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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Congresswoman Julia Letlow
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Kathi Barnhill OR None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): Mother
3. a. Dates: Departure: April 18, 2022 Return: April 25, 2022
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Republic of Kenya Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
Meeting and event information (attached) in the final itinerary.
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:*
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.
Signify statement is true by checking the box.
 b. If not, explain:

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: 

Date: 6/17/2022



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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within ten days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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- Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)
- Travel Destination(s): Nairobi, Kenya; Mara Encounter Camp, Mara Conservancy
- Date of Departure: 04/18/2022 Date of Return: 04/25/2022
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Julia Letlow

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

- Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$ 6,285.77	\$ 1,179.95	\$ 202.56	Conservation Fees: \$ 484.00 Tips: \$16.20 / Travel Service: \$35.00 Visa: \$53.04 / COVID Test: \$31.00
Accompanying Family Member	\$ 6,285.77	\$ 800.00	\$ 202.56	Conservation Fees: \$ 484.00 Tips: \$16.20 / Travel Service: \$35.00 Visa: \$53.04 / COVID Test: \$31.00

- All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Date: 05/05/2022

Name: John Basil Gantt Title: President

Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: 1200 Potomac Street NW, Washington, DC 20007

Email: johngantt@iccfoundation.us Telephone: (202) 471-4222

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. **This form and any attachments may be delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth or e-mailed to travel.requests@mail.house.gov.**

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Congresswoman Julia Letlow

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I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): _____

Office Address: 1408 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Telephone Number: 202-225-8490

Email Address of Contact Person: Andrew.bautsch@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, *and* these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via e-mail: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Congresswoman Julia Letlow
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
The International Conservation Caucus Foundation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Republic of Kenya
4. a. Date of Departure: April 18, 2022 Date of Return: April 25, 2022
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: Kathi Barnhill
(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): Mother
(3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties.

Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.

As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, this trip will allow the Congresswoman to gain insight into the current state of agriculture and the food situation in Africa. Further education of the efforts on conservation and natural resource management through discussions on the role of American aid on the continent. Louisiana's Fifth District also has high potential for agricultural development which will allow the Congresswoman to see the prevention and relief programs implemented in the region. This trip will also show the connection between foreign and domestic spending on these programs.

9. Yes No **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**

10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member Julia Letlow Date 4/1/22



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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**
 - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**
 - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: _____ Date of return: _____
7. a. City of departure: _____
b. Destination(s): _____
c. City of return: _____
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box; OR*
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation.
- If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided):
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
- Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
- Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
- Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee			
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

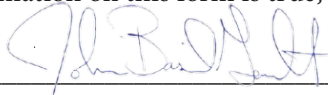
NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

19. Check only one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable*. Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify by my signature that

- a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
- b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
- c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

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Washington, D.C. 20515

ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov | 202-225-7103
More information and forms available at ethics.house.gov



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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation.

Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation
2. Name of your organization: Conservation Council of Nations (d.b.a. ICCF Group)
3. Yes No Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes No Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
 - a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
 - b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
Destination: Kenya on Date: April 18th - 25th 2022
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
 - c. Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. **Check only one:**
 - a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
 - b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. I certify by my signature that
 - a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
 - b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Clare Falcone Digitally signed by Clare Falcone Date: 2022.04.08 12:25:15 -04'00' Date: 04/08/2022

Name: Clare Falcone Title: Secretary

Organization: Conservation Council of Nations (d.b.a. ICCF Group)

Address: 1200 Potomac Street NW Washington, DC 20007

Email: clarefalcone@councilofnations.org Telephone: (703) 943-8413

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April 14, 2022

The Honorable Julia Letlow
U.S. House of Representatives
1408 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your parent's proposed trip to Kenya,¹ scheduled for April 18 to 25, 2022, sponsored by International Conservation Caucus Foundation and Conservation Council of Nations (d.b.a. the ICCF Group).

This approval represents the Committee's determination that the proposed trip complies with relevant House rules, federal laws, and Travel Regulations promulgated by the Committee. You should engage in your own assessment of the risks and implications of engaging in travel during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Committee travel regulations require that you submit your complete pre-trip approval request to the Committee at least 30 days before the commencement of the trip or it will not be granted. Despite your failure to do so in this instance, we are approving your current request. However, any future requests should adhere to the 30-day requirement.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$415 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

¹ Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts “of minimal value [currently \$415] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy” by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee’s Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman



Jackie Walorski
Ranking Member

TED/JW:rp



U.S. Congressional Delegation to the Republic of Kenya

April 18 -25, 2022

Day 1, Monday, April 18:

3:30pm Flight 1: Depart Washington Dulles Lufthansa LH417 to Frankfurt
Layover in Frankfurt

1:50pm Flight 2: Depart San Francisco UA 58 to Frankfurt
Layover in Frankfurt

Accommodation: Airplane

Day 2, Tuesday, April 19:

11:10am Depart Frankfurt LH 590 to Nairobi

8:20pm Flights Arrive in Nairobi (NBO). Retrieve luggage, clear customs, transport
to hotel for check-in.

