

LION QUEENS & KINGS

Empowering local pastoralists as custodians against lion persecution in Queen Elizabeth National Park, Uganda



BACKGROUND

Near half (144) of Uganda's lions are resident in Queen Elizabeth National Park. However, lions at Queen are imperilled by human persecution particularly in retaliation to livestock loss following lion depredation.

OBJECTIVES

To mitigate human persecution of lions by empowering local pastoralist communities to increase livestock safety from lion attacks, while decreasing lion livestock depredation and associated retaliatory killing by pastoralists.

This project aims to;

1. Reduce the number of both livestock depredations by lions, and of lions persecuted in the four enclave villages
2. Strengthen the relationship between local communities and the protected area

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Engage local pastoral communities in lion conservation
- Providing formal employment for locals
- Twenty community scouts from the four pastoral community enclaves where human-lion conflict is most prevalent will be empowered. They effectively protect and reduce livestock depredation



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