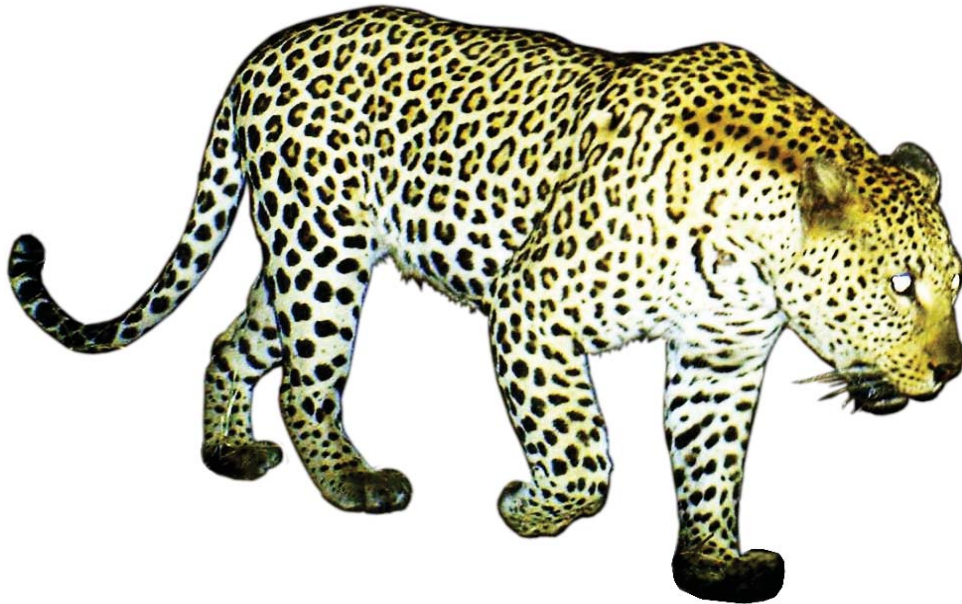


DAPU 2020 End of Year Newsletter

Charlton McCallum Safaris



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Dear Friends,

Thank you all so very much for your hugely generous support in 2020, truthfully DAPU would have ceased to operate at any meaningful level without your amazing help! Clearly 2020 was really very difficult for everyone in the world and our experiences were no different. We did get a handful of local hunters and one intrepid Floridian but that was it for us for the year.

So DAPU was effectively all on its own in 2020, both financially and physically, without any help from hunters in the field. On top of the various global travel bans, in Dande we suffered a very substandard cropping season, which negatively impacted food security in the area. So, these factors lined up for a perfect poaching storm.

We are very proud of the fact that only one elephant was poached in 2020 which is our best result in 11 years. We have not picked up a single elephant carcass in three years that had ivory missing, meaning that they were elephants shot and wounded (quite probably by villagers protecting their crops) and later died. We also had by far our highest arrest rate of subsistence poachers. Globally the winners during COVID lockdowns has been the environment, but only in places where protection was kept up, despite lockdowns. Dande definitely falls into that category, and we were successfully able to consolidate on gains made over the past 10 years.

We have continued to meticulously document all of our support, deployments, wins and losses and here we share a summary with everyone. 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
15th January 2021

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1. Changes and DAPU Retraining

Over the course of 2020 there were no staff changes at all. The entire DAPU team were able to attend a 10 day re - fresher course run by National Parks at the Mushandike College of Wildlife Management. This was kindly funded and organized by the African Wildlife Fund, and was very well received by everyone. The training group focused a fair bit of time on preparing dockets in order to get better convictions. Unfortunately, of course due to the COVID situation we had very little jail time handed out by the courts, their focus was more fines and community service.

We have to admit to getting a bit despondent as clearly, the cost of getting poachers to court and running them through the system is substantial, and way higher than the sentences meted out. However, with the DAPU teams being incentivised financially on convictions, in the end we decided to prosecute as hard as we could, more for morale of the staff than anything else.

We have continued to enjoy the efficiencies realized thanks to the two newer Dallas Safari Club Foundation vehicles. DAPU related mileage added up to a whopping 64,251km's (43,747km's by Bongi in the "North "and 20,504km's by Alfa in "the East"). This increased mobility has made a major difference to DAPU operations, both in terms of much lower repairs and maintenance costs but also in terms of improved dependability.

Owen, Alfa and Muno have also continued to pick up more and more responsibility – thereby helping take the pressure off Bongi.



2. The “Dry” Season

We call the August to end of December our “dry season”. We shift our focus from Human Wildlife Conflict to fires, lack of water (in some areas) and of course poaching (especially snaring at a water source).

Fires - Bongzi, Kay, Alfa, Muno, Owen and the team need to be commended for doing such an exemplary job managing the bush fires in the 2020 season. They kept uncontrolled burning to an absolute minimum and in line with their 2019 numbers. The rains stopped early in 2020 so it could have been a bad year for fires and definitely would have been, were it not for their active intervention. Managing 185,000ha is no small (or cheap) undertaking. A large part of that is doing the roads in order to have access for DAPU deployment’s and those roads are also used to burn against on fire control. To put in perspective – we hire 60 casual labourers for 3 months annually and dedicate two vehicles and two tractors to the exercise. When we think back to ten years ago and what the normal was back then, to the standards that we have set today for all around management of biodiversity, there is no doubt we have shown solid improvement each year.

