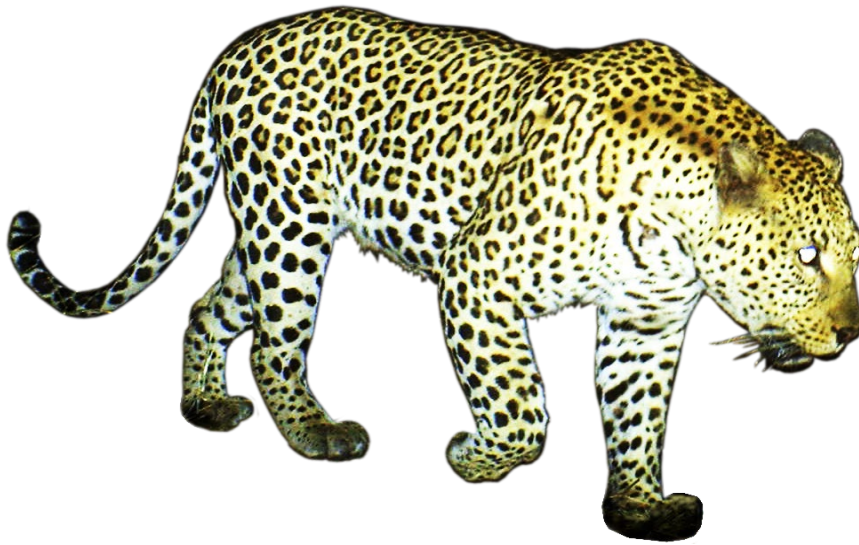


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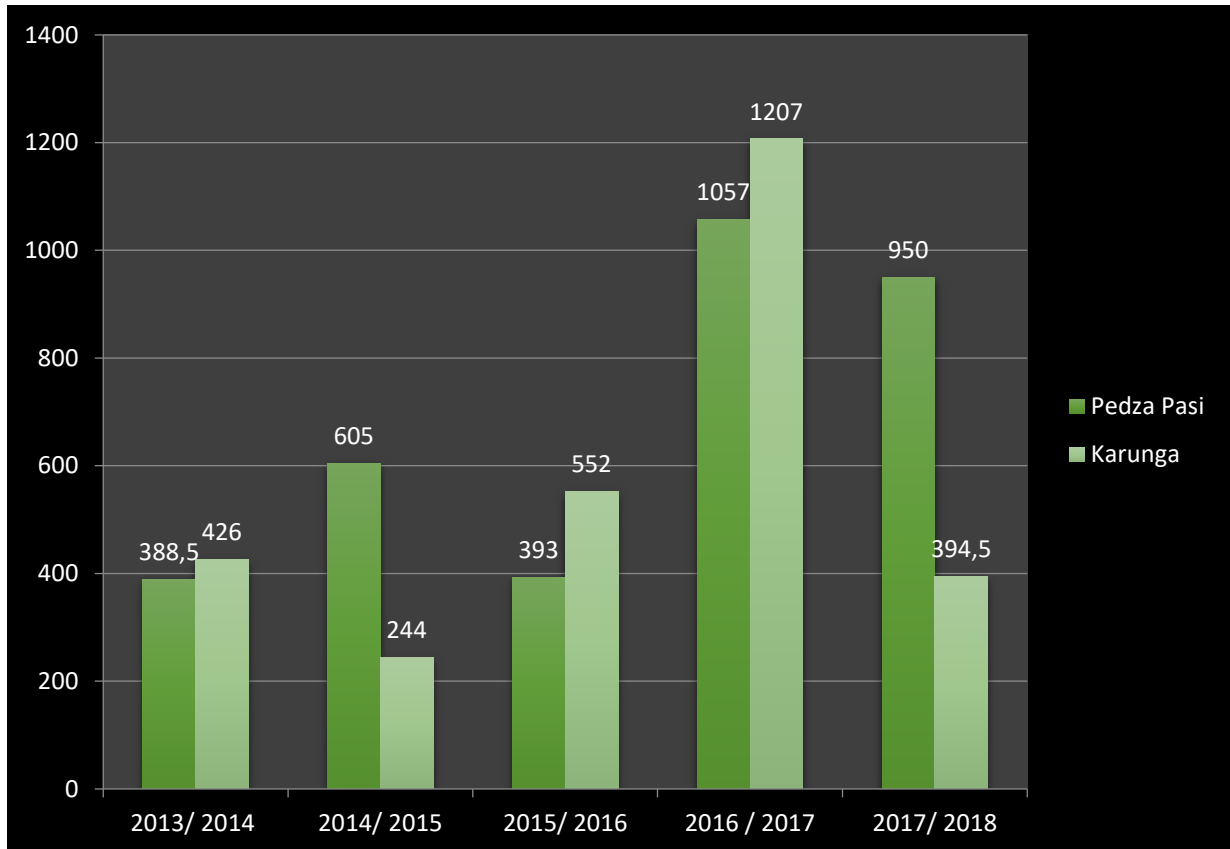
3. The “hunting season” season.

