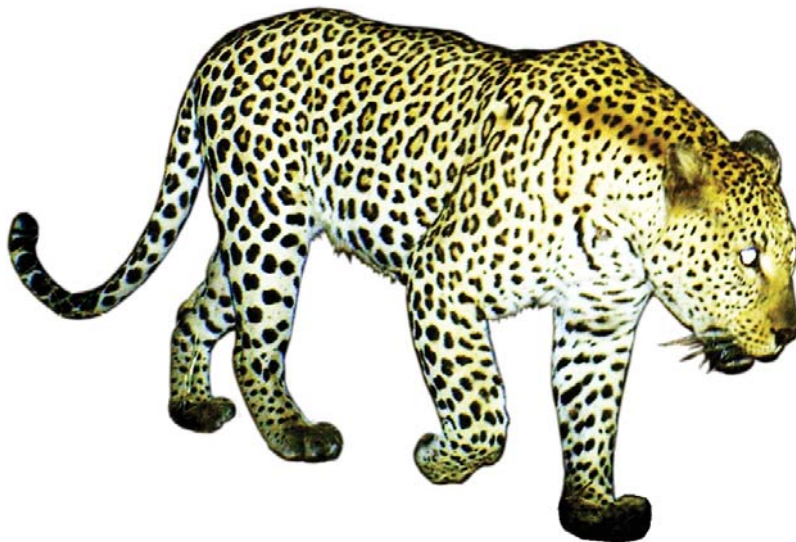


DAPU FIRST QUARTER NEWSLETTER 2017

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WELCOME

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your support thus far. DAPU has gotten off to an excellent and most productive start in 2017! Poaching incidents are at an all-time low and continuing to decrease. Added to that the fantastic rains we've had, and the wildlife, especially the more sensitive species, are set for a fantastic year ahead.

In order to assess current standing, a clear record of successes (and failures) is important for establishing a baseline score. We have meticulously documented all of our support, deployments, wins, and losses – and here we share a summary with everyone who has so graciously and generously supported all of our efforts at protecting wildlife and wild places, both financially and in kind. As we grow from strength to strength, we look forward to your continued support.

With kind regards,

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1. CHANGES

We have further bolstered the troops with the inclusion of Peter Solomon. Peter has just finished high school and is beginning his 4-year apprenticeship to be a professional hunter (or guide). Much of his first year will be spent on patrol and attending to PAC – just like the junior rangers from yesteryear! We are excited to have another dynamic young guy checking up on and helping out the scouts.

2. PETER STEWART FINE ART

Well known artist Peter Stewart has created a “DAPU Collection” and Peter has very graciously undertaken to donate 40% of the proceeds of any of the works in the collection to DAPU: <http://cmsafaris.com/dapu/DAPU-COLLECTION-2017.pdf>

3. THE RAINS

As we're sure most of you are aware, the 2017 rainy season has been incredible! This has brought about some challenges such as mobility and keeping dry, BUT one of the biggest bonuses has been a drastic decline in poaching activity – it seems everyone is hard at work tending their fields.

4. SNARING AND GENERAL POACHING

January, February, March and April of 2017 has been much, much quieter than the same period of 2015 and 2016. In terms of snares picked up and meat poachers arrested the yield is drastically reduced. Whilst we would love to give all the credit to DAPU, the huge rains have made poaching more challenging and there is a bumper harvest to look forward too! Good news all around!

5. ANNUAL FIRST-PERIOD BASELINE COMPARISONS

Table 1: *Summary of anti-poaching successes first-period 2017*

MONTH	NO. OF SNARES	DOGS SHOT	MEAT POACHERS CONVICTED	ELEPHANT POACHERS	WEAPONS RETRIEVED	REWARDS PAID
January	71	0	3	0	2	US\$ 784.00
February	0	0	1	0	0	US\$ 150.00
March	7	0	0	0	0	US\$ 19.00
April	103	0	0	0	0	US\$ 133.00
Total	181	0	4	0	2	US\$ 1,086.00

Table 2: *Summary of anti-poaching successes first-period 2016*

MONTH	NO. OF SNARES	DOGS SHOT	MEAT POACHERS CONVICTED	ELEPHANT POACHERS	WEAPONS RETRIEVED	REWARDS PAID
January	300	0	3	0	0	US\$ 821.00
February	208	0	0	2	0	US\$ 978.00
March	95	0	0	0	0	US\$ 97.00
April	137	0	1	0	2	US\$ 321.00
Total	740	0	4	2	2	US\$ 2,217.00

