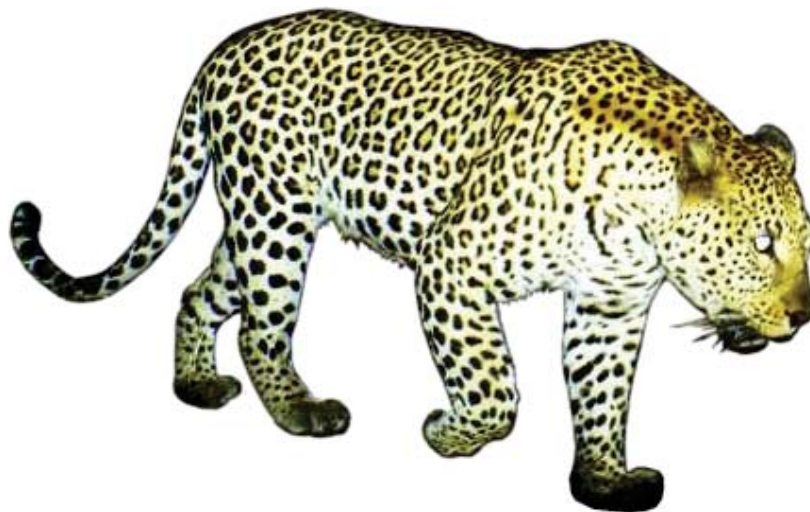


# DAPU First Period Newsletter 2019

Charlton McCallum Safaris

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Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your unwavering support. DAPU's first period for 2019 has been all about Human Wildlife Conflict. We came off the Christmas period with a little poaching in January but none recorded in February, March and April. All DAPU teams have been in the villages from 1<sup>st</sup> February to end of April, taking care of Problem Animal Control. They actually go back to their home villages with the idea being that they will work double hard looking after their own fields.

We have continued to meticulously document all of our support, deployments, wins and losses and here we share a summary with everyone who so graciously and generously supported all of our efforts both financially and in kind. As we grow from strength to strength we look forward to your continued support.

With Regards,

Myles E. McCallum  
James D. Charlton  
Charles Ndondo

Harare, Zimbabwe  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

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## 1. Changes

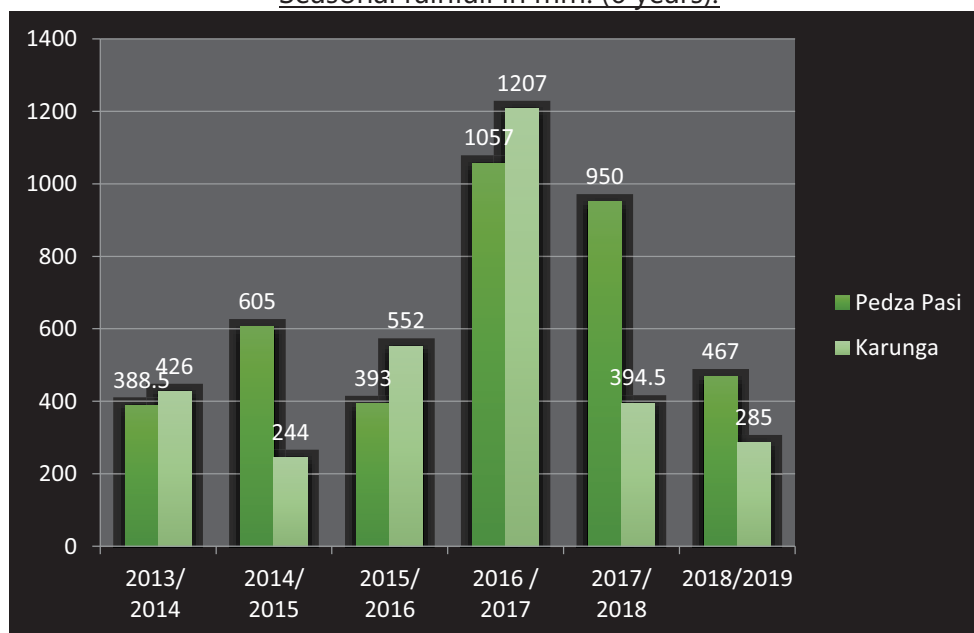
The major change in Dande has been that Charlton McCallum Safaris successfully renewed their contracts for another 10 years in the “Dande North”. Now we are feeling much more secure and inclined to really roll up our sleeves and invest! There is scope to at least double our game populations in Dande, and this is our mission! So it stands to reason that we will need to double up on DAPU too.

