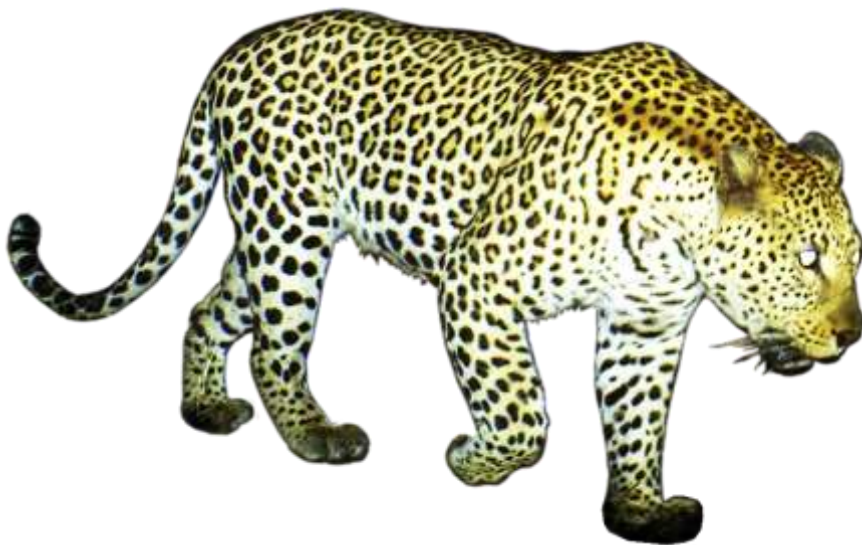


DAPU End of Year Newsletter 2018

Charlton McCallum Safaris

20th January 2019



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Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your unwavering support! 2018 was another strong year for DAPU. We had a good start, then a slower second period (than we are used to) but we did however have a strong finish! Our re-trained, re kitted, full strength patrols hit the ground hard in November and December with some strong results. Some of these results will only be posted January 2019 as we record on date of convictions (we only count convictions) NOT on the date of incident.

Whilst 2018 was a slow year in terms of poaching, it was undoubtedly one of the worst that we can remember in terms of Human / Wildlife conflict. Numerous very sad incidents occurred over the course of the year. We are as sensitive as we possibly can be about these issues, remembering that we need to put human life and property first in all cases.

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
20th January 2019

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I. Changes and DAPU re – training

Over the course of 2018 the most significant changes were really losing 6 x scouts from ward I, which left us short handed from May – October. Sensibly enough, National Parks did not allow us to deploy on patrol new, untrained scouts, leaving us short staffed for 6 months.

The African Wildlife Foundation (A.W.F) team stepped up and sponsored a 30-day training course for all 22 x DAPU scouts and our 4 x managers from the 1st to 31st October. The course was extremely well run by National Parks, and held at the Mushandike Wildlife College. So as of the 1st November, DAPU were back up to 22 fully fit, fully kitted out, and highly motivated scouts!!! Not only did A.W.F sponsor the training but also kit so a huge Thank You to AWF!

On balance, we are more than happy to have been a little short staffed for 6 months (in the poaching “off season”), and then have a much better-trained and highly motivated group going forward. Our hunters as usual provided excellent cover from May to October so we do not feel that we lost any ground.

Owen, Alfa and Muno have also picked up more and more responsibility and are helping Bongi a lot now. All four of them did the course with the scouts and thoroughly enjoyed it. We have also had Max Dezelene from France join us for a three month “stint” as part of his apprenticeship to being a PH. Buzz and I enjoy getting a fresh perspective from people like Max, so that we can really gauge if DAPU is working.

So now we are back up to our full compliment of 22 scouts again, freshly equipped and trained and with a much-improved morale! The lack of continuous training is certainly an area that we need to pay more attention to going forward.



Figure 1. Hand made knives by Ash Proud for DAPU!



Figure 2. "At attention"



Figure 3. Sample certificate.

2. Peter Stewart fine art

In 2018, internationally acclaimed wildlife artist Peter Stewart made available to us “The Warrior” and “Horn of the Hunter” which were sold in support of DAPU.