October, November and December periods are traditionally the busiest for DAPU for three reasons:

- a. There are fewer hunters in the area and as a result the poachers are less worried about bumping into hunting parties.
- b. The villagers have harvested all their crops, and are at a loose end – looking for something to do, eat and or sell, whilst they await the rains to plant their crops.
- c. 2020, whilst not technically a drought year, was definitely bad for farming. Rains stopped early, so by April it was clear that crops had largely failed and DAPU could expect a very busy year.

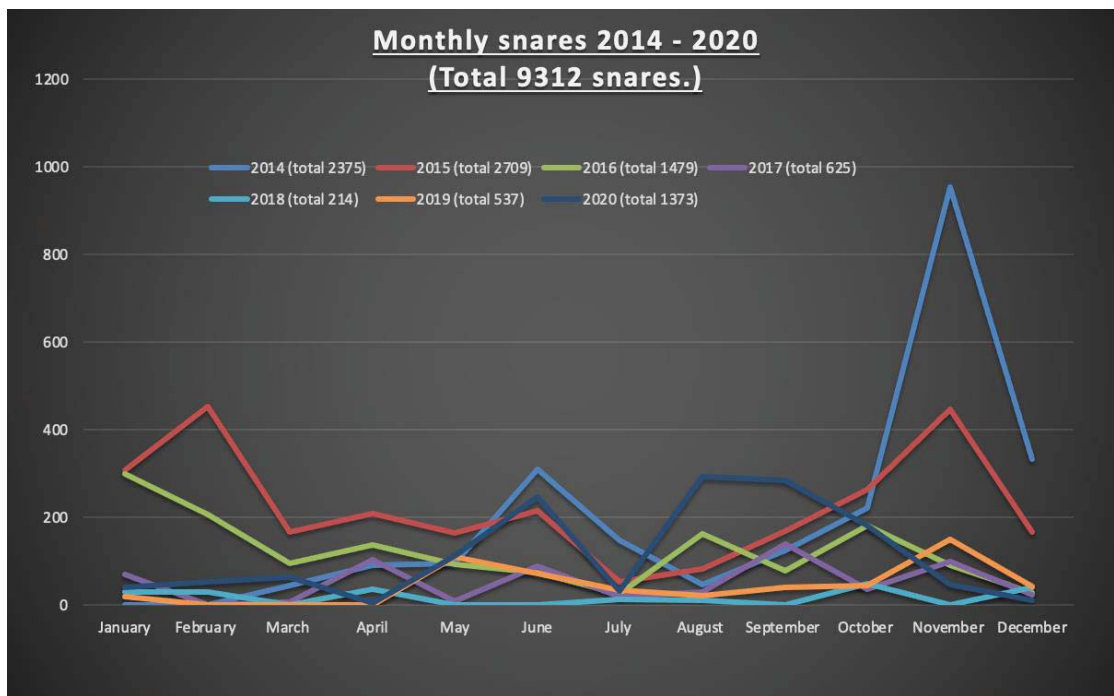
3. Snaring and General Poaching

No doubt in 2020 we slipped backwards towards 2016 numbers in terms of total snares picked up. Obviously with COVID, poor crops, no hunters and 90% unemployment we could expect no less. In fact, honestly, we are quite thankful that there was not more snaring.