Bongi continues to head up DAPU operations, deputized by Owen, Muno and Alfa. The scouts are all enjoying much better morale, and the whole unit is infinitely more professional and settled than it was in 2018. We have committed to trying to facilitate at least one short training course per annum, in order to keep DAPU moving in the right trajectory and of course allow personal growth for all staff.

## 2. The “Wet” season.

The 2018/ 2019 rainy season was erratic and has been officially classified as a drought. Crops are universally poor in Dande, with some families harvesting nothing at all. We can certainly expect a heavy poaching season – and this starting soon, and running all the way to February 2020. Whilst crops have almost universally failed – there is still plenty of grazing and browsing for the game. Most of the North is blessed with magnificent natural springs, so water there is not a problem. However in the East water remains an ever-present challenge.

Seasonal rainfall in mm. (6 years).



This is a reminder to us all that Dande is firmly in “agro ecological region 5” which is at best, marginal for agriculture, BUT is absolutely perfectly suited to wildlife. So as responsible custodians we need to make sure that these magnificent concessions continue to improve. They also need to remain commercially viable to continue to out compete conflicting land uses.

### 3. Snaring and General poaching first period 2019.

We have had a truly extraordinary year so far in terms of results. In January, Alfa and his East team managed to arrest and convict 9 meat poachers and Bongi’s team in the North caught and convicted 1 meat poacher. These arrests really set the tone for the first period and we have seen very little evidence of any poaching at all. As usual when we start hunting, we will get top class information from our hunters and hopefully they tell us the same ... that poaching is at an all time low.



*End of road for 3 x kudu poachers!*



*Owen Zvinazwa removing a “kudu snare”.*

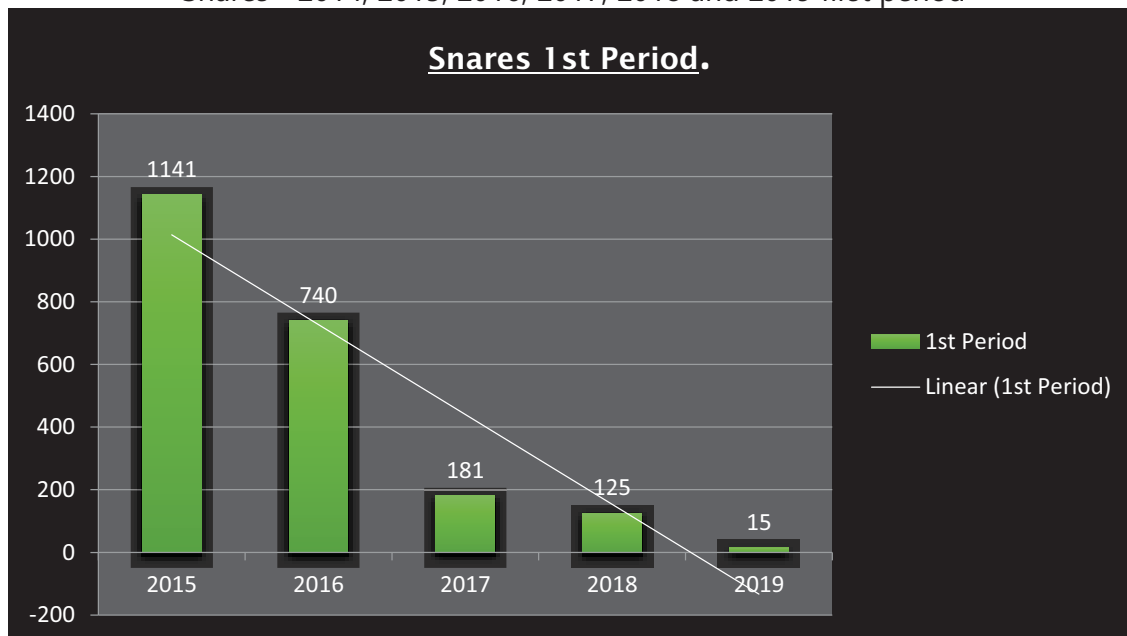


Poachers escorted off to the vehicle.



