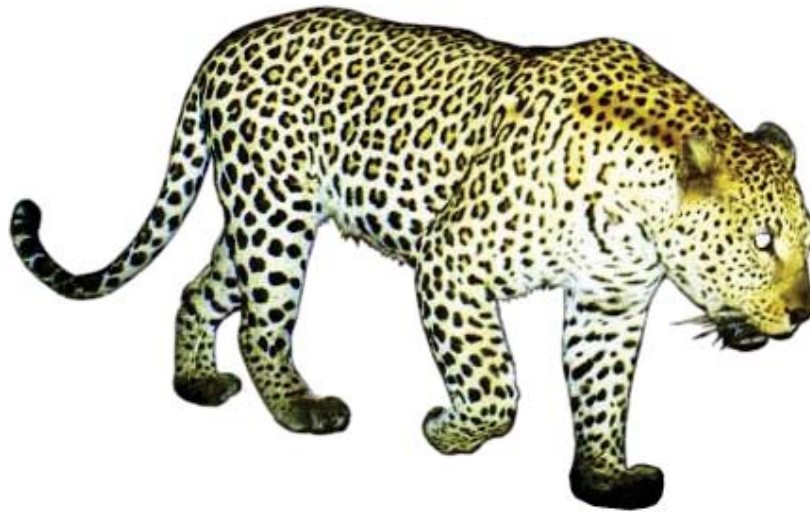


DAPU End of year Newsletter 2017

Charlton McCallum Safaris

10 January 2018



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Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your unwavering support. DAPU has continued to build and evolve consistently throughout 2017. Total recorded snare yields, elephant poaching and illegal netting for the year 2017 are the lowest since the inception of DAPU. To be precise, since 2014 snaring has been reduced by 70% and poached elephants by 66%. We have recorded poached elephants since 2010, and whilst our 2010 and 2011 numbers are not perfectly accurate Elephant poaching has been reduced by 92% or from a high of 40 lost in 2010 and a low of 3 lost in 2017.

We are now in the wet season, and rainfall has been scarce and late. Unfortunately that means unless we get good late rains, then 2018 could be a busy year for DAPU simply because local villagers could be very hungry indeed.

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
10th January 2018

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1. Changes

As mentioned in previous reports, we have added Peter Solomon and Owen Zwiwanza to the management side of DAPU. Both go on patrols regularly in order to keep everyone honest.

CMS did a fair number of hunts in the Charara Safari Area in 2017 and we hope that we will continue with this into the future. Charara is a truly beautiful area with great promise and we have committed to a long-term plan for the area.

We had the one disciplinary issue in second period, and none other of any significance. Buzz and I feel that it is overdue for a one week re-training exercise for all DAPU scouts and supervisors and we hope to have this done by April 2018.

3. Peter Stewart fine art

We know artist Peter Stewart has created the “DAPU collection”

<http://www.cmsafaris.com/dapu/DAPU-COLLECTION-2017.pdf>.

Peter has undertaken (very graciously) to donate 40% of the proceeds of any of the works in the collection to DAPU. In addition to that, two outstanding oils of Peters were auctioned in 2017 generating over \$4,000 for DAPU. So a HUGE thank you to Peter and our two highest bidders!



*** Auction # 1 ***



*** Auction # 2 ***

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4. The dry season. Fires, Water, and Poaching

As I am sure most of you are aware, the 2017 rainy season was very kind indeed – in fact one of the best on record. So much so, that we had to get an extension to allow early burning a month late than normal. So luckily we had lots of water all year in Dande North. The East almost made it all year but not quite. DAPU patrols successfully patrolled the big water sources as often as possible to keep on top of the snaring.

One of our goals in 2017 was to improve on fire management as a whole. Starting a bushfire in Zimbabwe is an offence and in 2017 we began treating it as such. Several arrests were made and lots of fines and warnings issued.

Whilst official government figures are yet to be released, we have no doubt what so ever that in Dande, hectares lost to fires in 2017 is the lowest in more than 10 years – in fact probably 20 years.