Peter has recently also made available:

“The Patriot,” this one horned dagga boy, perfectly captured as he looks up from grazing. An absolutely classic scene in every sense of the word!!! **ON SALE in support of DAPU in 2019!!! Details to follow.** Thank you very much Peter Stewart!!!

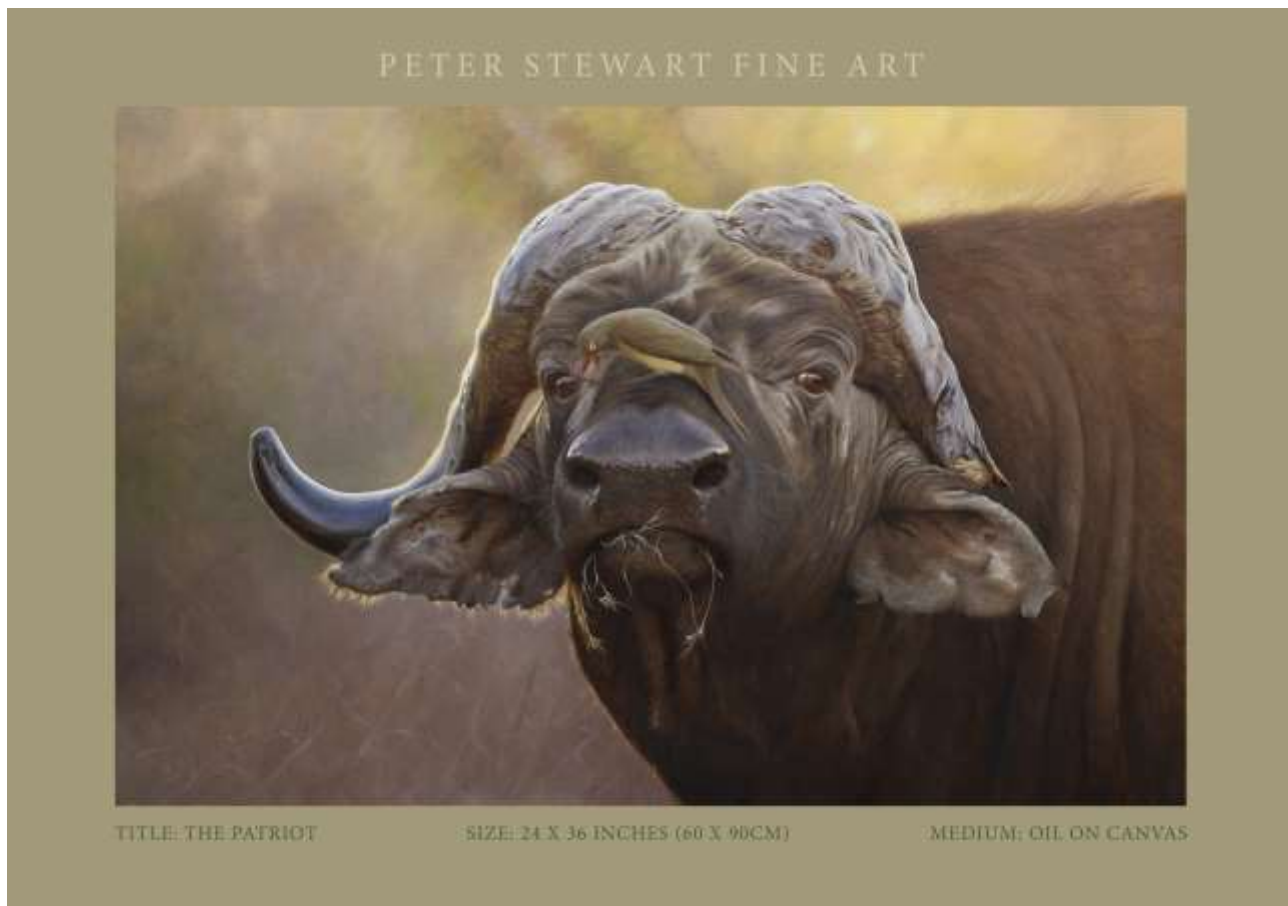


Figure 4. “The Patriot”

3. The “dry” season, fires, water and poaching.

We call the September to end of December our “dry season”. We shift our focus from PAC to fires, lack of water (in some areas) and of course poaching (especially snaring at water). The bush fires, especially in Ward 1 (Kanyemba) and Ward 4 (the East) have been worse than in 2017, but less than 2016 and before that. Definitely we can improve in 2019!

