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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DESK

Dear readers and supporters of MKT,

Welcome to the first issue of the 2013 newsletter. This issue highlights some of the activities and achievements undertaken by the Trust in the 2nd half of 2012 with special emphasis on the ongoing poaching issues on and around the mountain. Data on elephant mortality collated by the Trust over the last half of 2012 indicates an upsurge in poaching around the mountain and in the immediate vicinity. The newsletter also reports on the recent SAX10 to 4 Mountain bike challenge, several reforestation initiatives and animal rescues. The work of the Trust's Joint Wildlife Protection team on elephant rescue and translocation with the Kenya Wildlife Service has been commendable over the past six months. The number of arrests and successful prosecution of offenders by all our teams has increased thanks to better intelligence and communication. However, lenient penalties imposed on suspects within the current wildlife legislative mechanism, continue to be a huge concern for conservation organisations in the country. The deterrents and prosecution rates for poachers are weak at best.



A case in point is that of a suspected elephant poacher in late December who was released on a bond of Ksh. 300,000 despite overwhelming evidence against him. Pre-election the Kenya Wildlife Service budget had also been cut country-wide despite the national outcry on the devastating numbers of elephant lost to poaching this year, a fact that is difficult to comprehend. Though change is promised post-election it is too little to late for many of our elephants.

We have stepped up our support to KWS on the Mountain and our successes are a testament to the long standing strong relationship between the two organisations. The Trust warmly welcomes additional involvement from Rhino Ark with typically ambitious, big budget support for fencing on the Mountain. This will considerably reduce human / wildlife conflict on the Mountain. Ground teams have already completed a significant part of the proposed 'Total' fence which has started on the eastern part of Mount Kenya. In a few years time the teams will encounter the Trust fences on the western side of the mountain and upgrade them. We are working in partnership with Rhino Ark, the Kenya Wildlife Service and the Kenya Forest Services to support the process and we will continue to maintain our own fences and construct urgently needed new ones until they can be upgraded to full game proof fences.

As we gear ourselves to the challenges ahead, it is my sincere hope and optimistic view that articles in this newsletter will inspire you to start supporting or increase your support towards the Trust's cause. With deep gratitude, sincere appreciation for our supporters and optimism for change in current trends, we wish you continued peace in 2013.

Susie Weeks,

(Executive Officer)



# EDUCATION & AWARENESS



The Mount Kenya Trust continued its outreach programme to schools during the last six months of 2012. These have continued into 2013 following a number of successful school outreach interventions in

January in Embu County. Since July 2012, the programmes targeted schools as well as adult members of communities. In order to include a wider audience we broadcasted additional film shows and presentations in the evenings. The programmes were run collaboratively principally with the Kenya Wildlife Service and towards the tail end of last year with the Rhino Ark as part of the community fencing projects. The education and outreach component continues to be an integral part of the Trust's mission, aimed at ensuring communities living around the mountain understand and appreciate the importance of conserving the mountain ecosystem with the context of ecosystem services. During the period July 2012 to February 2013, approximately 3,500 primary and secondary school students were reached. Short Powerpoint presentations on climate change were presented during each session at various schools along with some of the more relevant African Environmental Film Foundation (AEFF) films we use on a regular basis.

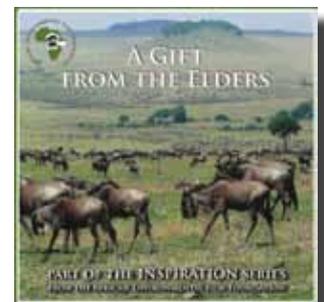


The programmes were conducted in Meru county, Nyeri county, Kirinyaga county and within Embu county. In addition, community education outreach was also undertaken within the Trust's operational areas of Kihari where the film 'Running Dry' was screened in village markets such as Ndathi and Mutaga. The feedback from students, teachers and community members is positive and further sessions are welcomed.



