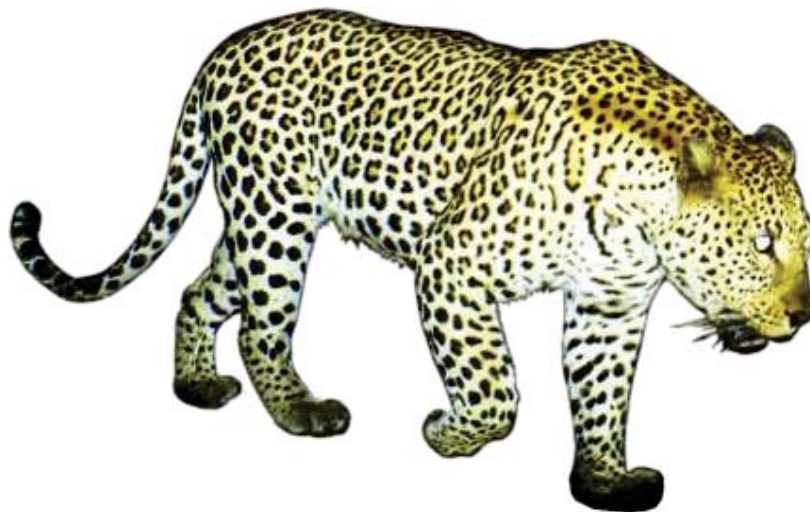


DAPU First Period Newsletter 2018

Charlton McCallum Safaris

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Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your unwavering support. DAPU's "different" year seems to be continuing. The PAC / Human Wildlife reports have only just started to finally tail off after a truly horrible run!

Currently the DAPU scouts are all either monitoring hunts or are on patrol, so basically we are in full swing. This is the period in the year where in reality we have had multiple groups of hunter out all the time, so we get nice unbiased reports from our hunters and clients alike. There have been some snares picked up but basically the number has been negligible. This next September to December period is always the time for snaring.

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
19 September 2018

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1. Changes

Owen Zwiwanza is picking up more and more responsibility for DAPU every month, which is great. We have also had Max Dezelene from France join us for a three month "stint" as part of his apprenticeship to being a PH. Max has been on a patrol and has more lined up. Once again, Buzz and I enjoy getting a fresh perspective from people like Max, so that we can really gauge if DAPU is working.

As previously mentioned 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 were forced to let the process play out. National Parks and Council have since mandated that ALL DAPU scouts must get a basic certificate of training before they can be deployed at all. So a huge thank you to the African Wildlife Foundation who have stepped into the breach and funded a 30 day course to be run by National Parks (1 – 30th October) and have contributed significantly to some seriously smart kit for all of the DAPU staff!!!

So we would like to think that after this course, we will be back up to 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.

2. Peter Stewart fine art

Peter Stewart 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. **SOLD** to Mr. John Gisler.

AND...

Peter also painted "Horn of the Hunter" depicting a magnificent dagga boy in that classic "you owe me money" pose which was **SOLD** to Mr. George Graham. Thank you Peter Stewart, thank you Mr. George Graham and thank you Mr. John Gisler for your extremely kind support!!!



Figure 1 "the Warrior"



Figure 2 "horn of the hunter"

3. The “hunting” season.

We call the May to end of August the “hunting” season. In terms of DAPU it has been a relatively quiet time. Snare yields are at an all time low. Our hunters have also picked up a few snares (which are not all recorded here) but not many really – certainly not many compared with historical data. Ward 1 (Kanyemba) has been definitely been affected by laying off their scouts – the bulk of snaring recorded has mostly been in Ward1.

This period is traditionally the quietest for DAPU for two good reasons:

1. Our hunters are the best game scouts possible. Poachers actively avoid bumping into hunting parties.
2. The villagers in May and June are still harvesting their crops so are “otherwise occupied” as it were. For sure though, activity picks up in August.

4. Snaring & general poaching.

The January to end of August 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. Six enterprising villagers dug a pit trap on a game trail in ward one, caught and killed a buffalo calf. They did not however bargain for a neighbor to send one text message through to DAPU (he valued his reward more than a possible share of the meat!!!!). All six were arrested and lightly sentenced.



Figure 3 “Intrepid buff poachers”.