This period is traditionally the busiest for DAPU for two reasons:

1. There are fewer hunters in the area especially October – December so the poachers are less worried about bumping into hunting parties.
2. The villagers have harvested all their crops, and are at a loose end – looking for something to do.

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4. Snaring & general poaching.

The September to end of December period in 2018 has been much, much quieter than the same periods in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. In terms of snares picked up and meat poachers arrested, the yield has been drastically reduced.

Bongi and crew did catch three warthog poachers and shot their dogs. They were convicted and sentenced to “\$100 fine each and 30 days in jail, with a further 3 months suspended for 5 years if the accused do not commit a similar offence” which we were happy about.



Figure 5. end of the road for warthog and his poacher.

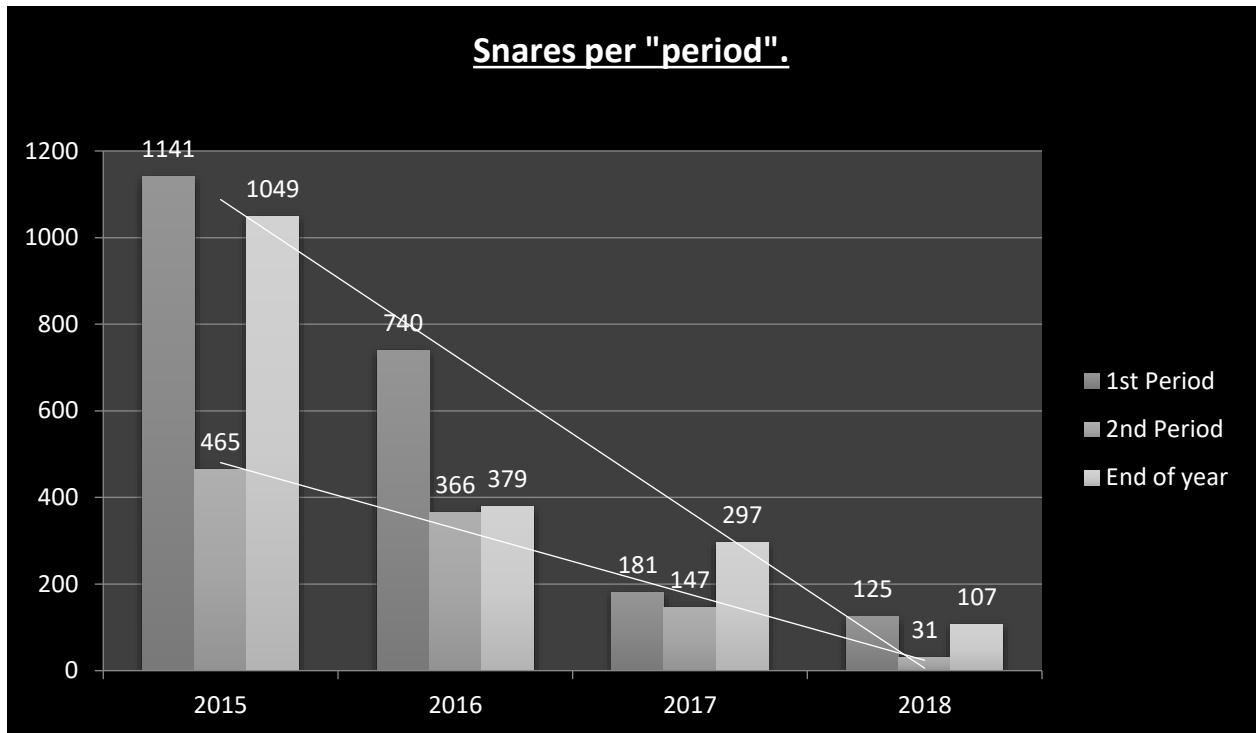


Figure 6. Snares compared per "period" 2015 – 2018.