The interdependence of different players in forest ecosystems is highlighted very clearly in some of the films, so that an appreciation of even the smallest organisms within

the Mount Kenya forests can be better understood. In the short documentary 'Maji ni Uhai' shown to the lower class grades in primary school, students gain a better appreciation of how water is essential to life and the country as a whole. The Trust received a new set of outreach films from AEFF which, will be useful in supplementing the conservation education agenda to school children and communities in the region. For more information about how to receive free films from AEFF for schools and conservation projects please visit [www.aeff.org](http://www.aeff.org)



# TEAMS & PATROLS

## The Joint Wildlife Protection Team

Several elephant mortality incidents were reported by the team from July 2012 right up to January 2013. These carcasses ranged in age, duration and time of death (from fresh carcasses hardly a week old to carcasses three months and above). Older elephant mortality incidents were also observed but the cause of death could not be determined.



In addition to poaching, the interim period also saw an increase in reported incidents of illegal logging, illegal bamboo harvesting, illegal charcoal burning, snaring, marijuana growing, and poaching of medium and small sized forest antelopes.



The worst hit areas observed by the team were around Kihari and Ragati areas. Among the areas patrolled by the JWPT during this period were Mawingo, Naromoru, lower Kamweti, Kanduma, Rutune and Ndun-

duri areas as well as in Nyamindi and Kamwana. A number of suspected illegal timber harvesters and poachers were also arrested at various times during these months and were all handed to relevant law enforcement officers in their respective localities. Lenient penalties handed to suspected culprits is a constant problem voiced by conservationists within the ecosystem as well as community groups perturbed by the increase in ivory poaching. In December 2012 two suspected elephant poachers were caught red handed while attempting to retrieve elephant tusks but were released on bonds of Kshs. 300,000 and 1,000,000 each.



As with many other areas within the Laikipia /Samburu region, the intensity of poaching on Mount Kenya remains high.

The JWPT found pit traps dug along several paths mainly to trap large herbivores, as well as an increase in the use of unconventional methods to kill wildlife. The period also saw an increase in the number of snares recovered and immobilized by members of the JWPT. Teams' reports confirm that illegal forest resource extractors have semi permanent dwelling places within the National Reserve that they use intermittently to carry out illicit activities. We are indebted to the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife for their support for this team in 2012.



## Elephant Corridor



The elephant corridor continues to attract interest locally and internationally. A high level government delegation met with the elephant corridor stakeholders to deliberate on nomination of the Lewa

Wildlife Conservancy / Mount Kenya World Heritage Extension. The corridor is seen as central to this nomination. Data collected by the teams clearly shows the centrality of this corridor in terms of habitat connectivity and usage including migratory use of the underpass by host of wildlife species.

The Mount Kenya Trust corridor fencing team continue to check the corridor fence line daily. They keep the corridor fence clear of weeds, repair fence damage and record numbers of elephants in the corridor. The heavy short rains last year increased the maintenance needs. The number of elephants using the corridor remains high with families and bulls sighted on a daily basis. Other species are also recorded in the corridor by camera traps at each end and on the underpass. Illegal activities within the corridor during this period included destruction of fence posts as well as manipulation of electric live wire transmission to gain access and illegal entry to repair water pipes.



# TEAMS & PATROLS

## Marania Wildlife Guards

The past six months has been a challenge for the Marania Wildlife Guards who are supported by the Eden Wildlife Trust. The scouts came across several cases of illegal forest resource extraction and poaching within the National Reserve. The cases ranged in type and severity but involved poaching of elephants, illegal grazing, poaching of forest antelopes, illegal charcoal kilns, logging and snaring for bushmeat. The most affected areas in terms of bushmeat and snaring were Kamaugu and Kimbo area and the adjoining areas of Kisima and Marania forest where small peri-urban areas have evolved, and demand for bushmeat is on the increase. Other areas patrolled by the team were Chemi Chemi ya Ndovu, Daraja ya Charlie, Ngarinaro, Uwanja wa Ndaiga, Ndinga area, the Mount Kenya corridor area, Kisima forest, Marania and Kisima areas. Some patrols also extended further beyond the above areas to cover areas such as Mucheene forest, Kimbo area, Kamaugu as well as localities within the jurisdictional area of KWS Sirimon operation. The team also collects and collates habitat and species utilization data that is useful for long term monitoring. The guards have recently been involved in further fire suppression in the area. On 3rd October, a forest fire was reported in the Rutundu area. Marania Wildlife Guards were immediately mobilized and spent two (2) days trying to contain and extinguish the fire. With the support of Rutundu lodge management who assisted with the accommodation and meals for the scouts during that period, the fire was eventually contained.