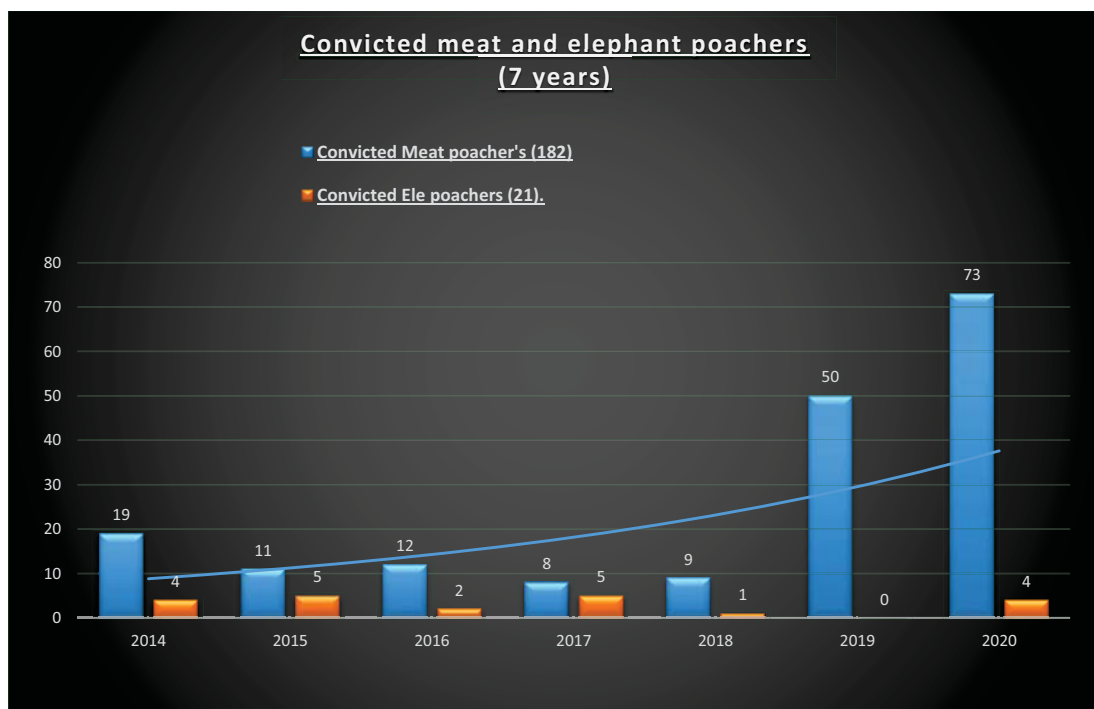


End of year 2020

The annual trend of higher snaring in the dry season continued as predicted - though in 2020 snaring tapered off early, as villagers were anticipating (rightly) early rains and retired to work their fields. You can also see, due to the lack of hunters out in the bush, we did not record a dip in snares during the hunting season. DAPU has to date picked up and paid for 9,312 snares in 7 years! One only wonders where Dande would be had they not? Also of interest is the fact we probably picked up 10,000 snares in 2010 – 2013 but we did not record them.



For sure, that whilst we had greater incidences of poaching in 2020, most importantly for us, the arrest and conviction rate tracked the poaching trend accurately. More poachers – more arrests, which is as it should be.





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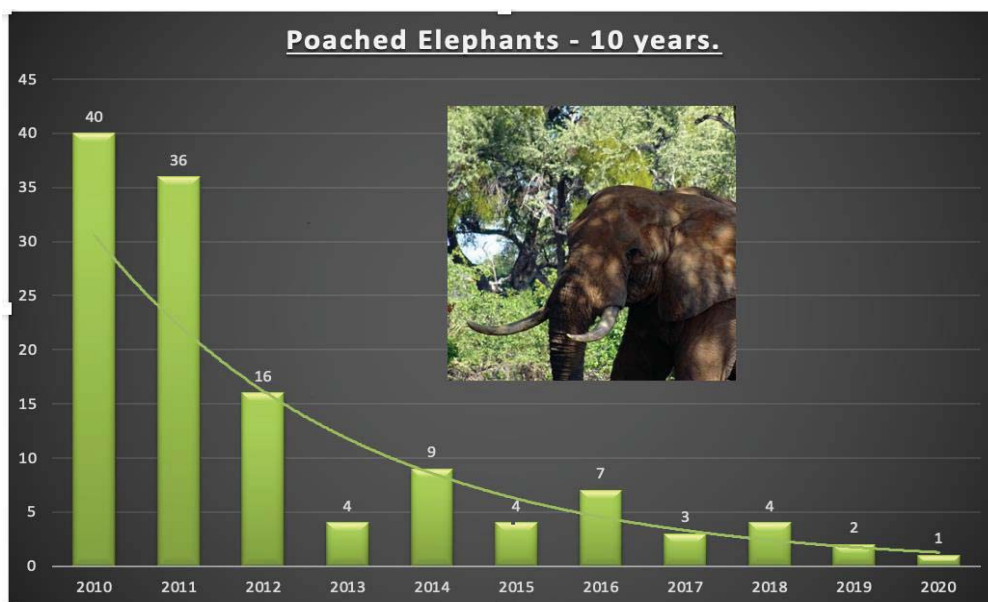
Step # 2



And off to the Police they go

4. Elephant Poaching

There has been one elephant poached in Dande in 2020 that we know of. The young bull was recovered with tusks intact. We presume he was wounded (probably in Mozambique or crop raiding) and died later of his wounds. In 2019 we lost two elephants and in 2020 with just the one – it is really impressive! The fact that the ivory in all three was recovered intact signals genuine fear amongst the locals about poaching elephants and being caught with any ivory. All but one of the elephant poachers caught and convicted in 2020, were known in the community as elephant poachers and were all caught in possession of old ivory and weapons. They had definitely not been poaching in Dande recently.





Waiting on courts



Waiting on courts



Bongi worked closely with our Mozambiquan neighbors and they had a hugely successful weekend. These three poachers lived on the Zim/ Moz border and were notorious elephant poachers. Arrested and convicted in Mozambique in a joint operation.



5. Illegal Gold Panning – A New Problem

Record high global gold prices, coupled with 90% unemployment has pushed people from all over Zimbabwe into illegal gold panning. With the people, come all the other problems too:

- Prostitution
- Petty and violent crime
- Deforestation
- Poaching
- River bank erosion
- General disturbance and lawlessness

These people will go to unprecedented lengths to get themselves a few “points” of gold. In 2019 we saw the beginnings of a mini gold rush in Dande, which intensified in 2020. Thankfully the finds have been marginal in our concessions, but our neighbors have not been so lucky. This remains one of the big challenges for DAPU and likely will remain so for a few years. We are lucky geographically, simply because the gold is mostly alluvial. The gold is carried down the Zambezi Valley escarpment in flood water (mostly the Angwa river), drops to the river bed as soon as it slows or gets caught in rapids and pools. Thankfully our section of the Angwa is mostly flat and slow – therefore most of the gold has dropped out by the time the Angwa gets to us.

