

CROWS NO MORE! PROJECT

Activity Report – May 2025, Eric Kinoti, Colin Jackson

Summary

The number of crows killed continues to climb! We started the month by visiting the Kilifi County offices in Kilifi to get their support. Following on from the Ocean Sports gift of a motorbike, we were fortunate to receive a donation of a bike from Kilifi Plantation Limited – asante! Our CNM dashboard has been updated and a new link is available. At the rehab this month, two White-Faced Owls were released from the Watamu Rehab Centre.

34,649

Total cumulative
number of House Crows
killed up to the end of
May 2025

Crows No More!!

Despite the chilly, rainy mornings we have had this month, our team of determined field officers did not back down on this war against the invasive House Crow. This month recorded the highest monthly tally of **5,636** and therefore a cumulative total of **34,649** House crows killed - *well done team!* However, with reduced income we have had to release Bashora from the Gede poisoning until such time as we can raise further funds.

We visited the county offices to discuss the situation of waste management in Mtwapa, Kilifi, Malindi, Watamu and beyond. In the meeting, it was proposed that the municipality increase their efforts on waste collection and well as surveillance to curb small illegal dumping sites that emerge every now and then. It was also discussed that a lot of awareness needs to be done, as the majority of locals do not take the issue of trash seriously.



After the meeting, with the Kilifi municipal council manager, Madam Caroline Kamino (**second from right**) and the Kilifi County Environment director, Mr. Jimmy Kahindi (**First on the right**) and representing Malindi municipality, Mr. Lennox Douglas (**middle in white shirt**). KWS was represented by SGT Paul Tsuma (Second on the left) and Kilifi residents represented by Cate Waterer (**Middle in the red dress**).

Measures put by the council so far are the regular collection of garbage on the known dumping sites. Due to the limited resources that the county has, it was proposed that we look for more partnerships with more NGOs and other entities interested in tackling the waste management problem and raise funds from overseas.

We hugely appreciate Kilifi Plantation Limited who donated a motorbike to ease transportation in Kilifi for the field officers. We would like to further thank them for also providing bait through the farm as well as a storage unit to keep the bait prior to use that has not only made work easier but also more efficient.

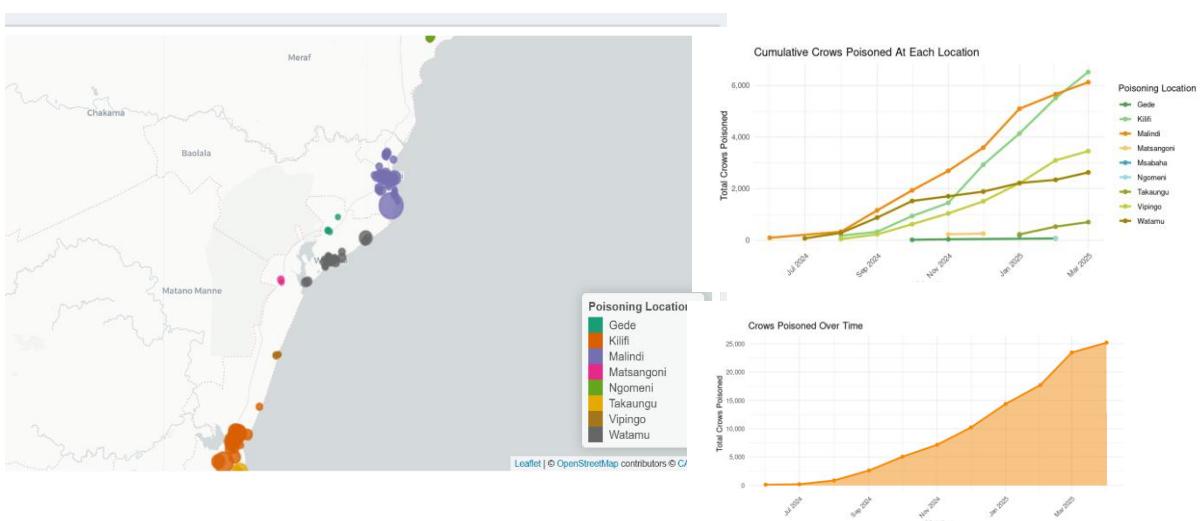


Eric Kinoti, CNM programme coordinator, with the motorbike donated by KPL at their main offices in Kilifi.

We are also always excited to introduce our CNM dashboard. Please take your time to visit and see a more in-depth analysis of the programme and its current status. We also appreciate and welcome your feedback and comments as we continue to better your understanding of our operations as the CNM and its team.

Click on this link: <https://arochakenya.shinyapps.io/crownomoredashboard/>

Also, visit our website to learn more about Crows No More and Starlicide that we use to poison the crows by clicking <https://www.arocha.or.ke/crows-no-more-project/>



