



First quarter newsletter 2016

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your support thus far. DAPU has gotten off to an excellent and most productive start in 2016!

Changes

In 2015 Bongi was seriously over worked so Muno has been moved over from the East to help Bongi in the North so we now have them both pretty much full time keeping on top of DAPU.

Alfa who many of you will remember from the East, started off as a general hand, was then promoted to waiter, then cook and now the manager of the East. In the off-season Alfa spent two months apprenticing under Bongi, and we put him through his driver's license and we are happy to say so far he has done an excellent job!

Snaring & general poaching.

January, February, March and April of 2016 has been a fair bit quieter than the same period of 2015 in terms of snares picked up and meat poachers arrested. DAPU has more and more of a structured presence every month and has a much wider informer network.

Summary of successes first quarter 2016.

Month	No. of snares	Dogs shot	Meat Poachers convicted	Elephant poachers	Weapons retrieved		Jail time months
January	300	0	3	0	0	US\$821	
February	208	0	0	2	0	US\$978	216
March	95	0	0		0	US\$97	
April	137	0	1	0	2	US\$321	6
	740	0	4	2	2	US\$2,217	222

Summary of successes first quarter 2015.

Column1	No. of snares	Dogs shot	Meat Poachers convicted	Elephant poachers	Weapons retrieved	Rewards paid
January	309	0	5	0	0	US\$1,518
February	454	0	0	0	0	US\$908
March	168	1	1	0	0	US\$336
April	210	1	1	0	0	US\$420
	<u>1141</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>US\$3,182</u>

****For the sake of comparison I have included 2015 statistics for the same period and it shows that snares picked up are down **35%**, and meat poachers down by **42%** - both are important indicators to us. ****

Elephant poaching.

In February two youngsters were caught and convicted for being in possession of ivory (from Mozambique). Both really young guys and both were sentenced to 9 years in prison. You can see below how pathetic the ivory is yet these folk are so poor that they will risk it.



To date one elephant carcass has been reported in Dande – poached in the “off season” near the Manyemu “cliffs” area. Muno and his Dapu scouts just yesterday arrested one of the locals, dressed up in a stolen National Parks uniform in close proximity of the elephant carcass. He was tried and sentenced to 6 months in prison. He also admitted to being the “guide” for three poachers from Harare who came down to Dande and shot the elephant. Shots were heard in the Broken Bridge area but no carcass was found.



**** Convicted 6 months - stolen National Parks uniform. ****



**** The poached elephant****

Problem Animal Control.

Duties for DAPU scouts also include attending to Problem Animal reports (PAC).

a. Elephant - Due to the severe drought, there has been very little in the way of crops for the elephants to destroy hence genuine PAC reports than usual. The scouts, Bongzi, Muno and Alfa have managed to keep on top of all reports and we have not had to shoot any PAC elephants.

b. Lions – Nothing much to report to date. Lots of lions around BUT no PAC. One of our road gangs had a run in with a pride of 12 lion and had to spend the night up trees. Three of the staff had to go to the Angwa Bridge clinic for stitches as the injured themselves whilst climbing!

c. Buffalo – One man was badly injured mid- April by a buffalo in the Dande East. He is currently fighting for his life in a mission hospital.

d. Crocs – Nothing to report yet.

e. Snake bites – Nothing to report yet.

Thanks to SCI and our valued clients, the scouts all have good quality waterproof tents, new uniforms and almost all the kit that they need to do their jobs safely and comfortably. The only urgent outstanding piece of “kit” is boots – and those we are hopeful will be coming from the USA soon.

Goals for Second quarter 2016.

- 1. Continue with anti-poaching patrols.*
- 2. Replace scouts that are not performing.*
- 3. Early burning will start in May as soon as it is dry enough.*
- 4. Repair firearms where possible or replace*
- 5. New boots.*
- 6. **Land cruiser (ABK 7074) rebuild.***

As most of you know Safari Club International donated \$8,900.00 to DAPU in January of 2016. Buzz and I decided to “retire” (scrap) the oldest cruiser in the fleet – fondly referred to as “Boko Haram” and use what parts we could to bring back to life the second oldest vehicle (Buzz’s original hunting vehicle) to become the primary DAPU vehicle in the “East”. Well the work is 99% complete, the vehicle looks great and it cost \$7,616.00 leaving DAPU with a surplus of \$1284.00 - which we have used, on uniforms.

There is no doubt that by every measure we are ahead of where we were at the same time in 2015 and WAY ahead of 2014. All the very best and thank you to all of you whom have helped make DAPU possible!

Buzz and Myles



**** Buzz handing over ABK 7074 to Alfa (DAPU Dande East)***
Thanks to SCI for the re build and Mr. Shores for the new tires!*



**** New Tents for DAPU – genuinely waterproof, old fashioned made in Harare****

DAPU Income and Expenses 2016

First quarter.

Income

Clients	US\$12,783.00
SCI	US\$8,900.00
CMS	US\$15,071.25
	<u>US\$36,754.25</u>

Expenses

1 Wages, rewards and rations.

	<u>Scouts</u>	<u>Management Bongi Muno & Alfa</u>	<u>Rations</u>	<u>Rewards</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$821	US\$4,296
February	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$978	US\$4,453
March	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$97	US\$3,572
April	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$321	US\$3,796
	<u>US\$4,400</u>	<u>US\$6,420</u>	<u>US\$3,080</u>	<u>US\$2,217</u>	<u>US\$16,117</u>

2 2016 DAPU equipment expenses

DAPU Ammunition - National Cartridges	US\$362.00
DAPU tents - Mabels Canvas	US\$2,242.50
Uniform downsizing	US\$330.00
Uniforms	US\$1,078.00
Dapu # 1Toyota Land Cruiser AAX 9832 - Grease Junky	US\$2,230.75
Dapu # 1Toyota Land Cruiser AAX 9832 - Tineo Enterprises	US\$1,078.00
Dapu # 2 ABK 7074 - Alpine panel beaters	US\$1,437.00
DAPU # 2 ABK 7074 Burj Auto	US\$1,425.00
DAPU # 2 ABK 7074 Grease Junky	US\$3,974.00
DAPU # 2 ABK 7074 Windscreen	US\$60.00
DAPU # 2 ABK 7074 injector pump Geribrans services	US\$720.00
	<u>US\$14,937.25</u>

3 Vehicles (2).

Mileage ABM 5149 Jan - April 3400 kms x \$.5/ km	US\$1,700
Mileage AAX 9832 Jan - April = 8000 *.5/km	US\$4,000
	<u>US\$5,700</u>

<u>Total expenses</u>	<u>US\$36,754</u>
<u>Shortfall</u>	<u>US\$0</u>