



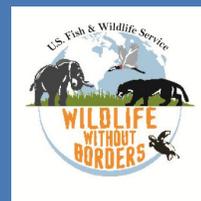
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2011 expenditure

Note from Rachel McRobb

CEO SLCS



As we head towards the end of the wet season plans are being put in place for the start of all the dry season activities, including expanding our support to village scouts in the southern section of the Luangwa while at the same time continuing our support to Kakumbi village scouts, the Chiefdom in which we are based. With elephant poaching on the increase continent wide, the demand for ivory and the number of international ivory seizures also increasing coupled with the demand for bush meat, our anti-poaching programs remain a crucial component of our ongoing support to the Zambia Wildlife Authority. SLCS is now fully supporting 43 village scouts under Kakumbi CRB and this will increase later in the year. This support includes salaries, equipment, uniforms, rations, deployments, training, incentives and management.

I'm thrilled to announce that in 2011, the Luangwa Conservation Community Fund raised a staggering \$90,000 for our operations. In 2012 we are aiming to reach the \$100,000 mark. This covers almost one third of our budget and we are extremely grateful to all the lodges that are part of this scheme. In addition to supporting our activities, the LCCF funding is important in securing matching funds from international donors and at the same time highlights internal support from the tourism industry here.

2011 was a productive year for SLCS and our three key programs accomplished the following:

SLCS supported village scouts

- conducted 66 long patrols, 19 short patrols, 151 day patrols, achieved 5612 effective man days, removed 553 snares from the bush, apprehended 77 suspects, confiscated 41 guns, 385 pellets, destroyed 24 drying racks and recovered 24 pieces of ivory, supported and coordinated 3 wet season fly camps offering protection to sensitive key areas in South Luangwa. Equipped 43 village scouts with full patrol kit. Supported seven intelligence led undercover operations in the region with ZAWA personnel.

Our human animal conflict mitigation team

- conducted 4 chilli fence workshops, 1 x 2 day chilli blasting workshop for 35 local based hunters, 10 human wildlife injuries were assessed, 75 property damages assessed, 294 crop raiding assessed, coordinated and sponsored 12 chilli blasters in the field for 5 months to reduce conflicts in the area, worked with 120 farmers who have signed contracts for 2012 chilli farming season and constructed and funded 58 elephant safe grain stores in different villages.

SLCS wildlife rescue team

- Immobilized 25 elephants to treat 12 snared elephants, immobilized 2 snared giraffe, 2 snared puku and 4 snared lions. In addition two elephants were euthanized for humane reasons and seven rescued from the mud. Conducted wildlife rehabilitation training for ZAWA and SLCS staff. SLCS supported scouts, in collaboration with the Zambian Carnivore Program are conducting an ongoing large scale snaring study to evaluate the success of anti-poaching efforts as well as trends and characteristics of snaring. Findings from this study will feed directly into the implementation of a long-term snaring monitoring program.

Thank you for all your support in 2011 and we hope for more results and progress this year.



STAFF TRAINING PROGRAMS

with support from USFWS



Wildlife Crime – Intelligence led investigations training

2012 got off to a busy start with a number of training and refresher courses for our staff including intelligence led investigations training by Interpol.

INTERPOL's Environmental Crime Programme exists to support law enforcement agencies to

enforce national laws and treaties. The focus of the week long course was to develop intelligence-led investigations and enforcement; gathering and using intelligence to execute operations that target more significant offenders committing wildlife crimes in, and affecting Zambia's national parks. The intended output was to build a sustainable team of skilled officers who could take a key role in developing intelligence-led enforcement operations. In addition, the training was followed immediately by a period of pre-planned operational activity, utilizing the skills learned. Sixteen investigations personnel attended the training course from various regions including the Head of Intelligence ZAWA, Senior investigators and SLCS staff.

Refresher training for wildlife immobilization, Zimbabwe



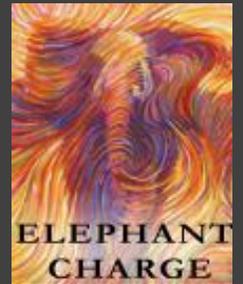
The CEO attended a week refresher training course in wildlife chemical immobilization in order to keep registered in Zambia and up to date with all the latest drug combinations and new techniques. We also practiced our skills at catching and walking giraffe.



