



LIONS AND CHEETAHS WERE ONCE COMMON ACROSS AFRICA AND SOUTH ASIA. THEIR NUMBERS HAVE FALLEN SHARPLY IN OUR LIFETIME.

JOIN US TO SECURE A FUTURE FOR LIONS & CHEETAHS



Lions and cheetahs are the majestic symbol of wild Africa, but populations are in dramatic decline due to loss of habitat and prey and conflict with humans.

Lion and cheetah populations have decreased by more than 40% in just the last 20 years and are likely to halve again in the next two decades unless a major conservation effort is mounted to save them.

Our Future for Wildlife program protects lions and cheetahs by...

- Reducing and mitigating human-carnivore conflict
- Making conservation-related benefits available to local communities
- Studying carnivore ecology and conservation

We have a responsibility to protect lions and cheetahs for future generations. Large carnivore populations are declining across Africa. Join our efforts to reduce human-carnivore conflict.

Visit FutureForWildlife.org to learn more and make a difference.

The Zoo's Lion & Cheetah Conservation Program

The Ruaha Carnivore Project (RCP) develops effective conservation strategies for large carnivore in Tanzania's remote Ruaha landscape, a globally important region for carnivore conservation. The Zoo works with the Ruaha Carnivore Project to secure a future for lions and cheetahs.

The RCP studies and monitors large carnivores (lions, hyenas, leopard, painted dog, cheetah) in and around Ruaha National Park, works to address human-carnivore conflicts and help reduce the negative impacts of carnivore presence by providing important conservation-related benefits to local communities.

Addressing human-carnivore conflicts to help local communities and carnivores coexist

In an effort to reduce livestock losses and lion killing, RCP trains and employs local village warriors to track and monitor lions on village land, work with communities to reduce livestock attacks and prevent retaliatory killing of lions. Programs help villagers construct reinforced livestock bomas (small corrals made from local materials) and provide special livestock guarding dogs to discourage predators.

- **Attacks on livestock have decreased by 95% and lion killing in the area has decreased by more than 80%.**



Making important conservation-related benefits available to local communities

The RCP provides education and other important community benefits to people living alongside carnivores. Programs include scholarships and education programs for local pastoralist children, a local health care clinic, sponsored visits to the National Park, and veterinary support for livestock. These programs make a significant difference in people's lives and provide valuable and tangible benefits from the presence of large carnivores on village land.

- **More than half of local people now say they see benefits from carnivores, up from only two percent prior to RCP programs in the region.**



Studying carnivore distribution, abundance and ecology to inform conservation efforts

Ruaha National Park is a priority area for carnivore conservation. Satellite collars on lions and data from tourist lodge drivers and remote camera traps help show how carnivores move and use the park and surrounding community-held lands. This information informs Park management plans and shows where carnivores may come into contact with humans and livestock.

- **RCP efforts represent the first systematic data collected and published on large carnivore distribution, diversity and ecology in the Ruaha landscape.**



Join our efforts to secure a future for lions.

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