10:30pm Check into hotel and rest for the evening.

Accommodation: Fairmont Hotel, Nairobi

Day 3, Wednesday, April 20:

9:00am - 11:00am Country Briefing with US Embassy

*Briefing over breakfast at the hotel to introduce topics such as U.S.
partnerships in Kenya; Criminal Justice; Illegal Wildlife Trade; Biodiversity;
and Economic and Political Overviews.*

11:30am Depart hotel for Wilson Airport in Nairobi for an afternoon flight to Mara
Encounter in the Naboisho Conservancy, Ol Seki Airstrip - brown bag lunch
to be distributed.

2:00pm Depart on flight to Ol Seki Airstrip

*Located in Kenya adjacent to the Maasai Mara National Reserve, this
private conservancy is a ground-breaking project of tourism benefiting
conservation and community. With its high concentration of wildlife, and*



generous personal space and freedom on offer, visitors enjoy exceptional wildlife encounters.

- 3:00pm Arrival and transfer to Mara Encounter, Naboisho Conservancy
- Set in the Naboisho Conservancy, Mara Encounter offers spectacular opportunities to view wildlife in their natural habitat, from plains game to big cats.*
- 4:00pm Check in to Mara Encounter Camp
- 4:30pm - 5:00pm Welcome briefing over tea by Mara Encounter Camp staff
- Staff will provide an overview of the park, its habitats, and its biodiversity. ICCF staff will also go over the trip itinerary with participants and answer any questions.*
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm Evening briefing in the field with park staff on the importance of biodiversity & habitat protection to poverty alleviation and sustainable economic development
- As the world population grows to over 9 billion in the next 40 years, the demand for food, water, and energy will double, further testing nature's ability to provide for people. The loss of natural resources, such as forests, fresh water, fertile soils, and natural pollinators, and the resulting competition for these increasingly scarce resources, can lead to increased poverty and negative impacts on human health and wellbeing. Natural resources are also essential to sustainable economic development.*
- 7:00pm Return to camp, freshen up for dinner
- 8:00pm - 9:30pm Dinner and briefing with ICCF Founder David Barron to discuss community-based wildlife management and how it is being implemented successfully in the Mara. Many of the programs in the itinerary are part of a community-based wildlife management system that balances the needs of neighboring communities and wildlife conservation.

Accommodations: Mara Encounter, Naboisho Conservancy

Day 4, Thursday, April 21:

- 6:30am - 7:00am Depart camp for predator viewing.
- 7:00am - 8:30am The delegation will see first-hand lions in their natural habitat before hearing from the Mara Predator Hub scientists on research programs and conservation efforts.



- 8:30am - 10:00am Breakfast briefing in the field with Mara Predator Hub staff on the Mara Predator Conservation and the Big Cat Project.
- The Maasai Mara ecosystem contains globally significant populations of large predators, including lions, cheetahs, wild dogs, leopards, and others. The Mara Naboisho Big Cat Project brings together community, researchers, NGOs, and Tourism Partners in Naboisho Conservancy in an effort to help secure the future of the Big Cats (lion, cheetah, and leopard).*
- 10:00am - 11:00am Return to camp from briefing, freshen up for MMWCA briefing
- 11:00am - 12:30pm Briefing at the camp with Daniel Sopia, CEO of the Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association (MMWCA) on the importance of community conservancies in the region
- The Maasai Mara is Kenya's most important wildlife and tourism area. Roughly 25% of Kenya's wildlife resides within the greater Maasai Mara region, a 4,500 km² wildlife landscape comprised of the 1,510 km² Maasai Mara National Reserve (MMNR) and 3,000 km² of adjacent community and private lands. This area includes the key dry season range for the largest animal migration left on Earth.*
- The long-term conservation of this ecosystem depends on choices made by the Maasai and other landowners who control two-thirds of the greater Mara. Since the 1970s, when Maasai communal lands were subdivided into individual parcels, farming, settlements, and fencing have spread significantly, leading to the loss of more than half of all wildlife in the Mara between 1977 and 2001.*
- In the face of these challenges, local Maasai landowners and innovative tourism operators have joined together over the past decade to create conservancies on private lands across the Mara ecosystem. Conservancies are formed by pooling hundreds of individual properties into larger wildlife, tourism and livestock management entities, connecting otherwise increasingly fragmented landscapes. The conservancy landowners receive a monthly lease payment from tour operators using the area. Conservancies are managed by stakeholder conservancy boards, representing landowners and tourism partners.*
- There are now 15 conservancies in the greater Maasai Mara, covering 1,394 km² and increasing the region's total protected area coverage from 33% to 64%. The conservancies support the livelihoods of approximately 13,500 households, or an estimated 100,000 people. Lease fees paid to conservancy landowners totaled \$7.5 million in 2017, demonstrating the potential for wildlife conservation to generate significant local economic returns. Conservancy governance structures bring transparency and*



