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BUFFETT AWARD 2012

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Honoring Leadership in African Conservation



Credit: Paula Kahumbu

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Nominations must be emailed by December 1, 2011 to conservationtrust@ngs.org

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The National Geographic Society is currently soliciting nominations for the 2012 Buffett Award for Leadership in African Conservation. This award honors the unsung heroes of conservation by celebrating the recipient's past achievements and supporting ongoing work in conserving nature or culture in continental Africa. The award includes a \$25,000 grant.

In 2011 the award was given to Dr. Paula Kahumbu (pictured) for her leadership at Wildlife Direct in using the power of the

internet to raise awareness and support for conservation projects and save wildlife. Devoting her life to protecting Kenya's wildlife, Paula pioneered the use of conservation easements to protect land outside of protected areas; developed a monitoring system against illegal elephant killings; innovated the use of rope bridges to reduce colobus monkey mortality; and created a coalition fighting against the poisoning of lions and other iconic predators.

In 2010 the award was given to Mr. John Makombo for his diverse leadership roles in wildlife conservation, community development, and ecotourism in Uganda. In his career with the Uganda Wildlife Authority, Mr. Makombo has been promoting and implementing sustainable harvests, watershed management, landscape-scale management practices, and community-based ecotourism in and around several national parks in Uganda and neighboring regions.

In 2008 the award was given to Ms. Fatima Jibrell for her wide-ranging contributions to habitat conservation, community-based economic development and conservation education, and protection of traditional pastoral lifestyles in Somalia. Ms. Jibrell has been effectively promoting rainwater harvesting, solar-powered cooking and the cessation of charcoal production, and sustainable fishing in coastal communities.

The award was established in 2002 through a generous gift from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation. Mr. Buffett is a farmer, businessman, conservationist and photographer. He serves on the NGS Council of Advisors and in 2007 was named

Ambassador Against Hunger by the UN World Food Program.

Recipients of the National Geographic Society/Buffett Award are chosen from nominations submitted to National Geographic. After nominations are screened by advisors and other experts in conservation, a selection of names is forwarded to the Howard G. Buffett Foundation for review. The final selection is made by the National Geographic Society.

To submit a nomination, please complete the accompanying nomination form, including a description of achievements that merit the award. Be sure to include details about the nominee's major conservation successes in the face of unique challenges. Please return the form no later than **December 1, 2011** to Dr. Catherine Workman, conservationtrust@ngs.org.

The award will be presented at National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C. in summer, 2012.

Thank you for participating in the nominating process and for contributing to the Society's efforts to recognize and celebrate leaders in African conservation.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Francis

*Vice President
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