

Situated between Maasai Mara and Amboseli National Park, Lale'enok Resource Centre is situated on Olkirimatian group ranch land, with Shompole group ranch to the south. In these areas the land is owned and managed communally by Maasai pastoralists.



This landscape is one of few areas where humans, livestock and amazing wildlife coexist. The Maasai have inhabited this area for centuries and played (and continue to play) an important role in maintaining the health of this unique ecosystem.







SORALO acts as a representative organisation for the communities of this unique landscape.

SORALO works to help Maasai pastoral communities secure their rights to the land, create economic opportunities and develop management systems to keep the landscape intact and healthy. This community-based organisation operates partially from Lale'enok Resource Centre. The creation of the centre has been one of the most visible outcomes of SORALO's work in Olkiramatian.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Fees vary depending on length and purpose of stay, as well as nationality. There is a conservation and maintenance fee paid per night by researchers or visiting student groups. For more information please contact our camp manager, Joel Njonjo: Phone: 0716835158

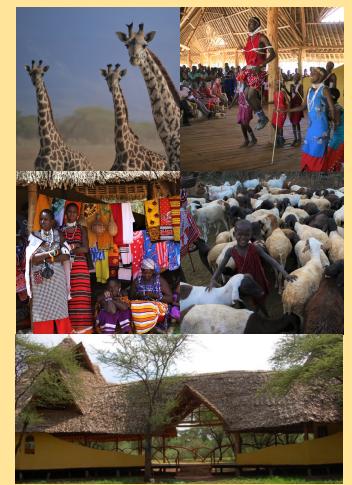
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OLKIRAMATIAN, SOUTH RIFT, KENYA A PLACE OF GATHERING AND SHARING OF INFORMATION!

🧹 LALE'ENOK IN A FEW WORDS

In Maa, Lale'enok means 'place where information is brought and shared'. Lale'enok

is a community based research and information centre. It engages local and international researchers as well as local community members. Providing a base for all research in the region, the strong link between research, community interests and humanwildlife coexistence has caught the attention of biological expeditions (National Geographic) and university groups (Smithsonian Research Institute). New ideas for the centre continue to emerge out of growing links between researchers and the community.



HISTORY OF LALE'ENOK

Lale'enok was built in 2006 with funding from SORALO and the African Conservation Centre (ACC). The goal was to involve the communities in research rather than deliver the research to the communities. It was officially launched in 2010 and now offers a site for not only researchers, but interns, small student groups, and any visitors that are interested in learning about the ecosystem.



ECOLOGICAL MONITORING PROGRAMME

This program focuses on monitoring the health of the ecosystem, and the effect that habitat types and vegetation have on the densities and distributions of herbivores. It informs decisions about conservation management.

REBUILDING THE PRIDE

The main goal of the program is to facilitate coexistence between livestock, carnivores, and humans. This helps sustain the large populations of wildlife and reduce human-wildlife conflict.

BABOON PROJECT

This project has been active since 2008 with the objectives of both research and ecotourism. Baboon Walks allow locals and visitors to learn about baboons and have promoted the protection of these primates in the area.



OPERATIONAL BASE FOR THE GAME SCOUTS

Community Game Scouts for Olkiramatian are based at Lalen'enok. The Scouts play an important role in securing wildlife and the ecosystem. They mediate and prevent humanwildlife conflict through patrols, data collection, and a conflict response team.

******* WOMEN'S GROUP ******

Lale'enok is owned by the Olkirimatian Reto Women's Group. This group of more than 200 women have ownership of the land that Lale'enok was built on and benefit from the accommodation fees paid by those who stay here. The women use this money both for personal needs and also to support community projects centred on girls and women.

LALE'ENOK FACILITATES THE SHARING AND CO-PRODUCTION OF TRADITIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE



WHO COMES TO LALE'ENOK

Lale'enok is used for research or education purposes, and hosts:

- Masters or a Doctoral students
 Education groups
 Interns hosted by SORALO
- 4. Community members and leaders