

ROUND UP REPORT 2020



together we make

Tofauti



The story of 2020

Morale of the story | Be more like a Dung beetle

You pick your soggy pat, and sometimes it is soggy than most. You wait patiently adjacent to it seeing off any intruders that may want some of your treasure. The sun beats down on you and you scurry away under a waitabit thorn bush to return when the climate is less harsh.

Dusk moves in and you rise from your slumber and you whittle back to your spot and mould your prize.

Now we are on the journey of creativity, the ball that needs to be perfectly round. Nothing has ever been perfect, yet when the watery surface touches the scorched earth it clings onto the exterior building the shell in irregular shapes. You make backwards movements with your head down pushing with all your might in any direction the ball wishes to travel, you hit shrub you fall on your back and wriggle your legs until you get back to your feet.

You hit a tree stump, you tumble down. A stone which bounces you 90 degrees, all collectively changing your trajectory.

You do not know the outcome, you do not know the direction, yet you persistently go for it and believe that you will achieve what it is you set out to.

2020 has been the year of emulating the dung beetles fight for survival. Head down, get on with the job and believe that in time we will get the outcome we all need and want.

A message from Crista

2020 has not been the year we wanted or expected, and it has hit humanity with a bump. We have fallen victim to lockdowns and societal adaptations that we would have never thought were possible, we have all had to make decisions that were taken for the greater good. All that said, Tofauti was able to crack on with projects on the ground here in Kenya and make some steady progress towards helping communities and wildlife on the African continent.

Conservation does historically rely on the Tourism industry in order to be propped up, and much like all industries, without the ability to travel this has been heavily affected. We have had to adapt to the restrictions and lack of continuity and have been stringent on our spend in order to ensure that there is steady progress in the rural places that we have a footprint.

We have implemented the 10% fence plan with Tsavo Trust, installing three fences (20 acres of electric fencing) around community land which border National Parks, running a preliminary experiment to see if this can be something utilised for the wider continent. We have built two water troughs for the Roan species recovery plan, in Ruma National Park alongside the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and Ol Pejeta. Finally, we have begun the implementation of the sand dam provision in Laisamis with our partners Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT). I am proud of the milestones that we have achieved, and the team and I are ambitious to do more.

Thank you for sticking with us, there will be continued highs and lows and know that we will always be fighting for what we believe will offer the greater good to all. We so appreciate all your amazing support. We wouldn't be where we are now without you. Please view our video of the year [here](#).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Crista". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'C' being significantly larger and more stylized than the rest of the name.

Crista Cullen MBE | Founder



Why we're here

Our objective

We're here to bring people together to make a difference for Africa's wildlife and communities.

Our guiding principle

We think the best way we can help is by building resilience, not reliance, among Africa's people and animals. We think the only way to a lasting solution is to make them part of the solution. So, we do this by building teams of passionate supporters, expert partners and local people who together can make a difference.

Review of 2020 projects

Project name	Project objective	Project cost	Status	Project update
Rehabilitation of Roan antelope in the Ruma National Park	Bringing in a specialist from South Africa in ungulate management in order to advise the Kenya Wildlife Service and propose a way forward with a recovery plan for the species.	£2,709	Complete	Hamish Currie is a specialist in Roan species from South Africa, and he has worked with and rehabilitated animals in the wild his whole life. Affording Kenya, the chance to get someone with his skillset was imperative to get this project in motion. So, in January 2020 – Crista joined him and Kenya Wildlife Service to start the wheels in motion with a thorough and well thought out plan to recover the Roan species in Ruma National Park, Kisumu.
Rehabilitation of Roan antelope in the Ruma National Park	Build two water troughs to ensure the Roan have access to clean water within the enclosed habitat where the two males remaining have sufficient territories.	£10,703	Complete	Rehabilitation of a species is no easy feat, and creating a habitat for them to grow their population where they feel safe and able to breed is key. Roan, like many antelope species are very specific in their needs. As well as grazing and terrain requirements, accessibility to fresh water is imperative for their wellbeing and monitoring of their progress. The project is complete and monitoring of their growth with the animals relocated to the space is done, 2021 is looking more positive now for the Roan in Kenya.
10% Fence plan	Fencing 10% of community owned land with the remaining 90% being left fallow so that wildlife can graze. Understanding that the provision is provided because of the wildlife.	£18,469	Complete	Identified sites which had historically suffered high volumes of human: wildlife conflict cases and bordered the Tsavo National Park, Kenya. Twenty acres of three tier electric fencing installed, powered by solar. Separated into three individually indigenously owned parcels of land, forming 10% of the total. Fences were complete in November 2020, and already through impact data received, the people have reaped the benefits with reduced livestock deaths, crop raiding and confrontations with people and wildlife. We are excited to report that as a pilot if we can prove that the farms have had a far better yield with the protection (just planted after the recent rains), that this could be a solution for communities bordering National Parks all over the continent.
Sand Dam construction in Laisamis	The survey, design and construction of a sand dam in the Samburu town of Laisamis within the Melako Community Conservancy.	£30,044	In progress	We were hoping to have broken ground prior to the festive season, however due to restrictions and materials and the remote location, the project became delayed. The partner, Northern Rangelands Trust are all on board and we are finalising on talks and organising provisions and hope to break ground and commene the implement in Q1 of 2021.
Wamba Girls Rescue Centre, Wamba	Support the forty-seven girls who are orphaned within the Wamba community	Private Donor	Complete	The Wamba Girls Rescue Centre is a beacon of hope where women come together to support the abandoned or orphaned girls within their community. They sell goods they make, and authentically create an environment as safe as possible for the girls to go to school and have a second chance. The rescue centre did not have any mattresses for the girls, and so we assisted in purchasing and transporting the mattresses so that they could at least sleep in a bit more comfort. We hope to do more for them in the future.