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

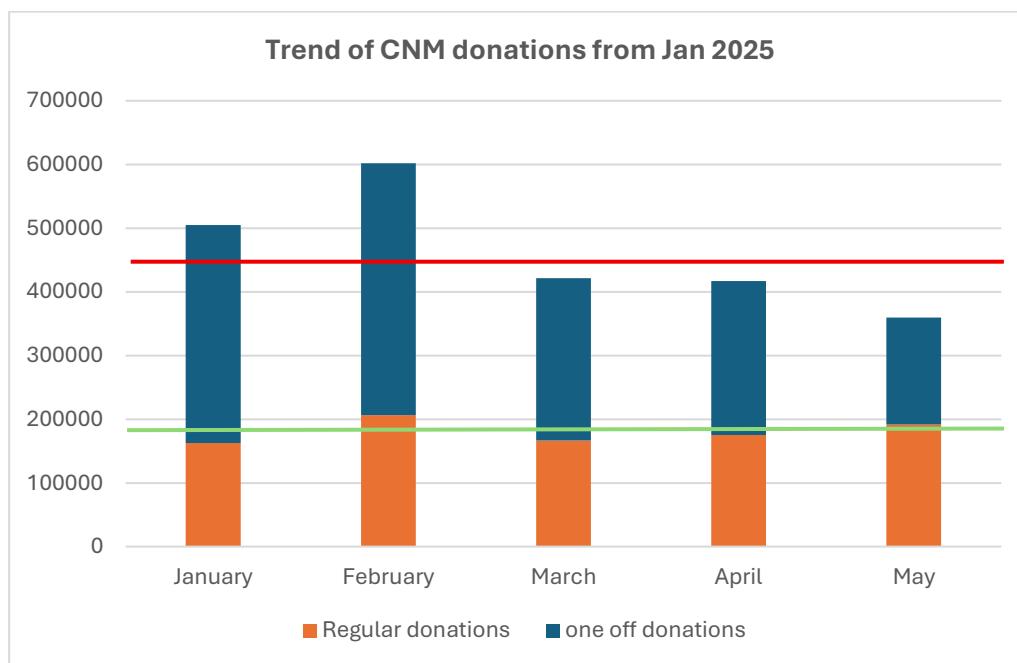
Fundraising and accounting

May Fundraising and April Expenditure

As always, we are very grateful to our supporters, who have continued to have confidence in *Crows No More!*. In **May**, we raised a total of **354,500**. THANK YOU! However, the reality of the cost of the crow eradication is that we need Ksh **c.490,000** per month for the basic regular costs if we are to do it as widely and effectively as possible. We are therefore currently working beyond our means and are having to cut back significantly next month until we can obtain sufficient funding.

We have been greatly appreciative of the donations received to date – unfortunately, the cost of the exercise with a budget of Ksh 490,000 p.m. is such that it absorbs one-off donations immediately. The best kind of support is the regular, committed donations that a number of hotels and some individuals make. If we could get another 30-40 individuals and 10-15 hotels or businesses to commit to between Ksh 2,000 and Ksh 10,000 per month, it would allow the poisoning to really move ahead.

The chart below shows donations received in 2025. The **green line** is the amount committed in monthly donations by some hotels and individuals – *thank you* to all those – though we have had no new commitments since January. The **orange bars** are the *actual* donations received from those who have made this commitment – though these are often made up a month or two later. The **blue** are one-off donations. In January and February there was a magnificent effort in fundraising which helped a lot, BUT the budgeted costs are the **red line** and, as you can see it is being left high and dry.



A total of **Ksh 412,100** was donated in April but an expenditure of **Ksh 454,615** was incurred. We are therefore running at a loss and closed the month with a deficit of **KSh42,515**. We now have a cumulative deficit of **KSH 555,850** as of 31st of April 2025.

PLEASE JOIN US!

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 Kenya:

Paybill: 303030 (ABSA bank)

Acc: 0121008254

IMPORTANT: Please send the M-pesa 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!



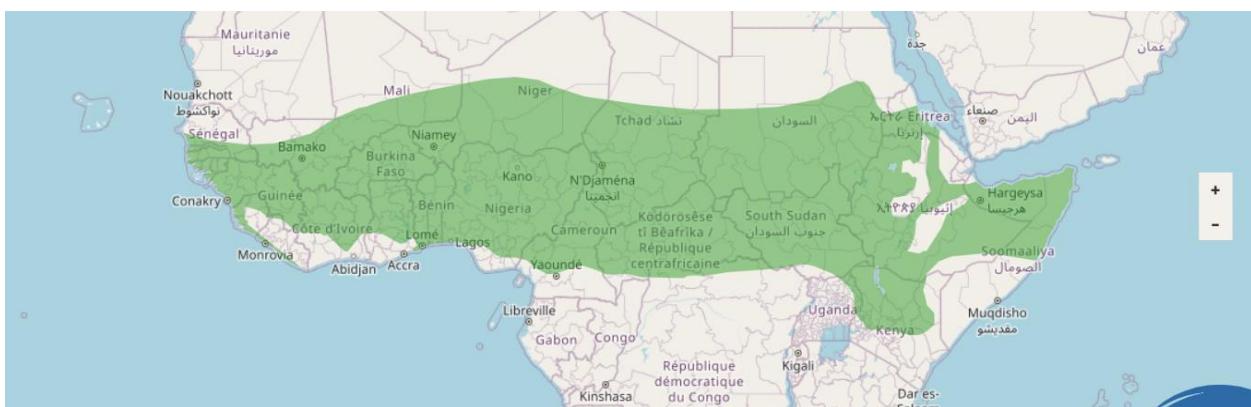
Wild Bird Rehabilitation

Two White-faced Owls were released this month from their rehabilitation. They were received from the villagers and appeared to have been harassed and were traumatised, they had no broken bones or visible bruises, therefore they were just kept for a while to recover and then released later. These species are often caught in between human wildlife conflicts caused by habitat loss - human encroachment on their habitat making it harder and harder for them to find safe homes in which to nest and breed, mostly and we have received quite a number in the rehab centre.



One of the White-faced Owls at the rehab centre at Plot 22.

The white faced owl species are found in a band across Africa that is between the Sahara and the Equator. These are small owls that feed on insects, small mammals and birds, though larger than most scops-owls. Mostly pale grey, with a white face set off by black borders and yellow-orange eyes. They can be found in dry savanna habitats, where it often spend the day roosting on surprisingly open perches. Northern and Southern White faced owls are very similar but can be best separated by call.



Map of Africa showing where the Northern white-faced Owl occurs.