

Present an evening with

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Grabbing Maasai Ancestral Land

Game Park Conservation

Amidst Human Rights Violations in Tanzania

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Mr. Elifuraha Laltaika will share reflections on the recurrent forced evictions of Maasai cattle herders from the Loliondo Game Controlled Area, located in northern Tanzania. An ancestral land with a long legacy, Loliondo has been home to the Maasai people, as well as wild animals for generations. The Maasai people have not only helped conserve the land by living on it responsibly, but have also protected the animals by taking care of the land and respectfully sharing it with the animals native to it. Loliondo borders three major preservation areas: Serengeti National Park, Ngorogoro Conservation Area, and the Maasai Mara National Park in Kenya.

The Ministry of Natural Tourism and Natural Resources has been evicting the Maasai people from this land under the premise that doing so would conserve the wildlife breeding grounds, migratory routes, and water catchment areas. The Maasai community alleges that the land, if taken away, will only be used to the benefit of big game trophy hunters. A petition started on Avaaz.org in 2014 garnered 2.3 million signatures against the forced relocation of the Maasai people and the conservation of Loliondo.



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