Flying for Wildlife have been extremely useful for finding and monitoring this pandemic and offered up to date reports for us throughout the year. Their Savannah S aircraft have proved to be the perfect platform for great visibility, affordability and high loiter times.



Arial view



From the ground

6. Problem Animal Control / Human Wildlife Conflict

Duties for DAPU scouts also include attending to Problem Animal reports (PAC) or more fashionably now called Human Wildlife Conflict (HWC). Obviously “the peak season” for PAC is the cropping season which is February to the end of April. We had a medium intensity PAC/ HWC year in 2020. The third or last period, was as always very slow with nothing much to report at all. HWC is a duty of DAPU and is an extremely important and highly sensitive one! Some members from DAPU teams stay in their home villages from January to April, make assessment’s and use their shotguns and chilli guns to do what they can to chase elephants from fields. Bongo and Alfa move between the teams with vehicles, National Parks bolstering their efforts.

We would like to thank Mike Nicholson who has kindly donated shotgun ammo for the last three years. DAPU uses it by the case to chase elephants out of the fields. This has undoubtably saved the life of untold elephants that would normally be shot as Problem Animals.

6.1 Elephant

One man was killed early 23rd March 2020 whilst protecting his crops in Dande East, and another young man killed near the Iririra Villages in Ward 2, Dande North. One young bull was shot in Iririra villages.

6.2 Lion

Nothing serious to report in 2020. Some cattle and goats were killed but not as many as normal. No lions were shot and no people killed.

6.3 Buffalo

No folk killed in 2020, reported problem buffalo but none were shot.

6.4 Crocodile

Two ladies mauled on the Zambezi river by the same crocodiles. One lady later died of her injuries. One small and one medium sized crocodile were subsequently shot and no more attacks were reported in 2020.

6.5 Hippo

One person was injured on the Musengezi river, Dande East and the offending hippo was shot.

7. Netting on the Zambezi

DAPU continued to contribute US\$200 per month toward efforts to eliminate all illegal fishing in a 50km stretch of the Zambezi River. The anti-poaching / netting operations on the Zambezi that we support continue to become better resourced and run. It is becoming rarer to find illegal nets on the river. Catches for legal nets and sport anglers alike have improved dramatically over the last three years.

8. Water Projects

We completed upgrades (new panels and inverters) and repairs and maintenance of current projects in 2020. Piping is on hand (in stock) to extend a pipeline in Dande East by 4km, which we will start as soon as the rains ease off and we can get into the area. All installed pipelines and solar pumping installations (7) pumped all year to capacity which was excellent and well received. At the Kanyemba clinic several hundred villagers come to collect water daily.

9. Other News

9.1 Peter Stewart Fine Art - <https://www.peterstewartfineart.com>

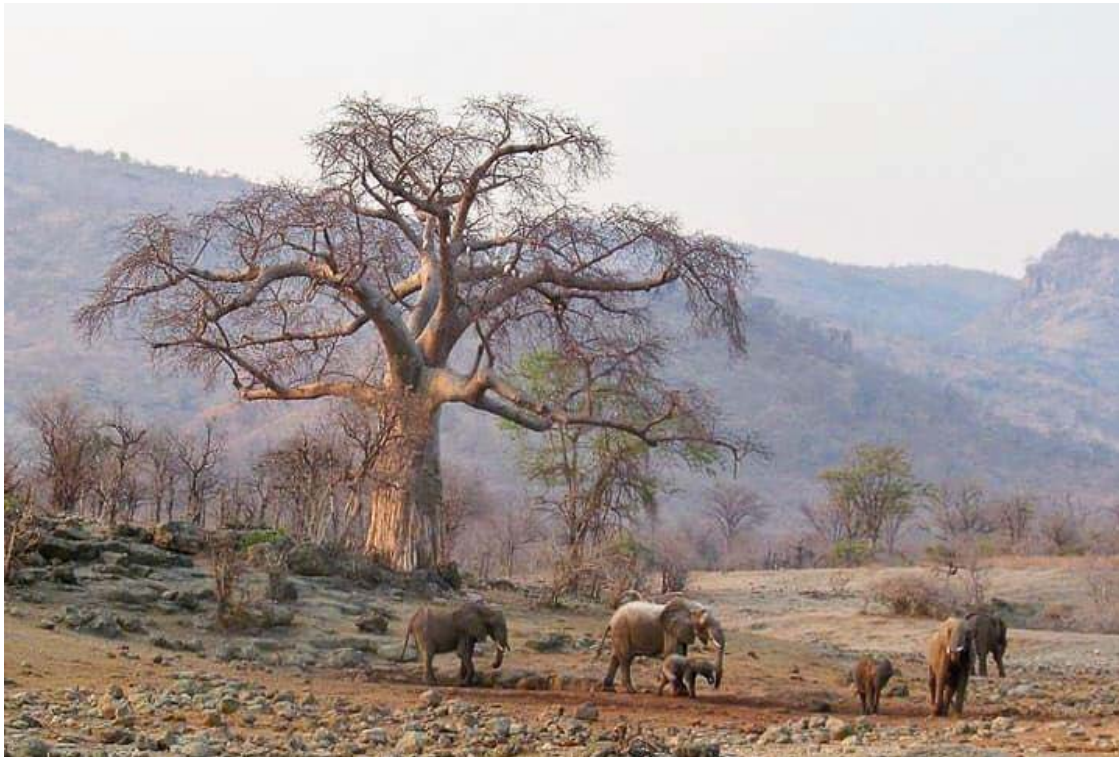
Peter has once again come to the fore and is commissioning a painting for DAPU. It will be auctioned off online. We sent Peter a photograph which was taken whilst on safari late season 2019 in the Nyakasanga Safari Area at "Rumwa Spring". It is such a classic Zambezi Valley scene we thought it appropriate. Peter writes:

