

## 2018 African Ranger Award Finalists

### 1. Abdullahi Abdi Mumhamed, Kenya

Ranger and Investigation Assistant of Kenya Wildlife Service (based in Kajiado Conservation Area)

*Nominated by Julius Maluki Mwandai, Head Investigation of Kenya Wildlife Service*

### 2. Alfred Kiprotich Bett, Kenya

Tourism Warden of Mara Conservancy

*Nominated by Aruasa Kiprono David, Tourism Officer of Mara Conservancy*

### 3. Asha Saidi Mnkeni, Tanzania

Park Ranger Grade III of Udzungwa Mountains National Park (attached to Tanzania National Parks)

*Nominated by Damian Edward Saru, Senior Park Warden and Head of Conservation Department, Tanzania National Parks*

### 4. Baeni Olivier Safari, Democratic Republic of Congo

Head of Sector (north) of Virunga National Park

*Nominated by Emmanuel de Merode, Chief Warden of Virunga National Park*

### 5. Bivougou Hamed Salvador, Gabon

Ecogarde Team Leader (Ranger Patrol Leader) of Gabonese National Parks Agency

*Nominated by Lee White, Executive Officer of National Parks Agency*

### 6. Blamah Goll, Liberia

Technical Conservation Manager, Forestry Development Authority

*Nominated by Mary Molokwu-Odozi, Country and Operations Manager of Fauna & Flora International*

### 7. Bullo Teshita Sammato, Ethiopia

Scout of The Senkelle Swaynes Hartebeest Sanctuary

*Nominated by Kumara Wakjira, Director General of Wildlife Conservation Authority*

### 8. Chikwiramakomo Peter, Zimbabwe

Patrol Commander of Mana Pools National Park (attached to Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority)

*Nominated by Muchatibaya Simon, Anti-poaching Technical Advisor of African Wildlife Foundation*

**9. Christopher Lmingisa Leadismo, Kenya**

Head of Anti-poaching, Samburu National Reserve, Save the Elephants  
*Nominated by Frank Pope, Chief Executive Officer of Save the Elephants*

**10. Craig Jake Williams, South Africa**

Section Ranger of Kruger National Park (attached to South African National Parks)  
*Nominated by Don English, Regional Ranger of South African National Parks*

**11. Dangbino Pascal, Central African Republic**

Manager Armory of Ministry of Forests and Waters  
*Nominated by Duboscq Guillaume, Technical Advisor Anti-poaching of WWF*

**12. Daniel Sotian Yiankere, Kenya**

Security Manager of Loisaba Area, Oryx Ltd.  
*Nominated by Thomas Anson Silvester, CEO of Oryx Ltd.*

**13. Edward Okonda Otia, Kenya**

Capture Ranger (Corporal) of Kenya Wildlife Service (based in Mount Kenya National Park)  
*Nominated by Dornic Otieno Mijele, Senior Wildlife Veterinary Officer of Kenya Wildlife Service*

**14. Ekal Lotir Ekiru, Kenya**

Assistant Warden III of Kenya Wildlife Service (Based in Lake Nakuru National Park)  
*Nominated by Allan Maina Kamwaro, Assistant Warden I of Kenya Wildlife Service*

**15. Fehintola Timothy Fola, Nigeria**

Principal Park Inspector of National Park Service  
*Nominated by Oladipo OJO Cdrnehius, Conservation of Park, National Park Service*

**16. Felix Abayomi, Nigeria**

Chief Executive Officer of Lagos Lagoon Waterkeeper, Wildlife of Africa Conservation Initiative  
*Nominated by Marc Yaggi, Executive Director of Waterkeeper Alliance, USA*

**17. Fernando Sebastene Junuario Macamero, Mozambique**

Head Ranger of Mariri Investimentos/ Niassa Carnivore Project, Niassa National Reserve  
*Nominated by Keith Seymour Begg, Director of Mariri Investimentos/ TRT Conservation Foundation*

