anticipated requiring multiple (!) visits, meetings and phone calls with the various district offices, but we have now learned the ins and outs and are in the penultimate step of the process. We have also secured funding to purchase a vehicle, and have now started the process of identifying and interviewing potential Lion Guardian candidates.