"It's Saturday morning in Durban, South Africa, and I am in my studio with a special painting, a fundraiser for DAPU. When I first saw this image online I knew this would make an amazing painting and typifies one of Africa's truly wild places, the Zambezi valley. After chatting with Buzz and selecting images the painting could begin.

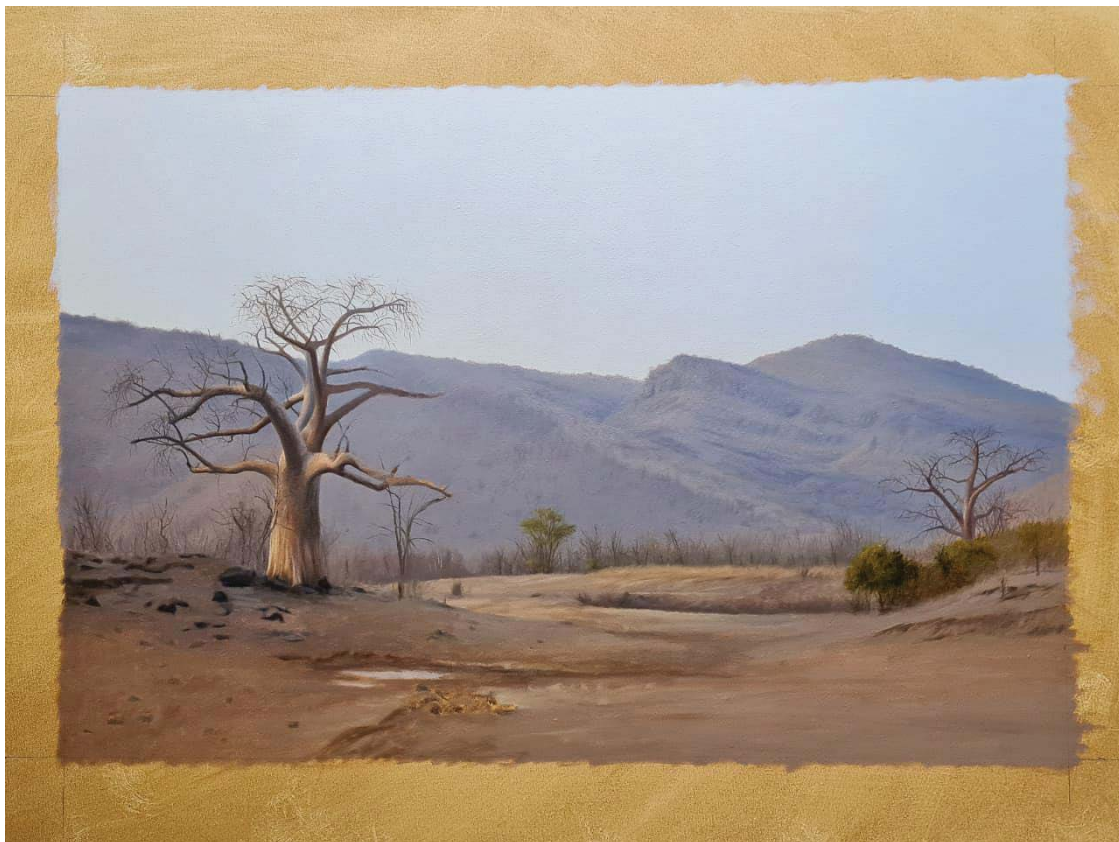
I start all my paintings by toning the canvas with a neutral brown to get rid of the glaring white of the canvas. The size of this canvas is 24 x 36 inches(60 x 90cm). Once this had dried I sketched in the basic shapes in pencil and then started with the underpainting using once again a neutral brown for the dark areas and a light grey for the sky etc. The underpainting is the most important part of a painting, just as the architects plan for building a house. Once the entire painting is completed in the neutral brown and light grey I will start with transparent layers of colour. The final painting will consist of about 4 layers of colour. This gives the paint surface a "glow" so typical of oil paint.

I will be sending Buzz regular updates from my studio which will be shared on their social media. I am looking forward to creating this amazing scene and thank you that I can contribute in some way to DAPU."

We will share updates on our Charlton McCallum Safaris – Zimbabwe Facebook page and by email as and when we get them from Peter.



The Original Photograph.





