



The Selous in Africa

A Long Way from Anywhere

Robert J Ross

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The only photographic book on the largest wildlife area in Africa; four years in the making, the book is full of amazing photographs of wildlife

- Great variety of wildlife: from exotic birds to elephants, from crocodiles to wild dogs
- Brief but informative texts on the history and ecology of the Selous and the problems/opportunities it faces
- Beautiful gatefolds and high quality printing make this book the perfect gift for all nature lovers

The Selous was my very first Africa experience, and it remains my favorite. Robert J. Ross's extraordinary photographs take us into a natural world unlike any other on earth. A world of elephants. Of wild dogs. Of nature as it should be, can be, might be – if we keep these breathtaking images firmly in mind. A triumph! Bryan Christy, Director, Special Investigations Unit, *National Geographic*

The Selous Game Reserve in southern Tanzania is Africa's oldest and largest protected area. Proclaimed in 1896, and bigger than Switzerland, the Selous is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Selous remains one of Africa's largest and greatest undisturbed ecosystems, teeming with life including one of the two largest elephant populations remaining on the African continent, probably half of all of the wild dogs in Africa, vast herds of buffalo as well as more lions than any other protected area on the continent as reported by *National Geographic* in August 2013. The game reserve is becoming more important by the day as the pressure on elephants and other species grows – problems that are addressed here in this book. New-York born photographer Rob Ross has spent much of the past four years photographing in this vast and difficult to access reserve. He has compiled more than 100,000 images showing all aspects of the reserves varied landscapes, seasons, flora and large and small fauna. The spectacular large-format photography book features a selection of the very best images including landscapes, wildlife portraits and behavior, night photography, impressionist style work and breath-taking aerials.

Robert J. Ross is a native New Yorker who has spent the past decade capturing colourful moments in Africa and elsewhere around the world. Rob's work has been published in *National Geographic Adventure*, *National Geographic Traveler*, *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Getaway Magazine*, *Africa Geographic*, *Islands*, *Travel Africa* and many other leading travel and environmental journals. Rob has also undertaken photographic assignments for the World Wildlife Fund®, The Wildlife Conservation Society, and The Global Fund for Children. **Rolf D. Baldus**, was the German manager of the Selous Conservation Program in Tanzania from 1987 to 1993. In 1998 he returned in Tanzania as Government Advisor for Community Based Natural Resources Management and he was involved in revising the Wildlife Act and in assisting the creation of the new Saadani National Park and the Selous-Niassa Wildlife Corridor in southern Tanzania. **Walter Jubber** has worked in reserves in Namibia and South Africa and he is currently Environmental Officer and Senior Trails Guide for Pafuri Campi in the northern region of Kruger National Park. A world renowned naturalist, explorer and activist, **Peter Matthiessen** (1927-2014) was the author of more than thirty books and the only writer to win the National Book Award for both non-fiction (*The Snow Leopard*, 1979 and 1980) and fiction (*Shadow Country*, 2008).



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