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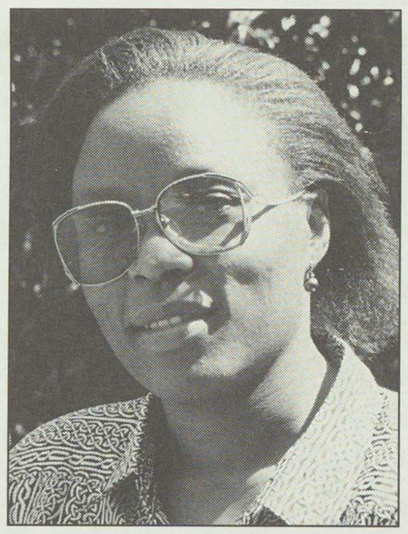
Kingdom. Magome's career began in 1986 when he joined Bophuthatswana Parks in South Africa as an ecologist. After completing master's degrees at Witwatersrand University and at Colorado State he returned to Bop Parks and launched the country's first—and award-winning—community conservation program. Magome, who joined the National Park Board in 1996, will focus his doctoral research on ways to merge the interests of wildlife conservation and the needs of the rural people of South Africa.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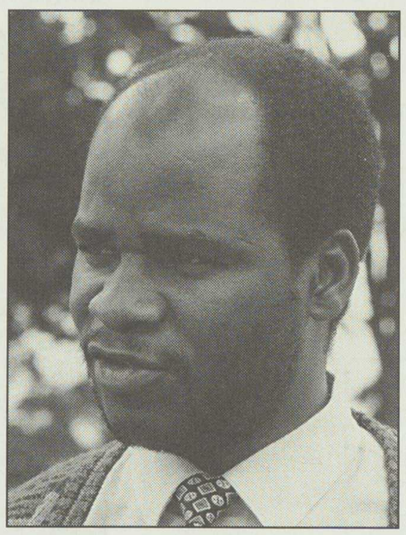
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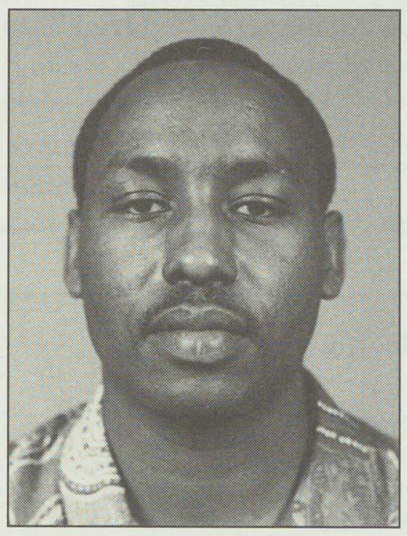

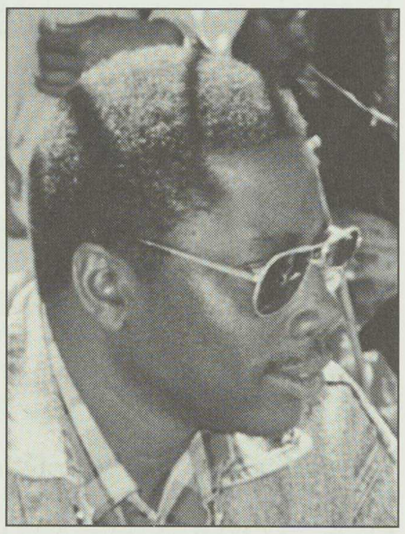
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From left to right, Charlotte Fellows Elizabeth Chadri, Ezekiel Dembe, Paul Ntiati and Peter Lembuya.

Peter Lembuya, local area coordinator of the Community Wildlife Service, COBRA (Conservation of Biodiverse Resource Areas) project, Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS); Master's in Rural Social Development, University of Reading, United Kingdom. Lembuya, born in Kenya, has long been interested in the often conflicting relationship between wildlife and livestock and in how people living near parks might gain from the presence of wildlife. He joined AWF in 1987, establishing community programs around Tsavo West National Park. Lembuya has become one of Kenya's leading experts on community conservation, noted for his ability to unravel the complex and diverse needs of various stakeholders in conservation.

Ezekiel Dembe, community conservation coordinator, Tanzania National Parks; master's in protected-area landscape management and community development, International Center for Protected Landscapes, University College of Wales, United Kingdom (distance learning). Dembe is one of the pioneers of the community conservation program in his native Tanzania. He joined TANAPA in 1980 and has worked closely with AWF in developing community conservation programs, an approach now used in the country's 12 national parks. Such a strategy, Dembe says,"is more ethical and fits very well with the democratic processes of our time." As a Charlotte Fellow he will investigate the effects of community conservation on local and economic development.

Paul Ole Ntiati, field program coordinator, Community Wildlife Program, COBRA, KWS; Master's in Rural Social Development, University of Reading, United Kingdom. Ntiati, born on the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro, brings practical experience and outstanding scholarship to his pursuits. After high school, he taught Masai children in primary school and volunteered as an adult-literacy tutor. An honors graduate of Egerton University College, he worked for eight years with Kenya's Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development. In 1992 Ntiati joined AWF on the Tsavo West Community Conservation Project and since 1994 has been assigned to the COBRA project. Knowledgeable about pastoralist land issues, he advocates a cooperative approach to benefit both livestock owners and wildlife.

Elizabeth Chadri, senior projects officer, AWF Training, Institutional Development and Education (TIDE) program; master's in training and human resources management, University of Leicester, United Kingdom (distance learning). Chadri's interest in conservation and education began when she joined the Wildlife Clubs as a young student. After teaching high school and earning a master's degree at Kenyatta University, Chadri returned to the Wildlife Clubs, this time as a program officer, to develop education programs. When AWF in 1994 sought a project officer for its TIDE program, Chadri's commitment to training and to strengthening African institutions made her a natural choice. The goal of her proposed study is to explore ways local conservation agencies can improve staff training programs.