

CROWS NO MORE! PROJECT

Activity Report – March 2025, Eric Kinoti, Colin Jackson

Summary

March was a month buzzing with *Crows No More* activities. Prebaiting and the first poisoning were done in Gede and very a successful poisoning carried out in Ngomeni funded by San Marco. We are looking for partnerships to help facilitate poisoning in Mamburui. Crow counts in Mtwapa / Mombasa will be conducted in early April supported by Mombasa hotels & businesses.

24,018

Total cumulative
number of House
Crows Killed up to
end of March 2025

Crows No More!!

The beginning of March marked the beginning of the rainy season. This is a blessing but also a challenge to our work as crows tend to be less active during rainy or calm mornings. Despite this, our awesome team of field officers and volunteers killed the most in a month to date: **5,954** making a cumulative total of **24,018** House Crows killed so far. With a donation from a school that visited A Rocha Kenya in January, we have been able to extend the pre-baiting and poisoning to include Gede for at least two months. Having said that, initial baiting suggests many of the crows observed flying towards Gede early morning actually continue *past* Gede to the farmlands and villages beyond. We are paying close attention to where these are going to see if we can target those sites for poisoning as well.

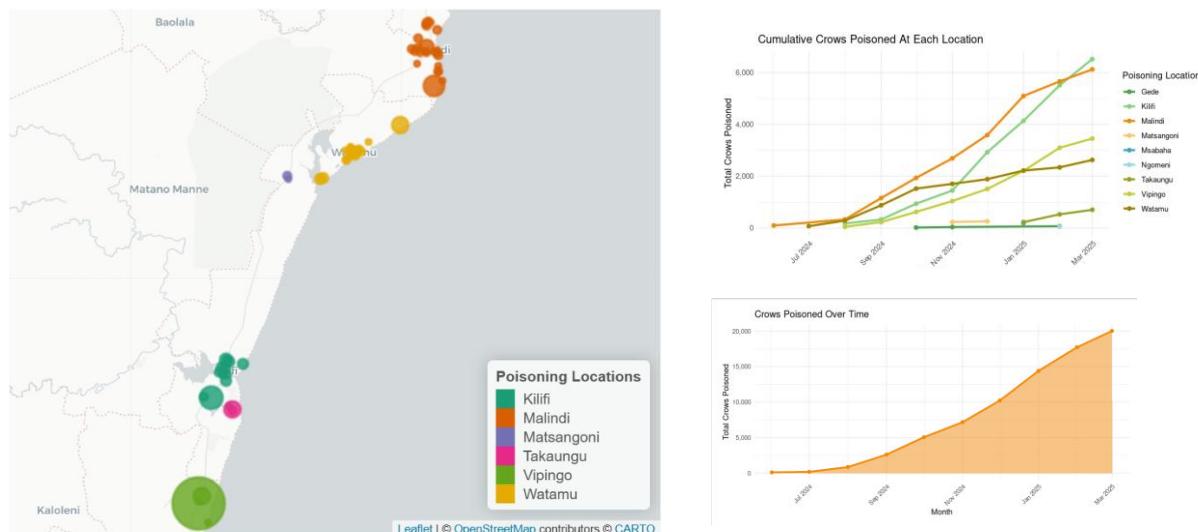


A 'murder' of Crows feeding beside the Malindi-Lamu road.

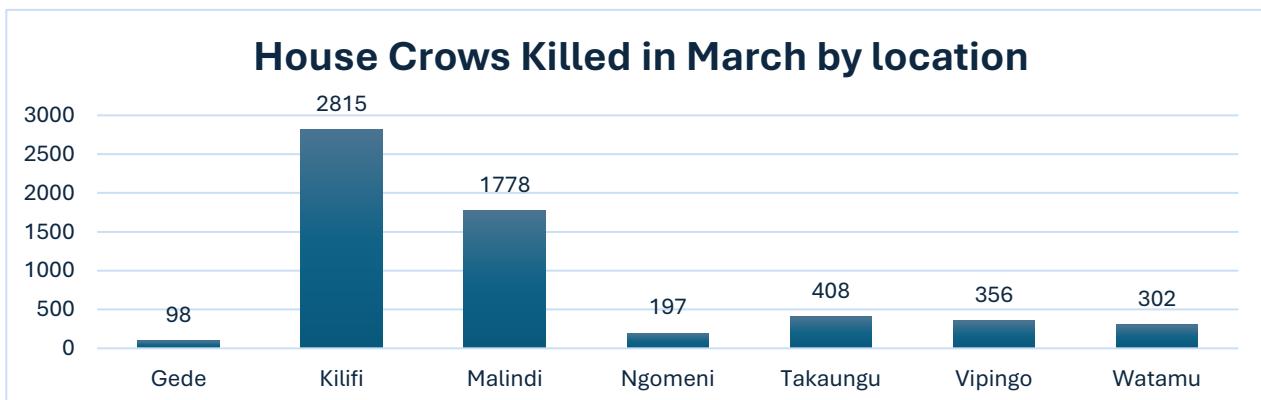
Following the successful poisoning at Ngomeni Market, we are looking for a local resident / hotel / business who can facilitate a person to prebait there, either cover costs of employing someone or have an existing staff member do the pre-baiting. With this in place we can then poison when the number of crows coming to the bait has maxed out. This will be really helpful as we target and aim at populations outside towns and shopping centres.