**18. Halid M. Jummanne, Tanzania**

Wildlife Warden of Tarangire National Park (attached to Tanzania National Park)

*Nominated by Abel Peter Mtui, Chief Park Warden of Tanzania National Park*

**19. Hans Makatu, South Africa**

Field Ranger of Mapungubwe National Park (attached to South African National Parks)

*Nominated by Conrad Strauss, Park Manager of South African National Parks*

**20. Jackline Chepchirchir Maiyo, Kenya**

Investigation Assistant of Kenya Wildlife Service (based in Mombasa Conservation Area)

*Nominated by Judith Nasike, Intelligence Officer of Kenya Wildlife Service*

**21. James Mwenda, Kenya**

Caretaker, Northern White Rhinos of Ol Pejeta Conservancy

*Nominated by Samuel Mutisya, Head of Conservation, Ol Pejeta Conservancy*

**22. Jeneria Lekilelei, Kenya**

Field Operations & Community Manager of Ewaso Lions

*Nominated by Shivani Bhalla, Founder and Executive Director of Ewaso Lions*

**23. John William Magembe, Tanzania**

Head of Anti-poaching and Training, Honeyguide

*Nominated by Meleck Laizer, Rubondo Research Coordinator of Honeyguide*

**24. Joseph Kasaine Ole koisikirr, Kenya**

Conservancy Warden of Nashulai Maasai Conservancy

*Nominated by Daniel Letoiye, Regions Coordinator of Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association*

**25. Joseph Yiampoi, Kenya**

Ranger of Mara Elephant Project

*Nominated by Wilson Sairowua, Tracking Manger of Mara Elephant Project*

**26. Joyce Chepkurui, Kenya**

Ranger/ Intelligence Officer of Kenya Wildlife Service (based at the Nairobi National Park)

*Nominated by Paula Kahumbu OGW, Chief Executive Officer of WildlifeDirect*

**27. Julius Obwona, Uganda**

Warden Law Enforcement of Uganda Wildlife Authority (based at Murchison Falls National Park)

*Nominated by Tom Obong Okello, Assistant Director/ Chief Warden, Uganda Wildlife Authority*

**28. Juma Mussa Mkuki, Tanzania**

Senior Park Ranger of Serengeti National Park (attached to Tanzania National Park)

*Nominated by Regius S. Komba, Head of Conservation, Serengeti National Park*

**29. Kapona 'Nanyuki' Lapalee, Kenya**

Anti-poaching Ranger of LEWA Wildlife Conservancy

*Nominated by Michael William Watson, Chief Executive Officer of LEWA Wildlife Conservancy*

**30. Kasereka Kisuki Alexandre, Democratic Republic of Congo**

Ranger of Garamba National Park (attached to African Parks Network)

*Nominated by John Barrett, General Manager of African Parks Network*

**31. Kennedy Phiri, Zambia**

Senior Wildlife Police Officer, Department of National Parks and Wildlife (based in Lower Zambezi National Park)

*Nominated by Ian Stevenson, CEO of Conservation Lower Zambezi*

**32. Lt. Lang Halima Diedhiou, Senegal**

Senior Park Officer of Niokolo-Koba National Park and Assistant Project Manager for Panthera's park support project, Direction de Parcs Nationaux (DPN)

*Nominated by Philipp Henschel, Regional Director for West and Central Africa, Lion Program, Panthera*

**33. Lydia Jerono Kemei, Kenya**

Corporal - Investigation Assistant of Kenya Wildlife Service (based in Tsavo East National Park)

*Nominated by Julius Maluki Mwandai, Head Investigation of Kenya Wildlife Service*

**34. Mugaruka Takembo Rodrigue, Democratic Republic of Congo**

Deputy Chief Warden and Head of Anti-Poaching, Upemba-Kundelungu Complex

*Nominated by Robert Muir, Chief Warden of the Upemba-Kundelungu Complex, and Emmanuel de Merode, Chief Warden of Virunga National Park*

