



BORN TO BE WILD

Rewilding & Reintroducing the Mountain Bongo



ABOVE: The portable catch pen and alleyway connected to the Tamer 2 at the far end.

BELOW: The Tamer 2 getting positioned and ready for use.



NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Location: Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy, Nanyuki, Kenya

Equipment: A portable catch pen, sorting alleyway with sweep and roller gates and a Tamer 2. All made possible by the generous support of the International Bongo Foundation.

In March of 2022 the 776 acre Mawingu Mountain Bongo Sanctuary opened with the release of 5 mountain bongos, a historic milestone for the critically endangered subspecies and an incredible multi-agency effort.

With the opening of the sanctuary the infrastructure is in place to support reintroduction of the mountain bongo from start to finish. Breeding and rewilding of the subspecies will continue concurrently with the reintroduction program at the sanctuary.

In November of 2022 an additional 5 animals were released into the sanctuary and one successful birth recorded! The goal is to introduce 40-50 fully rewilded Mountain Bongos to the sanctuary by 2025.

Tamer Use at the Mountain Bongo Breeding Center

“The Tamer provides a suitable infrastructure through which we can comfortably administer treatments to the mountain bongo without the need for chemical immobilizations which, at times, can be very risky.”

- Dr. Robert Aruho
Head of Conservancy
Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy



A female bongo safely held in a Tamer 2 for a health evaluation.



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