Imre Loefer Lecture -Muthaiga Country Club

By Mike Norton-Griffiths

Date: Thursday 19th April 2012.

In 1652 the first Europeans landed in Table Bay from three small ships, led by Jan Van Riebeeck. Within 300 years, large wildlife in what is today known as the Republic of South Africa, had been reduced to around half a million head. Yet within the next 70 years, from the 1950s to today, wildlife numbers had risen to an astonishing 19 million.

Why and how this astonishing recovery has been achieved is described in this 40 minute video by the lawyer and conservationist Peter Flack, the Canadian wildlife biologist Shane Mahoney and the CEO of South African National parks, David Mabunda.

After the video we can discuss whether there are lessons for elsewhere in Africa, perhaps even for Kenya where over this same 50 year period over 80% of large wildlife have vanished.

Venue and Programme

The dinner lecture will be held in the ballroom of the Muthaiga Country Club.

- 6.30 p.m. Bar & Canapé's
- 7.00 p.m. Lecture Starts
- 8.15 p.m. Dinner

Payments:

The charge for the dinner lecture is Kshs. 2,200/= per person which includes the lecture, three course dinner and coffee. Lecture only is Kshs. 1,000/= .

EAWLS members who book through the society should pay Rose Chemweno on arrival at the ballroom. Rose will also supply vouchers for drinks.