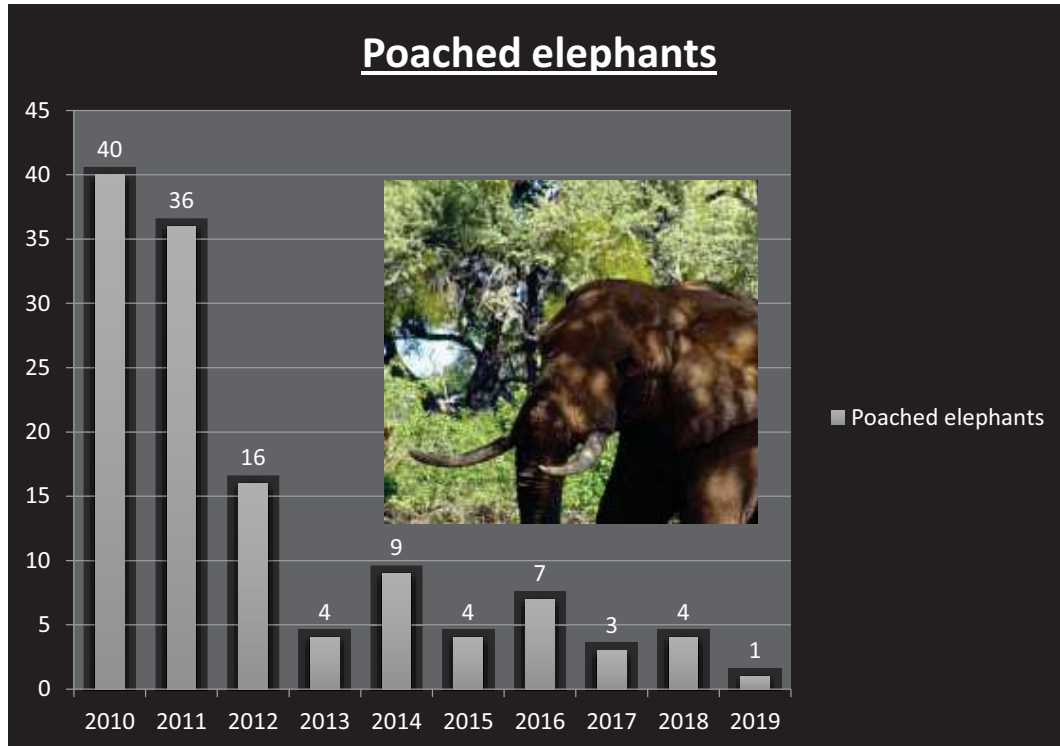
Muneyi and team with a haul of snares.

Snares - 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 first period



#### 4. Elephant poaching

There has been one elephant poached in Dande thus far in 2019, which we know about. There may be more that we have not yet found. This elephant was clearly wounded first then died close to a village. We were informed before the poachers could make off with the ivory. Two arrests were made, and one unlicensed rifle was taken out of circulation. Whilst we were sure that these were the two suspects, they were acquitted due to insufficient evidence.



*\*\*\* graph only shows 1<sup>st</sup> period for 2019 compared to full year all other years\*\*\**



*.303 British recovered from dead elephant. It must have taken a week for the animal to die.*



*Bongo & Parks with the .303.*



*Big, old cow elephant, poached.*

## 5. Problem Animal Control

Duties for DAPU scouts also include attending to Problem Animal reports (PAC). Obviously “the peak season” for PAC is the cropping season running from January to the end of April. The two major culprit species are elephants and lions. Both elephant and lion are extremely difficult to wean from their bad habits and are notoriously stubborn!

Always our goal with PAC is:

