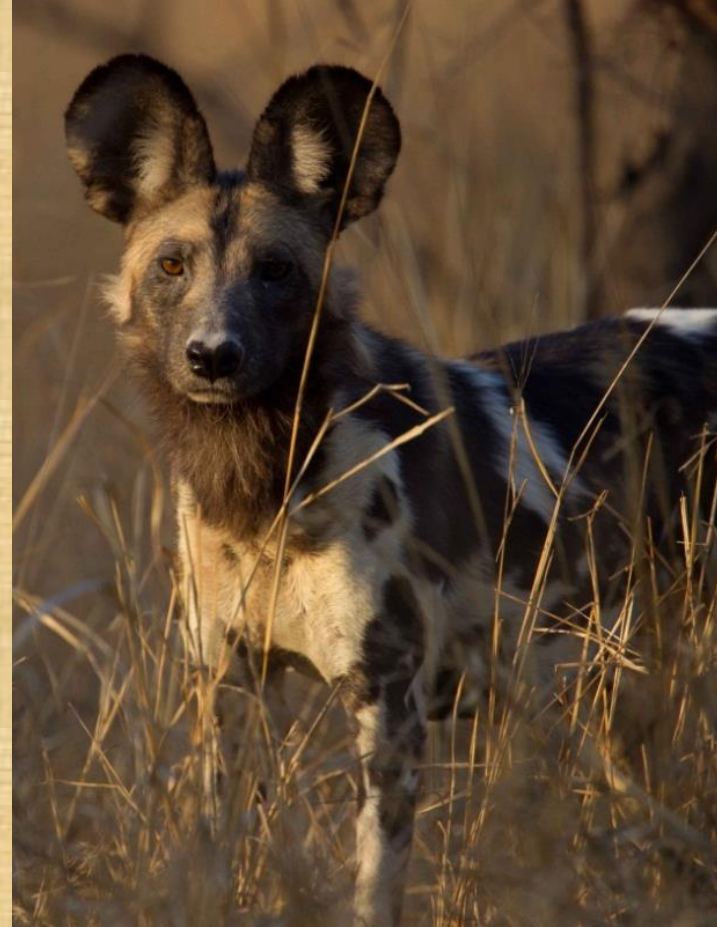


Eastern African Conservation Strategy for Cheetah and African Wild Dogs



Eastern African Regional Strategy for Cheetah and African Wild Dogs

- ❑ Originally developed through participatory workshop in 2007;
- ❑ It stimulated and set the framework for the development of 4 National Conservation Action Plans for Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Tanzania;
- ❑ Brought new impetus to the implementation of respective national conservation action plans; and
- ❑ 4 National Carnivore Coordinators (NCCs) in place since 2017 /2019 and oversee the implementation of Action Plans



Revision of Eastern African Regional Strategy for Cheetah and African Wild Dogs

- ❑ Sept. 2022: workshop held to revise the Eastern African Regional Strategy for Cheetah and African Wild Dogs;
- ❑ Participation and representation increased to include Horn of Africa;
- ❑ Logical framework (i.e. the core of the strategy) was revised and updated;
- ❑ Updating regional distribution maps was initiated (drafts available);
- ❑ System for future regular review / monitoring of progress against the strategy's objectives agreed;