increase participation in lease structures and benefit sharing. Benefits extend beyond the lease payments, with 1,600 people – mostly residents of the Mara – employed at nearly 50 conservancy-based tourism camps, while more than 250 conservancy-employed rangers help protect wildlife across the landscape.

Though still relatively new, conservancies are starting to show exciting conservation promise, providing critical habitat for a range of key species and leading to local wildlife recoveries in some areas. Recent research demonstrates, for example, that lion densities in the conservancies are actually higher than in the Maasai Mara National Reserve itself.

12:30pm - 2:00pm

Lunch briefing: Building Next Generation Impact Across the Maasai Mara's Community Conservancies: Koyiaki Guiding School (TBC)

Principal Morris Nabaala will brief the group on the Koyiaki Guiding School's mission, which is to provide education to local Maasai youth in the tourism industry and responsible land use, thereby providing employment opportunities and promoting and encouraging conservation of the unique Maasai Mara ecosystem in general and the Koyiaki-Lemek conservation areas in particular.

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Afternoon Break. No activities are planned at this time, and members of the delegation will have an opportunity to rest before evening activities.

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Briefing over tea by ICCF staff on the parliamentary caucus model and the achievements of Kenya's parliamentary conservation caucus

The Parliamentary Conservation Caucus – Kenya is a multiparty coalition of Members of Parliament with a commitment to elevating the role that stewardship of natural resources plays in Kenyan domestic policy and East Africa's regional development strategy. The members of this coalition recognize that a focus on resource security within Parliament is vital to ensuring Kenya's stability and prosperity, and to addressing its food, water, poaching, deforestation, and energy challenges. They also recognize that solving these challenges will require the public and private sectors to work together.

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Field visit to conservation sites in the park with a briefing from ICCF staff on a number of the challenges facing the animals in the conservancy.

The world is dealing with an unprecedented spike in illegal wildlife trade, threatening to overturn decades of conservation and development gains. As both populations and economies have grown in East Asia, the demand for wildlife products has surged, sending the black-market price of ivory, rhino horn, and other products to historic highs. The recent rise in wildlife



product prices has been met by the increased involvement of more organized, better funded, and better armed criminal and terrorist networks, and even militias, compounding the challenges faced by those charged with protecting the wildlife. Wildlife products can easily be converted into cash and used to purchase weapons and fund violent campaigns, and have become a substantial source of income for terrorist organizations in Africa.

Ivory and rhino horn are gaining popularity as a source of income for some of Africa's most notorious armed groups, including Somalia's al-Shabab, the Lord's Resistance Army (L.R.A.), and Darfur's janjaweed. Illegal wildlife products are a substantial lifeline to African-based terrorism. These groups, which are systematically exploiting porous borders and weak governance and hindering sustainable economic activities, have the potential to set back African development by decades and create large swaths of ungovernable land and new hotbeds for terrorist cells.

ICCF staff will discuss the state of the poaching crisis in Kenya and work being done to address this crisis legislatively and through on-the-ground programs.

7:00pm - 8:00pm Return to camp, freshen up for dinner

8:00pm - 9:30pm Dinner briefing with US and UK participants on shared conservation priorities and opportunities for collaboration

Mr. Chris Grayling, Member of the British Parliament, and Congressional participants will highlight respective national priorities and exchange ideas on increased US-UK collaboration related to international conservation.

