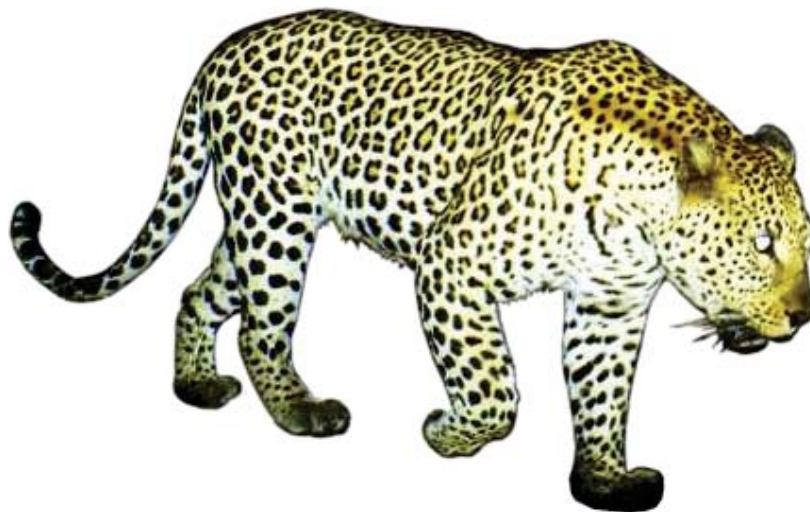


DAPU First Period Newsletter 2018

Charlton McCallum Safaris

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Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your unwavering support. DAPU has gotten off to a strong start in 2018. I must say that it has been a different "season" in that it almost seems like the lions and elephant's have declared war on the villagers. We cannot remember a season with quite this intensity of conflict and tragedy.

Summarily, DAPU scouts have all been posted to their home camps (the DAPU camp in the area which they come from) so that they are able to react strongly to any PAC. Our reasoning (which is correct) is that the scouts will work hardest in their home villages protecting lives and crops. When the crops are safely harvested we will begin once again to mix the units so that no one works in their home ward.

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
02nd May 2018

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1. Changes

As mentioned in previous reports, we have added Peter Solomon and Owen Zwiwanza to the management side of DAPU. In the PAC season (which is especially dangerous), Bonggi, Muno, Peter and Owen all go on regular patrols in order to keep everyone honest and safe.

Ward 1 (Kanyemba) has decided to retrench all six of their DAPU scouts as of 1st April 2018 for reasons of their own. Buzz and I have had to let the process play out in the hope that in the end we will achieve some capacity building i.e. all Wards need to be more responsible for their wildlife, which obviously includes having some control of their own scouts. Ultimately DAPU was created to support the ward scouts – which it continues to do very successfully indeed.

The decision has caused some confusion for sure, and we think has been a warning to other wards not to act to hastily!

The outcome is that six new scouts have been hired, and are awaiting training before deployment in June. Bonggi, Muno and Owen have personally been doing all the patrols on their own so that no enforcement gaps appeared.



Two homemade muzzleloaders picked up in April.

2. Peter Stewart fine art

Peter is a young contemporary painter who has who has developed a reputation for his highly representational art. Growing up in South African bush he became interested in the wildlife from an early age. He has a deep respect for the knowledge and sensitivities of the past and has spent time visiting museums as well as establishing relationships with contemporary realist painters in the USA. His paintings emote, and convey a care and sensitivity that is only achieved from knowing the subject matter intimately. Utilising subtle value and temperature shifts, fine draughtsmanship and pure intuition, Peter weaves a world of breathable air and tactile forms.

Peter Stewart has painted "The Warrior"– (16 x 24 inches) on Belgian canvas in support of DAPU. The male lion is the king of beasts, the top of the food chain and the most dominant force in the African Bush. Male lions are viewed as this majestic, regal creature that is protector, a father and warrior. The one that will put his life on the line for the pride.