The 2018 rainy season was erratic and late. The crops – have in general been very poor in Dande, so there is no doubt that we can expect heavy poaching September 2018 – March 2019. There was decent late rain in March and April so there will be a small harvest, but certainly not enough to see families through the year.

This is a reminder to us all that Dande:

- a. Is in “agro ecological region 5” which is at best marginal for agriculture BUT is perfectly suited to wildlife.
- b. Wildlife needs water in some areas, so especially, in the East (and in ward 1) we need to re double our efforts, at getting water. Some rivers systems are now settled by people, leaving game competing with humans for water – which typically does not work well!!!

Seasonal rainfall.



The ward 1 (Kanyemba community) was really hard hit by NO rain until February, followed by floods, so crop loss was close to 100%. They drew down on 2018 hunting proceeds, in order to purchase 30kg of mealie meal for each of the 1,125 families and 33,750kg's was subsequently delivered. Obviously stories like this are extremely important in the big picture and help DAPU's efforts immensely.

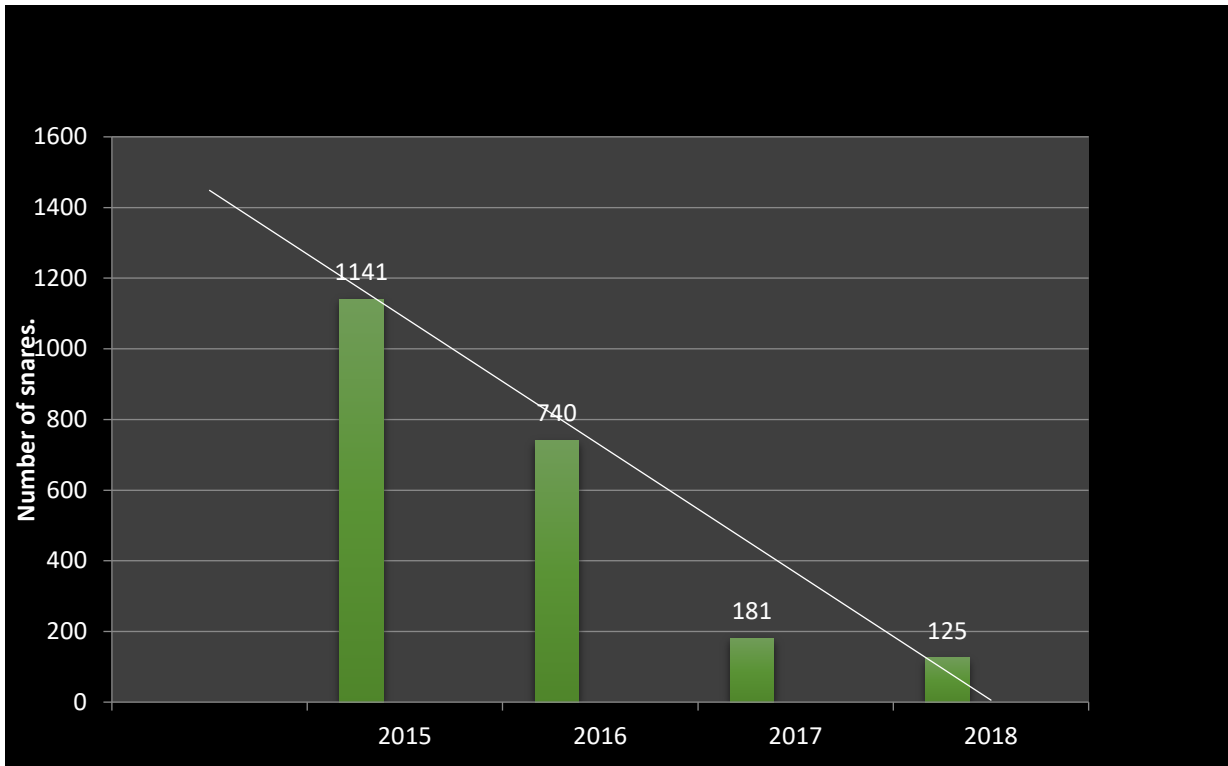


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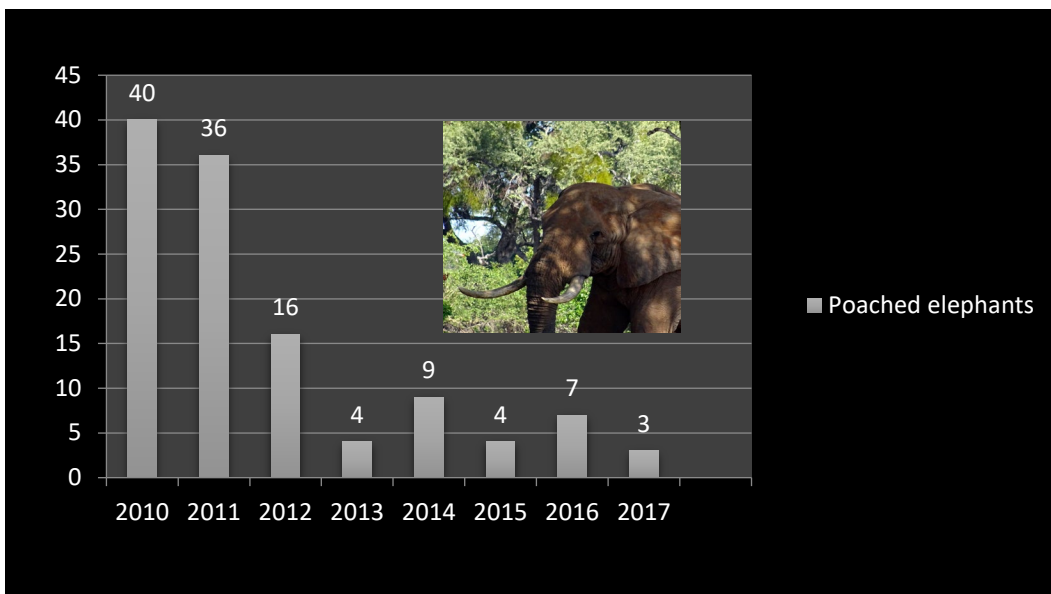
- a. DAPU.
- b. Buy into our programs from communities.
- c. Equitable sharing of income.
- d. Government of Zimbabwe.
- e. Employment.
- f. Meat distribution.

Snares - 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 first period baseline comparisons



5. Elephant poaching

There are NO CONFIRMED reports of elephants poached in Dande thus far in 2018, BUT we have had reports of shots in the Irira area, so we know for sure that we will be picking up a carcass or two in that area. An exceptional National Parks Investigations officer (with a little help from DAPU) was able to make two arrests in Dande this year.





26th March 2018

“One accused male, aged 29 married with 3 wives and 6 kids. Recovered 1 x elephant tusk weighing 11.6kg valued at \$2900 and 1 x fake wooden carved tusk”.

Later sentenced to 9 years imprisonment.