Table 3: *Summary of anti-poaching successes first-period 2015*

MONTH	NO. OF SNARES	DOGS SHOT	MEAT POACHERS CONVICTED	ELEPHANT POACHERS	WEAPONS RETRIEVED	REWARDS PAID
January	309	0	5	0	0	US\$ 1,518.00
February	454	0	0	0	0	US\$ 908.00
March	168	1	1	0	0	US\$ 336.00
April	210	1	1	0	0	US\$ 420.00
Total	1141	2	7	0	0	US\$ 3,182.00

6. ANNUAL FIRST-PERIOD SNARE REMOVALS

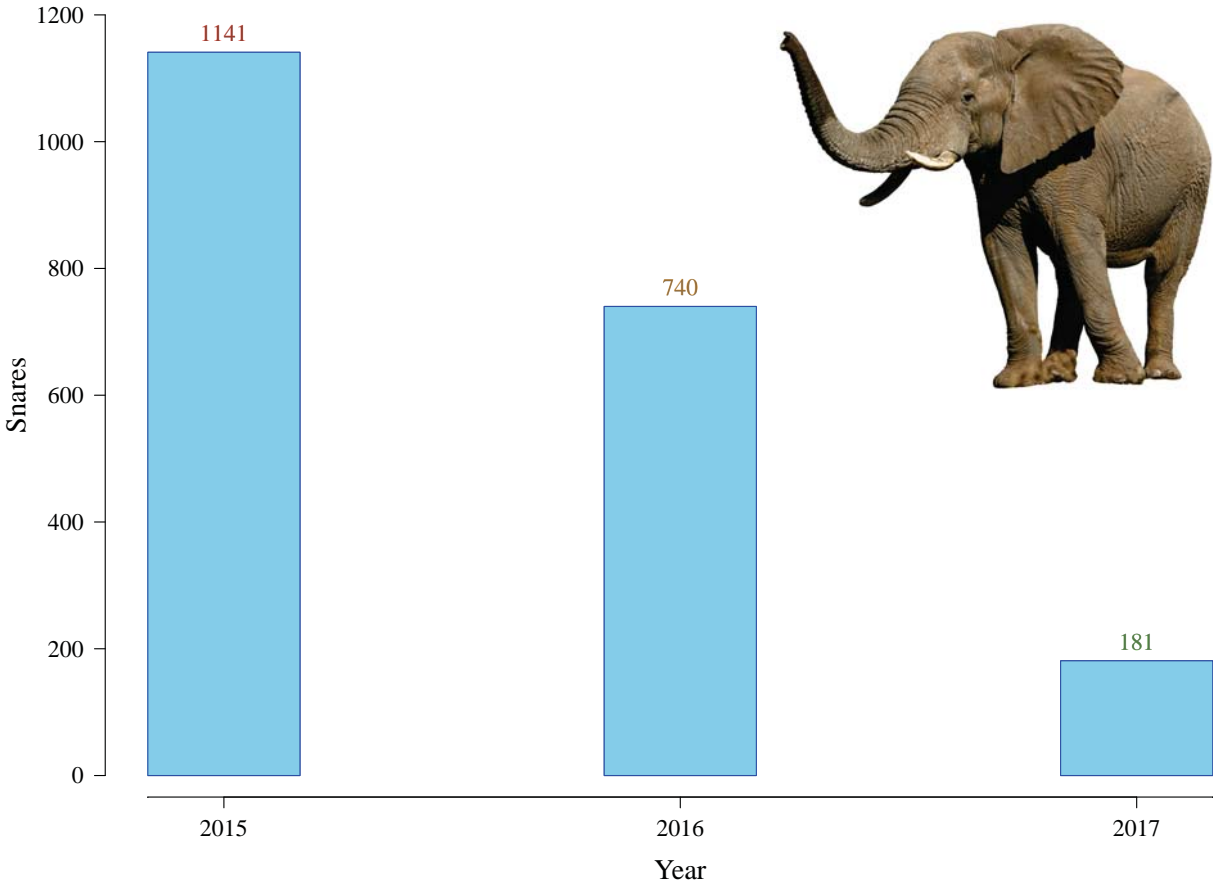


Figure 1: Baseline comparisons of the annual first-period snare removal success

7. ELEPHANT POACHING

To our knowledge there has so far been no elephant poaching in 2017. However, Peter, whilst out on road fixing duties, heard 13 shots in the “Five Ways” area. A combined DAPU and National Parks call sign was deployed there for 7 days and were unable to

locate a carcass – and neither did they hear any more shots. Flying for Wildlife also kindly did 3 hours of flying in the area – and also came home empty handed. Almost certainly we will find a carcass or two when things dry out and visibility improves.