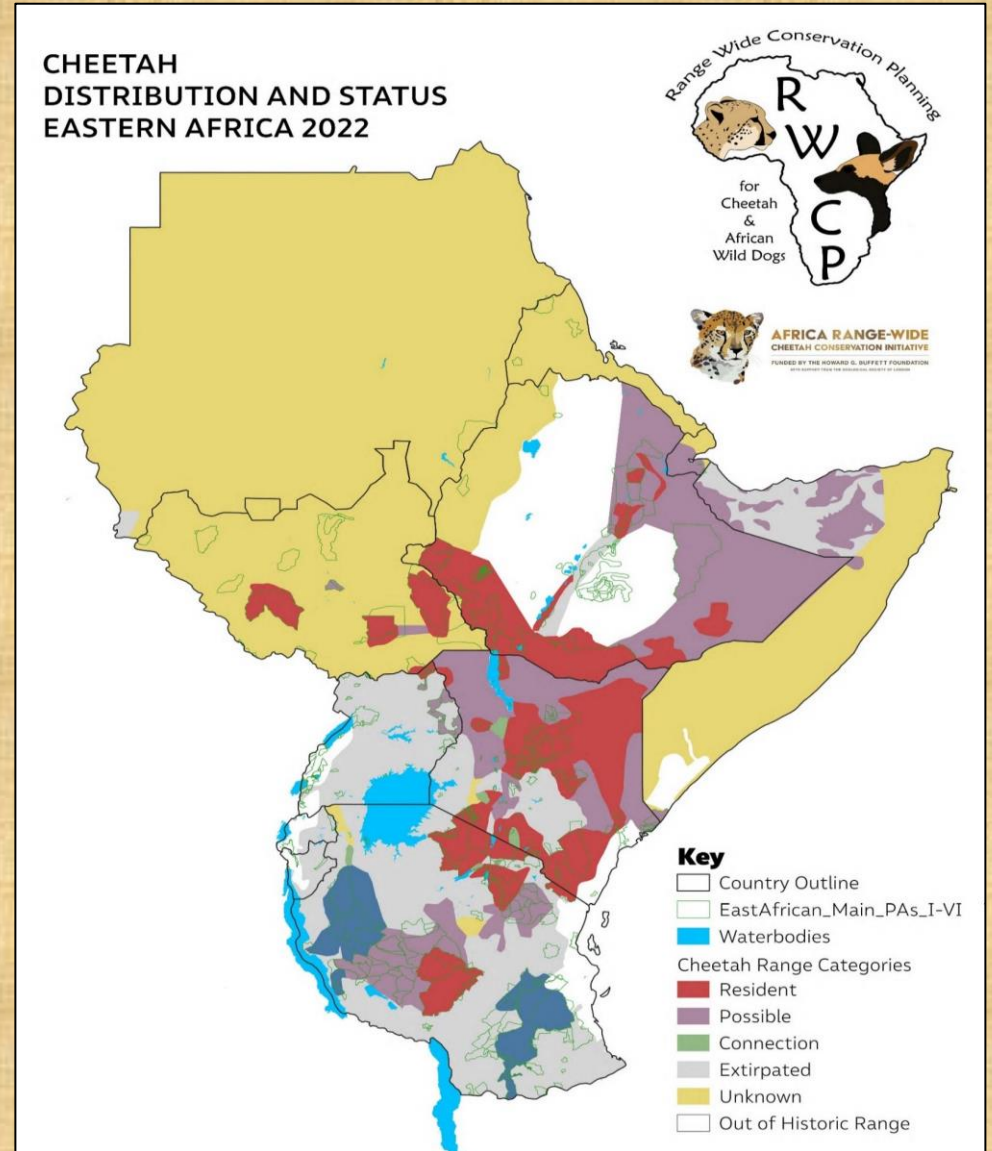
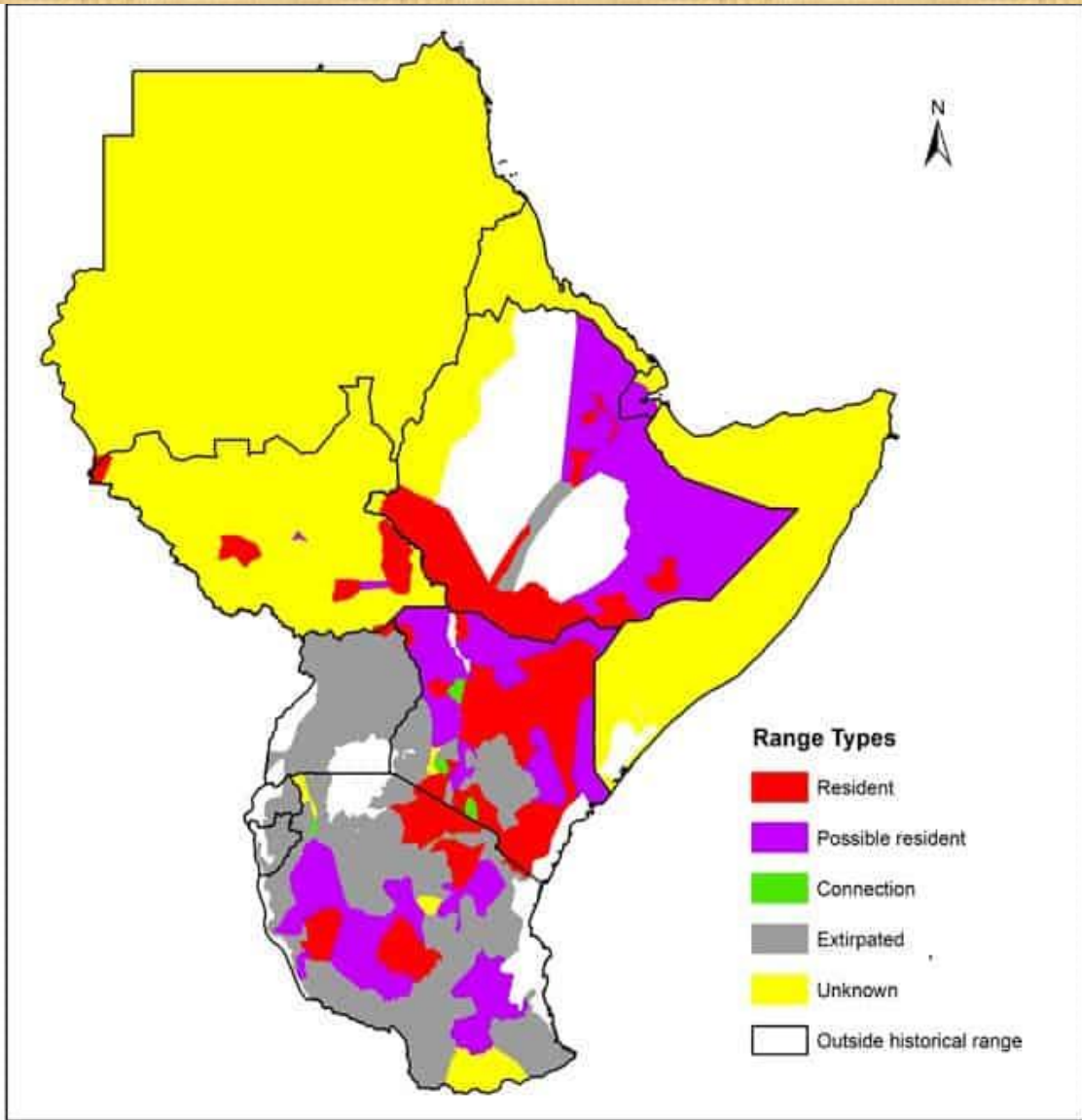
Range-wide conservation planning process for cheetahs and African wild dogs: Workshop to revise the Eastern African regional strategy, Mpala Research Centre, Laikipia, Kenya, September 2022



