Rangeland Restoration Awards 2026

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Maasai Pastoralist & Community Leader

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ABOUT HER

- Founding Member and Secretary of the Olngosua Sinyati Grass Seed Bank Group
- Has championed community-led rangeland restoration through indigenous grass seed production and sustainable grazing management
- Promotes women's leadership and nature-based enterprises that support restoration and livelihoods

THE LAND SHE RESTORES

- Community-owned grazing lands managed under Group Ranch governance in Chyulu landscape
- Supports cattle, goats, and sheep while improving forage production and ecosystem health
- Conserves

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

Restored Degraded Rangelands

- Led the restoration of **2,400 acres** of degraded rangelands through indigenous grass reseeding

Established Grass Seed Enterprises

- Helped develop community grass seed banks that link rangeland restoration with livelihood improvement

Empowered Women and Communities

- Supported more than **500 community members**, particularly **women**, through enterprise development, financial literacy, and savings initiatives

Strengthened Restoration Capacity

- Served as a trainer on grass seed production, rangeland restoration, business development, and sustainable land management

Improved Pastoral Resilience

- Enhanced pasture availability, biodiversity, and drought resilience through sustainable grazing and restoration practices