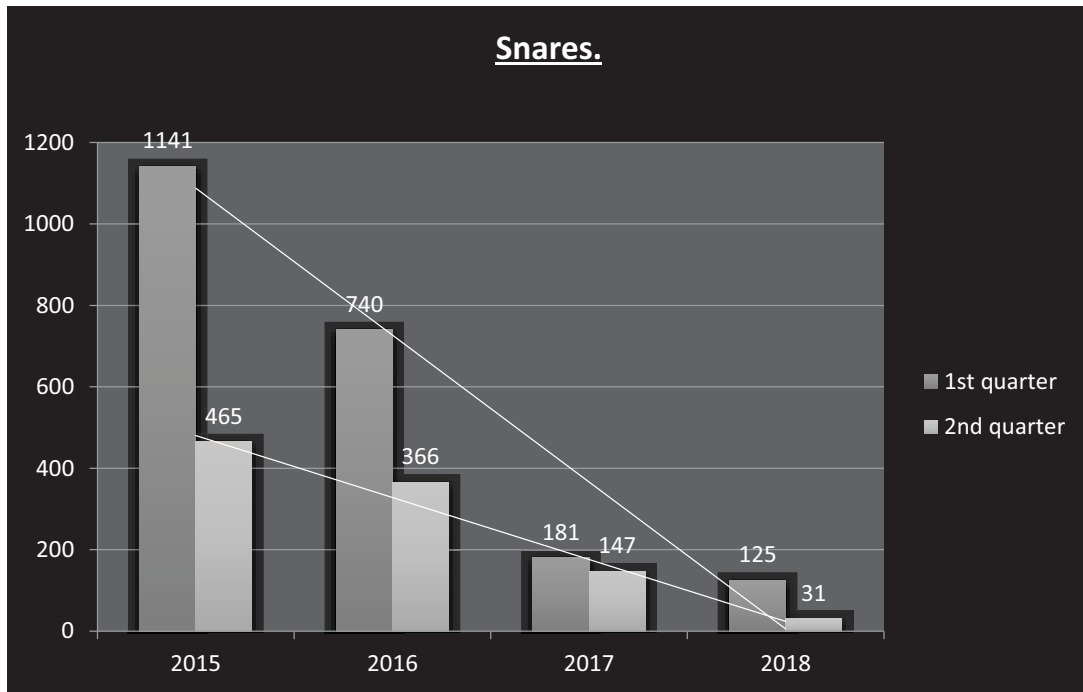


Figure 4 Snares compared 2015 – 2018.

5. Elephant poaching.

There have been two elephant poached in Dande thus far in 2018 – both in Dande East (which are the first in that area for 9 years). The shots heard in the Irira area have not yielded any carcasses.

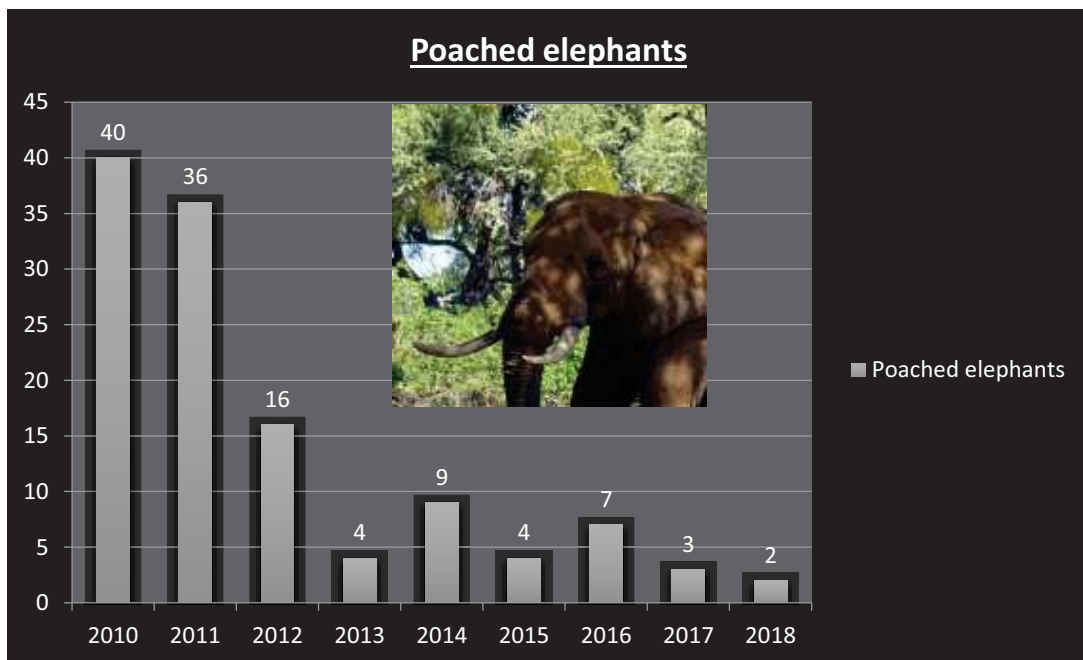


Figure 5 Poached elephants.

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 mostly over for the year.