5. Snaring & general poaching

September to end of December of 2017 was 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.

This is beginning to prove to be a motivational challenge for DAPU scouts – simply put - we have paid out less \$ in rewards. Buzz and I are now exploring ways to index work done to a reward or bonus system.

2017 first second, and third period baseline comparisons.

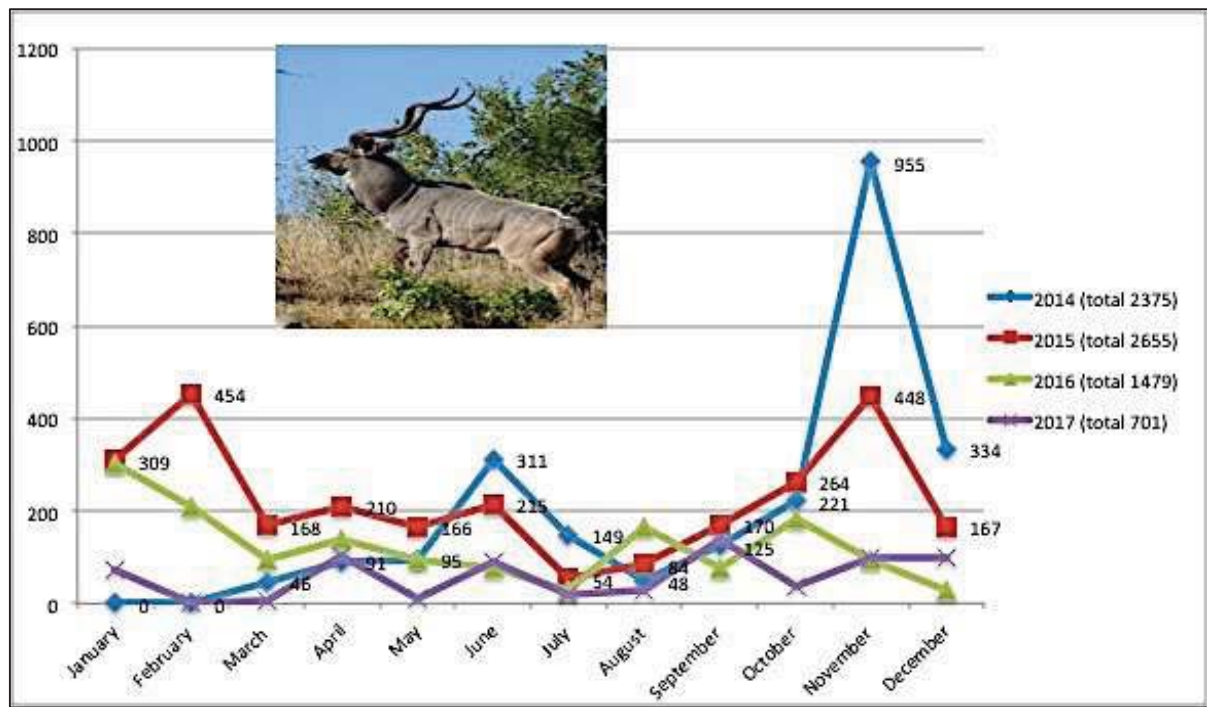
<u>Month.</u>	<u>No. of snares</u>	<u>Dogs shot</u>	<u>Meat Poachers convicted</u>	<u>Elephant poachers</u>	<u>Weapons retrieved</u>	<u>Rewards paid</u>
January	71	0	3	0	2	US\$784
February	0	0	1	0	0	US\$150
March	7	0	0	0	0	US\$19
April	103	0	0	0	0	US\$133
	<u>181</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>US\$1,086.00</u>
May	9	0	0	0	0	US\$9
June	89	0	2	0	0	US\$118
July	19	1	2	0	0	US\$439
August	30	0	0	0	1	US\$48
	<u>147</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>US\$614</u>
September	139	0	0	2	1	US\$1,327
October	36	0	0	0	2	US\$68
November	99	0	0	0	1	US\$1,574
December	99	0	0	3	0	US\$0
	<u>373</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>US\$2,969</u>
Total YTD	<u>701</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>US\$4,669</u>