9.2 Flying for Wildlife

A very special thank you once again to Flying for Wildlife, who flew Dande for us multiple times in 2020. As already mentioned, this flying is gratis to DAPU, and gives us a really important perspective on what is going on in the area. We found the flying most valuable for locating illegal charcoal making schemes, illegal settlement and illegal gold panning. All these activities mushroom into serious threats quickly if left unchecked. We also find this flying to be really good for morale, especially if scouts can get a ride (not possible in 2020!!)

9.3 Trackit

(again ...Richard Tennant and Hannes Scholtz of Flying for Wildlife) who provide free, real time satellite monitoring for 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.

9.4. The Zambezi Elephant Fund

In August the director of the Zambezi Elephant Fund, James Egremont Lee came down to Dande for three days to get a first-hand look at the area, and to get a feeling for the scope of our needs. Within a week of James getting home they had sent DAPU a \$20,000.00 grant! The Zambezi Elephant Fund is unique in that it is totally homegrown (fully Zimbabwean), and a good part of its fund raising is amongst corporates in Zimbabwe. Being local, with that local knowledge has big advantages, most especially because they are so practical and genuinely understand our needs. ZEF have some exciting projects that they are working on and we look forward to sharing those with you when the time is right.

9.5 The African Wildlife Foundation

In 2020 The A.W.F has helped with:

- Patrol equipment (specifically boots!).
- The DAPU accommodation in Dande East
- Training course at Mushandike College of Wildlife Management
- Rations and Stipends for DAPU staff (25) for 6 months – June to November 2020.
- 1 x small tractor for Dande East which has been great for general running around for example taking water to Scouts, early burning and carting bricks and building materials for the community.

We are extremely grateful to them for the continued interest that they show in DAPU!

9.6 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.

How to make a Tax-Deductible donation.

Please make a check out to:
Conservation Force

Mail to:
C/O John J. Jackson,III
3240 S. 1-10 SERVICE ROAD W.
SUITE 200, METAIRIE,
LOUISIANA 70001
USA

Check Ref: DAPU

Conservation Force Contact:
JOHN J. JACKSON,III
TEL : (504) 837 - 1233
FAX : (504) 837 – 1145
Email: Jjw-no@att.net
Website: www.conservationforce.org

9.7 School Upgrades

In 2019 The Jack and Marjorie Schillinger Foundation represented Mr. David Katzenstein, donated \$10,000 towards the purchase of 100 new school desks for Gonono Primary School. We just got the incredible news that the same foundation is going to be helping with the re-roofing of the same school. Updates to come first quarter in 2021!



Dave Katzenstein taking pics in 2019 of project to be done.



Time to get these little people under cover.



[9.8 Outfitter of the Year](#)

A highlight for Charlton McCallum Safaris this year was certainly being awarded Outfitter of the Year by Dallas Safari Club. We are very proud and humbled to be awarded this very prestigious prize and are very aware that DAPU's success played a big part in us being chosen!

<https://www.biggame.org/2020/11/24/dsc-names-charlton-mccallum-safaris-2021-outfitter-of-the-year/>

DSC Names Charlton McCallum Safaris 2021 Outfitter of the Year

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(Nov. 24, 2020 – DALLAS) — Please join DSC in *congratulating Charlton McCallum Safaris as the DSC 2021 Outfitter of the Year*. DSC is proud to announce the winner in advance of the DSC Convention, Reflections. The convention will run from Feb. 11-14 at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center and Omni Dallas hotel in Downtown Dallas.

This year, DSC will present the award to Buzz Charlton and Myles McCallum, owners of Charlton McCallum Safaris, at the Thursday night banquet, Feb. 11, at the Omni Dallas Hotel. DSC Executive Director Corey Mason said, “We had a very strong list of nominations, but Charlton McCallum Safaris’ reputation, conservation and anti-poaching work stood out to the selection committee. Specifically, what they have accomplished with their anti-poaching unit has been extraordinary. From removing elephant poachers to snare lines, they have made great strides in protecting the Zambezi Valley.”

Charlton and McCallum formed the company in 2004, have grown it organically over the past 18 years and now operate approximately 500,000 acres in the Zambezi Valley region of Zimbabwe.