Participation: 12 x government representatives; 12 x ground-level NGO reps;
11 x international NGO reps; 2 x IUCN Specialist Group Chairs

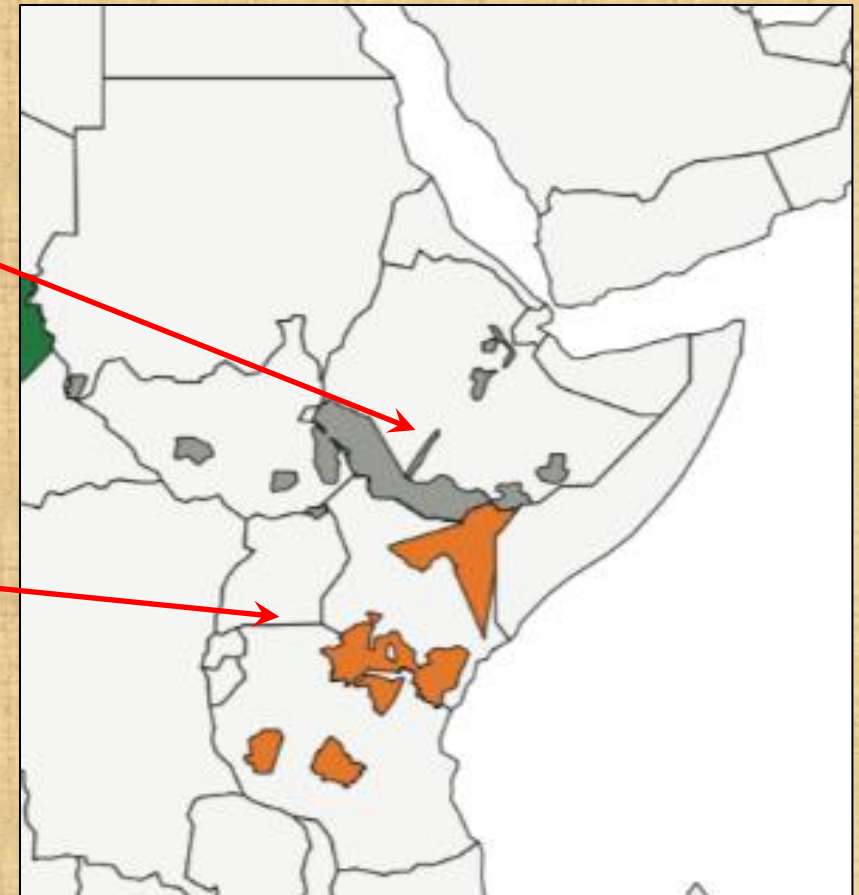


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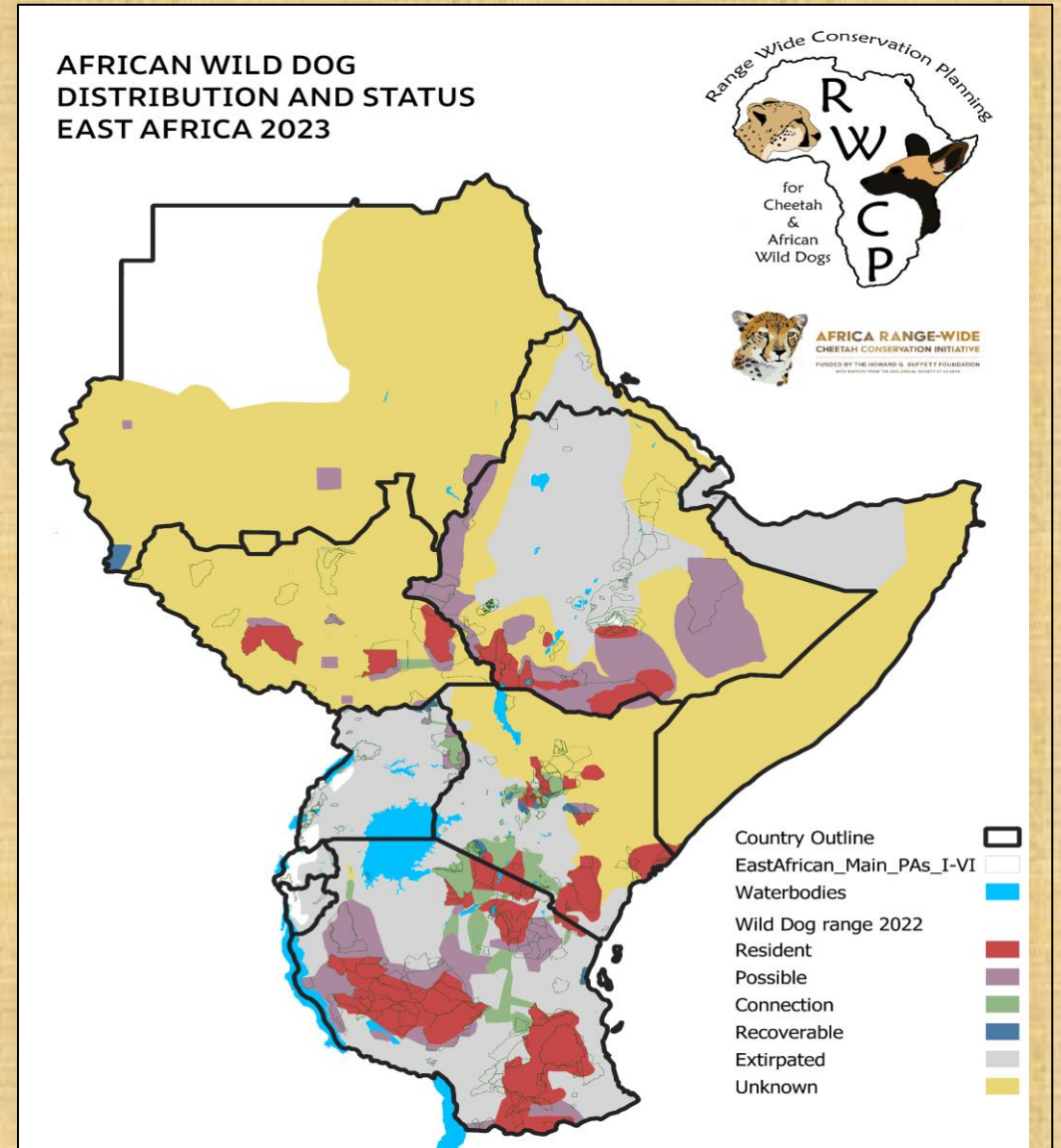
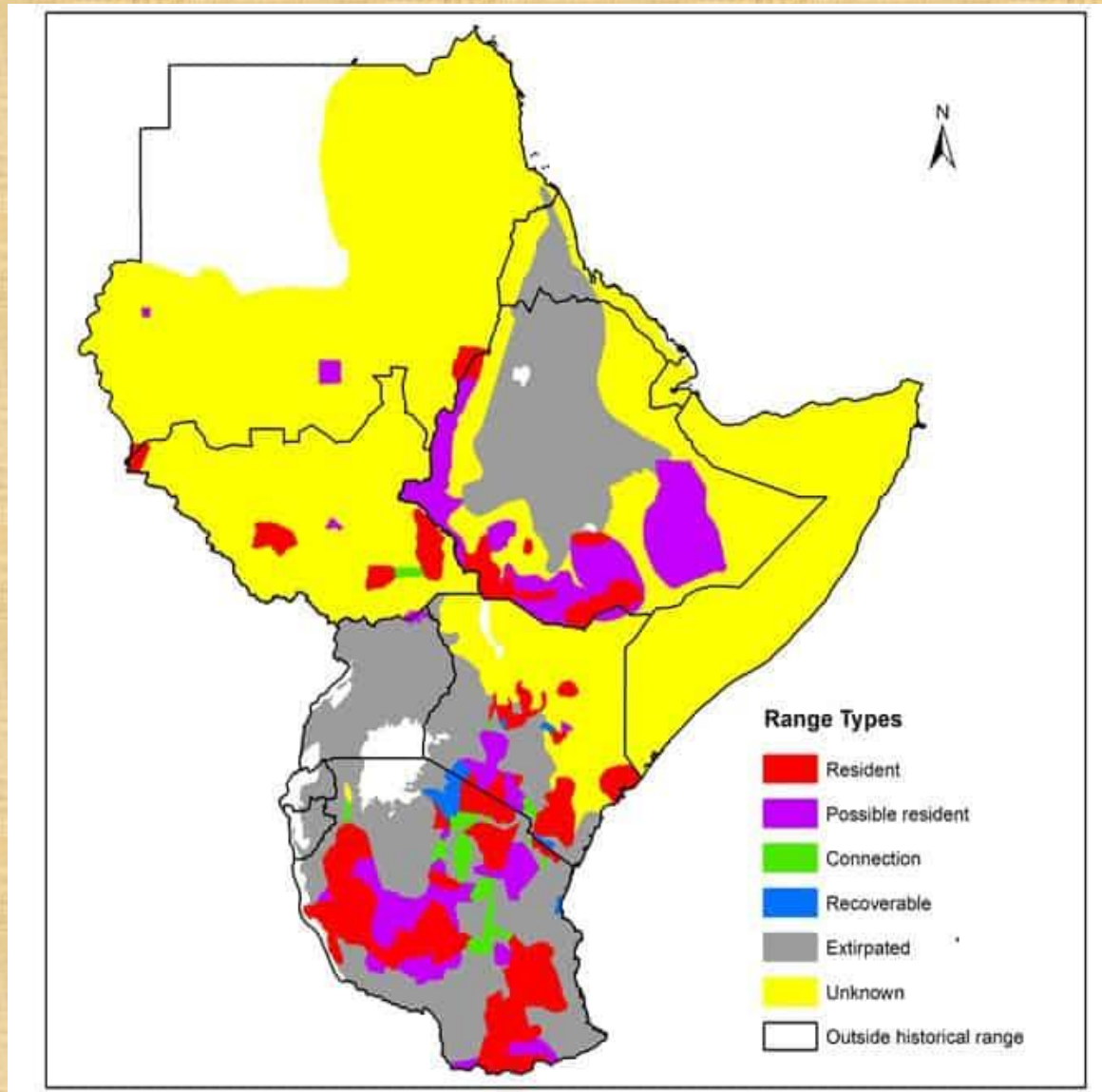


