

2019 African Ranger Awards Winners

in alphabetic order by last name

1. Leonard Akwany, Kenya

Founder of Ecofinder Kenya & Kenya Lake Victoria Waterkeeper

Nominated by Marc Yaggi, Executive Director of Waterkeeper Alliance

2. Alias Ndabibi, Kenya

Undercover informer of Ndabibi Community Volunteers

Nominated by Edward King 'Ori, Veterinary Assistant/Laboratory Technologist of Kenya Wildlife Service

3. Michael Bett, Kenya

Sergeant of Kenya Wildlife Service (based at Nairobi North Park)

Nominated by Abdi Doti, Deputy Head Intelligence of Kenya Wildlife Service

4. Raphael Chwindo, Malawi/Zambia

Senior Ranger/Construction Manager of International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)

Nominated by Michael Labuschagne, Project Head of IFAW

5. Stefan Cilliers, South Africa

Senior Section Ranger & GMTFCA Ranger/Scout Coordinator of Mapungubwe national Park (attached to South Africa National Parks, SANParks)

Nominated by Mario Scholtz, Senior Manager of Environmental Crime Investigations of SANParks

6. Haji Ebu, Ethiopia

Head Scout/Ranger of Bale Mountains National Park (attached to Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority, EWCA)

Nominated by Geremew Mebratu, Protection Warden of Bale Mountains National Park

7. Hashiem Ali Elshazali, Sudan

Ranger of Dinder National Reserve (attached to Sudan Wildlife Conservation General Administration, WCGA)

Nominated by Abdalla Khalifa Harown, Director of WCGA

8. Jarso Halkano, Kenya

Corporal of Kenya Wildlife Service Veterinary and Capture Department

Nominated by Edward King 'Ori, Veterinary Assistant/Laboratory Technologist of Kenya Wildlife Service

9. Future Hoko, Zimbabwe

Head Game Scout of Sentinel Limpopo Safaris

Nominated by Stefan Cilliers, Senior Section Ranger & GMTFCA Ranger/Scout Coordinator of SANParks

10. Simon Irungu Wangu, Kenya

Sergeant/Team Commander/Rapid Response Unit of Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Nominated by Elodie Sampere, PR and Communications Manager of Ol Pejeta Conservancy of

11. Lerumbe Kaaya, Tanzania

Head Ranger of Randilen Wildlife Management Area of Honeyguide Foundation

Nominated by Damian Bell, Executive Director of Honeyguide Foundation

12. Evans Kaaya, Tanzania

Conservation Ranger II – Rhino Tracker of Wildlife Preservation Trust Fund

Nominated by Elisaria Nnko, Project Operation Manager of WPTF

13. Forment Kalaba Chisala, Zambia

Honorary Wildlife Police Officer of Bangweulu Wetlands (attached to African Parks Network)

Nominated by Joel Hancock, Field Operations Manager of Bangweulu

14. Lesley Karutjaiva, Namibia

Director of Field Operations of Save the Rhino Trust

Nominated by Jeff Muntifering, Conservation Biologist of Minnesota Zoo

15. Judith Kasike, Kenya

Intelligence Officer of Kenya Wildlife Service Intelligence Department (based at Mombasa Coast Conservation Area)

Nominated by Ibrahim Ahmed, Regional Intelligence Coordinator of Kenya Wildlife Service

16. Laurent Kawau, Tanzania

Principal Conservation Ranger I – Wildlife Management of Mkomazi National Park (attached to Tanzania National Parks)

Nominated by Emmanuel Stephen Sisya, Senior Conservation Officer of Mkomazi National Park

17. Samwel Kitur, Kenya

Ranger of Kenya Wildlife Service Investigation Department (based at Tsavo Conservation Area)

Nominated by Stanley Mutai, Assistant Warden III of Kenya Wildlife Service

18. Daoba Dieudonne Komerewa, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Training Wing Instructor/Brigadier Chef of Garamba National Park (attached to African Parks Network)

Nominated by John Barrett, General Manager of Garamba National Park

19. Felix Kyungu Wa Mbayo, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Deputy of National Kundelungu Sector Plateau/Katwe Head quarter of Kundelungu National Park

Nominated by Rodrigue Mugaruka Katembo, Deputy Chief Warden and Head of Anti-Poaching, Upemba-Kundelungu Complexe

20. Ntaiya Lema Langas, Kenya

Warden II of Mara Conservancy

Nominated by Alfred Bett, WARDEN II of Mara Conservancy

21. Nelson Lepuyapui, Kenya

Company Commander of Kenya Wildlife Service (based at Mt. Kenya National Park)

Nominated by Isaac Mugo, Senior Warden of Kenya Wildlife Service

22. Rianto Lokoran, Kenya

Second in Command Armed Ranger Team of Borana Conservancy

Nominated by Michael Dyer, Managing Director of Borana Conservancy

23. Menladi Lormie, Liberia

Park Biologist of Liberia Forestry Development Authority

Nominated by Mary Molokwu-Odozi, Country Manager of Fauna & Flora International

24. Shinini Simel Manyanguri, Tanzania

Dog handler K9 Tracking Unit of Honeyguide Foundation

Nominated by Damian Bell, Executive Director of Honeyguide Foundation

25. Leonidas Mpumuje, Rwanda

Head Rhino Monitor of Akagera National Park (attached to African Parks Network)