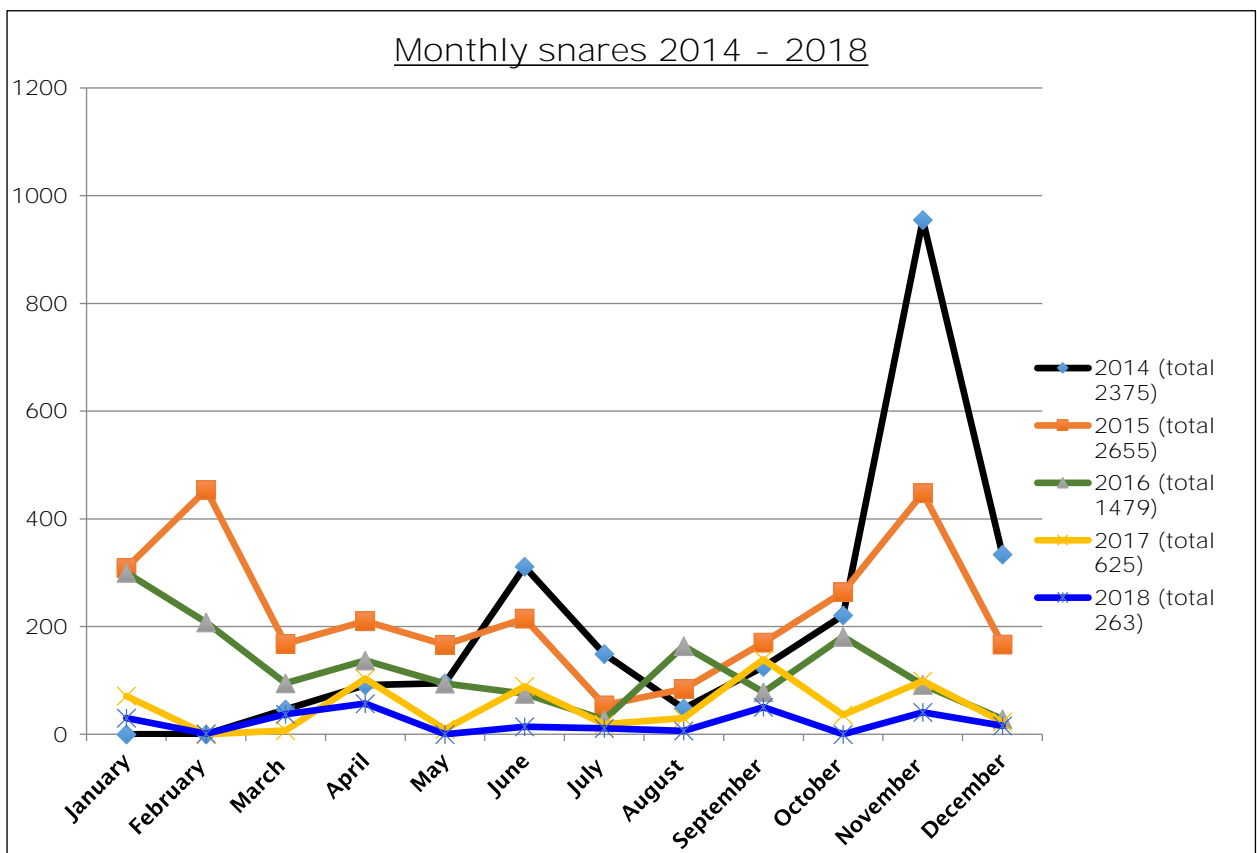


Figure 7. Showing monthly snare yields 2014 – 2015.

If you look at the trends, not only have they decreased dramatically, but what is important for us to see is the flattening of the lines i.e. there are less highs and lows. To us, this indicates an even and consistent effort from DAPU. We have always maintained that consistency is key. This graph shows a 90% reduction in snare yields!!!

5. Elephant poaching

There have been four elephant poached in Dande in 2018 – two in Dande East (which are the first in that area for 9 years). The shots heard in the Irira area early 2018 finally yielded two carcasses.