GIS Training, Southern African Wildlife College, South Africa. The Operations Manager attended an introductory course to GIS where he learnt the basics skills GIS in order to help us map and analyze our data.



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How fit are you?? **DON'T MISS THE SLCS FUN RUN / SPORTS DAY Sat 30th June 2012 starting at Mfuwe Airport.**

We're doing it again. For the fourth year now we will hold the Mini Marathon/sports day on Saturday June 30th, over a long weekend in Zambia. The run starts at 7.30am and should be over within two hours. The rest of the day will continue with athletics events, volley ball, football, netball and entertainment. Last years' fun run attracted nearly 1000 people. This year the Eastern Province Amateur Athletics group will also be joining us. We hope to see you there, please contact Rachel McRobb for any further information.



The SLCS lion anti-snaring team snaring study is ongoing in collaboration with the Zambia Carnivore Program, and with funding from National Geographic Big Cat Initiative. Findings from this study will feed directly into the implementation of a long-term snaring monitoring program. It will also evaluate the success of current anti-poaching efforts as well as trends and characteristics of snaring and help us determine more effective measures.



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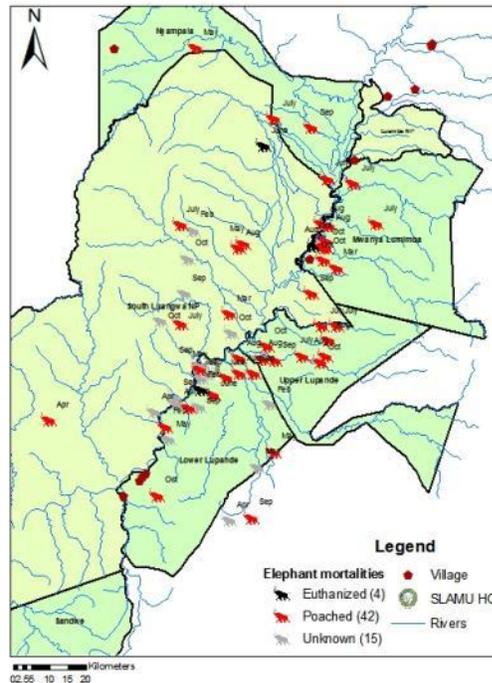
Update on Law Enforcement support - Benson Kanyembo, SLCS Operations Manager

Our annual wet season fly camps have continued throughout the rains in order offer protection to Kapamba, Mwamba and Luamfwa areas. In addition we have offered law enforcement support in Mwanya and have continued with standard patrols and investigations.

A recent wildlife crime investigations training course at SLCS with ZAWA and Interpol has led to a number improvements amongst our staff and more apprehensions of wanted persons.

SLCS supported scouts continue to work well with ZAWA and the CRB's and we look forward to our continued collaboration in 2012.

Elephant mortalities January - November 2011
South Luangwa and surroundings



LION CAMP



Table 1: SLCS supported village scout patrol results Dec 2011, Jan & Feb 2012.

(LP-Long patrol, SP-Short patrol, DP-Day patrol, DR- Drying rack)

Month	LP	SP	DP	Snares	Suspects	Firearms	Ammunition	DR	Elephant mortalities	Ivory
Dec	7	1	11	27	8	3	0	1	5	3
Jan	5	1	7	296	4	1	56	5	2	3
Feb	7	0	9	28	2	4	72	1	1	0
Total	19	2	27	351	14	8	128	7	8	6



Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation Team 2012

Meet our dedicated Red Caps team supported by Awely

Juliet Zulu is office based and enters all of our hundreds of conflict data reports, produces monthly reports and maintains the database ensuring all the information gets to the right people .



From left to right; Billy Banda, Jebson Tembo, Kenneth Mwale and Elias Zulu are all field based. Billy is head of the conflict mitigation team and coordinates daily activities for the group. The team covers three Chiefdoms and their work involves assessing, recording and monitoring conflicts, coordinating our conflict mitigation program which includes the supervision of 18 chilli blasters and the construction of chilli fences and holding workshops and training programs. These programs work hand in hand with a large scale chilli farming program of which we have 120 farmers signed up for this year.

Lastly the team also identifies key conflict areas, and organizes construction of elephant safe grain stores in collaboration with communities to protect crops from damage once harvested.



We look forward to bringing you more news again soon. Stay in touch with us on Facebook in the meantime.

Rachel and Benson