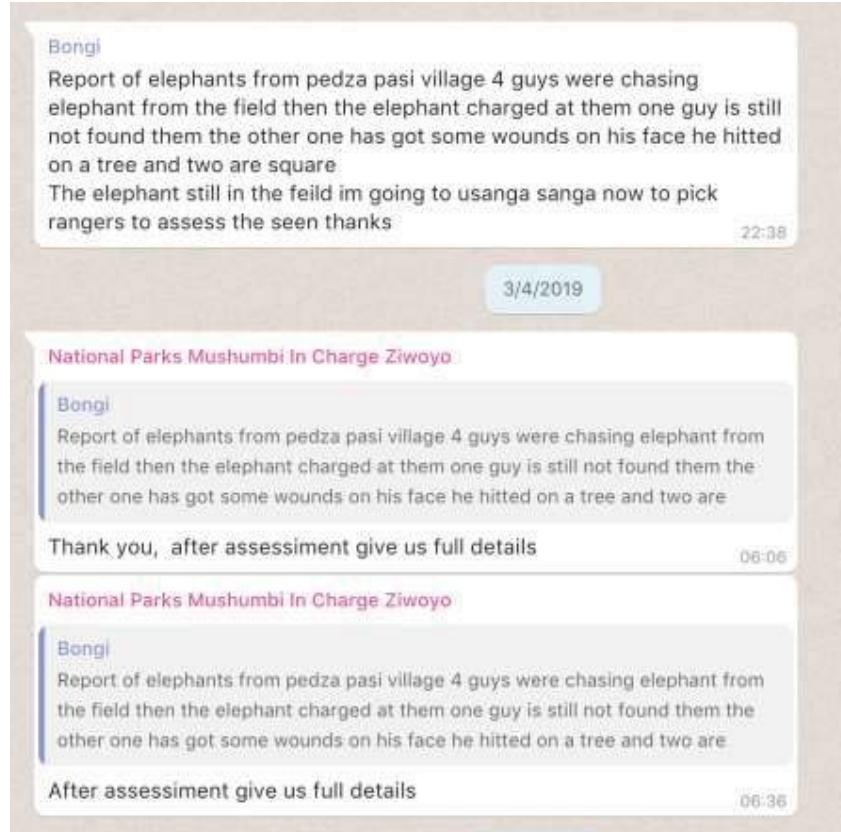
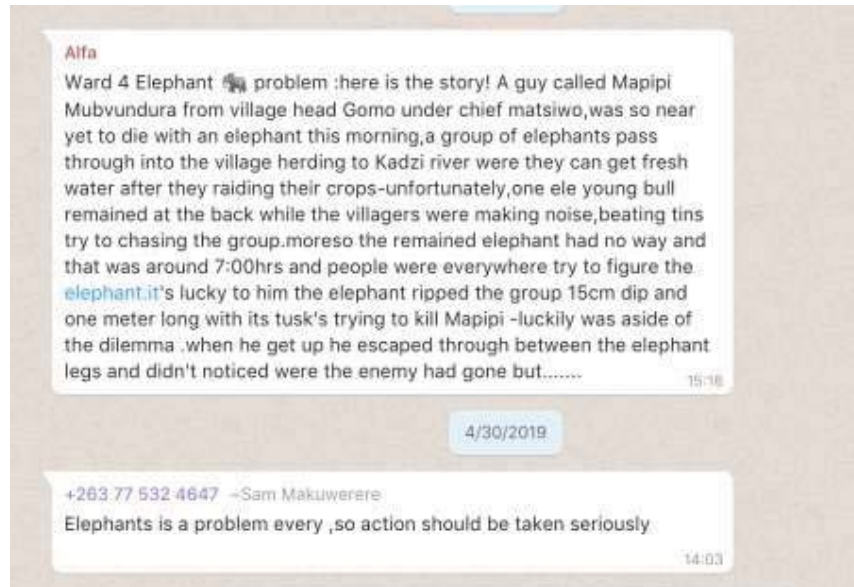
- a. Protect human life.
- b. Protect property.
- c. IF POSSIBLE deal with the offending animal by chasing it or them away.
- d. Last resort is to shoot that animal, but in times where life or property is threatened we do not hesitate.

### 5.1.1 Elephant.

In general, as in 2019, the elephants have made a serious nuisance of themselves. All night, every night the DAPU crews have been chasing them.