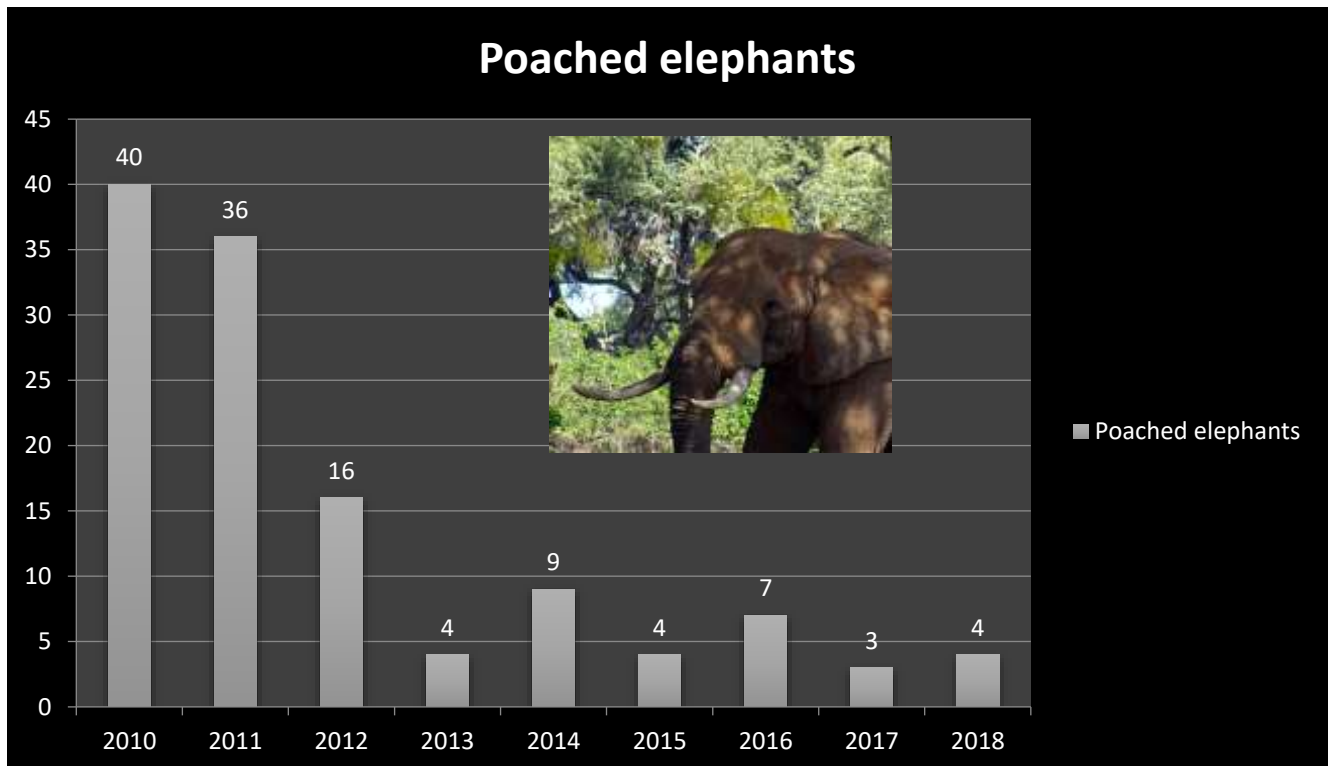


Figure 8. Poached elephants.

6. 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 but in 2018, we were inundated by calls until very recently. This has certainly been our worst year (in 9) in terms of PAC and we are very glad that it is over for the year.

6.1.1 Elephant

In addition to the two children killed, two people were hospitalized earlier in the year, and one older gentleman was killed trying to protect his fields on the 9th August. To date four elephants have been shot in 2018. Our DAPU crews have been pretty much on full time elephant PAC rosters from February through to the end of June.



Figure 9. Wound & musket ball.

6.1.2 Lion

Five lions and one lioness is the total tally for lion shot on PAC in 2018. Really a great pity when one thinks of all the lost potential revenue. However those cats have killed literally hundreds of head of livestock so far this year. In just one incident, one young male lion killed 66 sheep in one night. Once they take to killing livestock, there is just not much one can do about it.

The bright side to this though, is that clearly the lion population is clearly extremely healthy!

6.1.3 Buffalo

No people were killed in 2018. One problem dagga boy, was reported by Irira villages, and subsequently harvested by a hunter (as his trophy), so this was a productive ending – the village got the meat and money, the young hunter, the hunt of a lifetime! It turns out this bull had lost two incisors and found nice young corn much more to his taste than struggling to graze grass. There is no doubt that the bull would have killed someone soon, it was just a matter of a time.



