"Wayne devoted his life to Africa’s wildlife and he cared deeply about the people and animals that populated this world. He died bravely fighting for the cause he was most passionate about. This will not stop PAMS’ work in Tanzania. We will continue with our education programmes and providing support and training to the thousands of rangers and game scouts we work with across the country. We will continue to fight and finish what Wayne started. I have lost my best friend and he has left such a big hole in my heart. Now we all need to continue the Wayne Legacy, and make sure it lives on forever.”

**KRISSIE CLARK, PAMS FOUNDATION**

“When I first met Wayne Lotter six years ago, it was immediately clear to me that I was in the presence of an immensely dedicated and courageous human being. I have never seen someone more committed than Wayne to the conservation of Africa’s wildlife, which led him to constantly seek the best strategies to turn the tide on poaching in non-violent, effective, and sustainable ways.”

**MONICA BOND, WILD NATURE INSTITUTE**

“Wayne Lotter’s violent and apparently targeted murder shows just how dangerous the situation has become in relation to the big money that is associated with the illegal ivory and rhino horn trades. Rangers and conservationists put themselves in harm’s way every day to stop organised criminals destroying Africa’s natural resources. Governments and NGOs must win this fight for the sake of all of us, especially those in communities whose livelihoods are being plundered by murderous criminals. My deepest condolences to Wayne’s family and all those at PAMS Foundation for this senseless loss.”

**PRINCE WILLIAM, TUSK TRUST**

“There is no doubt in my mind but that Wayne’s anti-poaching efforts made a big difference in the fight to save Tanzania’s elephants from the illegal ivory trade. Moreover, his courage in the face of stiff opposition and personal threats, and his determination to keep on fighting, has inspired many, and encouraged them also to keep fighting for wildlife. If this cowardly shooting was an attempt to bring the work of the PAMS Foundation to an end it will fail. Those who have been inspired by Wayne will fight on. But he will be sadly missed by so many. My heart goes out to Krissie, his family and all who have been privileged to know and work with him.”

**DR. JANE GOODALL**

“Wayne Lotter was one of the conservation world’s shining lights. PAMS has been central in tackling rampant poaching and illegal wildlife trade in Tanzania, to the extent that criminal networks have moved into neighbouring countries to escape the increased enforcement and prosecution success that has been underpinned by the work of Wayne and his colleagues.”

**MARY RICE, ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY**
“Wayne was a kind and humble man, with a terrific sense of humour, despite the gravity of his work, and a charm that put others at ease. He was generous in sharing his knowledge and insight, and it was an honour to work in human-elephant conflict mitigation along with Tanzanian organizations like PAMS. I admired him for his ability to pursue his passion with a bravery most of us only see in the movies, despite knowledge of the danger he faced daily. His approach was comprehensive, working side by side with local communities in Tanzania, as well as bringing criminals to justice by working with government officials. He was successful precisely because of his character – he was dedicated, unwavering, and passionate about conservation. He was the true embodiment of a Silent Hero – dedicated to the cause, working tirelessly as a guardian of wildlife, and yet never asking for recognition. The world has lost a great conservation hero. We have all been blessed by his legacy.”

**DR. HAYLEY ADAMS, SILENT HEROES FOUNDATION**

“We don’t have words to express our grief at the thought of losing a conservation hero like Wayne. We will miss you. Thank you for touching our lives and sharing your great spirit with us and the people of Africa. Thank you for setting an example that few can follow when it comes to protecting wildlife. Elephants Alive will always remember you.”

**DR. MICHELLE HENLEY, ELEPHANTS ALIVE**

“The killing of Wayne Lotter has robbed Tanzania and Africa of one of its most important wildlife conservationists. At a time when rampant poaching of elephant, rhino and other wildlife threatens the very existence of some of the world’s truly iconic species, Wayne was one of the most determined, fearless and effective professionals working to protect them. The innovative PAMS/NTSCIU public-private partnership he helped create and so strongly supported transformed Tanzania into a leader in wildlife anti-trafficking law enforcement, and became a model he was busy helping other countries to emulate.”

**RODGER SCHLICKEISEN, WILDCAT FOUNDATION**
“Wayne had a rare ability to find functional branches of law enforcement in a country where corruption has flourished, and to pursue justice for wildlife with little apparent concern for his own life. He enabled those with integrity and helped them succeed. His loss is a grave blow to the defence of the living planet.”

Douglas-Hamilton continues, “Now it’s imperative that the good work that Wayne and his colleagues did is supported to the hilt. We must not turn away, but instead bolster the team that he established and make sure they are properly supported politically, financially and morally to succeed in their mission to end the killing.”

**IAIN DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, SAVE THE ELEPHANTS**

“Africa has lost a great friend and champion for wildlife. Wayne was one of the true heroes of conservation in Africa. AWF worked with Wayne for many years and we are saddened by his brutal murder. Our deepest condolences to his family and the PAMS team. Such a tragic loss for the African elephant. The best tribute we can give Wayne is to continue his good work to protect our heritage as Africans.”

**KADDDU SEBUNYA, AFRICAN WILDLIFE FOUNDATION**

“Conservationist Wayne Lotter, a powerful force taking on the Tanzanian ivory trafficking cartels, was killed last night in a shooting near Dar es Salaam. Through a combination of dogged determination and his self-effacing nature he created a powerful partnership with the National and Transnational Serious Crime Investigations Unit (NTCSIU) that had achieved real success against the crime networks.

With the support of Wayne’s organization PAMS Foundation - Conservation in Tanzania pamsfoundation.org the NTCSIU arrested 1,398 poachers and ivory traffickers, 78% of whom were convicted for their crimes. This has been the first significant win against a wave of poaching that slashed Tanzania’s elephant population by 60% between 2007 and 2016.”

**ELEPHANT CRISIS FUND**

“Devastating, shocking, heartbreaking news. Wayne was an authentic hero in wildlife conservation. He was fearless and intensely committed to his dangerous calling. He did what no one else is doing in Tanzania, and solid progress is being made. He was humble beyond reason and utterly unique. He was charming and perceptive and wickedly dryhumoured. I’m honoured to sit on PAMS-USA’s board not just because Wayne was an extraordinary person and friend, but because he’s that rare thing: a 360-degree real deal. And he never flinched. A crushing loss, most of all for wildlife.”

**ERIKA MANSOURIAN, PAMS FOUNDATION USA**

“Lotter was one of Africa’s leading and most committed conservationists and can be credited as the driving force behind ending the unscrupulous slaughter of Tanzania’s elephants”.

**AZZEDINE DOWNES, INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR ANIMAL WELFARE**

“The death of Wayne Lotter is a great loss for the international conservation community and for Africa. He will be remembered for his courage and steadfast commitment to protecting Africa’s irreplaceable wildlife. I would like to pay tribute to the courage and dedication of all the personnel who ensure, every day, often at the risk of their lives, the safeguarding of the heritage sites of humanity. UNESCO’s World Heritage Centre is indebted to Wayne Lotter for his lifetime commitment as a key actor in natural heritage conservation and will honour his memory by continuing to pursue its efforts to mobilize the international community and civil society in its mission to preserve the planet’s biodiversity for future generations.”

**DR. MECHTILD RÖSSLER, UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE**

“We lost a true conservation hero who fought so hard to protect Africa’s elephants.”

**LEONARDO DICAPRIO**

“Condolences to the family of Wayne Lotter who was assassinated last night in Tanzania for fighting elephant poachers.”

**DR. PAULA KAHUMBU**
A TRUE HERO

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