20th April 2018

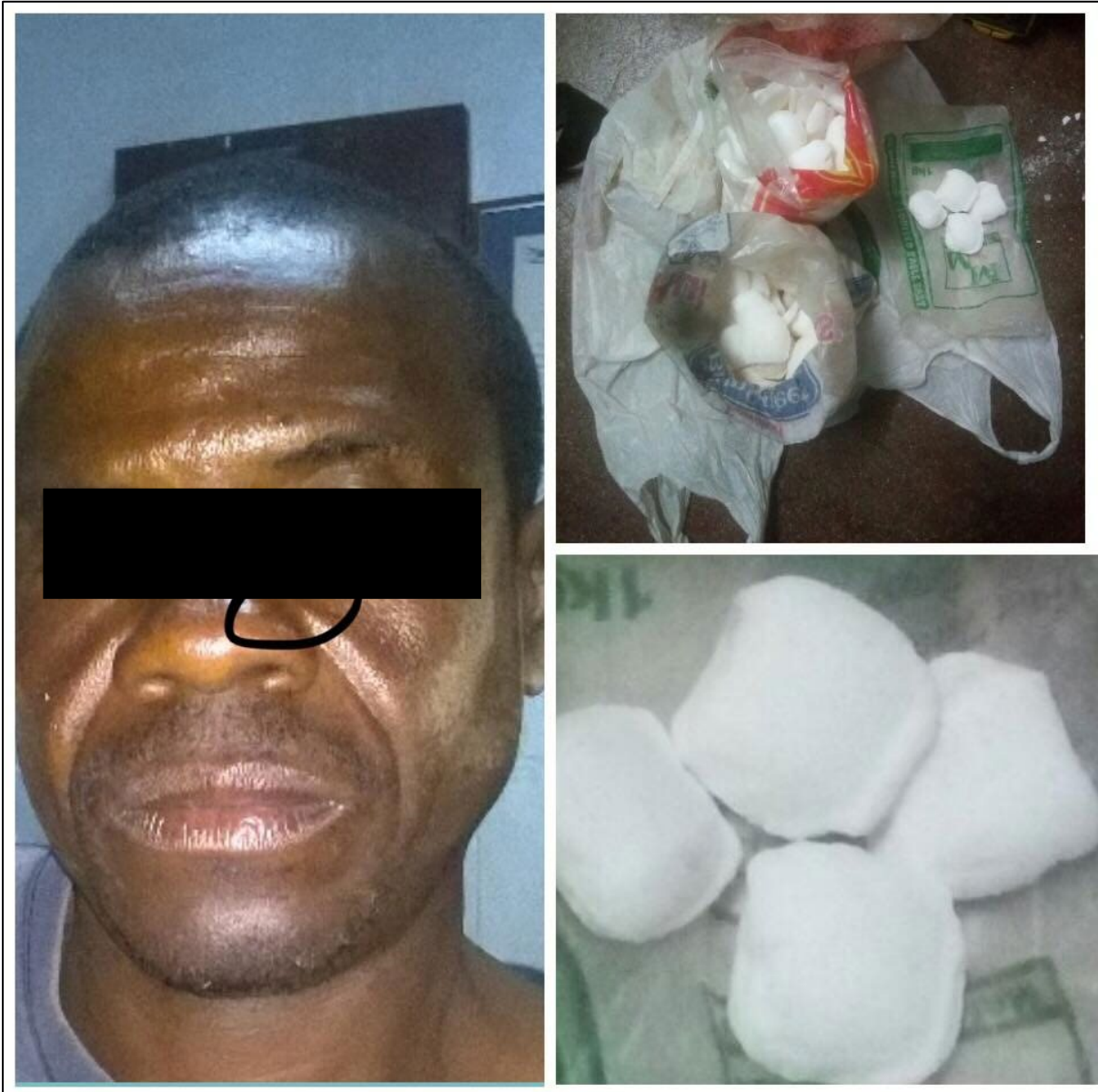
The above believed to be from an elephant cow poached in Ward 1 in January 2018. The accused is now the “convicted” – he is a repeat offender and is currently serving out his 9-year term.

6. Cyanide poaching

DAPU assisted National Parks to arrest a man selling cyanide to poachers. He was tried and pleaded guilty and sentenced to 12 months in jail which is the maximum sentence allowed.

This case has links back to a case where 3 years ago DAPU arrested a poacher who killed a warthog by poisoning it with cyanide. The below was his supplier. The net eventually closes!

We must compliment the investigations from National Parks - they are doing a fantastic job and poaching has been taken very seriously. It has been a pleasure for DAPU to help in these arrests.

