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The Director General
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Nairobi

CC:
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President of the Republic of Kenya

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Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife

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National Assembly

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Governor, Wajir County

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RE: URGENT DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE AND SUSTAINED ACTION TO STOP THE CATASTROPHIC POACHING OF SOMALI GIRAFFES AND OTHER WILDLIFE IN NORTH EASTERN KENYA

Dear Director General,

I write with profound disappointment and a deep sense of urgency following yet another series of brutal killings of Somali giraffes in Garissa and Wajir Counties.

Attached to this letter are photographs taken over the past few days showing the butchered remains of giraffes in the Kumahumato area of Dadaab, Garissa County, and in Wajir South. These images are not isolated incidents. They are evidence of a growing conservation crisis that has now reached unacceptable levels.

From the reports received by NECA, community conservancies and local conservation volunteers, we are now recording a minimum of three Somali giraffes being illegally killed every single day across Northern Kenya. If this trend continues, Kenya risks presiding over the destruction of one of the world's most important remaining populations of Somali giraffes. This is unacceptable.

For years, NECA has consistently provided KWS with intelligence reports, photographs, GPS coordinates, names of suspected offenders, locations of wildlife crime and reports of emerging poaching hotspots. These reports have covered, among other areas:

- * Ali Kune, Kumahumato, Dadaab.
- * Abakore, Hare,
- * Sabul, Sarif & Biyamadow
- * Garissa along Tana River
- * Wajir and its environ.
- * Other critical wildlife landscapes across Garissa Mandera and Wajir.

While KWS has occasionally mounted operations following public concern, these have generally been temporary responses rather than sustained protection efforts. Poaching networks do not disappear after a week. Wildlife criminals simply wait for operations to end before resuming their activities.

This reactive approach is failing. The current operational model is not protecting Northern Kenya's wildlife. The Wildlife Conservation and Management Act places the statutory responsibility for protecting Kenya's wildlife upon the Kenya Wildlife Service. Community conservancies are recognised partners in conservation.

NECA exists to organise communities, support conservation, gather intelligence, encourage peaceful coexistence and assist Government in achieving conservation objectives. We are not asking KWS to surrender its mandate. We are asking KWS to fulfil it. Northern Kenya cannot continue being treated as an afterthought despite supporting nationally and globally significant wildlife populations. Garissa and Wajir remain among Kenya's most important wildlife counties. Yet they continue to receive disproportionately limited operational investment compared to the scale of the conservation challenge.

The consequences are now visible in every photograph attached to this letter. Every giraffe slaughtered represents a failure of the system designed to protect it. Every delay strengthens criminal networks. Every missed opportunity encourages further wildlife crime.

Director General,

This situation now requires decisive institutional leadership. We therefore demand the following immediate actions.

1. Permanent KWS deployment in the major poaching hotspots of Garissa and Wajir, rather than short term operations.
2. Immediate establishment or strengthening of permanent operational stations in critical wildlife areas.
3. A coordinated intelligence led anti poaching strategy covering Garissa, Wajir and Mandera.
4. A structured operational partnership between KWS and legally recognised community conservancies across Northern Kenya.
5. A comprehensive review of wildlife security deployment across the region.
6. Regular operational feedback to stakeholders who report wildlife crime.

NECA remains ready to support these efforts. Our commitment has never changed. Our objective has never changed. Our communities remain committed to protecting Kenya's wildlife. However, partnership requires meaningful engagement.

Conservation cannot succeed when community institutions willing to assist are not fully integrated into operational planning and implementation. The crisis facing Northern Kenya's wildlife has now reached a point where it can no longer be addressed through routine correspondence.

Unless urgent and sustained action is undertaken, NECA will have no alternative but to escalate this matter through every lawful avenue available, including formally petitioning His Excellency the President, the Parliamentary Committee responsible for Wildlife, the Senate, and other constitutional oversight institutions for an independent review of wildlife protection and conservation management in Northern Kenya.

This is not an action we seek. It is an action we are prepared to take if the continued loss of wildlife is met with inadequate intervention. History will judge all of us by what we chose to do when Kenya's Somali giraffes were disappearing.

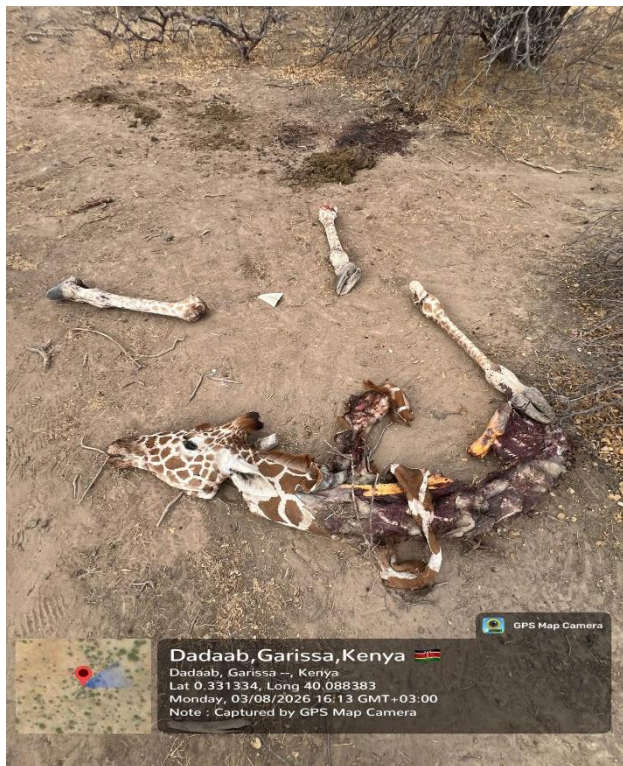
We urge you to act now.

Yours faithfully,



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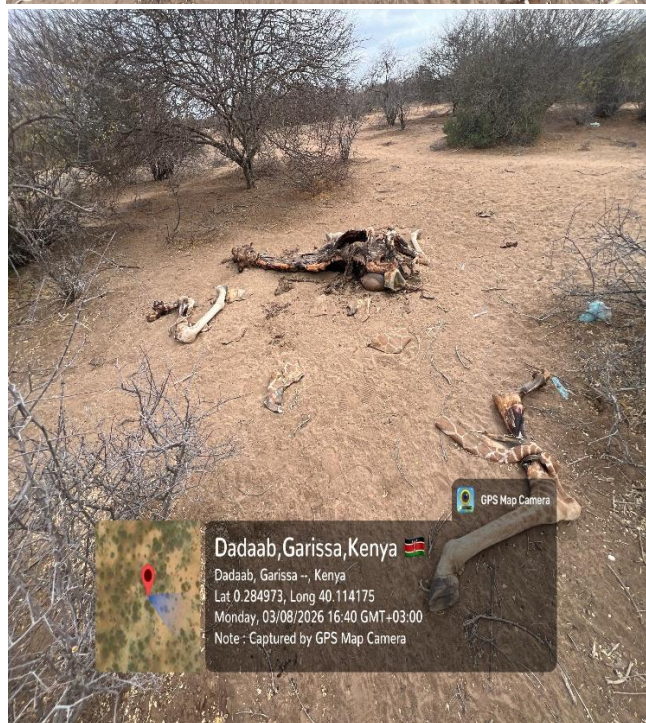




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