Nominated by Jes Gruner, CEO and Park Manager of Akagera National Park

26. Joyce Munyiri, Kenya

Ranger of Kenya Wildlife Service Investigation Department (based at Kenya Wildlife Service Headquarters)

Nominated by Elema Wario Saru, Head Investigation of Kenya Wildlife Service

27. Jean Nepomuscene Musekura, Rwanda

Ranger of Volcanoes National Park (attached to Rwanda Development Board)
Nominated by Prosper Uwingeli Chief Park, Warden of Volcanoes National Park

28. Lephias Muyuni, Zimbabwe

Anti-poaching Unit Scout of Painted Dog Conservation
Nominated by David Kuvawoga, Operations Manager of Painted Dog Conservation

29. Kenneth Roger Mvondo Sakouma, Cameroon

Chief of Surveillance and Protection Unit of Deng Deng National Park (attached to Cameroon Ministry of Forest and Fauna)
Nominated by Charles Innocent Memvi Abessolo, Conservator of Deng Deng National Park

30. Mirriam Namushi, Zambia

Area Warden of Kafue National Park (attached to Zambia Department of National Parks and Wildlife)
Nominated by Kim Young, Director of Panthera KAZA Program

31. Dari Narakoua, the Republic of Benin

Special Brigade Group Leader of Pendjari National Park (attached to African Parks Network)
Nominated by James Terjanian Park manager, Pendjari National Park

32. Mutinda Ndivo, Tanzania

Big Life Sergeant of Big Life Foundation
Nominated by Craig Millar, Head of Security of Big Life Foundation

33. Marcel Ngangoue, Republic of Congo

Law-enforcement Warden of Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park (attached to Nouabalé-Ndoki Foundation)
Nominated by Eric Arnhem, Park Director of Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park

34. Dickson Njapit, Kenya

Sergeant of Mara Elephant Project

Nominated by Marc Goss, CEO of Mara Elephant Project

35. Justin Kinyua Njue, Kenya

Sergeant of Kenya Wildlife Service Investigation Department (deployed at Kajiado Wildlife Crime Unit)

Nominated by Reuben Muinde Musyoki, Warden of Kenya Wildlife Service

36. Anthony Nzuki, Rwanda

Ranger Post Leader of Akagera National Park (attached to African Parks Network)

Nominated by Jes Gruner, CEO/Park Manager of Akagera National Park

37. Hamisi Omari Chuma, Kenya

Investigation Assistant of Kenya Wildlife Service Investigation Department (deployed at Mombasa Investigation Unit)

Nominated by Jackson Mwalyo Muyanga, Investigation Officer of Kenya Wildlife Service

38. Maximillian Phiri, Zambia

Community Scout of Lower Zambezi National Park (attached to Zambia Department of National Parks and Wildlife)

Nominated by Ian Stevenson, Chief Executive Officer of Conservation Lower Zambezi

39. Vincent Ongwae, Kenya

Warden of Kenya Wildlife Service Community Development Department

Nominated by Esther Njeri, Licensing Officer of Kenya Wildlife Service

40. Francis Rago Ole Pengo, Kenya

Senior Warden of Mara Conservancy

Nominated by Emmanuel Molai, Park Administrator of Mara Conservancy

41. Hassan Rama, Kenya

Ranger of Kenya Wildlife Service Investigation Department

Nominated by Jane Gitau, Senior Warden of Kenya Wildlife Service

42. Paluku Nyamwesa Sadam, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Peloton's Chief Commandant of Virunga National Park

Nominated by Safari Baeni Olivier Mutsora, Station Chief Warden in the North Sector of Virunga National Park

43. Suleiman Saidu, Nigeria

Senior Game Guard Ranger of Yankari National Park (attached to Nigeria National Park Service)

Nominated by Andrew Dunn, Country Director of Wildlife Conservation Society

44. John G. Smith, Liberia

Chief Park Warden of Gola Forest National Park (attached to Liberia Forestry Development Authority, FDA)

Nominated by Blamah Sando Goll, Technical Manager of FDA

45. Juste Sokoutinde, the Republic of Benin

Deputy Head of Law Enforcement/Instructor of Benin Rangers Association

Nominated by Hugues Akpona, President of Benin Rangers Association and African Parks Network

46. Jeremiah Mwenda Thumatia, Kenya

Corporal of Kenya Wildlife Service Intelligence Department

Nominated by Peter Mutuku Kinuthia, Intelligence Officer of Kenya Wildlife Service

47. Jonathan Tutuki Musuni, Kenya

Ranger/Canine handler of Kenya Wildlife Service (based at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport)

Nominated by Frank Keshe, Assistant Warden III of Kenya Wildlife Service

48. Alexandre Valia Nguertou, Cameroon

Field officer of Wildlife Conservation Society BSB Yamoussa Project

Nominated by Paul Bour, Project director of WCS

49. Paul Wambette, Uganda

Ranger of Mt. Elgon National Park (attached to Uganda Wildlife Authority)

Nominated by Godfrey Richard Matanda, Warden of Uganda Wildlife Authority

50. Benito Willie, Malawi

Ranger of Majete National Park (attached to African Parks Network)

Nominated by Gervaz Thamala, Field and Operations Manager of African Parks/Majete