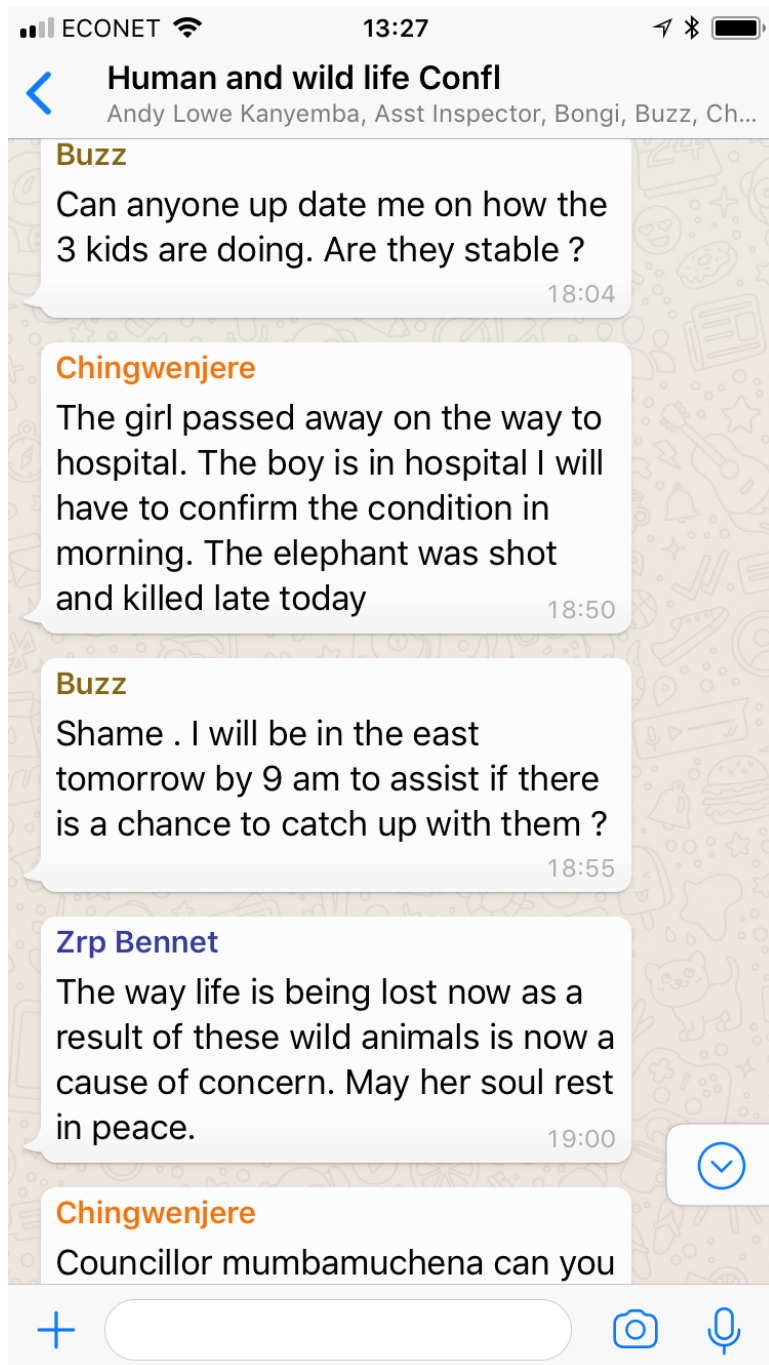


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7.1.1 Elephant.

Two people (kids killed), two people hospitalized and two elephants shot in 2018. Our DAPU crews have been on full time elephant PAC rosters from February through to the end of April, and look to continue into May.



A screen shot of our Human wildlife conflict Chat group. Every single day February to end of April we have had incidents to attend to.



A nine-year-old boy, died trying to protect his families fields.



This is what 100% crop loss looks like.

7.1.2 Lion

Four lions shot after communities lost 64 sheep (in one night), 12 goats and 24 cattle to these cats. With the trophy bans and resultant loss of incomes to communities, attitudes have hardened.



7.1.3 Buffalo

No reported serious problems to date in 2018.

7.1.4 Crocodile

No one killed or injured that we know of so far in 2018.

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One hippo was wounded (muzzle loader) and had to be shot. Hippos continue to generally make a nuisance of themselves along the Mwantanda River in ward 1 and in ward 16 but Muno and Owen have been able to keep them at bay.

7.1.6 Snakes

Nothing to report.

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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.

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10. Other News

Myles was invited to Seville in Spain to make a presentation to experts, scientific authorities, governments and NGO's on:

“The best management practices in hunting and the role of Professional Hunters in Conservation”

It was a four day workshop and it's aim, was in particular, to foster close collaboration between Scientific Authorities from both exporting and importing countries in relation to the formulation of CITES Non-Detriment Findings (NDFs) for hunting trophies of certain African species.

Certainly one of the primary reasons Charlton McCallum Safaris was invited was because of DAPU and the success that it has enjoyed!



“I think I am less nervous facing a wounded buffalo!”

11. Dallas Safari Club – Foundation – Landcruisers



DAPU # 1



DAPU # 2

Due to an extremely generous \$24,000 donation from the Lubbock Sportsman's Club via the Dallas Safari Club Foundation, Buzz and I were able to purchase a new Toyota Hilux, which has allowed us to

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dedicate two more suitable land cruisers 100% full time to DAPU. The Hilux will do both DAPU and general duties.

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“A huge thanks to FLYING FOR WILDLIFE and Edward Whitfield who came down to the Dande to help DAPU fly the complete area looking for any signs of poaching.