Figure 10. – Hunter takes problem dagga boy = meat and \$ for villages.

6.1.4 Crocodile

One child was seriously injured at Mushumbi Pools and another man lost his leg whilst wading between islands in Kanyemba. No one killed, that we know of so far in 2018. One croc was shot.



Figure 8. Horrific injury from croc attack, Kanyemba.

6.1.5 Hippo

Two hippos in 2018 have had to be shot. Hippos continue to generally make a nuisance of themselves along the Mwantanda River in ward I and in ward I6 along the Manyame River. Once the hippo get a taste for the villager's crops it becomes a real problem.

7. 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.

Due to heavy rains, and flooding, in February and March, netting was slow and that trend has continued through to present. Yes there is some netting, but nothing like it used to be.

8. Goals for 2018 – summary

1.	Continue with anti-poaching patrols	Patrols have done well - we have had the quietest year in our history.
2.	Early burning will start in May or June, as soon as it is dry enough.	Complete.
3.	Schedule re – training of scouts.	1 – 30 October – complete.
4.	2018 uniforms and boots – paid for not delivered.	To be handed out on graduation 30 th October. – Complete.
5.	If possible trade in one of the older DAPU vehicles for a newer one.	Thanks to DSC F – and specifically Lubbock Sportsman's Chapter. Complete.
6	Install second solar pump in East by end of May.	Complete.
7.	Carry out leopard and lion survey – buy 10 more trail cams.	Complete.
8.	Sell two old tractors and get one new one.	Complete.
9.	6 new GPS's required preferably with sat tracking.	Two – donated by Mike Core. Four to go!
10.	Refurbish Usanga Usanga Parks base station.	90% complete –external paint and windows to go.

9. Usanga Usanga refurbishment – Dallas Safari Club Foundation.

9.1 One of our goals in 2018 was to refurbish Usanga Usanga parks station in the Dande Safari Area. It was in a general state of disrepair with no running water. Consequently the rangers would find any excuse possible NOT to stay there. This cost us in time, money and missed opportunities as we had to continually drive 3.0 hours to Mushumbi Pools and back to collect rangers. Thank you very much indeed to DSC – Foundation and Lubbock's Sportsman's Cub chapter for making this possible!!!

There is no doubt that this refurbishment has already had a positive effect on our conservation efforts in Dande.



Figure 9. "Before" pictures.



Figure 10. Before.



Figure 11. "After".



Figure 12. Happy and proud rangers with new solar water installation.

9.2 Dallas Safari Club – Foundation and the DSC Lubbock Chapter

As previously promised below accounting for the \$26,500.00 grant:

DSC - Foundation grant/ budget	US\$26,500
Charlton McCallum Safaris	US\$7,970
Total	US\$34,470

1 Usanga Usanga - 2018

		Zollars	USD	ROE IUS\$: I ZOLL.
Forster Irrigation (solar pump)	Dande Saf. Area	US\$5,786	US\$5,785.75	1
Halsteads - hardware	Dande Saf. Area	US\$5,560	US\$1,463	3.8
Halsteads - Hardware	Dande Saf. Area	US\$2,938	US\$773	3.8
Halsteads - Hardware	Dande Saf. Area	US\$58	US\$15	3.8
Halsteads - Hardware	Dande Saf. Area	US\$352	US\$93	3.8
Plumber (4 days)	Dande Saf. Area	US\$800	US\$211	3.8
Carpenter (4 days)	Dande Saf. Area	US\$800	US\$211	3.8
Painter (8 days)	Dande Saf. Area	US\$115	US\$30	3.8
Transport 680km @\$0.55/km	Dande Saf. Area	US\$385	US\$385	1
		US\$16,794	US\$8,966	

2 Toyota Hilux

		Zollars	USD	ROE IUS\$: I ZOLL.
Red Circle Investments		US\$19,200	US\$19,200	1
Transport, Shipping - invoice to come		US\$3,861	US\$3,861	1
Duties, VAT, Clearing, Handling		US\$9,285	US\$2,443	3.8
		US\$32,346	US\$25,504	
Balance			US\$0	

10. We must also extend our profound thanks to:

10.1 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 have all given extremely generously of their time and machines to DAPU. We did get them over to Dande in October and November again!

