



### **Second quarter newsletter 2016**

*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you all so much for your continued support! The second quarter has been very promising in terms of snares recovered (less than 2014 and 2015 over the same period) BUT... unfortunately we lost three elephants to poachers in June. Clearly a new "gang" has moved in. National Parks in Chewore had a contact with armed poachers, soon after the discovery of the Dande carcasses and one poacher was killed. Things have been quiet since so we are really hoping that the gang that was taken out, was the one responsible for the Dande poaching. Informants say that they are different gangs – time will tell.*

#### **Snaring & general poaching.**

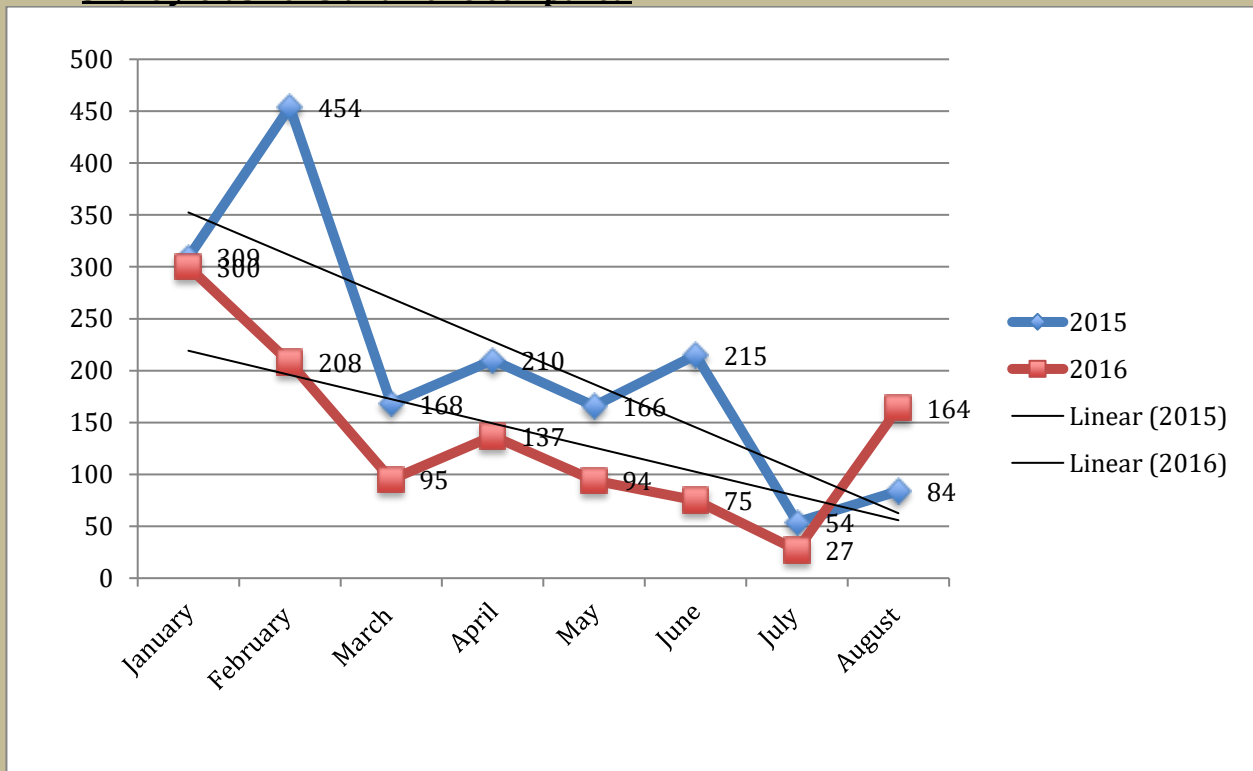
*May, June, July and August of 2016 has been a fair bit quieter than the same period of 2015 in terms of snares picked up (22% quieter in fact). In May, DAPU accounted for 5 well-known, different meat poachers - all convicted. At the same time we were able to take 1 x shotgun and 1 x .303 rifle out of circulation.*

*May to August is always the quietest time of the year in terms of poaching simply because our hunters are out and about, providing excellent coverage of the area. Each hunting party moves with two game scouts/ rangers so those along with trackers, PH's and clients make for a formidable force. DAPU continues to build a more and more of a structured presence every month and has a much wider informer network.*

**Summary of successes January to August 2016**

	No. of snares	Dogs shot	Meat Poachers convicted	Elephant poachers	Traditional Weapons & guns retrieved	Reward s paid	Jail time months
Jan	300	0	3	0	0	US\$821	
Feb	208	0	0	2	0	US\$978	216
March	95	0	0		0	US\$97	
April	137	0	1	0	2	US\$321	6
<u>Total</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>US\$2,217</u>	<u>222</u>
May	94	0	5	0	4	US\$1,310	40
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>Total</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>US\$1,714</u>	<u>40</u>
<b>Total Y.T.D.</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>US\$3,931</b>	<b>262</b>

**Snare yields 2015 and 2016 compared.**



*\*\*\* It is clear to see the decline during the hunting season and also ... the impending increase as hunting slows down and we head towards Christmas. \*\*\**



*\*\*\* The worst kind – cable snares for buffalo and elephant calves  
- Cable taken from a vandalized foreign Aid project\*\*\*.*