6.1.1 Elephant.

In addition to the two kids killed, two people hospitalized earlier in the year, 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 6 Wound & musket ball.

6.1.2 Lion

Five lions and one lioness is the total tally for lion shot on PAC so far in 2018. Really a 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. Once they start killing there is

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 reported serious problems to date in 2018.

6.1.4 Crocodile

One kid seriously injured, but no one killed that we know of so far in 2018.

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 1 and in ward 16 along the Manyame River. One cannot really make much of a defense for this fellow below.



Figure 7 hippo bull in maize fields.

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

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.
4.	2018 uniforms and boots – paid for not delivered.	To be handed out on graduation 30 th October.
5.	If possible trade in one of the older DAPU vehicles for a newer one.	Thanks to DSC F – and specifically the Lubbock DSC chapter.... More good news to come soon!
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 (vital for new pipelines, firebreaks amongst other things)	Done.
9.	6 new GPS's required preferably with sat tracking.	

9. Other News – “Hearts and Minds”

This does not appear in the DAPU budget, but obviously the local people in Dande are our partners, and often, unfortunately wildlife does not really fit into their plans. In fact wildlife can be a major nuisance and can be treated as such if one is not careful. People simply need to see value in wildlife. So Buzz and I have done a few bits and pieces for the communities nearest to us.

9.1 Soccer and Netball tournaments.

These are FUN and also touch the youth in the communities. Zimbabwe has close to 90% unemployment and so lots and lots of young folk simply have very limited opportunities and not a great deal to look forward too. We sponsored 14 sets of uniform, soccer balls, prizes and three tournaments. Firstly the ward 1 and 2 teams play each other in separate tournaments – then the winners of ward 1 play the winners of ward 2 – the winning ladies netball and men’s soccer will go through to the district finals.



Figure 8 ward 1 ladies netball champs 2018.



Figure 9 Ward 1 men's soccer champs 2018.

9.2 Schools.

Kay Macdonald, persuaded Buzz and I to donate 30 x desks, a whole bunch of books and asked us to commit to completing a classroom block (\$10,000) at the closest school to our main camp - which we have done!



Figure 10 Desks.

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Figure 11 Books



Figure 12 Kay with the local leadership.



Figure 13 The Barnes family sent over some toys for the kids!

10. Flying for wildlife and others

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 are hoping to 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.

11.0 Dallas Safari Club – Foundation and the DSC Lubbock Chapter.

Richard Cheatham of DSC – F informed us that our grant application for 2018 was successful and that DAPU would be given \$26,500.00!!! The money will be primarily spent on:

11.1 Solar water pumping solution for Usanga Usanga Parks camp in Dande and some renovations (doors, beds, painting).

11.2 a new Toyota Hilux to replace one of the older Landcruisers which we will sell and use the cash to augment the grant.

In our third period newsletter we will update everyone properly on exactly how the money was spent and we will account for the money in our end of year budget.

12.0 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.

12.1 The African Wildlife Foundation.

The AWF has come into Dande and their primary interest seems to be the Zimbabwe/ Mozambique corridors and helping CMS with the formation of conservancies within Dande North. To have AWF help consult and do all the paperwork for us is a HUGE bonus!

12.2 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!

13. 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 14 Garmin In Reach - next on list!

DAPU Income and Expenses 2018 (first and second period)

2018 income

Myron Repka	US\$100	
George Graham	US\$2,000	(Auction painting .Net to DAPU)
David Adams	US\$5,000	
Jared Bachmann	US\$500	
J. Cambuzzi & J. Peters	US\$300	
Jytte Merjnetsen	US\$700	
Jerry Jurena	US\$500	
John Gisler	US\$800	(Auction painting .Net to DAPU)
M. Van der Reyden	US\$250	
Sylvarnus Trust.	US\$6,500	
Total	US\$16,650	
Hunting clients	US\$11,111	
Charlton McCallum Safaris	US\$22,099	
Total Income	US\$49,860	

2018 Expenses

1 Wages, rewards and rations.

	<u>Game</u>	<u>Bongi</u>			
	<u>Scouts</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
May	US\$800	US\$1,605	US\$560	US\$950	US\$3,915
June	US\$800	US\$1,605	US\$560	US\$28	US\$2,993
July	US\$800	US\$1,605	US\$560	US\$23	US\$2,988
August	US\$800	US\$1,605	US\$560	US\$12	US\$2,977
	US\$4,100	US\$6,420	US\$2,870	US\$1,618	US\$27,881

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 = 14,176 km x \$0.5 x km	US\$7,088
ABX 7074 = 9045km x \$0.5 x km	US\$4,523
	US\$11,611

Total expenses				US\$49,860
Total Income			US\$49,860	
Shortfall				US\$0