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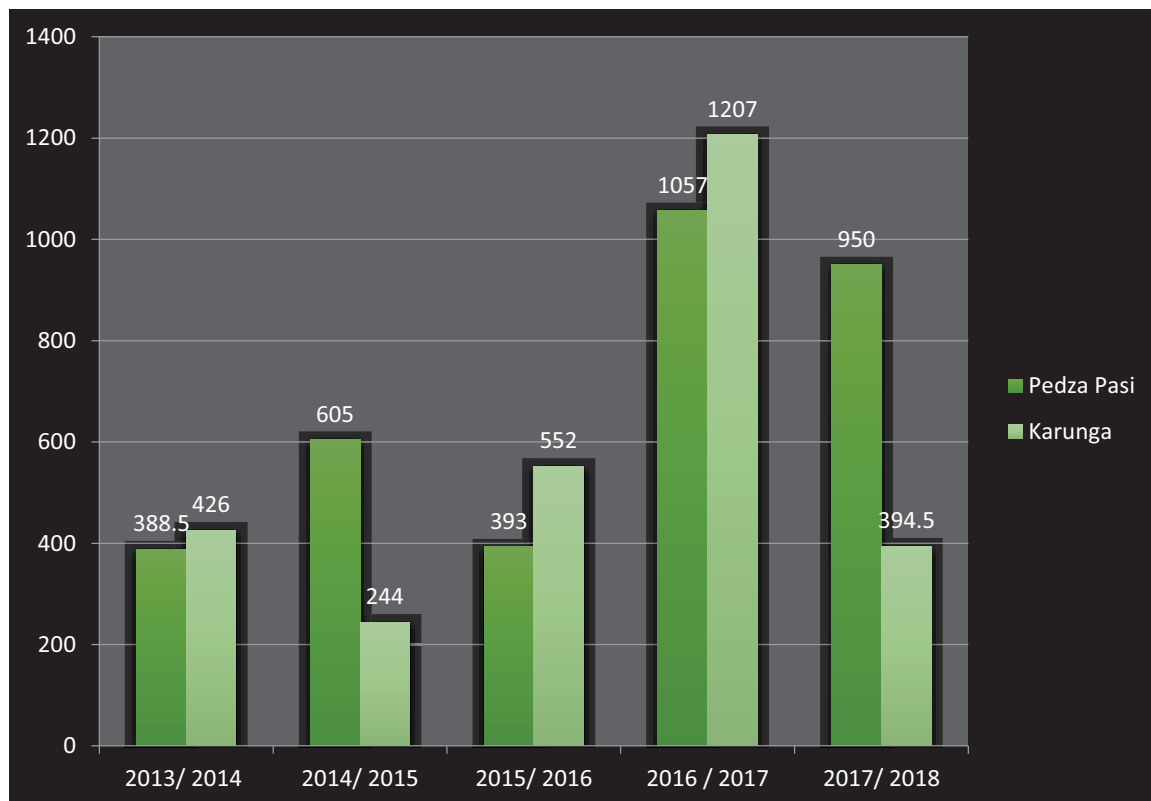
3. The wet season. "Rain, crops, and poaching"

The 2018 rainy season has been erratic and late. The crops – have in general been very poor in Dande, so there is no doubt that we can expect heavy poaching September 2018 – March 2019. There was decent late rain in March and April so there will be a small harvest, but certainly not enough to see families through the year.

This is a reminder to us all that Dande:

- a. Is in "agro ecological region 5" which is at best marginal for agriculture BUT is perfectly suited to wildlife.
- b. Wildlife needs water in some areas, so especially, in the East (and in ward 1) we need to re double our efforts, at getting water. Some rivers systems are now settled by people, leaving game competing with humans for water – which typically does not work well!!!

Seasonal rainfall.



The ward 1 (Kanyemba community) was really hard hit by NO rain until February, followed by floods, so crop loss was close to 100%. They drew down on 2018 hunting proceeds, in order to purchase 30kg of mealie meal for each of the 1,125 families and 33,750kg's was subsequently delivered. Obviously stories like this are extremely important in the big picture and help DAPU's efforts immensely.