Population structure: Cheetah

- ❑ *Acinonyx jubatus soemmeringii*
Horn of Africa cheetah
IUCN Red List in process - likely
Endangered;
- ❑ *Acinonyx jubatus raineyi*
East Africa cheetah
Unassessed by IUCN Red List;

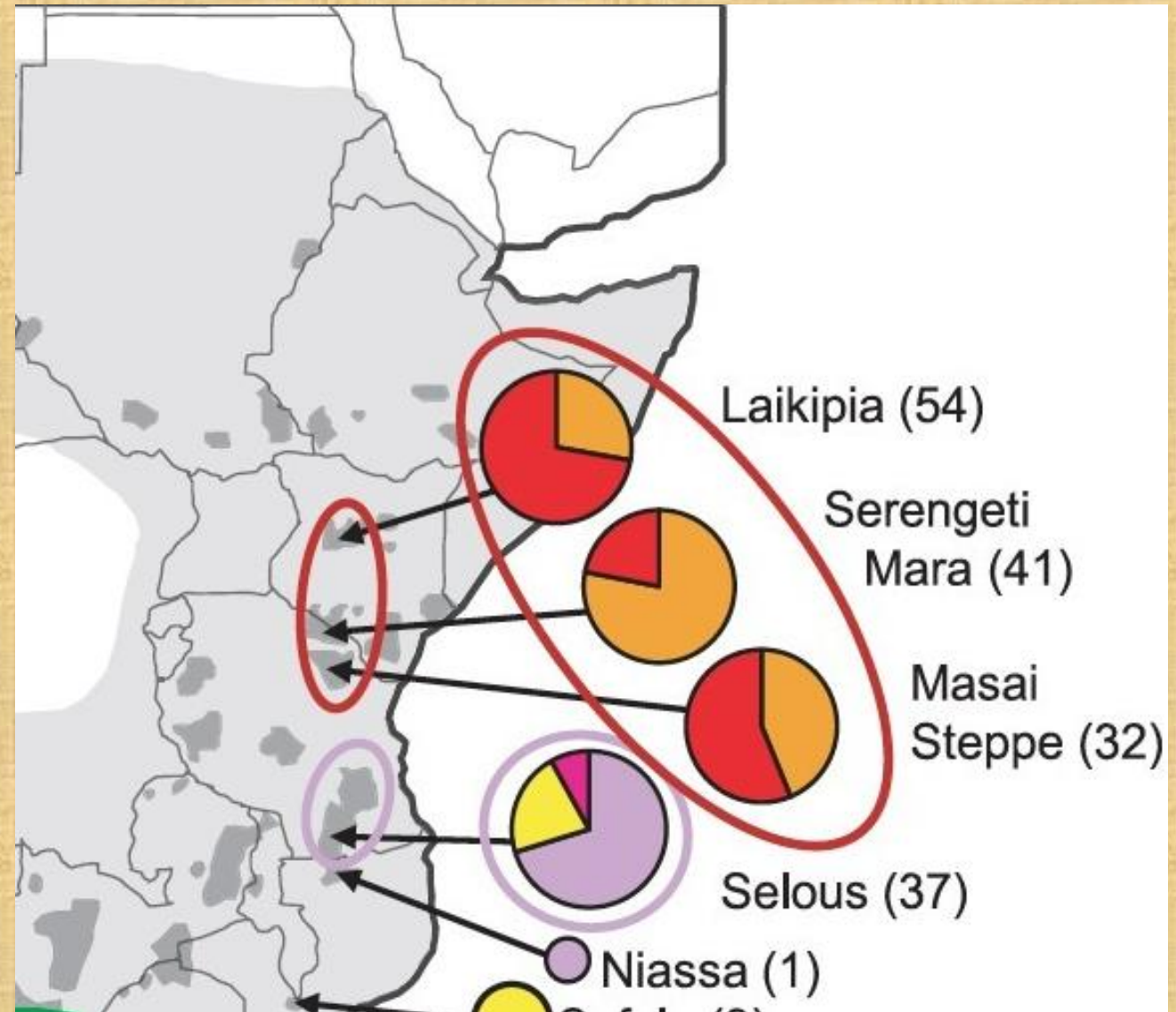


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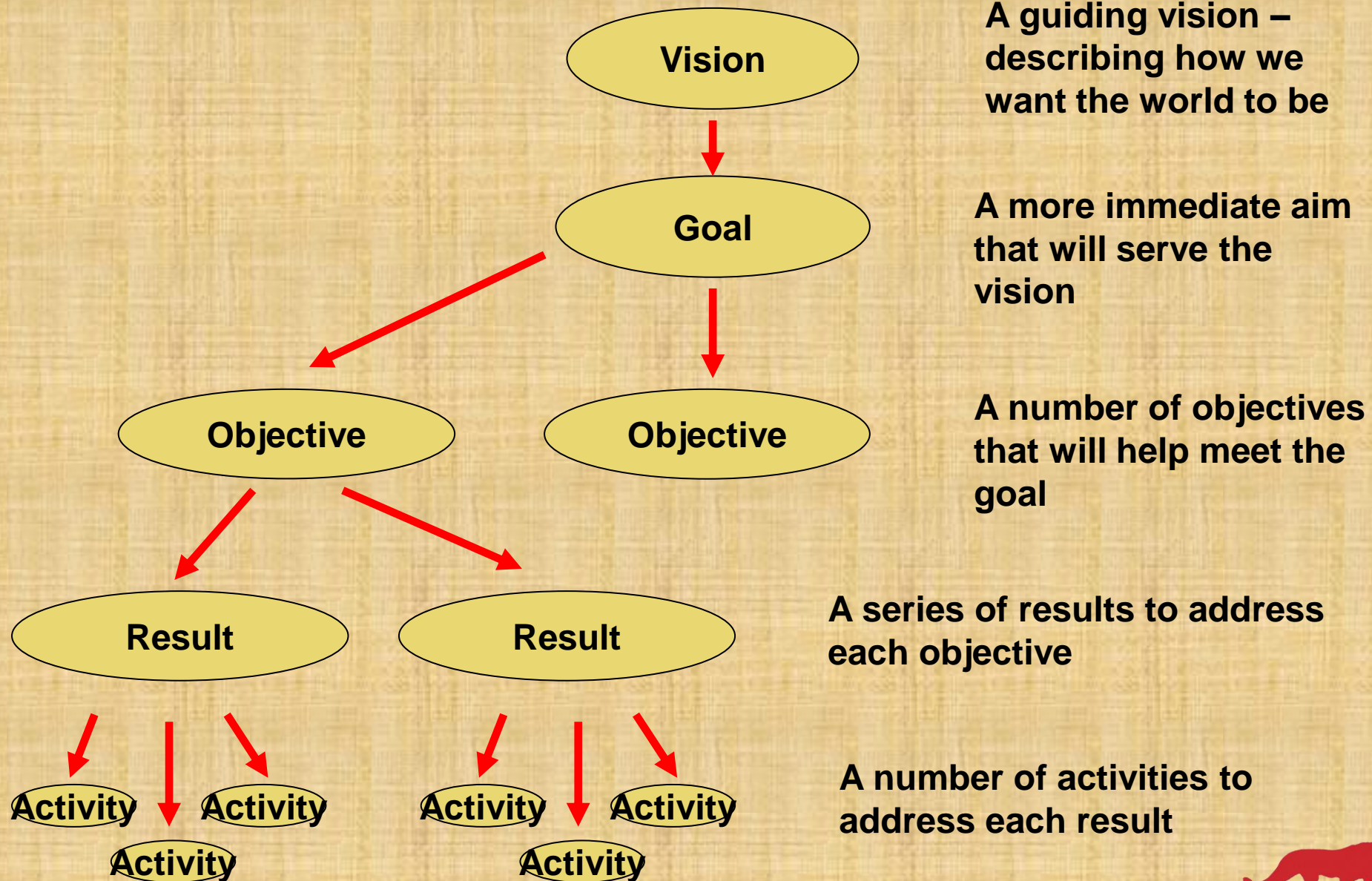