2016 first, second and third period baseline comparisons

<u>Month</u>	<u>No. of snares</u>	<u>Dogs shot</u>	<u>Meat Poachers convicted</u>	<u>Elephant poachers</u>	<u>Weapons retrieved</u>	<u>Rewards paid</u>
January	300	0	3	0	0	US\$821
February	208	0	0	2	0	US\$978
March	95	0	0		0	US\$97
April	137	0	1	0	2	US\$321
	<u>740</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>US\$2,217</u>
May	94	0	5	0	4	US\$1,310
June	75	0	0	0	0	US\$83
July	27	0	0	0	2	US\$67
August	164	1	0	0	0	US\$254
	<u>360</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>US\$1,714</u>
September	78	0	0	0	1	US\$97
October	181	0	1	0	1	US\$447
November	92	0	2	0	0	US\$442
December	28	0	0	0	0	US\$532
	<u>379</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>US\$1,518</u>
Total YTD	<u>1479</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>US\$5,449</u>

One of the most pleasing things about these trends is that we are getting on top of the “spikes” in poaching. DAPU has worked smarter and harder at the right time, in the danger areas, to counter increased poaching.

2015, 2016 and 2017 Full year snare yields compared

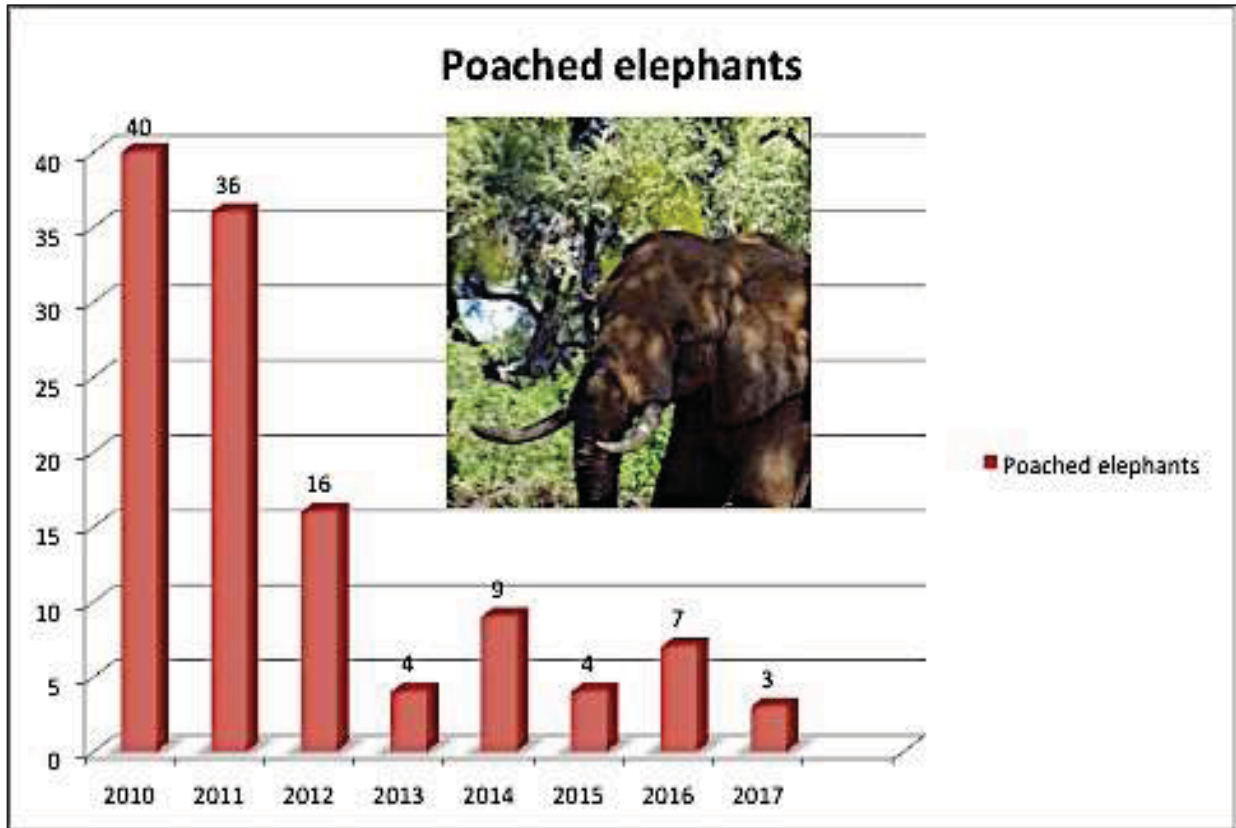


5. Elephant poaching

There were NO elephants poached in the third period of 2017 in the whole of Dande North and East. Therefore with the two lost in the Irira area (ward 2) and one in Chapoto (ward 1) we lost a total of three elephants in 2017. This is a figure that we can be extremely proud of. Obviously zero losses would be even better, but, considering Dande has + 100km’s of border with Mozambique and a further 12km’s with Zambia... probably we should be very happy indeed.

It must be mentioned that two elephant poachers were arrested and convicted in September and a further three in December 2017. One x AK47 taken out of circulation. We had heard about this AK47 for years and it was especially good news to get this weapon out of the system.

Traditionally as the hunting season slows down, and the presence of hunters also decreases – elephant poaching increases. The most dangerous months for our elephants are January – April, so we will need to be extra vigilant over the next few months until our hunters come back and help us out!



*** Graph showing 8 year elephant carcass count***



**** Parks, DAPU and the Accused (later “the guilty”)***



****Bongi with seized ivory N.B. it all looks old ie they were “picked up” – not freshly poached.****

7. 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. That said there are cases all year long.

