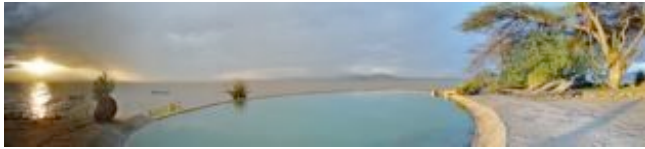


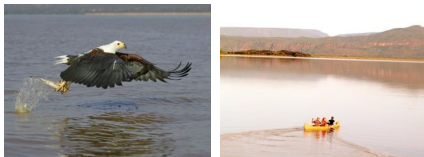


2009



Happy New Year! Thank you to all who continued to support us during 2008. We are confident that 2009 will bring new opportunities and Kenya will continue to be a popular holiday destination. We have moved forward with our developments & building projects on Samatian as well as taking over the management of Caro's grandmother's property **Roberts Camp** on the mainland. [www.robertscamp.com](http://www.robertscamp.com)

### WETLAND & RAMSAR SITE

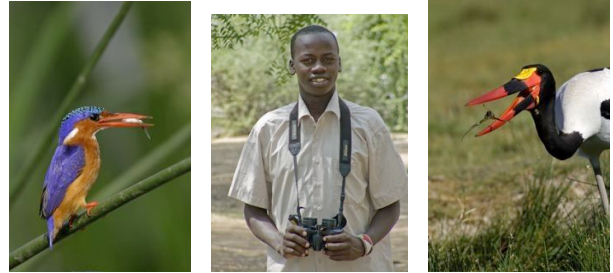


Astonishing amounts of rain this last year has caused the lake level to rise several meters and it brought a wonderful new activity to offer our guests. Longicharo Island on the eastern shore on the lake, which has been attached to the mainland since the mid 80's once again, became an island. Weaving the boat around the flooded acacia tree forest with the hundreds of water lilies & regular sightings of many unusual species of water birds including the Allen's Gallinule & Purple Swamphen has been a highlight for our guests.

### UPGRADES & ADDITIONS

- We have a new land Rover 110 fitted with Roof Hatches and air conditioning.
- A new Yamaha Canoe.
- 2 refurbished Sesse canoes with Suzuki engines
- Ross has recently rebuilt a large landing craft. It is now used as a dining & sun-downer platform from which to view the millions of stars or the full moon rising.
- The deck above the family cottage is now furnished with Swahili beds and with its incredible 360 degree view it is a spectacular place to relax, have a massage, candle lit dinners, yoga or sleeping under the stars!
- We have made several extensions to the kitchen and added an eco friendly charcoal fridge that keeps our vegetable & wine cool.
- We have redone the dining room & lounge area with a new floor.
- Promotional video now available of Samatian and other Roberts properties & our "in house safaris"
- 8 mountain bikes now available to use within the conservancy or cycling along the soda waters of Lake Bogoria with the flamingoes.
- We now employ a full time beautician who can offer guests massage, manicure pedicures for the ultimate relaxation or treat between beating about the bush on safari!

### BIRDING



Baringo is famous for having 448 species of birds on offer so will always be a prime Bird watching destination. It is not uncommon to add more than 70 species to your list whilst you are in Baringo. Numbers of Flamingo in Lake Bogoria in past months have reached record numbers. We have several well-trained guides to accompany keen birders and mimic bird sounds to attract some of the harder to find species.

### CALL FOR ACTION



Samatian Ltd will be opening a Hippo fund for the conservation of our hippos. During drought periods our hippos are forced to go further a field to find grass, of which when competing with cattle and goats there is very little left. This forces them to come into contact more often with people and also encourages them to raid crops. This threatens their survival, hippos are more likely to become wounded and aggressive to people so we hope by opening this emergency Hippo fund will enable us to supplement them again in times of drought.

Ruko, the 20,000 acre conservancy Samatian help set up has become more established has an ant poaching unit of 12 rangers trained by Lewa Wildlife Conservancy who patrol the conservancy on a daily basis. Wildlife numbers are slowly increasing and rangers preparing themselves for the relocation of 10 Baringo (Rothschild) giraffe. Community Conservation awareness is increasing and Ruko's many projects are moving forward to improve the community and its environment within Ruko.

As managers & owners of Samatian we are striving to becoming more and more of an ECO destination, helping to improve our facility in a responsible manner and help to benefit the environment and the communities around us. We and now offer several activities to guests who wish to base themselves with us whilst working on community projects in the area. We also have a training program for community members to learn skills within the lodge & have the opportunity to leave with a good reference in hope to find jobs.

Please see our updated website for new pictures and information on Samatian.

We wish you all the very best for 2009, may it be a happy one!

Caro, Ross, Charlie, Danny and the Samatian Staff.