Population structure: Wild dog

- ❑ Single subspecies, but the population is structured genetically
 - Serengeti-Mara-Maasai steppe
 - Selous-Niassa



Strategic Plan



Vision and Goal

Vision

- To secure viable and ecologically functioning cheetah and wild dog populations as valued components of development in Eastern Africa;*

Goal

- To reverse declines and improve the status of cheetah and wild dog populations and their habitats across Eastern Africa;*



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Objectives – 6 themes:

1. Coexistence;
2. Surveys and Information;
3. Capacity Development ;
4. Policy and Legislation;
5. Advocacy;
6. National Plan and Regional Strategy;

Only Objective 6 is changed under the 2022 Revision process (Obj. 6 was originally called ‘National Planning’ – the change reflects the significant advances made in developing NATIONAL Action Plans since the original 2011 regional strategy was devised – there are about 18 range state countries with NATIONAL Action Plans now).



Objectives

Coexistence

Develop and implement strategies to promote coexistence of cheetahs and wild dogs with people and domestic animals.

Surveys and information

Provide relevant stakeholders and managers with scientific and timely information on the status of and threats to cheetah and wild dog populations.

Capacity Development

Strengthen human, financial and information resources for conserving cheetah and wild dogs in collaboration with stakeholders.

Policy and legislation

Review and harmonise existing legislation, and, where necessary, develop new legislation, for conservation across cheetah and wild dog range at national and international levels

Advocacy

Mainstream Cheetah & Wild Dog conservation in land use planning & its implementation.

National plan and regional strategy

Promote the development or update, and implementation, of regional and national conservation programmes for cheetah and wild dogs, by appropriate government authorities and other stakeholders.



Coexistence:

Develop and implement strategies to promote coexistence of cheetahs and wild dogs with people and domestic animals.

- Reduce wild dog and cheetah depredation of livestock;
- Reduce unsustainable and illegal offtake of wildlife ungulates;
- Initiate programmes for local people to derive sustainable benefits from wildlife;
- Expand awareness locally and globally; and
- Put in place canid disease management strategies.



Surveys and information

Provide relevant stakeholders and managers with scientific and timely information on the status of and threats to cheetah and wild dog populations

- Initiate and maintain surveys and monitoring to establish cheetah and wild dog presence, trends and threats;
- Disseminate information relevant to cheetah conservation to key stakeholders;



Capacity Development

Strengthen human, institutional and information resources for conserving cheetah and wild dogs in collaboration with stakeholders.

- Train and equip extension, enforcement, and monitoring personnel in each range state.



Policy and legislation

Review and harmonise existing legislation, and, where necessary, develop new legislation, for conservation across cheetah and wild dog range at national and international levels

- Identify information on the effects of cheetah and wild dog conservation activities which can inform policy;
- Provide information on illegal wildlife activities;
- Provide information for identification and safeguarding of corridor and dispersal areas;
- Increase formalized regional and international collaboration;
- Develop guidelines for conservation translocations of cheetah and wild dogs;



Advocacy

Mainstream cheetah and wild dog conservation in land use planning and its implementation.

- Ensure government authorities, local communities, and other stakeholders are aware of the importance of cheetah and wild dog populations;
- Make land use/spatial plans compatible with the Regional Conservation Strategy for Cheetah and Wild Dogs;
- Raise awareness among donors and civil society on the effects of land use and climate change on cheetah and wild dog populations;



National and regional plans

Promote the development and implementation of national conservation programmes for cheetahs and wild dogs, by government and other stakeholders.

- Put in place National Conservation Action Plans in all cheetah and wild dog range states in Eastern Africa that are endorsed by Government authorities;



END OF PRESENTATION-ASANTE SANA !!!

