

THE OL PEJETA VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

SPECIFIC AREAS WHERE VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE COULD BE WELCOMED

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Conservation Programme (Manager: Martin Mulama, martin.mulama@olpejetaconservancy.org)

Wildlife

- Northern white rhinos: development of an effective but simple monitoring system also capable of capturing data on all other key species within the enclosures

Security

- Tracker dogs: training handlers/dogs/ development of kennel standards
- Security personnel basic level training: training packages for all unarmed security staff – presentation, how to wear a uniform, care of equipment, bush-craft, radio use, etc...

Customer Care

- Training to improve standards of customer care in key tourism areas
- Guide training
- 1st Aid training (across all departments)

Ecological Monitoring

- Support across ALL monitoring areas – vegetation, wildlife
- Assistance to update rhino database (audit, new photos, etc...)
- Assistance to use remote cameras to monitor specific species (e.g., hyena)
- Maintenance of giraffe photographic database
- GIS work, improvement to GIS database
- Analysis and collation of previous data gathered (game counts etc, corridor use etc)

Chimpanzees

- Development of simple methods to monitor behavioural traits
- Development of enrichment techniques/apparatus

PR and Marketing (Manager: Elodie Sampere, elodie.sampere@olpejetaconservancy.org)

- Photographers to assist with development of image library
- Assistance with developing video for YouTube and other social media
- Design work

Community development program (Manager: Paul Leringato, community@olpejetaconservancy.org)

- Feasibility study into smallholder commercial woodlot production and development of business plan as appropriate
- Feasibility study into non-livestock dry land resource use and
- Supporting the community programme to develop project monitoring and evaluation systems
- Study of impacts of OPC community programme with special emphasis on focused areas: education, health, water (management of rivers, drip irrigation)
- Development of systems/implementation of training programmes to improve local governance (e. school strategic plans, capacity building)
- Enterprise development support such to cultural bomas, curio shops, bio-enterprises

- Assistance to OPC to develop revenue sharing mechanism with neighbouring communities
- With proper arrangement, professional volunteers could directly be deployed or linked to support communities in various ways (teaching in schools, doctors, engineers, water experts, etc)

Livestock Programme (Manager: Giles Prettejohn, gilespj@olpejetaconservancy.org)

- Beef processing. A feasibility study to understand the viability of OPC building a processing unit and supplying the Laikipia area with prime beef
- Abattoir: quality control, training of staff. All aspects of slaughter management
- Data analysis: stud records, OPC has a mass of data but no time or manpower to make use of it
- Hay/silage: OPC lacks the knowledge of how to go about growing and conservation of fodder crops.
- Sirima stocking rate analysis: a full ground count of all herbivores in Sirima, collation of all records of cattle over the last 2 years to understand current stocking rates
- Development and implementation of program to understand the viability of supplementary feeding of sale stock
- Vet/technician to do fertility testing on bulls

Logistics Programme (Manager: Brian Haworth, brianh@olpejetaconservancy.org)

Training in:

- Fundamentals of preventive maintenances practices in motor vehicles/heavy plant-mechanics
- Mechanics best-practice course
- Welders training in ARC and gas welding skills, various methods of welding & their applications
- Health and safety in the workplace
- Maintenance of electric fences
- Basics in motor vehicles mechanics
- Defensive driving and machine operations
- Stores management and procurement procedures
- Electricians training in basic electronics and mains power.
- Basic plumbing skills, leak detection and repair techniques, operation of water supply networks
- Basic masonry skills
- Basic carpentry skills
- Panel beating and spray painting techniques
- Vehicle care, operation and maintenance procedures
- Computer software training, e.g AutoCad

Administration (contact the CEO, Richard Vigne, richard @olpejetaconservancy.org)

- Working with the Human resources department to assist in health and safety training, AIDS awareness programmes, First Aid training, HR best practice
- Development of:
 - Procurement manual
 - Financial management policy/manual