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Day 5, Friday, April 22:

6:30am - 8:30am Morning field visit to view predatory species during their most active hours

8:30am - 9:30am Breakfast briefing on the African Poaching Crisis and its implications for people and communities

Park staff and ICCF staff will continue to educate the guests about the African poaching crisis, which is threatening to overturn decades of conservation and development gains. Poaching in Africa is destabilizing economies, decimating iconic species, financing terrorist and violent organizations, contributing to the deterioration of governance in rangelands, and creating large swaths of land in which terrorist groups and militants can train and operate. Delegation will learn about recent legislative and policy successes in the country, as well as long-term strategies being developed, to ensure availability of natural resources to



Kenyan communities and people now and for generations to come.

10:30am – 12:00pm Presentation by Dr. Crystal Mogensen, Director of The Maa Trust

The Maa Trust is a non-profit organization based in community-owned conservancies in the Maasai Mara, Kenya. They work to increase the benefits of wildlife and conservation to Maasai families so that they appreciate, and contribute to, the protection of wild animals on their land, and they aim to unite communities by involving them in conservation at a management level. After the presentation, the delegation will see some of the programs at work including the women's beading program.

12:00pm - 12:30pm Return to camp

12:30pm - 2:30pm Lunch briefing with Dickson Kaelo, CEO of Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association

As the sole national conservancies association in the country, Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association (KWCA) brings together conservancies across Kenya to enhance sharing of best practices, harmonize standards and more so ensure that the voice of this vital group that is at the heart of sustainable wildlife conservancy in the country is firm, united and audible, not just at the grassroots but at the county and national levels.

USAID, in partnership with the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), pioneered the community conservancy model – a widely recognized approach to conservation that protects wildlife outside protected areas, expands economic opportunities for communities, and enhances the ability of people and landscapes to withstand drought and other climatic shocks through resilience efforts. Programs are supported through regional conservancy umbrella organizations such as the Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT), the Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association (MMWCA), and the Amboseli Ecosystem Trust. At the national level, the associations are anchored in the Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association (KWCA) which provides a powerful voice on common issues affecting conservancies. A USAID-funded policy and legislative reform program through the Nature Conservancy and the KWCA protects the interests of all the 150 conservancies in Kenya.

2:30pm - 4:30pm Afternoon Break. No activities are planned at this time and members of the delegation will have an opportunity to rest before evening activities.

5:00pm- 7:00pm Field visit to conservation sites in the park with a briefing on elephant conservation.

Naboisho's Mara Elephant Project (MEP) brings together researchers and conservationists in an effort to help secure the future of African elephants. The project's plan has two major components: tracking up to 15 elephants



to better understand their movements, and engaging the community through anti-poaching education. The delegation will be briefed on the program, as well as issues facing elephants throughout the region.

7:00pm - 8:00pm Return to camp, freshen up for dinner

8:00pm - 9:30pm Dinner briefing on the Reserve and Ecotourism

Park staff will brief the delegation on the magnitude and scope of the reserve and provide an introduction to key species, their value to the nation and local peoples, and the implications of their loss. David Barron will also discuss the significance of the ecotourism industry in Kenya specifically, but also in other parts of Africa and Latin America. Topics of discussion will include large-scale vs. small-scale tourism, trophy hunting, challenges to private reserves, and incentives for local communities to implement and improve conservation practices to support development. The delegation will see firsthand how ecotourism affects the Maasai Mara region.

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Day 6, Saturday, April 23:

6:30am - 9:00am Field briefing by Camp staff on Biodiversity in the Maasai Mara

Staff will brief the delegation on the ecological value of biodiversity and its importance for the livelihoods of local communities as it provides ecosystem services and bases for tourism and income generation. Camp rangers will also discuss the challenges and successes of biodiversity conservation efforts within the Reserve and neighboring Serengeti National Park and observe the physical manifestations of the detriments of biodiversity loss and the benefits of biodiversity strength.

9:00 am - 11:00am Breakfast briefing in the field with ICCF staff on Transboundary Conservation

ICCF staff will brief the delegation on management of migratory wildlife across international borders, including existing efforts and needed actions. Discussions will also focus on improved management of shared ecosystems. Wildlife that migrate through ecosystems spanning more than one country pose unique challenges. For example, poachers often cross into neighboring countries to conduct their illicit activities then escape back across the border, with the knowledge that rangers are prohibited from crossing national borders to track and arrest them. Guests will learn about a range of transboundary wildlife challenges and ways that governments can work together to address these challenges.