Ed is a wonderful pilot and his Savannah was a real eye opener. What we achieved in 7 hours of flying was incredible. I am happy to say that from what we can see the area is nice and quiet. We did see some fish poachers based in the Irira area. These are the Vadoma people and it is part of their culture. There are times that one should turn a blind eye, which is what we did. There was an old elephant carcass from well over a year ago that we were not aware of.

We did see a lot of elephant buffalo was well as some impala zebra bushbuck and sable despite the very thick bush. Once again a huge thanks to Ed as well as FLYING FOR WILDLIFE- if any organisation deserves financial support then FFW certainly do as they do an amazing job and are becoming essential in the controlling of poaching in remote areas”



2. 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!

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A nice looking solution – GPS, and satellite Text messages for game scouts. They can send distress calls and we can also track their patrols.

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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.

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Please make a check out to:
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DAPU Income and Expenses 2018 (first period)

2018 income

Myron and Dana Repka	US\$100	
Graham George	US\$2,000	(auction painting)
David Adams	US\$5,000	
Jared Bachmann	US\$500	
Julie Cambuzzi & John Peters	US\$300	
Jytte Merjnetsen	US\$600	
Total	US\$8,500	
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<u>Charlton McCallum Safaris</u>	US\$23,035	
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<u>Total Income</u>	US\$31,535	

2018 Expenses

1 Wages, rewards and rations.

	<u>Game</u>	<u>Management</u>			
	<u>Scouts</u>	<u>Bongi</u>	<u>Rations</u>	<u>Rewards</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Muno & Alfa</u>			
January	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$63	US\$3,538
February	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$33	US\$3,508
March	US\$1,100	US\$1,605	US\$770	US\$556	US\$4,031
April	US\$800	US\$1,605	US\$560	US\$966	US\$3,931
	US\$4,100	US\$6,420	US\$2,870	US\$1,618	US\$15,008

2 2018 DAPU equipment expenses

Ammunition (12 guage)	US\$1,062.26
AAX 9832 repairs	US\$2,755.00
ABK 7074 repairs	US\$322.00
Tires x 6	US\$1,560.00
Uniforms	US\$3,485.00
Overalls x 50	US\$1,000.00
Leighfields (radio repairs)	US\$184.00
	US\$10,368.26

3 Vehicles (2).

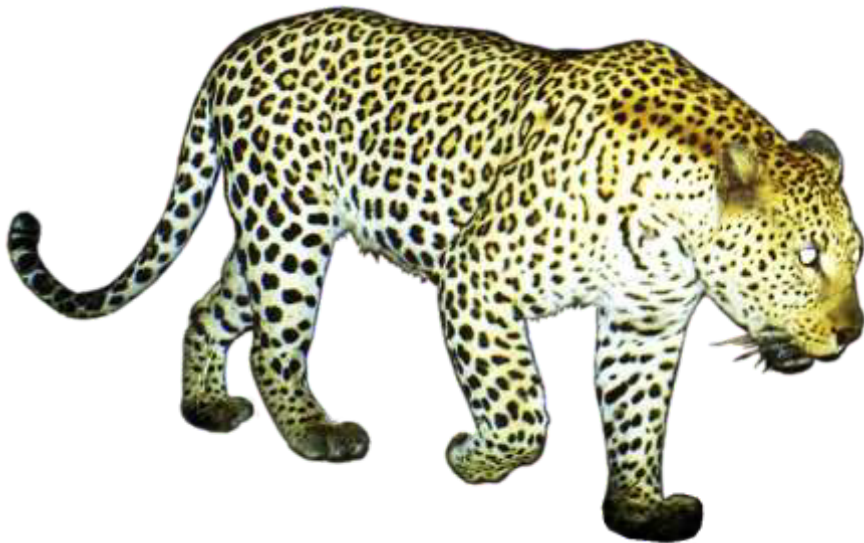
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AND...

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Figure 1 "the Warrior"



Figure 2 "horn of the hunter"

3. The “hunting” season.

We call the May to end of August the “hunting” season. In terms of DAPU it has been a relatively quiet time. Snare yields are at an all time low. Our hunters have also picked up a few snares (which are not all recorded here) but not many really – certainly not many compared with historical data. Ward 1 (Kanyemba) has been definitely been affected by laying off their scouts – the bulk of snaring recorded has mostly been in Ward1.

