



Review of our work in 2022

The focus of 2022's activity was our team's first visit back to Tanzania since 2018. In September we held a guide training conference at the College of African Wildlife Management in Moshi in collaboration with our partner EXODUS TRAVELS FOUNDATION (ETF). Afterwards selected members of the team went on to climb Mount Meru (4550m) guided by two of our Mountain Lioness awardees from 2020: Lightness Samwell Laizer and Wadia Kitaba Kapanya. The trip has confirmed to us that our work is still very much needed and given us a renewed focus and direction for the future to ensure we continue to help those in the most need and that our donors money is put to its best effect.

This year marks 10 years since ROB was founded and this is certainly something to celebrate. Since then, we have helped over 150 men and women with educational scholarships. We hope to return to Tanzania in the autumn to gather with those who we have helped, and those who have helped us, and continue our work. Our biggest thanks as always goes to our donors who have now enabled us to help transform the lives of over 150 Tanzanians



GUIDE TRAINING CONFERENCE

We welcomed 60 delegates comprising current and past awardees, employers, and other key stakeholders: including representatives from the National Parks, guide and porter associations and Mwecka college. Our key note speaker was Angela Nyaki the Park Commander in Chief of the Kilimanjaro National Park (KINAPA). We were delighted to hear that post-Covid tourists were returning to the park in large numbers and that there is still need for more qualified guides to work in the park. She especially congratulated ROB and Exodus on their Mountain Lioness Project, challenging us to continue our work as it's a key priority for the park to increase the number of female guides.



THE CLIMB

After the event some of the ROB team, and Hilary Thomas from Exodus Travels Foundation, were guided to the top of Mount Meru (4550 metres) by two previous awardees: Wadia and Lightness. It was a very special moment to be together sharing the summit and celebrating the start of their guiding careers.



A Word from Yvonne

For me personally, the highlight of our 2022 trip was just as we were returning to camp after summiting Meru, when I literally bumped into two previous ROB awardees: Ruth Embedodo (from 2018) and Grayson S Mchopa (from 2019). It was very touching to see first-hand how the help from ROB has changed their lives and how they are progressing in their guiding careers. I'm not ashamed to say that I was quite overcome with emotion as I really felt that my dream for ROB had finally come true. I feel so humbled at all the help I have received and so grateful for the belief people have shown in our work especially from our amazing team of volunteers and all our donors who have continued to support us. A big thank you from the bottom of my heart



INTRODUCING OUR NEW TANZANIAN ADVISOR

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Paulo Sanare Laizar as our new Tanzanian advisor.

Paulo Laizar is the owner of the newly established Tanzanian based 'The African Safari Trails ' trekking and safari company. Paulo has been helping ROB since its inception to understand and navigate the challenges we have faced in working in Tanzania. In recognition of his work and the immeasurable value he brings we are delighted to welcome him to our core team. Paulo has already been working hard interviewing candidates for our awards and bringing his many years' experience as guide, director and now owner of his company in Tanzania. It has already been a privilege working with him over the last 10 years and we hope to continue this long and fruitful partnership that is helping us transform lives in Tanzania, now and into the future.



OTHER NEWS

Amazon Smile

We are sad and disappointed to hear that Amazon are closing down their 'Amazon Smile' service from February 2023. This has enabled us to receive additional revenue totalling £228 in donations since we signed up. Many thanks to all our supporters who have shopped with this service and put an extra smile on our faces.

2023 Awardees

Advertising and recruitment for our last 7 Lionesses will begin in February. We have now offered guide training to 23 women under the Mountain Lioness scheme in partnership with Exodus Travels Foundation and we remain committed to supporting the women of Tanzania to build their careers and transform their lives. As in previous years we will also be advertising several male scholarships!

Christmas Namaste Fundraiser

The annual Xmas ROB tombola and apero evening at Namaste Sports in Argentiere, Chamonix raised over 800 euros in December 2022.