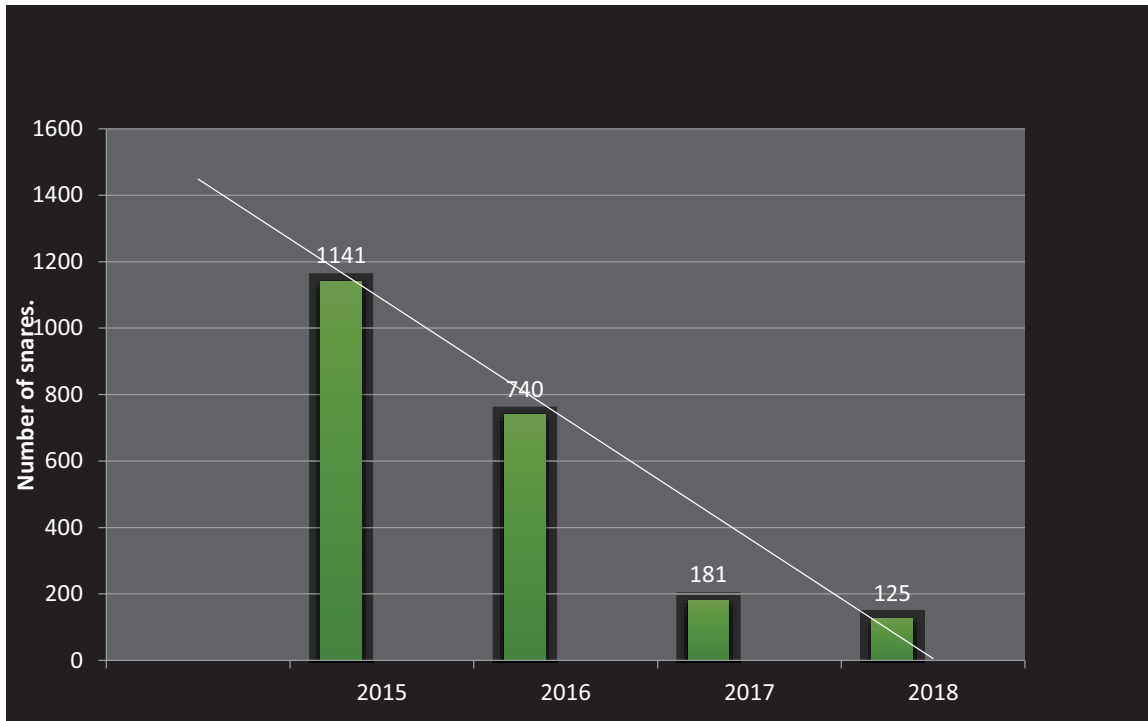


4. Snaring & general poaching.

January to end of April 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. Buzz and I are of course thrilled and believe the reasons to be a combination of the below:

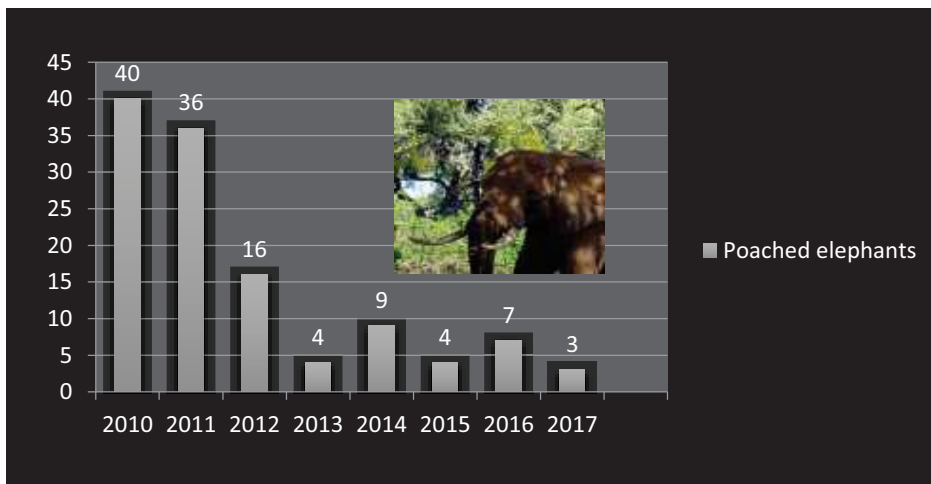
- a. DAPU.
- b. Buy into our programs from communities.
- c. Equitable sharing of income.
- d. Government of Zimbabwe.
- e. Employment.
- f. Meat distribution.

Snares - 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 first period baseline comparisons



5. Elephant poaching.

There are NO CONFIRMED reports of elephants poached in Dande thus far in 2018, BUT we have had reports of shots in the Irira area, so we know for sure that we will be picking up a carcass or two in that area. An exceptional National Parks Investigations officer (with a little help from DAPU) was able to make two arrests in Dande this year.



26th March 2018

“One accused male, aged 29 married with 3 wives and 6 kids. Recovered 1 x elephant tusk weighing 11.6kg valued at \$2900 and 1 x fake wooden carved tusk”.

Later sentenced to 9 years imprisonment.





20th April 2018

The above believed to be from an elephant cow poached in Ward 1 in January 2018. The accused is now the “convicted” – he is a repeat offender and is currently serving out his 9-year term.