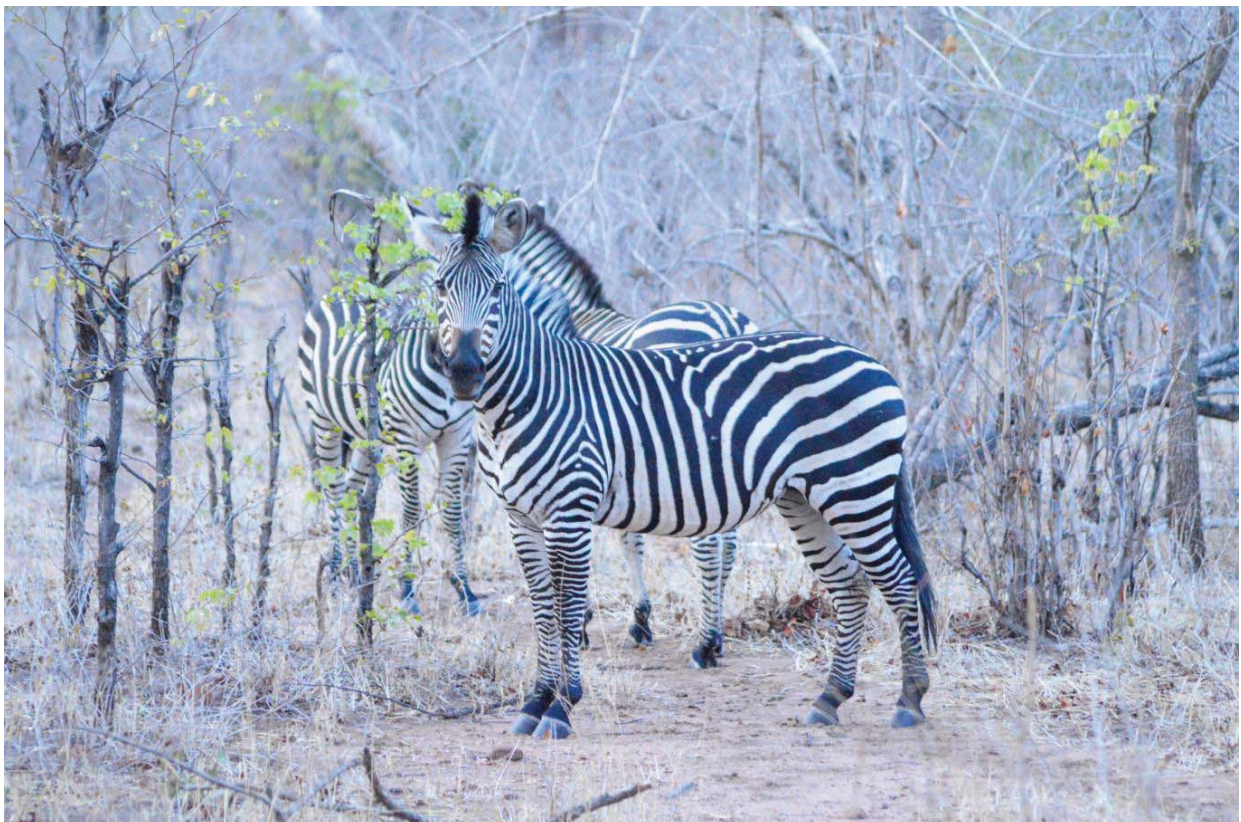
Charlton, McCallum and all the Professional Hunters hunt hard and fair, giving the game, the areas and the hunting heritage the full respect that they deserve.

“Our guiding principle is to conserve Zimbabwe’s wildlife heritage through sensible, effective and sustainable utilization of natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations,” McCallum said.

Charlton has 28 years of experience in the hunting industry. He started his apprenticeship in 1992 under PH Dengesai Makoni of Zambezi Hunters in Dande and received his full Zimbabwe Professional Hunters License in 1995. He has produced four best-selling DVD’s “Hunting the African Elephant,” “Giants in the Jesse,” “The Essence of Elephant hunting” and “Zambezi Extremes.” He has also written and released a book “Tall Tales” relating his personal hunting experiences over a 25-year period.

McCallum has 25 years’ experience in the hunting industry. He started his apprenticeship in 1995 under Magara Dirapenga of Roger Whittall Safaris and received his full Zimbabwean hunters license in 1999. McCallum has also been licensed in the Republics of Tanzania and Mozambique. He has been invited to international events as keynote speaker (guests included US Senators, various government delegations and NGO’s) to talk about the role of hunting in conservation-related issues and has been an executive member of Safari Operators Association of Zimbabwe (SOAZ) for six years.

“One of our proudest achievements is the Dande Anti-Poaching Unit, which has been instrumental in rehabilitating our Concessions,” McCallum said. “Over the last seven years, they have removed 9,000 snares, convicted 140 meat poachers and put 20 elephant poachers behind bars. Probably the most striking number is how DAPU helped reduce poached elephants from 40 in 2010 to 1 in 2020.”



9.9 The annual Charlton McCallum Safaris soccer tournament

Every year, we sponsor a soccer tournament that is wonderful fun and fiercely competitive! The teams in wards 1 & 2 play a knockout tournament in their respective wards, then the winners / top teams from each ward play a final! In 2020 the silverware went to Victory Football Club from Chiramba in Ward 1 (Kanyemba area), and the runners up were Grammar Football Club from Manyemu in Ward 2 (Angwa bridge area). It looks so far like home advantage is everything. Let's see what 2021 brings as it will be played in Angwa Bridge. Our aim, funds allowing is to include Ladies netball in the tournament.









Thirsty work?

One may ask why this is included at all in the DAPU report? Of course, soccer or “Bhora” is by far the most popular sport in rural communities. There is probably no single event that is better for community relations for our company Charlton McCallum Safaris or for DAPU. Sport, Education, and Health are the three vehicles by which we can best help the most folk on the ground. Building relationships and managing them is really key to any success that DAPU may or may not have.



DAPU Income and Expenses 2020 YTD2020 income# I.Donations.

