

# SAFARI YA NGOMBE

## African Cowboys

### Rawhide in Congo



**The cattle sets out from Kamina.**

**A group of about forty herdsman will guide 500 cows and bulls along the 500 miles of the once-famous Nationale 1. This now neglected dirt road leads to their final destination: the Biano Ranch, close to Kolwezi. Later, the animals will be driven to Lubumbashi, where they will be slaughtered.**

**For twenty consecutive days, these African cowboys will work their way over the wildest grounds Congo has to offer. They take great pride in their task: making sure that the "trek" ends well and all animals arrive safe and sound at their final destination.**

This adventure takes place several times a year, providing work and income for the experienced cowboys and meat for the workers in the flourishing province of Katanga.

Under the guidance of trail boss Simon they will confront the difficulties of the African climate, the dust, the exhaustion after driving the herd for 20 miles a day over non-existent roads and the many dangers to be found during the crossing of the Katangese plains.

Directors Marc Hoogsteyns and Claudine Thirion packed their gear and followed the cowboys during their long march.

This film is a tribute to the courage and the lust-for-life of these men who - in spite of the harsh circumstances - never give up. We also witness the emotional bond that arises between man and animal during their common adventure.



**Watch the trailer at [www.vimeo.com/49685287](http://www.vimeo.com/49685287)**

**Directed by:**  
**Shooting Format:**  
**Length:**  
**Original language**

**Marc Hoogsteyns & Claudine Thirion**  
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**French**

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