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## Mitsuaki Iwago. A Splashing Good Time.

Fed by groundwater that seeps down from nearby Mount Kilimanjaro, the famous marshes of Kenya's Amboseli National Park provide drinking water for thousands of animals, including African elephants that can drink up to 200 liters (50 gallons) of water every day. Although it appears that there is still plenty of water for now, it was obvious to photographer Mitsuaki Iwago that the once mighty glaciers atop Kilimanjaro were shrinking with every passing year. The sight troubled him, not just because of the

potential loss of such a magnificent natural wonder, but because the water from those glaciers was so important to the animals that lived in the savanna below. He could only hope that this spectacular world and its diverse inhabitants would last forever.

Shot in Amboseli National Park in Kenya, on July 19, 2007, at 5:54 p.m., with the Olympus E-3, Zuiko Digital ED 300mm, f2.8, 1/400sec.

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Mitsuaki Iwago, born in Tokyo in 1950, is an internationally renowned wildlife photographer whose work has won many awards and has appeared in and on the cover of *National Geographic*.



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