

# LION



# GUARDIANS



TRAINING & SUPPORT



# LEARNING FROM LION GUARDIANS

Training Courses, Community Visits, and Knowledge Sharing  
*Conserving lions & Preserving cultures*



*"I grew up in a traditional system where the two most important things were the stick and the spear. Now, this training has armed me with two additional tools, the pen and the book."*

-Lupembe,  
Lion Guardian from Amboseli, Kenya

## WHO WE ARE:

Lion Guardians is a conservation organization dedicated to finding and enacting long-term solutions for people and wildlife to coexist. The Lion Guardians model is adaptable to various cultures and wildlife species and takes into account the needs of local people and wildlife. For almost a decade, we have worked with local communities to protect lions by blending traditional knowledge and values with science. Our model is based on ten years of research, with full community participation and measureable impacts for both human needs and species conservation.

We have designed a training program based on our years of experience that could help you to implement an effective conservation initiative that will benefit both people and wildlife in your area.

## COURSES OFFERED AT THE LION GUARDIANS TRAINING CENTER

- TRAINING FOR PROJECT MANAGERS
- COMMUNITY VISITS
- TRAINING FOR GUARDIANS

## TRAINING FOR PROJECT MANAGERS

This five-day course helps project managers and directors set up and maintain culturally-appropriate, scientifically-backed, participatory conservation projects based on the Lion Guardians model. Participants gain an in-depth understanding of the model and how it can be adapted to their context through lectures, facilitated discussions, and activities in the classroom and in the field. You will go home with 120-page detailed manual with everything you need to know to start your own project.

Topics include:

- The Lion Guardians philosophy
- Who Guardians are and what they do
- The Guardians' community work
- Lion monitoring techniques
- Steps to project set-up
- Adapting the model to your area

*“When implementing the Lion Guardians approach, the participatory element of the Lion Guardians model is key. The community must be involved in managing their resource.”*

John R. Mtimbanjayo,  
Tanzania Wildlife Division, Mikumi

## TRAINING FOR GUARDIANS

This four-day course is meant for newly hired Guardians or Guardians who need a refresher course on techniques and protocols. The training team includes tenured Guardians who answer questions and engage in in-depth discussions and field practicals with the participants. Participants receive in-situ training to build their skills, and to address their challenges.

Topics include:

- The Lion Guardians philosophy
- The importance of work ethic and integrity
- Rigorous literacy training
- Tracking and counting spoor
- Conflict mitigation tools
- Appropriate methods of data collection
- Techniques to prevent hunts
- Livestock husbandry best practices
- The role of Guardians in their community

*“The program has increased our status in the community because we are now literate. With our GPS and scientific forms, it has placed us in a different league”*

-Lelian, Lion Guardian from Amboseli, Kenya



## COMMUNITY VISIT

This three-day visit introduces influential and diverse community members from your project area to the Lion Guardians model. If you are developing a Lion Guardians-based project, the visit should take place before your project begins because clear understanding and genuine support from the community's leadership are critical from the start. Up to 20 community members can participate, along with the project manager or director. Community leaders and members host hands-on activities and discussions at their homes. You will also receive additional information from tenured Guardians and Lion Guardians management staff at the Lion Guardians Training Center and in the field.

The following topics will be covered:

- Benefits of the Lion Guardians program
- Goals of the Lion Guardians program
- Duties of a Lion Guardian
- Applicability of the program and way forward in your community

After a Community Visit, participants set up meetings in their home communities to share their experience and discuss the possible implementation of their own Lion Guardians-based project.

*"It is better to receive benefits from protecting lions rather than killing them"*

Esilalei Village Traditional Leader

## KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND CUSTOMIZED SUPPORT

Lion Guardians is becoming known for its high standards, rigorous methods and proven conservation track record. If your goals include reducing wildlife killing in your area while also ensuring that local communities benefit from conservation efforts, Lion Guardians can help you achieve your objectives.

Lion Guardians can provide customized support to share our specialized knowledge and expertise to help you solve your problems. This could include:

- Conflict mitigation strategies
- Advice on project management and emergency response strategies
- Support to enhance organizational and staff capacity
- In-situ training at your project site
- Survey and monitoring techniques
- Blending Traditional Ecological Knowledge and modern science
- Community engagement - how to build and strengthen it
- Incorporating cultural values into conservation practices



Most courses are held at the Lion Guardians Training Center  
in Amboseli, Kenya.

Contact us for details, rates, and availability:  
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*"The project is a unifying force,  
bringing together people from  
various tribes and far off places"*

-Kiro, Lion Guardian from Ruaha, Tanzania







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- be a part of ours

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