## Horse Patrol Team

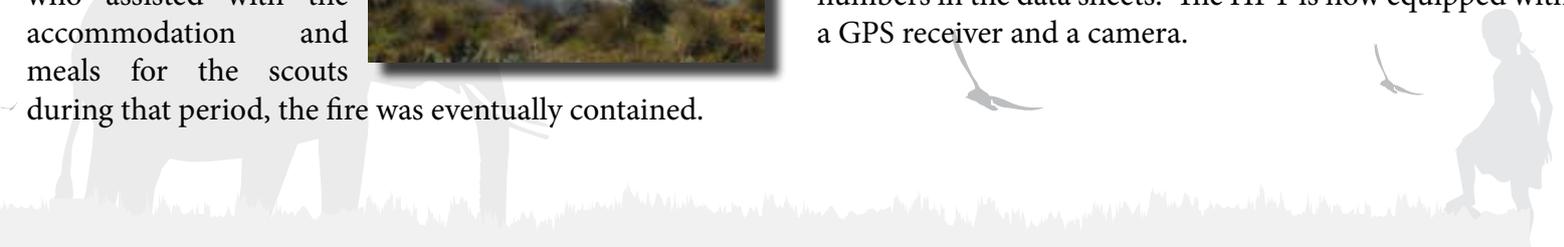
Patrols by the HPT since July were restricted to Marania forest and the surrounding areas, as well as Emburi and Mastermind areas.



The presence of the HPT in the area has had a significant impact on the surrounding communities especially in Maritati and Ngusishi areas who are suspected to harbor a sizeable number of poachers within the eastern part of Ontulili forest. Since October 2011 we benefitted from the secondment of experienced Anti-Stock Theft Police Officer - Amadiva Bojein to help lead and train the team which was made possible under arrangement with KWS. His secondment period ended last October. We were also fortunate to have Adan Noor come back to join the team following the first month of training he provided back in 2011. He filled in during Amadiva's leave period and provided an opportunity for further riding training for stable hands and new team members. An additional community team member was also brought on board raising the number of community riders. All the men work as an equal team and take turns to stay behind for stable duty.



The level of snaring in areas patrolled by the HPT appears to be on the increase. In addition to picking up and destroying snares and traps, the team observed several snared zebras in August with very severe wounds to the hooves and some parts of their bodies. Beside patrols and surveillance of the National Reserve, the team now undertakes species and animal counts and records the numbers in the data sheets. The HPT is now equipped with a GPS receiver and a camera.



# REFORESTATION & TREE PLANTING

## Re-forestation and tree planting

The Trust's reforestation programme in Irangi and Ontulili are ongoing and plans are already underway to expand to other areas on the mountain. Last July, the Ontulili forest women group continued to raise more tree seedlings for translocation to degraded parts of Ontulili forest with help from Safarilink. Two additional women's groups have also started raising seedlings in order to increase the number planted every season. These two groups are Kianjogu women group in Kithithina sub location and the Gatinka Tumaini women group in Sirimon area of Buuri District. The two groups were first approached by the Trust to help fast track the growth of tree seedlings in Ontulili as the Ontulili women group was unable to fulfill the requirement on its own. These groups are highly motivated and are increasing the number of seedlings produced in their nurseries this year.



A consultative meeting held in October 2012 at Kisima Farm between the KFS, Kisima Farm and the Trust, underscored the need for a joint effort by these stakeholders and adjoining Mount Kenya Flower farms in rehabilitating degraded areas of Karuri following eviction of squatters from the area some years ago. This initiative begun with the KFS opening a 20 hectare pilot phase, where community members living adjacent to the area will be allowed to cultivate and plant trees.



The arrangement confers some inherent advantages over other initiatives as tree seedlings will now be planted in cultivated grounds reducing the need for clearing and spot weeding; planted seedlings are also expected to grow faster while higher survival rate is assured. The other main advantage is that communities provide unpaid labour for seedling propagation but are indirectly compensated through sale of their farm produce. The degraded area is expansive and mostly open with a paltry remnant of what was once a dense indigenous forest. The Forest Officer - Ontulili station conceded that it had been a challenge to guarantee survival of seedlings, even though significant investment had been made by the Green Belt Movement and the KFS's Green Zones program, because of a lack of manpower. The Trust was able to supply 5,000 Red Cedar (*Juniperus procera*) to communities farming within the 20 hectare area that has been opened in Karuri. The seedlings were bought from a local members group (Weru Huruma Tree Nursery Self Help Group) in Marania who benefited from the sale of the seedlings thanks to Safarilink.