7.1.1 Elephant

None shot in 2017 BUT there have been and will always be sporadic raids by (mostly) young bulls into riverside vegetable gardens and fields. We treat every report as serious and the DAPU teams really react as strongly as they can early on. This normally saves us shooting. Our DAPU crews go onto full time elephant PAC rosters from February through to the end of April.

7.1.2 Lion

One old lioness killed and ate an old man from Kanyemba. He was on his way to the Zambezi to go fishing for his family. The very unfortunate scene was attended to by DAPU and she was shot, close to where she killed. Sporadic killing of livestock persists especially in ward 4 (8 cattle killed in November / December - but no lions shot in that area.



*** Skin and bones***



*** This picture clearly shows the tooth wear –she is an old cat***

7.1.3 Buffalo

Only the one blind old buffalo cow in Pedza villages was destroyed. Buffalo spend allot of time in the villagers gardens at night – normally the villagers chase them or fence of gardens as required. In the rainy season they love to eat corn and cotton, which is grown in bigger fields, so that is more problematic as they cannot be fenced.

7.1.4 Crocodile

No one killed or injured that we know of.

7.1.5 Hippo

Hippos continue to generally make a nuisance of themselves along the Mwantanda River in ward 1 and in ward 16 (where the Manyame comes into the Zambezi Valley). Two badly behaved hippo were shot in March by Council but that was all.

7.1.6 Snake bites

Nothing to report.

8. 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. In 2017 National Parks achieved the following:

8	Banana boats.
10	Makoros.
14,340m	Nets burnt.
6	Basket traps.
33	Arrests.
19	Escaped.

Only when we added up the season's haul of nets, boats and poachers did we realize:

1. The scale of the problem.
2. How much work the National Parks crews have done.

We estimate that 85% of all illegal Netting has been stopped. Fisherman reported much improved catches as a whole, with lots of small tiger and bream caught – this can only bode well for all parties in the future.

Obviously lots of illegal fisherman also lay snares and much worse, so this effort is well worth supporting. Please see attached a separate report from National Parks.





***Measuring nets – note the fine gauge ***



Fish traps – Zambezi River 2017

(Funnily enough large gauge holes & eco friendly - just placed in wrong country!

