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CALL FOR WASIMA ESSAY COMPETITION!!!

Landscape and Conservation Mentors Organization (LCMO) is an environmental grassroots non-profit NGO based in Western Tanzania. LCMO focuses on promoting, supporting and improving community livelihoods through community environmental and wildlife conservation and development in rural areas surrounding protected areas. One among programs under LCMO is a lion conservation program famously known as WASIMA (WAtu, SImba na MAzingira//People, Lion and Environment) Campaign.

WASIMA CAMPAIGN: a multi-pronged Lion conservation outreach program that engages local community commitment to stop illegal lion killings in Western Tanzania. A key element of this campaign is to establish village bylaws to outlaw the traditional killings of lions among Sukuma agro-pastoral communities. The campaign addresses lion threats: habitat loss, decline prey base, retaliatory and non-retaliatory lion killings.

Sukuma is the largest nomadic agro-pastoral ethnic group in Tanzania and has recently expanded around protected areas searching areas for grazing thereby exponentially increasing Human Lion Conflicts. Human and livestock encroachment into protected areas, traditional and cultural beliefs and practices among communities around protected areas and blockage of wildlife migratory corridors and dispersal areas by anthropogenic activities are key drivers of increasing human Lion Interactions and Human Lion Conflicts in Western Tanzania.

WASIMA ESSAY COMPETITION is now inviting students to write an Essay of not less than 500 words and not exceeding 1000 words on **“Appropriate, innovative and practical measures to eliminate Human Lion Conflict in western Tanzania”**.

For University Graduates, the first three winners will be offered Internship awards and recruited for 3 month at LCMO office located in Mpimbwe, Katavi. Submit your essay to our LCMO email: conservation@lcmo.or.tz . *Your Essay Should have a Concept title, your full name and your active email and phone number.* Non-Tanzanian participants should consult LCMO first before submitting your essay. To learn more about LCMO, please visit our website www.lcmo.or.tz

WASIMA ESSAY COMPETITION opens on 1st February 2021 and ends on 31st March 2021 before 00.00 hrs.

You are all invited to participate