- 11:00am - 12:00pm Return to camp
- 12:30pm – 2:00pm Lunch briefing by representatives of the Enonkishu Conservancy and Mara Beef on the Mara Beef Project
- The Mara Beef Company is partnering with the Enonkishu Conservancy, working with the Maasai community on improving livestock husbandry practices and genetics for the local pastoralists by introducing high-quality beef breeds to their herds. The goal is to strengthen rural communities and decrease the risk of catastrophic drought while improving soil health.*
- The Mara Beef Company, Enonkishu Conservancy, and Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservation Association are partnering to protect natural resource management in a wildlife-livestock integrated approach. The project has created a grazing plan for the Conservancy to allow grasslands to be grazed intensively for a short period then be left alone to recover for long periods, thereby improving the grasslands over the course of time. The integrated use of wildlife and livestock by communities in this area aims to spread the economic and financial risk, reduce vulnerability to stochastic events such as droughts, and increase food security through supplementary income generation. This approach holds enormous potential benefits for wildlife conservation and livelihood security.*
- In addition, the project is engaging with the community to conserve and restore biodiversity and implement a grazing management system aimed at restoring healthy soils that withstand drought and rebuild watersheds, provide habitat for wildlife, are the basis for healthy food production, absorb carbon from the atmosphere, and support livelihoods and rural traditions.*
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm Afternoon Break. No activities are planned at this time and members of the delegation will have an opportunity to rest before evening activities.
- 4:00pm - 7:00pm Field briefing on Balancing the Needs of People and Animals
- Field guides and ICCF staff will educate the guests about complex issues of human-wildlife conflict, including tensions caused by competition for land and dangers posed by wildlife to humans and livestock. The guests will learn about innovative programs for addressing these challenges, as well as natural resource wealth management approaches that incentivize protection of wildlife and habitats. The delegation will learn about conflict flashpoints, as well as cost-effective solutions to mitigating these conflicts. They will also learn about how this conflict impacts human communities and why this matters to the U.S.*
- 7:00pm - 8:00pm Return to camp, freshen up for dinner



8:00pm - 9:30pm Dinner briefing on Sustainable Economic Development and Natural Resource Wealth Management

ICCF staff will brief the delegation about the role of conservation in promoting sustainable economic development, as well as ways in which conservation and development are mutually reinforcing. They will also educate participants about the economic & national security importance of good natural resource management to developing economies as well as the importance of access to resources & dependable supply chains to the U.S. and other global economies. Natural Resource Wealth Management™ and its effect on local and national economies in Africa, Latin America, and Asia will be discussed, as well as examples provided where conservation efforts were not implemented.

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Day 7, Sunday, April 24:

6:15am - 7:00am Breakfast briefing for wrap-up and lessons learned

Members of the delegation will have the opportunity to reflect on topics covered in the previous days and discuss key takeaways.

7:30am Depart Mara Encounter Camp for Mara Airstrip

8:15am - 9:45am Flight from Maasai Mara National Reserve to Wilson Airport in Nairobi

10:00am - 1:00pm Transfer to Fairmont Hotel, Nairobi for day rooms to freshen up, and get ready for lunch with stakeholders

1:00pm - 3:00pm Lunch with Conservation Stakeholders and Members of Parliament

Members of the delegation will join representatives of leading conservation organizations in Kenya and Members of Parliament from Kenya and South Africa.

Invited Guests: Charge d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy (confirmed), USAID (confirmed), Friends of Conservation, Abercrombie & Kent Kenya Ltd., IFAW, Kenya Wildlife Trust, African Wildlife Foundation Kenya, Wildlife Conservancies Association, Kenya Tourism Federation, UN Environment, Kenya Wildlife Trust, UNODC, and UNEP.

3:00pm Flight 1: Check-Out and Load Baggage into Vehicles; Transfer to NBO

6:10pm Flight 1: Depart Nairobi Qatar QR 1336 to Doha
Layover in Doha



7:15pm Flight 2 & 3: Check-Out and Load Baggage into Vehicles; Transfer to NBO

10:25pm Flight 2: Depart Nairobi Lufthansa LH 591 to Frankfurt
Layover in Frankfurt

11:30pm Flight 3: Depart Nairobi American Airlines AA6654 to London
Layover in London

Accommodation: Airplane

Day 8, Monday, April 25:

8:45am Flight 1: Depart Doha QR 707 to Washington Dulles

10:30am Flight 2: Depart Frankfurt LH416 to Washington Dulles

11:15am Flight 3: Depart London AA6968 to Washington Dulles

1:20pm Flight 2: Arrive at Washington Dulles

2:15pm Flight 3: Arrive at Washington Dulles

4:30pm Flight 1: Arrive at Washington Dulles