# FENCES & BARRIERS



Fencing initiatives on Mount Kenya have been given an overwhelming boost by the entry of Rhino Ark which officially inaugurated its programme with stakeholders at a ceremony in Kirinyaga County in September last year. Through the annual Rhino challenge, Rhino Ark has been able to raise significant funding for the fencing programme on Mount Kenya and Eburu since its completion of the Aberdare National Park. In addition, the Government of Kenya, recognizing the importance of Mount Kenya to the national economy and the role it plays in ecosystem services has pledged Kshs. 200 million towards this initiative. Fencing of Mount Kenya Forest Reserve by Rhino Ark commenced at Castle (Kirinyaga) on the southern flanks of the mountain and will involve an eventual upgrade of existing fence lines by Mount Kenya Trust and other partners. Rhino Ark has pledged to expedite this exercise in approximately five (5) years, which will be considerably faster than the twenty one (21) years it took the Ark to complete the Aberdare National Park.

Maintenance of MKT community fences from the southwest to the northeast of Mount Kenya continues to be undertaken by community members benefiting directly from such fences and the Trust's fencing support team. The Kangaita fence posts - erected nearly 6 yrs ago - were in urgent need of repair and replacement, so the Trust approached the Mount Kenya East Pilot Project for left over posts following completion of a fence erected at Kithithina area of Kiambogo Sub location, Buuri District. They agreed to help and a community member gave out his lorry to transport the posts from KWS Sirimon gate to Kangaita volunteers loaded and offloaded the posts in September.

The recently constructed Ntirimiti short spec. fence is very effective though elephants were able to uproot a few fence posts and raid farms last September. Luckily no posts were broken nor wires cut during this incident, and the community technician responsible for fence maintenance was able to re-erect the few posts quickly. The short rains were good this year and that necessitated some maintenance of existing fence lines. Within the Elephant Corridor, two sections of the fence along the Meru - Nanyuki highway were badly affected by runoff which carried with it significant debris that was deposited on the fence's chain link wire. the Trust's corridor fence maintenance personnel undertook repairs in November, as some posts were nearly uprooted by the huge deluge of rain water runoff. In Ontulili the fenceline



is in desperate need of repair and maintenance and crop raiders are common place because of the weaknesses there. We are trying to fundraise for this work and for the upgrade of fence in the Burgaret which though not a Trust fence needs attention. In Kibirichia the community members who are charged with checking fences are also in need of some attention! All in all our fences work well but it is a testament to the intelligence and innovation of elephants that you need to stay one step ahead. While the many kilometers of secondary fences put in place by the Trust with the community and the KWS fence technician have been a low cost, low maintenance solution for many years, the help from Rhino Ark could not have come at a better time. Two strand fences which were effective for many years are now simple puzzles for some elephants who teach others the tricks of the trade. Crouching, pulling out posts while avoiding wires, operating their tusks like forklifts and backing into posts are commonplace on simple fences. The Ntirimiti short spec. fence like the one we put up last year with funding from Sympahsis via Zurich Zoo, is one of the next generation of fences and we will continue to upgrade some of our fences when funding allows this to happen, but eventually the top notch full game fences that Rhino Ark and KWS will bring round will be the best long term solution as the Trust builds new fences and improves and maintains existing fences over the next three to five years.

# ANIMAL RESCUE & TRANSLOCATIONS

## The rescue of baby Teleki

A number of animal rescue and translocations were undertaken by the JWPT and the HPT over the past six months. On the 8th of September the JWPT received information about an abandoned elephant calf at Meere in Naro Moru.



