

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IS IRELAND'S NATIONAL DAY

St. Patrick's Day is Ireland's National Day and is celebrated on the 17th of March each year. To mark this day, and recognising that Green is the national colour of Ireland, Tourism Ireland's 9th Annual Global 'Greening' initiative will see some of the world's most famous attractions and iconic sites going 'Green'.

This means illuminating a site in green light. This year, the global 'Greening' will span mainland Europe, North and South America, Africa, Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

In keeping with the theme of 'Greening' the Big 5, this year the Embassy is collaborating with Kenya Wildlife Service and Kenya Commercial Bank and will be even more innovative by 'greening' a life size lion. However, this is no ordinary lion or indeed lion statue.

This life-size version of a lion is made entirely from flip-flops that have been washed up on Kenya's coastline (brought mainly by the Indian Ocean tides from Sri Lanka and Indonesia) and recycled into a lion statue. The lion has been made by Ocean Sole, an NGO based in Karen.

Principal Secretary, State Department of Wildlife, Margaret Mwakima, Ireland Minister for Public Works Kevin Boxer Moran, Chief Operating Officer of Kenya Commercial Bank, Sam Makome, Kenya Wildlife Service Deputy Director Biodiversity, Research and Monitoring Samuel Kasiki, Ambassador of Ireland to Kenya Vincent O'Neill addressed guests during the greening at Nairobi Safari Walk on March 15, 2018.