6. Cyanide poaching

DAPU assisted National Parks to arrest a man selling cyanide to poachers. He was tried and pleaded guilty and sentenced to 12 months in jail which is the maximum sentence allowed.

This case has links back to a case where 3 years ago DAPU arrested a poacher who killed a warthog by poisoning it with cyanide. The below was his supplier. The net eventually closes!

We must compliment the investigations from National Parks - they are doing a fantastic job and poaching has been taken very seriously. It has been a pleasure for DAPU to help in these arrests.

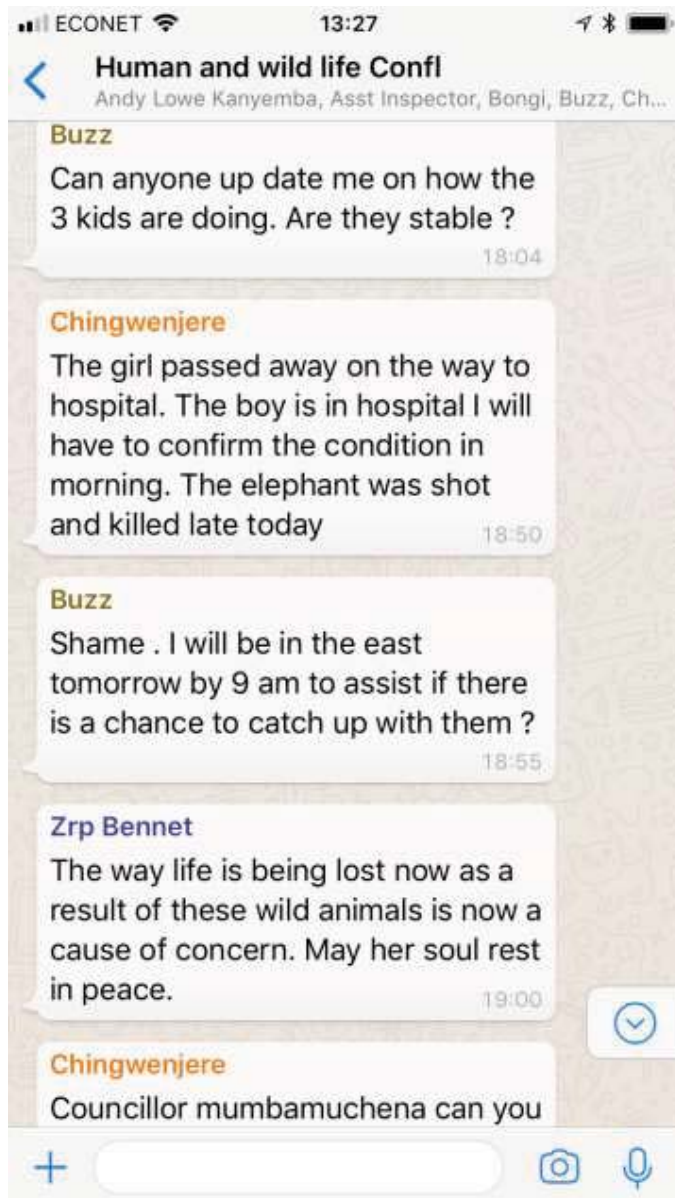


7. Problem Animal Control

Duties for DAPU scouts also include attending to Problem Animal reports (PAC). Obviously "the peak season" for PAC is the cropping season. The

7.1.1 Elephant.

Two people (kids killed), two people hospitalized and two elephants shot in 2018. Our DAPU crews have been on full time elephant PAC rosters from February through to the end of April, and look to continue into May.



A screen shot of our Human wildlife conflict Chat group. Every single day February to end of April we have had incidents to attend to.



A nine-year-old boy, died trying to protect his families fields.



This is what 100% crop loss looks like.

7.1.2 Lion

Four lions shot after communities lost 64 sheep (in one night), 12 goats and 24 cattle to these cats. With the trophy bans and resultant loss of incomes to communities, attitudes have hardened.



7.1.3 Buffalo

No reported serious problems to date in 2018.

7.1.4 Crocodile

No one killed or injured that we know of so far in 2018.

7.1.5 Hippo

One hippo was wounded (muzzle loader) and had to be shot. Hippos continue to generally make a nuisance of themselves along the Mwantanda River in ward 1 and in ward 16 but Muno and Owen have been able to keep them at bay.