Live dashboard of Crows No More! progress. We're excited to announce that we now have a live link (below) which, if you click on it, will allow anyone to see a summary of how the crow eradication on north coast is going as shown in the screen shot images below – *try it out!!* This is an important tool for monitoring and evaluation of the project. At the comfort of either your phone or computer you can track and monitor the project's current status. Click on this link:

https://arochakenya.shinyapps.io/crow_poisoning_app/



Left: Map showing locations where poisoning has been done, the circle size indicates the number of crows killed at that point. On the website you can zoom in to see more detail of where specific poisoning sites are located. **Top right:** Graph showing progress of locations. **Bottom right:** Cumulative poisoning results for total project



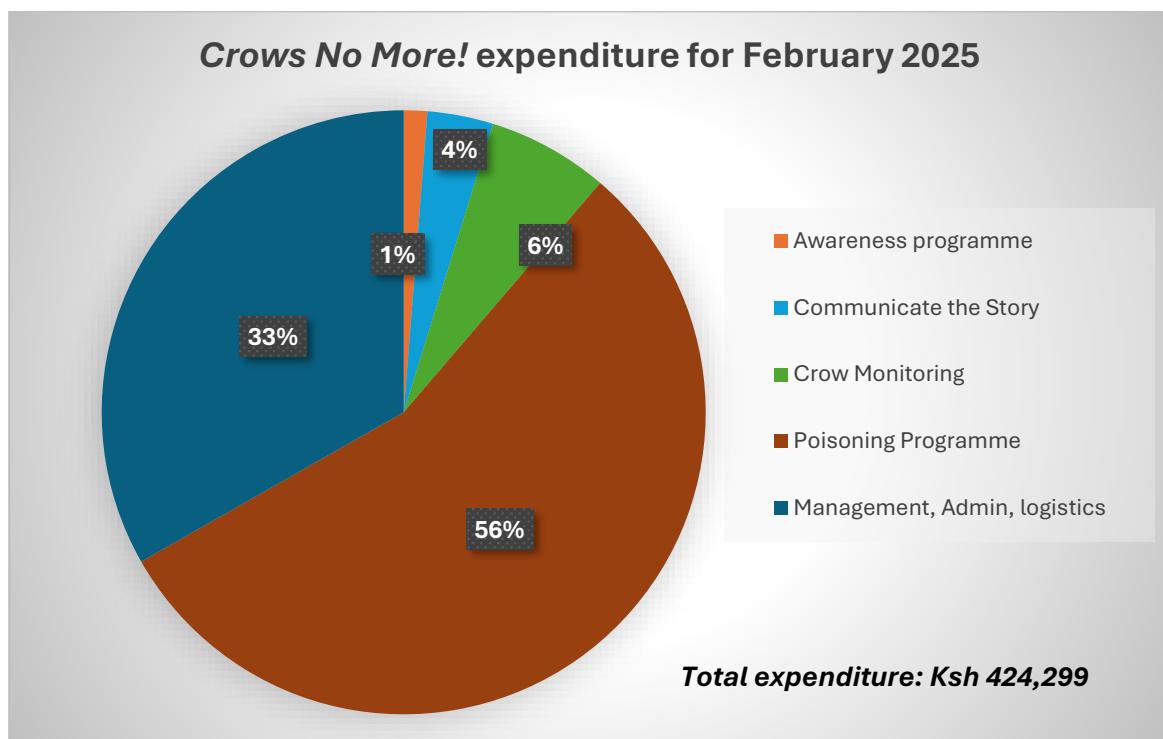
Graph showing total numbers of House Crows killed in March

Mombasa House Crow population assessment. During the last national committee meeting held in Mombasa on 14 February 2025, A Rocha was tasked to carry out counts of House Crows in Mtwapa and Mombasa. We have been planning with some Mombasa hotels to support the counts and at the same time recce for key feeding sites across the city in case KWS requests that we go ahead with poisoning as well. A proper understanding of how many crows there are and where they both roost and forage is critical for being able to eliminate them effectively.

Fundraising and accounting

March Fundraising and February expenditure

We are very grateful to our supporters, who have continued to have confidence in Crows No More!. In March, we raised an amazing total of **KSH 592,500**. THANK YOU! Without your support, none of this would be possible. Expenditure for March will be reported on in the next monthly report.



The pie chart of expenditure above is for February. We have found that trying to get the full expenditure for the past month early enough to send out this report in good time was difficult. We would therefore like to present the accounts report this way (a month later) so as to enable our report to be out in better time. This, therefore, means that the report for the end of April 2025 will have the expenditure for March 2025.

Help us Get Rid of the Crows – **donate:**

All funds are handled by [A Rocha Kenya](#)

1) Direct Mpesa donations can be received by A Rocha:

Paybill: 303030 (ABSA bank)

Acc: 0121008254

IMPORTANT: Please send the Mpesa sms confirmation to the project coordinator, Eric Kinoti +254 718 422487 so we can track all income.

Better still set up a **standing order** direct debit with **M-Ratiba** is an add-on for M-Pesa. With M-Ratiba you can set up a **standing order direct donation** to any given account. Read more here <https://www.safaricom.co.ke/media-center-landing/frequently-asked-questions/m-pesa-ratiba>

2) Bank details for direct / online donations to Crows No More! project:

Bank Name: Absa Bank Kenya

Branch Name: Malindi

Account Name: A Rocha Kenya Mwamba Centre

Account Number: 0121008254

Please make sure that you include a reference for 'Crows No More'

Please also have proof of payment emailed to accounts.kenya@arocha.org and crowsnomore@arocha.org so that we can keep track of all donations.

THANK YOU for your support!

Wild bird Rehabilitation

It has been a quieter month for the bird rehab centre in Watamu – which is a good thing! The key news was the successful release of the first year Long-tailed Skua. He gained over 30g of weight while in rehab and after two weeks was ringed and released on the beach in a stiff wind in front of A Rocha's conservation centre. He didn't hang around and flew strongly down the beach towards Garoda and we watched him then head out to sea towards Whale Island. Hopefully he'll be found by a researcher breeding happily in Siberia one day...!



Long-tailed Skua being released at A Rocha