This period is traditionally the quietest for DAPU for two good reasons:

1. Our hunters are the best game scouts possible. Poachers actively avoid bumping into hunting parties.
2. The villagers in May and June are still harvesting their crops so are “otherwise occupied” as it were. For sure though, activity picks up in August.

4. Snaring & general poaching.

The January to end of August period in 2018 has been much, much quieter than the same periods in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. In terms of snares picked up and meat poachers arrested, the yield has been drastically reduced. Six enterprising villagers dug a pit trap on a game trail in ward one, caught and killed a buffalo calf. They did not however bargain for a neighbor to send one text message through to DAPU (he valued his reward more than a possible share of the meat!!!!). All six were arrested and lightly sentenced.



Figure 3 “Intrepid buff poachers”.

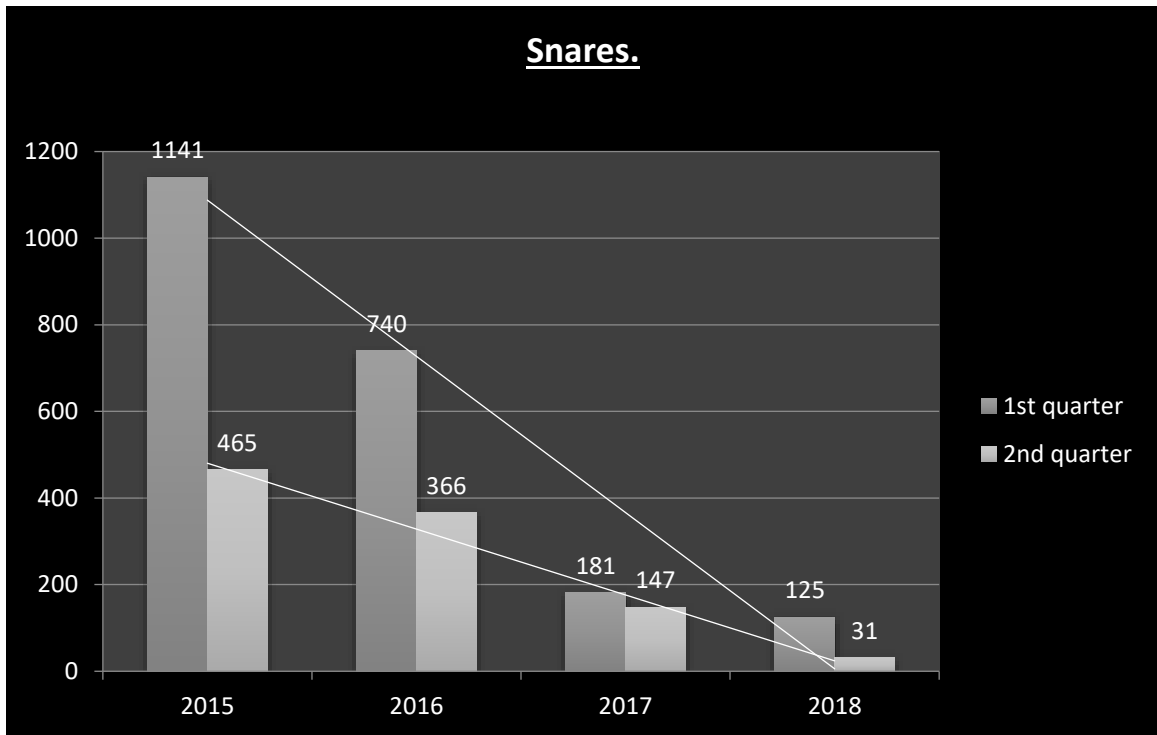


Figure 4 Snares compared 2015 – 2018.

5. Elephant poaching.

There have been two elephant poached in Dande thus far in 2018 – both in Dande East (which are the first in that area for 9 years). The shots heard in the Irira area have not yielded any carcasses.

