



## OUR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENTS

At Kilima Camp, we do not only strive to offer our guests an unforgettable experience of the African bush in one of the best wildlife areas in the world: we also want to contribute to the conservation of the Mara Ecosystem as well as to the wellbeing of the local Maasai communities.

Since the opening of Kilima Camp, we have been giving special attention to different environmental and social practices.

### OUR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

- the *Mara Ecosystem*, a natural area of about 150,000 hectares in total, extends far beyond the current boundaries of the *Maasai Mara National Reserve*, the *Trans-Mara Conservancy* and the *Mara Triangle Wilderness Area* (the three contiguous, administrative conservation areas generally known as the “Maasai Mara”). To survive throughout the year, many animal species need natural dispersal areas outside the current protected units. By paying a substantial annual lease fee to the local Maasai communities, Kilima Camp (like all other camps and lodges located outside the official reserves mentioned above) provides an economic incentive to these communities and enables them to continue living the traditional way in harmony with wildlife. Without such an incentive, the fertile lands around the official game reserves would undoubtedly be converted in the short term to agriculture.
- electricity in your room is provided by pollution-free solar panels. We only use a small generator a few hours a day to provide the camp with other energy needs. We keep the electricity needs to a minimum: lighting at night in the main tent is provided by hurricane lamps and candles (which give our guests a more authentic experience of the African bush).
- we cook using gas bottles, as to limit cutting trees by using charcoal. We only collect dead wood for the evening camp fire and sundowners.
- we collect rainwater in a specifically constructed pool (down the hill, near the road). The water is pumped and filtered, and caters for all camp needs, excepted for drinking water (drinking water for guests is permanently available in bottles: please ask our staff on duty).
- we support the conservation of Dupoto Forest through the Dupoto Ecotourism Programme, by encouraging all our guests to visit the forest.
- Garbage are recycled at Kilima Can and used for the garden as compost when possible. Otherwise they are burned or brought back to Nairobi ...

### OUR SOCIAL COMMITMENTS

- we pay a substantial annual lease fee to the local Maasai landowners (see above).
- most of our staff belongs to the local Maasai communities.
- we buy locally as many supplies (food...) as possible.
- a good part of the fee paid by our guests for visiting the *manyatta* (settlement) of our Maasai landowners goes back to them and all the profits from the sales of handicraft items purchased by our guests during the visit go back to the women selling these items.
- we financially support // *Toshi* Junior School, a local Maasai Primary School.