10.2 Trackit (again ...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.

11. New Partners

New Partners do not come along every day... especially in a country like Zimbabwe. DAPU has a good enough track record now that we have begun to attract a fair bit of attention. Both of the below partnerships are in their infancy, but we are confident that we will have more to report in the next newsletter.

11.1 The African Wildlife Foundation.

The AWF has come into Dande and their primary interest seems to be the Zimbabwe/Mozambique corridors and helping C.M.S with the formation of conservancies within Dande North. The AWF have offered to help consult and do all the paperwork which is a HUGE bonus! AWF also sponsored the re-training of the DAPU scouts as mentioned previously.

11.2 The Spanish Wildlife Authority / EU.

The Spanish are interested in sponsoring a new project called “the Euro Scout”. This will enable DAPU to really move up into a bigger and more potent unit. They are also looking at collaring some elephant bulls (which will be very interesting), help fund some measures to reduce Human and Wildlife conflict and possibly even a Savannah aircraft for Arial surveillance. All exciting stuff, and to be honest without the help of these big institutions would remain just a dream! We are hoping that this project kicks off in March 2019.



12. 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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Figure 1 Garmin In Reach - next on list!

DAPU Income and Expenses 2018 (first and second period)

2018 income

Myron Repka	US\$850	
George Graham	US\$2,000	(Auction painting .Net to DAPU)
David Adams	US\$5,000	
Jarrold Bachmann	US\$500	
J. Cambuzzi & J. Peters	US\$300	
Jytte Merjnetsen	US\$900	
Jerry Jurena	US\$500	
John Gisler	US\$800	(Auction painting .Net to DAPU)
Bob Schofield	US\$200	
Mike Core	US\$1,000	
M. Van der Reyden	US\$250	
Sylvarnus	US\$6,000	
Dallas Safari Club F.	US\$26,500	
Eric Schlidt	US\$100	
Total	US\$44,900	
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<u>Hunting clients</u>	US\$13,189	
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<u>Charlton McCallum Safaris.</u>	US\$45,385	
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<u>Total Income</u>	US\$103,474	

2018 Expenses**# 1 Wages, rewards and rations.**

Month	Game	Management	Rations	Rewards	Anti	Total
	Scouts	Bongi			Netting	
		Muno & Alfa				
January	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$63	US\$0	US\$3,538
February	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$33	US\$0	US\$3,508
March	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$556	US\$0	US\$4,031
April	US\$800	US\$1,605	US\$560	US\$966	US\$0	US\$3,931
May	US\$800	US\$1,605	US\$560	US\$950	US\$0	US\$3,915
June	US\$800	US\$1,605	US\$560	US\$28	US\$0	US\$2,993
July	US\$800	US\$1,605	US\$560	US\$23	US\$0	US\$2,988
August	US\$800	US\$1,605	US\$560	US\$12	US\$0	US\$2,977
September	US\$800	US\$1,605	US\$560	US\$79	US\$0	US\$3,044
October	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$0	US\$0	US\$3,475
November	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$539	US\$0	US\$4,014
December	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$16	US\$1,200	US\$4,691
	US\$11,400	US\$19,260	US\$7,980	US\$3,265	US\$1,200	US\$43,105

2 2018 DAPU equipment expenses

Ammunition 12 guage	US\$1,062.26
AAX 9832 repairs	US\$2,755.00
ABK 7074 repairs	US\$4,242.00
Tires x 6	US\$1,560.00
Uniforms	US\$3,485.00
Overalls x 50	US\$1,000.00
Leighfields (radio repairs)	US\$184.00
Toyota Revo	US\$25,504.00
Usanga Usanga rennovations.	US\$8,966.00
	US\$48,758

3 Vehicles (2).

AAX 9832 = 14,176 km x \$0.5 x km	US\$7,088
ABX 7074 = 9,045km x \$0.5 x km	US\$4,523
	US\$11,611

Total expenses	-	-	-	-	-	US\$103,474
Total Income	-	-	-	US\$103,474	-	-
Shortfall						US\$0