

## Project Update July 2025

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**Project Title:** Population Monitoring and Migration Patterns of the Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor* at Lake Natron, Northern Tanzania

**Update:** We're excited to share that this year's Lesser Flamingo breeding season at Lake Natron saw around 60% success. Sadly, many chicks didn't make it due to heavy rains during the hatching period—but the good news is that many still survived despite the tough weather conditions. Nature can be incredibly resilient!

We also recently organized a field guide training program in Engare Sero village. We had the pleasure of working with 12 local guides, sharing knowledge about both the Lesser and Greater Flamingos. The sessions also included discussions around the reemerging concerns of the proposed soda ash plant at Lake Natron, helping raise awareness and encourage dialogue within the community.

I am attaching a few photographs for your reference with captions below:

1. Photo 1 & 2: Field Guide Awareness Programme at Engare Sero village, Lake Natron
2. Photo 3: Lesser Flamingo hatchling at Lake Natron
3. Photo 4: Hatchling remains of Lesser Flamingo after severe rain