The infant male had been abandoned for nearly a week near Judea market, within the Naro Moru forest. The calf was located after a thorough patrol to ascertain the whereabouts of the mother and her herd, but they could not be found. The Kenya Wildlife Service veterinarian and the JWPT - who were assisted by members of the local community - managed to calm the elephant (thought to be around eleven months old). The calf (later named Teleki) had been speared in the neck by one of the villagers who thought the animal was about to attack him. With the assistance of the KWS, the JWPT transported the elephant to Nanyuki Airstrip where he was airlifted in a caravan to the David Sheldrick orphanage in Nairobi. This incident highlights the cordial relationship that exists between the JWPT and the surrounding community. Initial reports of the incident were received by the JWPT from community members in Naro Moru who were also instrumental in stopping a different section of the community from killing the elephant for food prior to the arrival of law enforcement agencies. An abandoned baby zebra was also rescued by the Horse Patrol Team in mid-January 2013 but despite efforts by Kisima farm and MKT the little male only survived a few weeks.



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## Other translocations

In November, the JWPT was called to Sangare Ranch near Thungari to assist in relocating thirteen elephants that had strayed from the Mount Kenya National Reserve to the Aberdare National Park. The team and other KWS field operational teams managed to drive back eleven (11) elephants, but two (2) elephants had to be tranquilized and translocated on the 26th of November to the Aberdare National Park. This request was made following persistent complaints by area residents of elephants destroying crops in the area. The JWPT participated in the translocation to the Aberdares.



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# MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

In the last seven months the Trust has continued to engage with several key stakeholders within the region on matters related to wildlife and forest conservation on Mount Kenya. Three key events were the official inauguration of the Rhino Ark Fence around Mount Kenya, the external evaluation of Lewa /Mount Kenya nomination and several visits by potential donors to MKT's project sites. Other meetings included periodic workshops on elephant mortality harmonization, and the regular monthly meetings of the Kenya Forest Working Group.



On the 7th of September 2012, the Trust took part in the official launch of the Rhino Ark fence project around Mount Kenya. The high level launch was presided over by the Kenyan Minister of Finance – Mr. Njehu Githae, who also pledged government support towards the project to the tune of Kshs. 200 million spread over a two year financial period. The chairman of Rhino Ark gave a five year commitment to fence off the entire National Reserve following a successful fundraising appeal.



Visitors and donors from Kunoni and the Born Free Foundation who have provided funding for the construction of the Manyatta primary classrooms and

library block via the Trust, visited the school for a site visit accompanied by an officer from the Born Free Foundation on 20th September. The team was shown the completed classrooms and library building, which were constructed in 2007 and 2010 respectively with the funding from Kunoni through the Born Free Foundation and managed by MKT. The visitors were also shown a tree nursery project that had been set-up using the same funds. The teacher in charge of the tree nursery explained how tree seedlings raised in the nursery are planted by school pupils in their parent's farm and the rest are sold to the surrounding villagers. Money raised from the sale of these seedlings was used to install electric wire cables in the library and to purchase a DVD player to accompany the TV Donated by Tusk Trust. No students regularly watch environmental and educational films provided by AEFF, and the Born Free Foundation.

Since the Kunoni and Born Free teams visit in September 2012 a further donation was sent to the Trust to be spent on chairs with desk attachments and books. A large donation of books was also received which the school was given in December. The locally fabricated 'desk chairs' arrived in January and the books from the donations given to Mount Kenya Trust to spend were delivered this February. The Trust bought brand new story books that the head teacher recommended, added new natural environment related guide books and story books and bought a large number of second hand books in Nairobi which helped the donation to go even further. The East African Wildlife Society also donated back copies of Wildlife magazine 'Swará' to schools we work with. By purchasing a number of second hand books we were able to remain with a budget balance which will help the school to extend electric cables from the library to one of the classrooms which is more suitable for the number of children who are now receiving radio broadcast national curriculum lessons provided by the Government via the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation.



The Government of Kenya through the Department of Resource Surveys and Remote Sensing (DRSRS) at the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources has begun collating information on corridors and linkages within Kenya's conservation landscape with a view to consolidating wildlife dispersal and migratory routes throughout the country as part of the vision 2030 natural resource management strategy. The Trust was able to provide input to this nation-wide process when the task team visited Laikipia County on the 15th of October. The team was in the region to assess viable wildlife dispersal routes and possible wild habitat linkages in the northern half of Kenya following a similar exercise in the southern half.