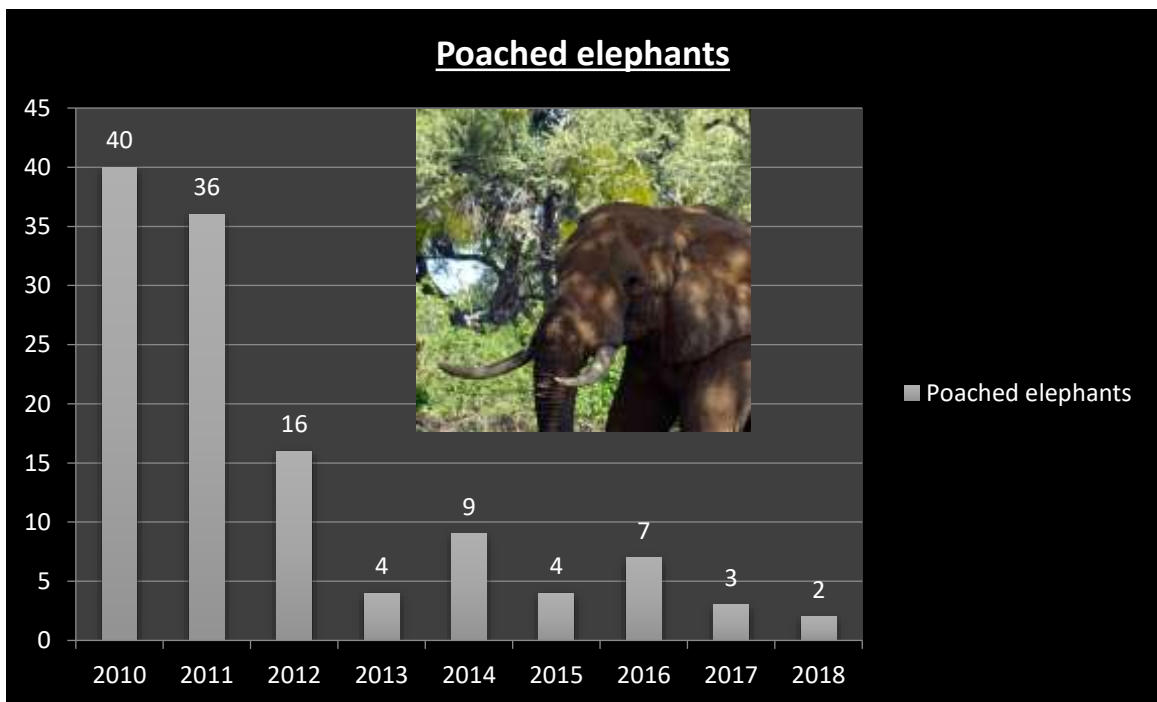


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6.1.1 Elephant.

In addition to the two kids killed, two people hospitalized earlier in the year, one older gentleman was killed trying to protect his fields on the 9th August. To date four elephants have been shot in 2018. Our DAPU crews have been pretty much on full time elephant PAC rosters from February through to the end of June.



Figure 6 Wound & musket ball.

6.1.2 Lion

Five lions and one lioness is the total tally for lion shot on PAC so far in 2018. Really a pity when one thinks of all the lost potential revenue. However those cats have killed literally hundreds of head of livestock so far this year. Once they start killing there is

not much one can do about it. The bright side to this though is that clearly the lion population is clearly extremely healthy!

6.1.3 Buffalo

No reported serious problems to date in 2018.

6.1.4 Crocodile

One kid seriously injured, but no one killed that we know of so far in 2018.

6.1.5 Hippo

Two hippos in 2018 have had to be shot. Hippos continue to generally make a nuisance of themselves along the Mwantanda River in ward 1 and in ward 16 along the Manyame River. One cannot really make much of a defense for this fellow below.



Figure 7 hippo bull in maize fields.

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9. Other News – “Hearts and Minds”

This does not appear in the DAPU budget, but obviously the local people in Dande are our partners, and often, unfortunately wildlife does not really fit into their plans. In fact wildlife can be a major nuisance and can be treated as such if one is not careful. People simply need to see value in wildlife. So Buzz and I have done a few bits and pieces for the communities nearest to us.

9.1 Soccer and Netball tournaments.

These are FUN and also touch the youth in the communities. Zimbabwe has close to 90% unemployment and so lots and lots of young folk simply have very limited opportunities and not a great deal to look forward too. We sponsored 14 sets of uniform, soccer balls, prizes and three tournaments. Firstly the ward 1 and 2 teams play each other in separate tournaments – then the winners of ward 1 play the winners of ward 2 – the winning ladies netball and men’s soccer will go through to the district finals.



Figure 8 ward 1 ladies netball champs 2018.



Figure 9 Ward 1 men's soccer champs 2018.

9.2 Schools.

Kay Macdonald, persuaded Buzz and I to donate 30 x desks, a whole bunch of books and asked us to commit to completing a classroom block (\$10,000) at the closest school to our main camp - which we have done!



Figure 10 Desks.



Figure 11 Books



Figure 12 Kay with the local leadership.



Figure 13 The Barnes family sent over some toys for the kids!

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