

*News of Bad Bull and the Kimana Fence  
Cynthia Moss, November 2, 2003*

Sometimes things work surprisingly well and quickly when the right people with true motivation are involved. This has been the case with Bad Bull and the Kimana Fence. As soon as we knew that the situation was critical, AERP and Kenya Wildlife Service began working together to try to alleviate the conflict. Even before generous donors stepped up to help, I was able to release some funds that we already had here in Kenya to Amboseli's Senior Warden, Robert Njue. We both knew time was of the essence. As soon as he heard that the funds were available, he literally drove to Nairobi the next day and with AERP's office manager, Purity Wareru, he set about purchasing the fencing materials and equipment to run the electric fence. He was back down in Amboseli two days later, and within another few days he had a team of workers over in Kimana digging holes, fitting new posts, and replacing wire. This activity and show of concern definitely changed the attitude of the farmers.



*The KWS team of workers repairing the Kimana Fence, October 14*

In the meantime, KWS rangers are chasing Bad Bull and some of his cronies when they try to get into the fields. Being elephants and therefore very smart they still manage to get into the crops at night through the many gaps in the fence. In the daytime, they retreat to the nearby Kimana Sanctuary. We hope they'll give up on their raiding once the fence is intact.

I want to thank the generous donors who responded to my plea. I'm very happy to report that we've nearly raised the full amount necessary to repair the fence. The following organizations and individuals came to the aid of Bad Bull and the other elephants when we needed you most. Thank you very much.

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I apologize if anyone's name has been left out. Donations may have come in after our US Executive Director, Betsy Swart, left to come to Africa for a two-week working trip. Her trip report will be posted on the website very soon. I will mention any additional names in the next report on Bad Bull and the Kimana Fence.



*Bad Bull in the safety of the Kimana Sanctuary*