# THE SAX 10 TO 4 MOUNTAIN BIKE CHALLENGE 2013

We are delighted to announce that the 2013 event has raised a healthy KSh **4,025,112/-** net profit at the time of going to press thanks to all our sponsors and participants. We are particularly grateful to entrants who made the effort to raise above the minimum sponsorship for entry. This is the only way the event can grow and achieve the results needed to keep it safe, fun, and financially viable. These profits will be divided between tree planting in Karuri, the Mount Kenya Trust patrol teams, operational costs, schools in the vicinity of the race routes and Borana's Education Programme.

We are extremely grateful to SAX for providing the 10 to 4 with the kind of backing that makes a real difference to an event's success. It is gratifying to find a partner who understands the importance of the work that's being done by the Mount Kenya Trust and genuinely supports these efforts and the 10 to 4 as an event. The 10 to 4 will continue to thrive if the fundraising aspect is an increasing success. SAX's generous support allowed us to immediately step up our capacity and bring in event organiser Sally Pygott to manage the event with the help of the Trust's Executive Officer and the 10 to 4 voluntary committee this year. Sally did an exceptional job. Below are the results of the Hardcore & Extreme. Further results can be found at [www.10to4.org](http://www.10to4.org):

## THE HARDCORE

(DAY 1 & STAGE 1 OF THE EXTREME)

### MEN

1st	David Kinjah	04:31:54
2nd	Davidson Kamau	04:42:17
3rd	Samson Gichuru	04:42:18

Top Team **Sossi Safari Simbaz**  
King of the Mountain **David Kinjah**

### WOMEN

1st	Kerry Glen	06:10:27
2nd	Asa Forsman	06:38:49
3rd	Andrea Mayer	08:23:48

Queen of the Mountain **Kerry Glen**

## THE EXTREME

(ENTRANTS TAKING PART IN THE HARDCORE & CLASSIC - RESULTS AFTER STAGE 2)

### MEN

1st	David Kinjah	6:32:12 (2:00:18)
2nd	Samson Gichuru	6:42:07 (2:00:19)
3rd	Davidson Kamau	6:44:37 (2:02:20)

1st over 40yrs **David Kinjah**  
Top Team **Sossi Safari Simbaz**

### WOMEN

1st	Kerry Glen	8:46:41 (02:36:14)
2nd	Asa Forsman	10:05:21 (03:16:36)
3rd	Andrea Mayer	12:00:50 (03:37:02)

## How the SAX 10 to 4 proceeds will be divided:

Tree planting	65%
Mount Kenya Trust patrol teams	15%
MKT operational costs	12%
Borana Education Support Programme	5%
Schools in the vicinity of the race routes	3%

## THE EQUINE 10 TO 4



### Riding for our Horse Patrol Team.

Ellie Hughes and Monique Gignot teamed up with Fi Ansett's horses and experienced guide Daudi to ride for 2 days from Nanyuki to the Lolldaiga Hills and then on to the Borana Race Village on Thursday 21st February. Ellie then got on her bike on Saturday to complete the 70km Classic Event! Monique and Ellie were inspired by the 1st fund raising ride by Fi Ansett, Dominique Thoenes, Anita Mills and Trish Craig for the Trust in their own version of the 10 to 4 for the Trust's Horse Patrol Team in 2011. Read more about Ellie and help her reach her target: <http://www.justgiving.com/ellie-hughes1>. So far the pair have raised just over 282,000/- for the Trust's Horse Patrol team. Amazing job ladies thank you!



# THE 2013 SAX 10 TO 4 IN PICTURES



## MOVEMBER KENYA 2012

And Back in November some Coastal people got scary hairy for the cause. They raised a moustashive KSh 700,000 which was divided equally between the the Mount Kenya Trust and the Coast's Bomu Hospital. Mombasa's men grew moustaches from clean shaven faces for one month and got dressed up as various characters for the occasion. The funds were raised by auctions for the best moustached character while sponsors donated generously towards the raffle. Here are some of the photos from the event. We are hugely grateful to the organisers, sponsors and generous bidders at the auction.



# “MOUNT KENYA’S FUTURE WILL DICTATE THE FUTURE OF KENYAN PEOPLE”



Photo by Elsen Karstad

## *Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you*

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Special thanks to the Sponsors for this year's SAX 10 to 4, the best 10 to 4 yet! Safari Air Express ,

10 to 4 core organising Committee 2013: Sally Pygott, Susie Weeks, Don White, Alex Tibwitta, Peter Simpson, Martin Dyer and Olly Keeble.

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