*\*\*\* A poacher with his duiker\*\*\**

### **Elephant poaching.**

*Between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016, one hunting party found two fresh elephant carcasses in Ward 2 and another hunting party found another carcass in the Chico area of the Dande Safari Area. As already mentioned, shortly after that, National Parks in Chewore North had a “contact” with a gang where they accounted for one poacher (dead). Things have been very quiet since that BUT our informers tell us that they were two separate gangs so time will tell!*

*Kanyemba remains a transit point for ivory out of Mozambique and Zimbabwe into Zambia and onwards to destinations unknown, so from time to time we get information of ivory moving through – normally that ivory originated in Mozambique or other parts of the Zambezi valley.*



*\*\*\* Muno with one of the poached ele's\*\*\**

**Problem Animal Control.**

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

*a. Elephant – There are not many reports – only really along the Kadzi River in the East where elephant bulls tend to enjoy the vegetable gardens along the riverbanks!*

*b. Lions – Nothing much to report to date. Lots of lions around, and some cattle have been lost BUT no PAC.*

*c. Buffalo – One man was killed in Kanyemba on the 14<sup>th</sup> August by a dagga boy and a second person injured by the same bull two weeks prior. The buffalo is still at large.*

*d. Crocodiles – Nothing to report yet.*

*e. Snake bites – Nothing to report yet.*

*f. Hyenas – there are consistent and accurate reports of hyenas killing livestock especially in the East.*

**“Patrol Kit”**

*In the previous newsletter we mentioned that we were expecting some boots from the USA. Well they are being shipped in the next week so we will be having some VERY happy scouts by month end!!! Anyone who has done a long walk in inappropriate footwear will know just how vital boots are! In the same shipment we are also receiving handcuffs and water bottles. A huge thank you to Duke McCaa who single handedly organized this!!!*

<b><u>Goals for Second quarter 2016.</u></b>	<b><u>Completed?</u></b>	<b><u>Goals for third quarter 2016</u></b>
<i>1. Continue with anti-poaching patrols.</i>	Yes	<i>1. Continue with anti-poaching patrols.</i>
<i>2. Replace scouts that are not performing.</i>	Yes	<i>2. Repair and replace firearms.</i>
<i>3. Early burning will start in May as soon as it is dry enough.</i>	Yes	<i>3. Ramp up patrol effort especially at water.</i>
<i>4. Repair firearms where possible or replace</i>	No	<i>4. Arial surveillance - Flying for Wildlife.</i>
<i>5. New boots.</i>	Yes	

**Land cruiser (ABK 7074) re- build.**

*This has been a big success and has really helped with deployments and rotation of call signs.*

**Cost savings.**

*One of our biggest costs is obviously vehicles, which are pretty much irreplaceable. In order to optimize our DAPU vehicle mileage we have had a satellite-tracking unit fitted to AAX 9832, which does the bulk of the Dande North deployments. We plan to have a unit installed on ABK 7074 when that vehicle next comes to Harare. Obviously these vehicles are used from time to time to deliver groceries or whatever en-route to a deployment! If any of you are interested in specifically sponsoring one of these vehicles we will supply you with the login details and you can track the vehicle live!*

Buzz and Myles

**DAPU Income and Expenses 2016**

**First and second quarters.**

**Income**

Safari Club International	US\$8,900.00
National Capital Safari Club	US\$1,500.00
Sylvarnus Trust	US\$6,000.00
Clients	US\$28,388.90
CMS	US\$16,119.35
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b><u>US\$60,908.25</u></b>

**Expenses**

**US\$60,908.25**

**# 1 Wages, rewards and rations.**

	<b><u>Management</u></b>				
	<b><u>Scouts</u></b>	<b><u>Bongi</u></b>	<b><u>Rations</u></b>	<b><u>Rewards</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
	<b><u>Muno &amp; Alfa</u></b>				
January	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$821	US\$4,296
February	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$978	US\$4,453
March	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$97	US\$3,572
April	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$321	US\$3,796
	US\$4,400	US\$6,420	US\$3,080	US\$2,217	<b>US\$16,117</b>
May	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$1,310	US\$4,785
June	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$83	US\$3,558
July	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$67	US\$3,542
August	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$254	US\$3,729
	US\$4,400	US\$6,420	US\$3,080	US\$1,714	<b>US\$15,614</b>

**# 2 2016 DAPU equipment expenses**

DAPU Ammunition - National Cartridges	US\$362.00
DAPU tents - Mabels Canvas	US\$2,242.50
Uniform downsizing	US\$330.00
Uniforms	US\$1,078.00
Dapu # 1 Toyota Land Cruiser AAX 9832 - Grease Junky	US\$2,230.75
Dapu # 1 Toyota Land Cruiser AAX 9832 - Tineo Enterprises	US\$1,078.00
Dapu # 2 ABK 7074 - Alpine panel beaters	US\$1,437.00
DAPU # 2 ABK 7074 Burj Auto	US\$1,425.00
DAPU # 2 ABK 7074 Grease Junky	US\$3,974.00
DAPU # 2 ABK 7074 Windscreen	US\$60.00
DAPU # 2 ABK 7074 injector pump Geribrans services	US\$720.00
	<b>US\$14,937.25</b>

**# 3 Vehicles (2).**

Mileage ABM 5149 Jan - April 3400 + 10297 km, s = 13697 x \$.5/ km	US\$6,849
Mileage AAX 9832/ ABK 7074 Jan - April = 8000 + 6783 = 14,783 * .5/km	US\$7,392
	<b>US\$14,240</b>

**Total expenses**

**US\$60,908**

**Shortfall**

**US\$0**