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The world, at a time of ever increasing human population, is becoming a little tired of all the global warming / climate change / endangered species / etc., talk. There is danger of apathy and indifference, a sense of inevitability. As a result, the natural world that we all relate to so much suffers.

There are those in the world who prefer the course of seminars, conferences, 5 star hotels, pretty brochures and picture books. Others take a more below-the-radar approach and go right to the problem, which is normally a practical, if not a simple, one. WILDIZE FOUNDATION is one of these organizations that gets out into the field, looks at the problems, talks to the people involved and then works out how it can help.

Eli Weiss is no push over. Her long experience of Africa has given her a good understanding of the difficulties and her analytical and sympathetic approach helps her to get to the heart of the problems.

Conservation, and the approach to it, has changed along with the rest of the world, but the basics are still the same. Good Personnel, Communications, Transport, Security, Housing, Community Outreach Programmes, Support for Endangered Species are all part of it but continuity and commitment is the key.

We are proud to be working with WILDIZE FOUNDATION in both the Mkomazi National Park in Tanzania and in Kora National Park in Kenya.

In Mkomazi National Park (Tanzania's latest National Park) we are involved in the management and infrastructural development of the Park. We run the Tanzania's only rhino sanctuary and East Africa's only breeding, veterinary and re-introduction programme for the highly endangered African Wild Dog. We also have an outreach programme concentrating mainly on school upgrading and development, and an environmental education programme.

Kora National Park is in a remote part of Kenya and George Adamson's old home. Here, we are assisting the Kenya Wildlife Services with re-establishing and increasing the infrastructure and

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security of the park, and community programmes that centre on education, water and irrigation, before establishing the Park as a animal rescue centre for many species, especially lions. WILDIZE FOUNDATION is helping us here in Kora on many of the non-sexy basics to get the Park running and to ensure its future. We are sincerely grateful to WILDIZE FOUNDATION and all its supporters for giving us the chance to do this and hope that they stay with us over the next few years as progress becomes a reality that will leave a legacy for many Kenyans to appreciate into the future. Government has made the first huge step in gazetting the area and posting well-trained staff there. We cannot afford to let them down.

Yours sincerely

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