7.1.6 Snakes

Nothing to report.

8. 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 has been slow. We expect that illegal netting will pick up soon.

9. Goals for 2018

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.	.
3.	Schedule re – training of scouts.	Anytime June to August.
4.	2018 uniforms and boots – paid for not delivered.	
5.	If possible trade in one of the older DAPU vehicles for a newer one.	
6	Install second solar pump in East by end of May.	
7.	Carry out leopard and lion survey – buy 10 more trail cams.	
8.	Sell two old tractors and get one new one (vital for new pipelines, firebreaks amongst other things)	Done.
9.	6 new GPS's required preferably with sat tracking.	

10. Other News

Myles was invited to Seville in Spain to make a presentation to experts, scientific authorities, governments and NGO's on:

"The best management practices in hunting and the role of Professional Hunters in Conservation"

It was a four day workshop and it's aim, was in particular, to foster close collaboration between Scientific Authorities from both exporting and importing countries in relation to the formulation of CITES Non-Detriment Findings (NDFs) for hunting trophies of certain African species.

Certainly one of the primary reasons Charlton McCallum Safaris was invited was because of DAPU and the success that it has enjoyed!



"I think I am less nervous facing a wounded buffalo!"

11. Dallas Safari Club – Foundation – Land cruisers



DAPU # 1



DAPU # 2

Due to an extremely generous \$24,000 donation from the Lubbock Sportsman's Club via the Dallas Safari Club Foundation, Buzz and I were able to purchase a new Toyota Hilux, which has allowed us to dedicate two more suitable land cruisers 100% full time to DAPU. The Hilux will do both DAPU and general duties.

11. 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 have all given extremely generously of their time and machines to DAPU.

“A huge thanks to FLYING FOR WILDLIFE and Edward Whitfield who came down to the Dande to help DAPU fly the complete area looking for any signs of poaching.

Ed is a wonderful pilot and his Savannah was a real eye opener. What we achieved in 7 hours of flying was incredible. I am happy to say that from what we can see the area is nice and quiet. We did see some fish poachers based in the Irira area. These are the Vadoma people and it is part of their culture. There are times that one should turn a blind eye, which is what we did. There was an old elephant carcass from well over a year ago that we were not aware of.

We did see a lot of elephant buffalo was well as some impala zebra bushbuck and sable despite the very thick bush. Once again a huge thanks to Ed as well as FLYING FOR WILDLIFE- if any organisation deserves financial support then FFW certainly do as they do an amazing job and are becoming essential in the controlling of poaching in remote areas”



2. Pieter Gertenbach and Charl Grobelaar – farmers in the Harare area, that are always helping out with mealie meal, fertilizers, soap and other ration items. We use this to supplement the DAPU rations and it is always very well received by the DAPU teams!

3. 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.



A nice looking solution – GPS, and satellite Text messages for game scouts. They can send distress calls and we can also track their patrols.

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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Please make a check out to:
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Mail to:

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DAPU Income and Expenses 2018 (first period)

2018 income

Myron and Dana Repka	US\$100	
Graham George	US\$2,000	(auction painting)
David Adams	US\$5,000	
Jared Bachmann	US\$500	
Julie Cambuzzi & John Peters	US\$300	
Jytte Mejnertsen	US\$600	
Total	US\$8,500	
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<u>Charlton McCallum Safaris</u>	US\$23,035	
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<u>Total Income</u>	US\$31,535	

2018 Expenses

1 Wages, rewards and rations.

	<u>Game</u>	<u>Management</u>			
	<u>Scouts</u>	<u>Bongi</u>			
		<u>Muno & Alfa</u>	<u>Rations</u>	<u>Rewards</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$63	US\$3,538
February	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$33	US\$3,508
March	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$556	US\$4,031
April	US\$800	US\$1,605	US\$560	US\$966	US\$3,931
	US\$4,100	US\$6,420	US\$2,870	US\$1,618	US\$15,008

2 2018 DAPU equipment expenses

Ammunition (12 guage)	US\$1,062.26
AAX 9832 repairs	US\$2,755.00
ABK 7074 repairs	US\$322.00
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
	US\$10,368.26

3 Vehicles (2).

AAX 9832 = 5,295.00 km x \$0.5 x km	US\$2,648
ABX 7074 = 7023km x \$0.5 x km	US\$3,512
	US\$6,159

Total expenses	US\$31,535
Total Income	US\$31,535