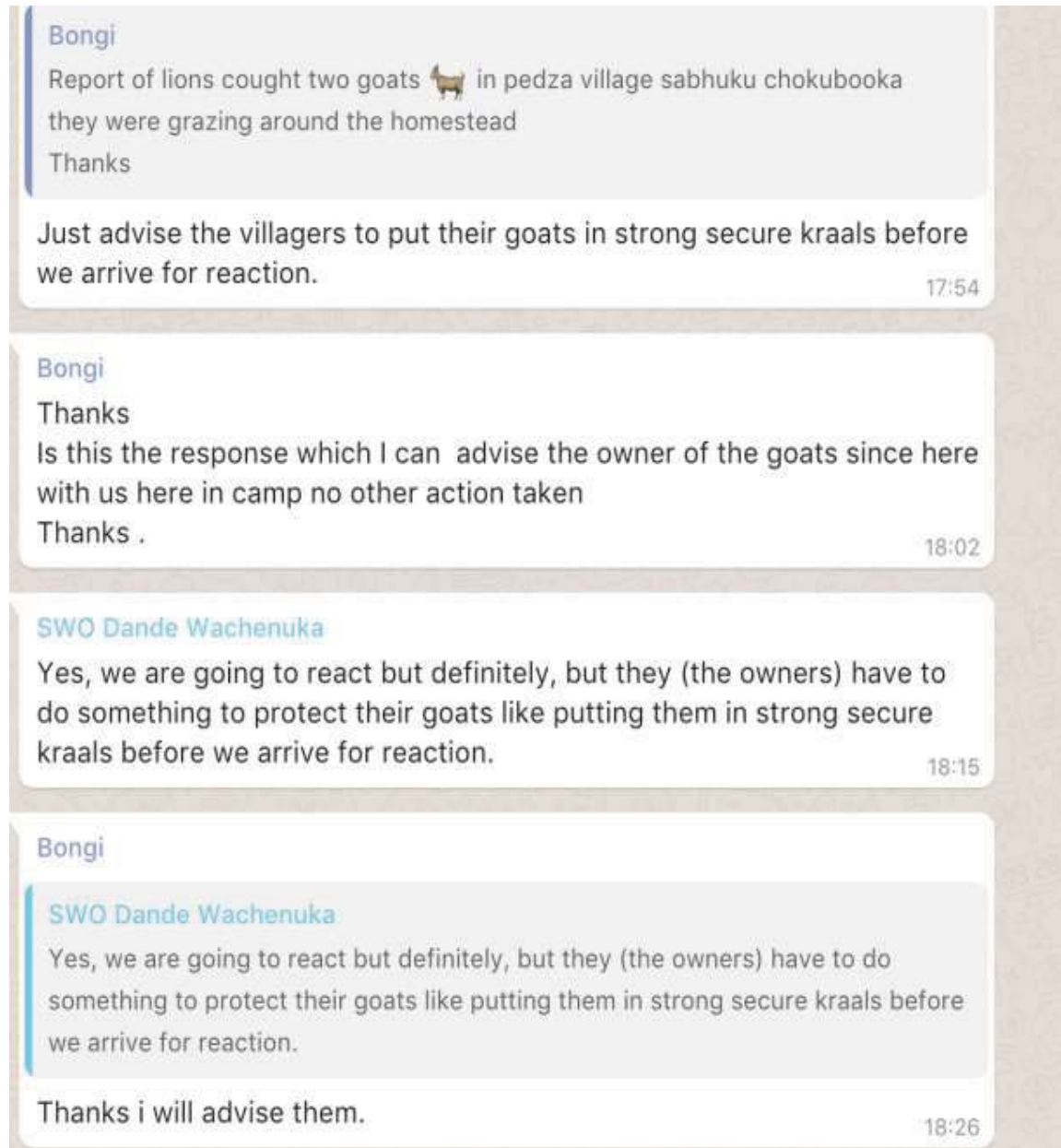


One old lady from Irira villages was killed on the 29<sup>th</sup> March whilst walking from her fields back home. It appears that they walked into a cow elephant that had just given birth. Two people hospitalized and no elephants shot in 2019. Our DAPU crews have been on full time elephant PAC rosters from February through to the end of April, but are now back on ordinary patrols.



### 5.1.2 Lion

Lots and lots of reports of cattle and goats being killed all over the district. Our teams did their very best to chase these lions by firing shotguns, hooting and yelling. In the end against all odds, we have managed to avoid shooting any lions to date. These cats are persistent problems and my feeling is that we will end up having to shoot one or two at some point during the year.





Cow injured by lions.

### 5.1.3 Buffalo

No reported serious problems to date in 2019.

### 5.1.4 Crocodile

No one killed or injured that we know of so far in 2019 but crocs continue to take livestock!



#### 5.1.5 Hippo

No reported serious problems to date in 2019.

#### 5.1.6 Snakes

No reported deaths to date in 2019

### 6. Netting on the Zambezi

DAPU will continue to contribute 200 liters of petrol per month toward efforts to eliminate all illegal fishing in a 50km stretch of the Zambezi River. As a general rule the illegal netting has been much reduced, and sport anglers and legal netters are reporting better catches.

In the big picture this is actually important, as often fish poachers were not only poaching fish but elephant and other game too. Also the diameters of their nets had gotten smaller and smaller over the years, which clearly was an indication of seriously depleted, fish reserves.

