THE GREVY'S GRAPEVINE DECEMBER 2011

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Rains transform the northern Kenya landscape Zurich Animal Protection Association supports the Grevy's Zebra Ambassador Program

- The Saint Louis Zoo supports the Grevy's Zebra Trust Monitoring Database
- Belinda Low and Peter Lalampaa attend the Wildlife Conservation Network 2011 Expo

A REWARDING YEAR FOR GREVY'S ZEBRA TRUST

Despite experiencing drought conditions in early 2011, supplementary feeding and water management for Grevy's zebra has paid off

There is no question that at the beginning of 2011 we anticipated another drought similar to the scale of that in 2009. To counter the effects of this potential threat, and in partnership with the Northern Rangelands Trust conservancies, we immediately initiated a supplementary feeding program for the affected Grevy's zebra populations, in particular targeting lactating females and their newborn foals. In addition Grevy's Zebra Trust and Conservancy staff worked hard to maintain access to water for Grevy's zebra and other wildlife. These interventions were successful, and after the rains finally broke in late October 2011 we are happy to report that across the majority of Grevy's zebra range there is now excellent forage!

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY & HEALTHY 2012!

We thank you for supporting us through a very successful 2011; it could not have happened without you!







Camera trap monitoring was done in partnership with Marwell Wildlife to assess the utilisation of hay and managed water sites in Laisamis by Grevy's zebra. The cameras also captured other wildlife activity highlighting the extraordinary biodiversity of this arid ecosystem.

We encountered a range of species including: cheetah, caracal, spotted and striped hyena, jackal, elephant, giraffe, lesser kudu, aardvark, civet cat, baboon and a variety of bird species. Most of this activity was nocturnal with wildlife drinking water at night when human activity at water points is minimal. By enhancing resource access for Grevy's zebra during drought conditions other wildlife also benefits, highlighting the role of Grevy's zebra as a flagship species.