9. Goals for 2017

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 as soon as it is dry enough.	Complete – our most intensive effort in 8 years and surely best in 20 years.
3	Repair firearms where possible or replace	Delivered!!!
4	New boots (on the way).	Stuck in Durban.
5	New uniforms – paid for not delivered.	Delivered.
6	If possible trade in one of the older DAPU vehicles for a newer one.	DSC-F has funded DAPU to the tune of 24,000 dollars towards a new pick up. Delivery expected end of January 2018.
7.	Install New solar pump in East by end of September	Done and pumping!



Aimguard shotguns x 6 per kind favor of a young Harare based hunter



*** 3200m of piping and solar pump installation Dande East, October 2018***

10. 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
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SUITE 200, METAIRIE,
LOUISIANA 70001
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Check Ref: DAPU

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Website: www.conservationforce.org

11. Flying for wildlife and others.

We must extend our thanks to:

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.
3. Pieter Gertenbach and Charl Grobelaar – farmers in the Harare area that are always helping out with mealie meal, fertilizers, soap and other ration items. We use this to supplement the DAPU rations and it is always very well received by the DAPU teams!
4. Trackit (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.

12. DAPU Income and Expenses 2017

Income

Bob Schofield	US\$100
Burton Foundation	US\$2,000
Communitas Foundation of Oklahoma	US\$2,000
David Adams	US\$5,000
David Maple	US\$500
DSCF.	US\$24,000
Jeff Butterfield	US\$250
Jeff Haulbrook	US\$2,680
Jerry Beardmore	US\$500
Jerry Jurena	US\$600
Johnathan Frist	US\$4,000
Jytte Merjtsensen	US\$2,750
Martinus van der Linden	US\$200
Mike Core	US\$1,000
Morning Charitable Trust	US\$500
Myron Repka	US\$2,880
Sylvarnus Charitable Trust	US\$6,000
	<i>US\$54,960</i>
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<i>2017 Hunting clients levies and contributions.</i>	<i>US\$13,116</i>
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<i>Charlton McCallum Safaris</i>	<i>US\$45,540</i>
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<i>Total Income</i>	<i>US\$113,616</i>
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Expenses

1 Wages, rewards and rations.

	<u>Game</u>	<u>Management</u>			<u>Fish poaching</u>	
	<u>Scouts</u>	<u>Bongi, Muno</u>	<u>Rations</u>	<u>Rewards</u>	<u>(ZAPP)</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Alfa & Owen.</u>				
January	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$784	US\$250	US\$4,509
February	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$150	US\$250	US\$3,875
March	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$19	US\$250	US\$3,744
April	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$133	US\$250	US\$3,858
May	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$910	US\$9	US\$250	US\$3,874
June	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$910	US\$118	US\$250	US\$3,983
July	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$910	US\$439	US\$250	US\$4,304
August	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$910	US\$48	US\$250	US\$3,913
September	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$910	US\$1,327	US\$250	US\$5,192
October	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$910	US\$68	US\$250	US\$3,933
November	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$910	US\$1,574	US\$250	US\$5,439
December	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$910	US\$34	US\$250	US\$3,899
Christmas	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$2,705
	US\$14,300	US\$20,865	US\$10,360	US\$4,703	US\$3,000	US\$53,228

2 2017 DAPU equipment expenses

Grease Junkey repairs to AAX9832	US\$5,000
Burj Auto spares for ABX 7074	US\$1,267
MM Auto supplies spares and labour for ABX 7074	US\$2,574
LG Harrison's Aimguard shotguns x 6	US\$3,450
Uniforms	US\$2,684.00
Toyota Hilux	US\$27,150.00
	US\$42,125.00

3 Vehicles (2).

AAX 9832 = 17050 km x \$0.5 x km	US\$8,525
ABX 7074 = 19476 km x \$0.5 x km	US\$9,738
Total	US\$18,263

Total expenses		US\$113,616
Total Income	US\$113,616	
Shortfall / Credit		US\$0