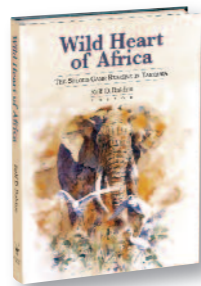


# Rowland Ward's Wild Heart of Africa

launched in Tanzania

by Dr. Rolf D. Baldus and Dr. Ludwig Siege



*"We rejoice that the life and spirit of The Selous has been recorded for posterity in the pages of this really beautiful book. We give thanks that the extraordinary and immense achievements of all who have given so much of themselves and of their lives to this wonderful place – past, present and going on into the future – are honoured and given a place in its history through this wonderful publication. We salute the authors and all involved in working so hard to*

separate occasions in Tanzania. The launches took part in the headquarters of the National Parks Organisation TANAPA in Arusha and in Dar es Salaam. They were hosted by TANAPA, the Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania, the Tanzania Natural Resources Forum and



Bodo Meier  
Photo by Mike Shand

Left to right:—  
Rolf D. Baldus,  
Mr. Hando  
(TANAPA),  
Holger Seyfert  
(GTZ)  
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*give us this invaluable history, and allowing the story of The Selous to be shared world-wide. We wish this superb documentary the success it so rightly deserves."*

SARAH, GERALD AND ANDREW  
SELOUS (MP), UK

Our new publication "Wild Heart of Africa – The Selous Game Reserve in Tanzania" has recently been launched on two

the German Agency for Technical Cooperation GTZ.

Both launches were well attended and a good number of the 25 Tanzanian and international authors, photographers, artists and cartographers, who had been assembled for this book, were present and addressed the audience. Amongst them were Erasmus Tarimo, Director of

Wildlife, Benson Kibonde, long time chief warden of the Selous, Gerald Bigurube, Director General TANAPA and Ireneus Ndunguru, a former Wildlife Division employee and MP. Mercy Njoroge, the wife of late Alan Rodgers, came from Nairobi. Other participants who travelled to the launches were Bodo Meier from Germany, who illustrated the book with his excellent watercolours, cartographer Mike Shand from Scotland as well as Ludwig Siege, who is now advisor of the wildlife authority in Ethiopia, Rudi Hahn and editor Rolf D. Baldus, who now lives in Bonn. Brian Nicholson, the last European warden and one of the "fathers" of the Selous, wrote from Australia that he would have loved to attend, but was unfortunately unable to due to



his age and sent this message: "I enjoyed reading the book and I wish you every success in marketing it."

The official address was by Dr. Ladislaus Komba, Permanent Secretary of the Tanzanian Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, who said: "I would like to thank the whole team for their effort and hard work and for making the "Wild

Heart of Africa" a reality. You have produced a wonderful book and you can be proud of your achievement. The book contains deeply researched and well-written articles on the history and the ecology of the reserve, on wildlife and trees and on tourism and hunting. The book is educative and entertaining at the same time. "Wild Heart of Africa" has fantastic photographs, useful maps and paintings of wilderness scenes which give us the strong desire to jump on the TAZARA, into a 4x4 or on a small plane and depart for the Selous."

The book is essential reading for all who are seriously interested in the Selous Game Reserve and in conservation practices in modern Africa. In order to ensure that Tanzanians have access to the "Wild Heart



ROWLAND WARD AUTHENTIC HUNTING AND SHOOTING TRADITIONS

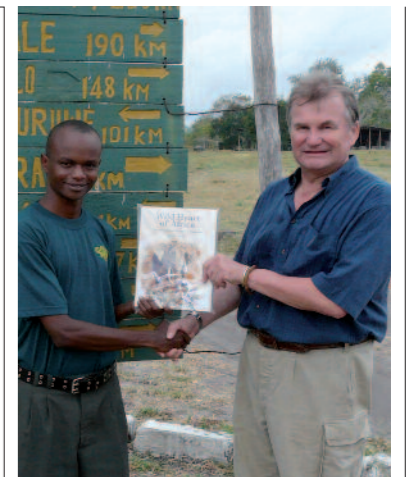
of Africa", the only book on the Selous Game Reserve on the market, the publisher Rowland Ward, together with GTZ and the authors presented 240 copies of this book free of charge to the relevant Tanzanian and international conservation institutions, NGOs, universities, schools etc. Most of these were handed over during the ceremonies by Dr. Axel Doerken,

GTZ Country Director in Tanzania, and the editor.

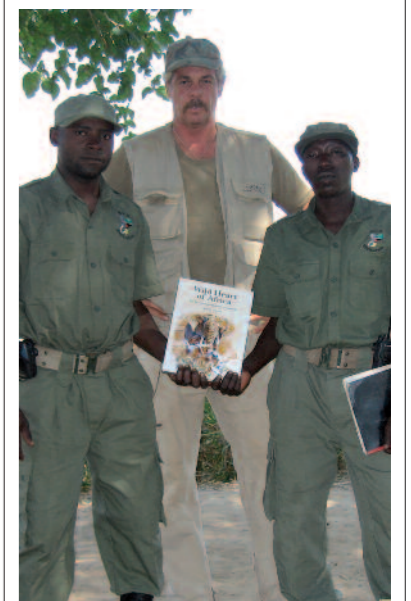
Wild Heart of Africa was enthusiastically received by the audience and many used the opportunity to get a copy signed by the many attending authors. They also signed and dedicated a copy for the Tanzanian President, Jakaya Kikwete, who has a personal interest in wildlife, as the editor Rolf D. Baldus knows because he was involved in founding and developing the Saadani National Park near Bagamoyo in Kikwete's electoral district.

The book provides an exciting mixture of well researched and entertaining articles, 450 photographs and wonderful artwork by Bodo Meier and Wilhelm Kuhnert which transmit clearly the message about how important it is to conserve this

Rolf D. Baldus  
handing over a  
book to the Warden  
of Kingupira  
Sector Station,  
Selous Game  
Reserve  
Photo by Ludwig Siege



Rudolf Hahn,  
author of the book,  
hands over copies  
to the scouts of the  
Mozambiquan  
Niassa Game  
Reserve at the  
Rovuma River  
Photo by Rudolf Hahn



Rolf D. Baldus  
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end of the launch in Dar Es Salaam: "There will be no comparable book on the Selous for the next 25 years!"