

Bolt now a Masai moran

The fastest man on earth, Usain Bolt was on Saturday made a Maasai Moran at a brief ceremony at Segere Ranch in Laikipia where the Zeitz Foundation is establishing a conservation programme.

A dozen Morans dressed Bolt in their traditional shuka and presented him with a stick before christening him Loilgwany, the warrior of warriors. It was only after this initiation that the Moran could allow themselves to dance in front of one of the most recognized sporting person in the world. Heavy rains in the area the previous night, made the airstrip at Segera treacherous, delaying Bolt's arrival by a couple of hours. But the wait was worth it for the Morans who enthusiastically mingled with Bolt and posed with him as he did his now famous victory salute. One Moran said he wondered why people were telling Bolt, "welcome to Africa, since the origin of the human species was in Africa and Bolt, "was just returning home." Still, it was Bolt's first game drive in the continent as he sampled the wild species of Africa, which included the fastest animal, the cheetah. Global ambassador The Jamaican sprint king is a global ambassador for sport for Zeitz Foundation. He arrived in Kenya on Friday for the official launch of the foundation. The foundation was established by sports manufacturing giant, Puma CEO Jochin Zeitz in 2008 and advocates for the sustainable use of environment. Before flying out to Segera, Bolt sampled Kenya's heritage at a function hosted in his honour by the Nation Media Group at the Nairobi National Museum of Kenya. "Since the start of the season, I always looked forward to my first trip to Kenya. It is good that it has come true and I am happy to be here," he said. Most of the guests were thrilled to get a photo session with the Jamaican icon including guest of honour Foreign Affairs minister Moses Wetangula. The minister said a bill would be presented to Cabinet next week, seeking to grant outstanding Kenyan sports icons with diplomatic passports. "When Pamela Jelimo won the Olympics I was inspired to secure her a diplomatic passport and it is always important to honour and recognise these sportsmen," he said. — Sunday nation