**35. Neddy Mulimo, Zambia**

Senior Support Manager of Game Rangers International

*Nominated by Sport Beattie, CEO of Game Rangers International*

**36. Pablo Miguel Braga Concalves, Mozambique**

Park Warden of combined Maputo Special and Ponta do Ouro Partial Marine Reserves,  
National Administration of Conservation Areas

*Nominated by Antony Alexander, Mozambique Country/ Senior Project Manager of  
Peace Park Foundation*

**37. Paul Kumwamba, Malawi**

Parks and Wildlife Assistant of African Parks Malawi (Based at Nkhotakota Wildlife  
Reserve)

*Nominated by Samuel Kamoto, Park Manager of African Parks*

**38. Quresh Abdi Guyo, Kenya**

Ranger - Investigation Assistant of Kenya Wildlife Service (based in Isiolo Conservation  
Area)

*Nominated by Julius Maluki Mwandai, Head Investigation of Kenya Wildlife Service*

**39. Ruzindana Nsengiyumva Alexis, Rwanda**

Eco-guard, Forest of Hope Association

*Nominated by Eugene Mutangana, Head of Conservation Department, Rwanda  
Development Board*

**40. Said Shee Mohamed, Kenya**

Sergeant of Kenya Wildlife Service (based at Kisite Marine Park)

*Nominated by Eric Onyango Aduda, Warden of Kenya Wildlife Service*

**41. Sampeke Meshami, Kenya**

Rhino Monitoring Supervisor of OI Jogi Ltd.

*Nominated by Jamie Gaymer, Conservation Manager of OI Jogi Ltd.*

**42. Tembo Frackson, Zambia**

Wildlife Police Officer, Department of National Parks and Wildlife (based at Kafue  
National Park)

*Nominated by Kim Deidre Young, Director of Panthera Cheetah Program, Panthera*

**43. Tizola Moyo, Malawi**

Deputy Head of Law Enforcement, Department of National Parks and Wildlife (based at  
Majete Wildlife Reserve)

*Nominated by Gervaz Thamala, Field Operations Manager of African Parks Majete*

#### **44. Voster Mweene, Zambia**

Park Ranger of Liuwa Plain National Park (attached to African Parks Zambia),  
Department of National Parks and Wildlife

*Nominated by Ian Pollard, Field Operations Manager of Liuwa Plain National Park*

#### **45. Walter Odokorwot, Uganda**

Community Conservation Warden of Kidepo Valley Conservation Area (attached to  
Uganda Wildlife Authority)

*Nominated by Charles Tumwesigye, Deputy Director Field Operations of Uganda  
Wildlife Authority*

### **Deceased Rangers**

#### **46. Edzai Malunga, Zimbabwe**

Previously ranger of International Anti-Poaching Foundation; Deceased on 25/03/2018  
at age 25 in trying to save another ranger

*Nominated by Damien Shane Mander, Founder & CEO of International Anti-Poaching  
Foundation*

#### **47. Friday Pyne, Liberia**

Previously ranger of Forestry Development Authority; Deceased on 27/04/2017 at age  
48 during implementing a law enforcement mission

*Nominated by Michelle Klailova, Programme Manager of Fauna & Flora International  
Liberia*

#### **48. Julius Kior Kulwa, Kenya**

Previously ranger of Big Life Foundation; Killed by an elephant

*Nominated by Craig Millar, Head of Security, Big Life Foundation*

#### **49. Tshala Nswana Honore, Democratic Republic of Congo**

Previously Chief Patrol Post of Virunga National Park; Poisoned by a former poacher

*Nominated by Jean Pierre Jobogo Mirindi, Protected Area Manager in charge of  
community education, Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (ICCN)*

#### **50. Yoda Djaoube, Cameroon**

Previously tracker of Mayo Rey Conservation; Attacked and killed by poachers

*Nominated by Bour Paul, Secretary and Founding Member of Mayo Rey Conservation*