



First quarter newsletter 2015

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your support thus far. DAPU has gotten off to a good start in 2015.

Changes

Bongi, who has had so much success in the East, has now been promoted to manage DAPU in the North. Muno has been promoted from Mukanga camp manager to manager of the East (Bongi's old job). These changes have really given all DAPU staff a fresh perspective and even more motivation than ever.

For the 22 scouts after a long negotiation with community leaders, we now deduct the community's share of the wages at source (CMS pays and deducts from hunts owed) so now finally all staff are fully paid up. We also negotiated that we be allowed to move scouts between areas or wards meaning from now on it will be seldom that a DAPU scout will be patrolling his home area. This makes for much more honest policing as he or she are now not required to arrest family members and also it means on their time off they do not get harassed.

Snaring & general poaching.

December, January and February were hectic months for snaring mostly because it is our "off season" along with the fact that locals can only expect to harvest crops in March so are getting hungry. Figures over the last couple years definitely point to the fact that PH's and clients whilst out hunting are still some of the best scouts available i.e. in peak hunting months poaching is way down!!! March and April snare counts have come down to the normal +/-200 per month range.

Very heavy rain in January washed away most riverbank crops so genuine hunger has compounded things.

Three sables were poached in the East – suspects were arrested but released due to lack of evidence.

Elephant poaching.

To date three elephant carcasses have been reported – poached in the “off season”. One young bull was also destroyed – he had been wounded by poachers.

Problem Animal Control.

Duties for DAPU scouts also include attending to Problem animal reports (PAC).

a. Elephant -

As always the wet season is peak time for elephants to raid crops and 2015 has been no exception. Luckily aggressive chasing at night has meant to date that we have not had to shoot any elephants.

b. Lions – the same cattle killing pride of lions has continued in to 2015. National Parks were able to shoot one young male in the East. Two females remain in that pride and are killing on average two cattle per week in the Gonono area.

In Kanyemba a 14-year-old girl was killed and eaten by lions. We expect more problems from them. That same pride has killed 6 people 2010 to date.

c. Buffalo – one dagga boy has been chasing kids en route to school in the Pedza village area.

d. Crocs – one child lost his arm on the Manyame River.

e. Snake bites – two people killed in their fields.

Goals for Second quarter.

- 1. Continue with anti poaching patrols.*
- 2. Replace scouts that are not performing.*
- 3. Early burning will start in June as soon as it is dry enough.*
- 4. Repair firearms where possible or replace*
- 5. Replenish ammunition stocks.*
- 6. New boots.*
- 7. New Uniforms.*
- 8. New (better quality) tents.*
- 9. Three new GPS's (coming with Mike Core).*

All the very best and thank you to all of you whom have helped make DAPU possible!

Buzz and Myles.

Income and Expenses first quarter 2015

Income

Clients & Sylvarnus
trust
CMS

US\$17,167
US\$10,781

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Scouts</u>	<u>Management (Bongi & Muno)</u>	<u>Rations</u>	<u>Rewards</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	US\$1,100	US\$1,400	US\$770	US\$1,518	US\$4,788
February	US\$1,100	US\$1,400	US\$770	US\$908	US\$4,178
March	US\$1,100	US\$1,400	US\$770	US\$336	US\$3,606
April	US\$1,100	US\$1,400	US\$770	US\$756	US\$4,026
Backpacks x 18 \$75 ea.	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$1,350
Mileage x \$.5/km	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$10,000
<u>Totals</u>	<u>US\$3,300</u>	<u>US\$5,600</u>	<u>US\$2,310</u>	<u>US\$2,762</u>	<u>US\$27,948</u>

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*** Notes

1. Two dedicated vehicles at an average of 2500km's ea. /month x \$.5/KM.

Summary of successes first quarter 2015.

	No. Of Snares	Dogs Shot	Meat poachers Convicted	Elephant poachers Convicted	Weapons retrieved	Rewards Paid
January	309	0	5	0	0	US\$1,518
Febraury	454	0	0	0	0	US\$908
March	168	1	1	0	0	US\$336
April	210	1	1	0	0	US\$756
	<u>1141</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>US\$3,518</u>