Tofauti in addition still owns the Tractor which is leased to Galana Wildlife Conservancy for infrastructural development and is a primary tool used to maintain the environment for the animals to be able to thrive.



Our work

This is what we want to achieve

- A reduction in human-wildlife conflict;
- Better local access to environmental education;
 - Protection of wildlife;
 - Protection of natural habitats.

This is where we want to do it

Primarily in Kenya, as this is where we have our heritage and the strongest connections. However, we are ambitious and are looking to have an Africa-wide portfolio. We are currently evaluating projects in other African countries.

This is how we are going to do it

Human-wildlife co-existence - We believe that working with the local people is the only way to help humans and animals find ways to co-exist and thrive together.

Environmental education - We support the local people by helping them to sustain a way of life that leverages, rather than compromises their relationship with the natural world they live in.

Wildlife protection - At the heart of Tofauti's DNA is the protection of wildlife. We appreciate that every area faces its own challenges and we don't believe in one-size-fits-all fixes. Each geographical area is unique and complex, so we look to use partner expertise in order to create bespoke, long-term solutions.

Infrastructure and habitat - To protect wildlife the need for scout accommodation, road maintenance, electric fencing and crucial wildlife corridors is vast. We work with trusted partners on-the-ground to ensure that these essential structures are put in place.

Looking ahead

As previously identified 2020 has been a turbulent year for everyone, but our sentiments and ambitious nature remains. We have built a strong platform and team off of which to operate, and we are here to put those pennies to good use. Sensitivity and understanding will continue to be key until the future is more apparent. Tofauti is by no means a finished product we too need to hone our skills, experiences and expertise and we will put our efforts into utilising our team and contacts as best we can to give us the best chance moving forward.

Funding

We started 2020 in good financial shape, and with the reduction in fundraising opportunities, we do not have the monies in the coffers that we had hoped to for 2021. That said, we have been stringent and reduced our spend and project engagement to cater for a longer period of reduced capital input. We were never planning a large fundraising event in 2020, and we are exploring more innovative ways of trying to get a solid longer-term funding base. Having multiple tentacles in this area is important for Tofauti's survival trying to mitigate the risks of changing donor priorities and wider financial uncertainties going forward.

Projects

We have had and continue to have a strong project pipeline, helped by our clearly defined project funding criteria and rigorous application review process. We had a goal of completing five projects in 2020, and we have managed to complete three substantial projects and one (our water pledge project) is in process. We have also assisted in a humanitarian project to allow orphaned and abandoned girls have a comfortable night's sleep on mattresses provided by private donors in a remote human: wildlife conflict area in the heart of samburuland. For 2021, we are on the search for an Oceanic's project that will reduce the harvesting from the fish and other crustacean stocks in the wild oceans for human consumption. We will also only undertake projects with partners who are able to demonstrate that they meet our stringent criteria, and makes sense for longer term impact.

Investment

Our ambition has not changed and we appreciate that to bring lasting change and impact we need to be on the ground implementing and become a trusted party, which we endeavour to do. Everyone has had the time to look at themselves this year, reflect and pivot accordingly we are no different and pledge to continue to put all our efforts and investments into where we believe the need is most.



Thanks

We are in a changing world, and set for more changes to come. We have been built on the premise of being resilient and make up a team of players that all commit to do their part in order to achieve the wider objectives. This has not faltered. Being different has enabled us to adapt, and we will continue to do so in search of how we become the best version that Tofauti can be. It is easy given the turbulence to just stagnate, and that would be foolish. Our drive has depth, our commitment is united and we believe that together we can and will go further.

Thank you to all of you who have played a part in our journey thus far, in whatever capacity that may take. Thank you mostly for caring so much and thank you, as ever for believing in us. We are fighting for every one of you, to do our bit in leaving this world a better place.

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