8. PROBLEM ANIMAL CONTROL

Duties for DAPU scouts also include attending to Problem Animal Control (PAC) reports. During the wet season (January to end of April) we base all the scouts in their home wards on full time PAC duties. The logic being that they will work harder minding their own crops that those of other folk.



Figure 2: *Lion-Livestock Conflict: two lionesses and one of 14 cattle killed in 15 days*

Bongi, Muno and Alfa have had almost no sleep now for three months as they spend all night every night alongside their scouts chasing animals out of fields.

Whilst the general poaching level has been low, the PAC tempo has been VERY high indeed. Bumper harvests have meant major human and wildlife conflict. We have not yet devised a way of recording the PAC problems.

8.1 Specific Problem Animal Reports

8.1.1 Elephant

Two young elephant bulls have been shot – one at Pedza villages and the second in Ward 11 (Masoka). Both bulls were undeterred by repeated attempts to convince them to move on and became thoroughly dangerous and addicted to corn and watermelons. Luckily the other culprits in those areas took heed.

8.1.2 Lion

Two lionesses were shot in the east after killing 14 cattle, one pig and two goats in a 15-day time span. There were seven lions in the pride and unfortunately the remaining five are continuing to kill livestock.

8.1.3 Buffalo

Major problems with big herds of buff in ward 1 and Pedza villages, and Ward 11 helping with the harvest. None have been shot.

8.1.4 Crocodile

One young girl was killed and eaten at Mushumbi Pools – one big croc was shot.

8.1.5 Hippopotamus

One hippo was shot in the east – he totally destroyed a corn field and then the house of the owner – with the owner in it. One lady and one child were hospitalized after his rampage. A second hippo was shot in the fields in Kanyemba.

8.1.6 Snakebite

Nothing to report yet. A vital component of functional ecosystems, snakes are cogs in the ecological machine. Anthropogenic ignorance and fear is their greatest threat, and in fact neither do anything to prevent accidents. Maybe paradoxically, persecuting snakes actually leads to increased incidents of snakebite. CMS and DAPU are therefore committed to the safe removal and release of these incredible animals, far away from human activity – all that is required is a hook-stick, a bucket, and some understanding and appreciation.

8.2 Thanks

Thanks to SCI and our valued clients, the scouts all have good quality waterproof tents, new uniforms and almost all the kit that they need to do their jobs safely and comfortably. The only urgent outstanding piece of “kit” is boots – and those we are hopeful will be coming from the USA soon.

9. NETTING ON THE ZAMBEZI

DAPU will continue to contribute to efforts to eliminate all illegal fishing in a 50 km stretch of the Zambezi River. To date in 2017 Parks have impounded 5 banana boats, 4 makoros, and burnt 3.8 km of netting. We estimate that 85% of all illegal netting has been stopped.



Figure 3: *Fish-Poacher Makoros and Banana Boats*



Figure 4: *Confiscated nets*



Figure 5: *Burning*

10. GOALS FOR SECOND PERIOD OF 2017

1. *Continue with anti-poaching patrols*
2. *Early burning will start in May as soon as it is dry enough*
3. *Repair firearms where possible or replace*
4. *New boots (on the way)*
5. *New uniforms – paid for not delivered*
6. *If possible trade in one of the older DAPU vehicles for a newer one*

11. DAPU INCOME AND EXPENSES 2017 (TD)

Table 4: *DAPU Income and Expenses 2017 First Period*

INCOME					
Burton Foundation					2,000.00
Community Foundation (OK)					2,000.00
Morning Charitable Trust					500.00
Clients and Individual donations					8,600.00
Subtotal (US\$)					13,100.00
Charlton McCallum Safaris					8,498.00
TOTAL INCOME (US\$)					21,598.00
EXPENSES					
1. Wages, Rewards, Rations					
	Scouts	Mngmt	Rations	Rewards	TOTAL
January	1,100	1,605	770	784	4,259
February	1,100	1,605	770	150	3,625
March	1,100	1,605	770	19	3,494
April	1,100	1,605	770	133	3,608
TOTAL (US\$)	4,400	6,420	3,080	1,086	14,986
2. Equipment Expenses 2016					
					TOTAL
TOTAL (US\$)					0.00
3. Vehicles (2)					
					TOTAL
AAX 9832 [6118km x \$0.5 x km]					3,059
ABX 7074 [7106km x \$0.5 x km]					3,553
TOTAL (US\$)					6,612
TOTAL EXPENSES (US\$)					21,598.00
TOTAL INCOME (US\$)				21,598.00	
SHORTFALL (US\$)					0.00



With thanks, the wildlife and the Dande Anti-Poaching Unit

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