Burton Foundation	US\$4,000
JD Crouch	US\$500
Paul Brewer	US\$500
Dave Adams	US\$5,000
Jytte Mejnertsen	US\$900
Jerry Jurena	US\$500
Martinus van der Reyden	US\$1,200
JD Crouch(National Capital Chapter SCI)	US\$1,000
Tony Statuto	US\$2,000
Mike Tenny	US\$2,000
Buzz Arthur	US\$1,200
Mike Core	US\$1,300
Jeff Butterfield	US\$1,000
Nick Moffat	US\$200
Jerry Meuthing	US\$200
John Bullion	US\$50
Dave Adams	US\$7,500
Marty Vick	US\$500
David Maple	US\$500
Larry Shores	US\$1,000
Henry Morgan	US\$50
Zach Fox	US\$500
Guy Gorney	US\$250
Jeremy Cotton	US\$100
J. Stephen Sheldon	US\$100
Gerald Begnaud	US\$1,000
Megan Durnsford	US\$200
Garry Woodman	US\$500
Keith Shope	US\$500
Walter Terry Patrick	US\$1,000
Jerry Jurena	US\$500
Richard Dein	US\$500
Todd Pavlik	US\$100
JD Crouch	US\$1,000
Paul Zuelke	US\$100
Charles Banks	US\$500
Russell Marshall	US\$250
Mike Core	US\$1,300
Mike Tenny	US\$1,000

Marcus Erling	US\$1,000
Mark Carnegie	US\$10,000
George DeBell	US\$1,000
Richard Negley	US\$3,000
David Kohlhorst	US\$1,000
Mark Harmon	US\$300
Bill Phifer	US\$500
Stefan Zayer	US\$2,000
Moring Charitable Trust	US\$500
Janette Dingee	US\$500
Myron Repka	US\$500
Jared Roberts	US\$500
David Katzenstein	US\$1,000
Keith & Judy Shope	US\$100
Jerry Beardmore	US\$1,000
Bob Schofield	US\$300
DSC Foundation.	US\$25,000
Grant Wilson 500	US\$500
Ox of Okavango award (APHGA)	US\$5,000
Bill Wilson	US\$500
DSC - F /Lubbock	US\$26,000
Karl & Rebecca Evans	US\$2,000
Tibor Dobri.	US\$1,185
Joe Shown	US\$250
Anders Rustrom	US\$1,000
Julian Hingeston.	US\$1,231
Jeff Hicks	US\$500
Steve Crandall	US\$1,000
Zambezi Elephant fund	US\$20,000
Kelly Park	US\$250.00
African Safari Club	US\$1,000.00
James Grage	US\$100.00
C. Parker Hanzel	US\$1,000.00
Frank Cean	US\$1,000.00
Ryan Dennett	US\$5,000.00
Julia Mejnertsen	US\$600.00
Burton Foundation	US\$4,000.00
Keith Wood	US\$100.00
Andrew Watkins Ball	US\$5,000.00
Total	US\$165,916
# 2.Hunting clients	US\$0
# 3.Charlton McCallum Safaris	US\$0
Total Income	US\$165,916

End of year 2020

2020 Expenses

1 Wages, rewards and rations.

Month	Game Scouts	Management	Rations	Rewards	Netting	Total
January	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$875	US\$56	US\$200	US\$3,836
February	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$875	US\$390	US\$200	US\$4,170
March	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$875	US\$80	US\$200	US\$3,860
April	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$875	US\$514	US\$200	US\$4,294
May	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$875	US\$1,345	US\$200	US\$5,125
June	US\$0	US\$1,205	US\$0	US\$1,630	US\$200	US\$3,035
July	US\$0	US\$1,205	US\$0	US\$56	US\$200	US\$1,461
August	US\$0	US\$1,205	US\$0	US\$1,362	US\$200	US\$2,767
September	US\$0	US\$1,205	US\$0	US\$2,166	US\$200	US\$3,571
October	US\$0	US\$1,205	US\$0	US\$698	US\$200	US\$2,103
November	US\$0	US\$1,205	US\$0	US\$481	US\$200	US\$1,886
December	US\$2,200	US\$1,605	US\$875	US\$634	US\$200	US\$5,514
	US\$7,700	US\$16,860	US\$5,250	US\$9,412	US\$2,400	US\$41,622

2 2020 DAPU equipment expenses

Uniforms (Tselentsis)	US\$999
ACX 3232 major service Darryls service centre	US\$5,156
Leighfields (new hand held radios x 6) & repairs of old ones.	US\$2,391
ACX 3232 new tires x 6	US\$960
Ammunition	US\$510
New Landcruiser	US\$34,000
New Landcruiser import taxes and fees	US\$3,836
	US\$47,852.25

3 DSC -F Vehicles x 2 plus 1 (Fuel, Servicing, Insurance, Sat Tracking).

ACX 3232 (\$.5/km)	US\$0.50	20719	US\$10,360
AAX 9832 (\$.5/km)	US\$0.50	13136	US\$6,568
ABM 5149 (\$.5/km)	US\$0.50	20504	US\$10,252
UNDP MECA 1 (\$.5/km)	US\$0.50	9892	US\$4,946
		64,251	US\$27,180

Total expenses			US\$116,654
Total Income			US\$165,916
Credit carried forward to 2021			US\$49,263

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