### 7. Goals for 2019

Being a drought year has really galvanized us to try even harder with water in the East and in Ward I and this is going to be our primary focus in 2019.

#### Water Projects

C.M Safaris has decided to go ahead with some substantial water projects in 2019.

1. Extend pipeline from D.S.A into ward I for 5km – total of two pans servicing approximately 20,000 acres that was previously dry.
2. Extend pipeline from Kabveve in the East back towards camp for 5km – total of two pans servicing approximately 20,000 acres that was previously dry.
3. A pipeline to tank gravity system feeding 7 pans, watering 60,000 acres that was previously dry.

They are all quite major projects. C.M Safaris will self-financing projects 1 and 2, but we are hoping for some help from the UNDP for number 3!

#### Game Relocation 2019

A serious drought in the South Western areas of Zimbabwe has meant that we can hopefully get some game into the Dande North at competitive prices. The UNDP has offered some funding which we are hoping to take advantage of to bring in several hundred head of Zebra, Impala, some Waterbuck and Eland. IF this comes off ... together with the water projects we can expect Dande to really change significantly – and all good change.

Summary of goals 2019

1.	Continue with anti-poaching patrols	First period quietest ever.
2.	Early burning will start in May or June, as soon as it is dry enough.	Already started.
3.	Extend pipeline in North.	To complete by July.
4.	Extend Pipeline in East.	Partially complete by July.
5.	Game re location into North.	

8. Flying for Wildlife and Others

We must also extend our profound thanks to:

1. Flying for Wildlife for their aerial patrols that are conducted on request. These are volunteer pilots in their own machines and they help us at NO cost to DAPU, which is tremendous. Richard Tennant, Hannes Scholtz and Edward Whitfield continue to give extremely generously of their time and machines to DAPU.



2. Trackit (Richard Tennant and Hannes Scholtz) who provide free, real time satellite monitoring of the two DAPU vehicles. This has really saved significantly on fuel and vehicle costs. Also of course we have been able to be much smarter with servicing, and positioning of vehicles.



Thank you Mr. Mike Core for these ... GPS's. They are linked to satellite so game scouts can send text messages whilst on patrol in areas of no cell coverage and we can also track their patrols live.

## 9. Conservation Force

We continue to work hand in hand with John and Chrissie Jackson of Conservation Force. John and Chrissie are proud hunters and legends in the fight for our way of life and the wild places that we all love.

Conservation Force is a registered non – profit 501(c)(3) public foundation.

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**DAPU Income and Expenses 2019 (first period)**

**2019 income**

Jerry Beardmore	\$500.00
Mike Tenney	\$500.00
Jeff Norman	\$100.00
Catherine Smencer	\$100.00
Kelly Gill	\$60.00
David Adams	\$5,000.00
Jerry jurena	\$1,000.00
Jack & Marjorie Schillinger Family Foundation.	\$10,000.00
Mike Core	\$1,000.00
Myron Repka	\$250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>US\$18,510</b>

<b>Hunting clients</b>	<b>US\$0</b>
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<b>Charlton McCallum Safaris</b>	<b>US\$13,645</b>
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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>US\$32,155</b>
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**2019 Expenses**

**# 1 Wages, rewards and rations.**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Game Scouts</u>	<u>Management Bongi, Owen Muno &amp; Alfa</u>	<u>Rations</u>	<u>Rewards</u>	<u>Anti Netting</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$1,754	US\$200	US\$5,429
February	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$0	US\$200	US\$3,675
March	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$0	US\$200	US\$3,675
April	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$560	US\$0	US\$200	US\$3,465
	<b>US\$4,400</b>	<b>US\$6,420</b>	<b>US\$2,870</b>	<b>US\$1,754</b>	<b>US\$800</b>	<b>US\$16,244</b>

**# 2 2019 DAPU equipment expenses**

Ammunition 12 guage	US\$1,062.26
ACX 3232 tires	US\$1,260.00
AAX 9832	US\$4,242.00
-	<b>US\$6,564</b>

**# 3 Vehicles (2).**

ACX 3232 = 9063 km x \$0.5 /km	US\$4,532
AAX 9832 = 9,631km x \$.05/km	US\$4,816
	<b>US\$9,347</b>

<b>Total expenses</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>US\$32,155</b>
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<b>Total Income</b>	-	-	-	<b>US\$32,155</b>	-	-
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<b>Shortfall</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>US\$0</b>
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