



First quarter newsletter 2015

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your support thus far. DAPU has gotten off to a good start in 2015.

Changes

Bongi, who has had so much success in the East, has now been promoted to manage DAPU in the North. Muno has been promoted from Mukanga camp manager to manager of the East (Bongi's old job). These changes have really given all DAPU staff a fresh perspective and even more motivation than ever.

For the 22 scouts after a long negotiation with community leaders, we now deduct the community's share of the wages at source (CMS pays and deducts from hunts owed) so now finally all staff are fully paid up. We also negotiated that we be allowed to move scouts between areas or wards meaning from now on it will be seldom that a DAPU scout will be patrolling his home area. This makes for much more honest policing as he or she are now not required to arrest family members and also it means on their time off they do not get harassed.

Snaring & general poaching.

December, January and February were hectic months for snaring mostly because it is our "off season" along with the fact that locals can only expect to harvest crops in March so are getting hungry. Figures over the last couple years definitely point to the fact that PH's and clients whilst out hunting are still some of the best scouts available i.e. in peak hunting months poaching is way down!!! March and April snare counts have come down to the normal +/-200 per month range.

Very heavy rain in January washed away most riverbank crops so genuine hunger has compounded things.

Three sables were poached in the East – suspects were arrested but released due to lack of evidence.

Elephant poaching.

To date three elephant carcasses have been reported – poached in the “off season”. One young bull was also destroyed – he had been wounded by poachers.

Problem Animal Control.

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

a. Elephant -

As always the wet season is peak time for elephants to raid crops and 2015 has been no exception. Luckily aggressive chasing at night has meant to date that we have not had to shoot any elephants.

b. Lions – the same cattle killing pride of lions has continued in to 2015. National Parks were able to shoot one young male in the East. Two females remain in that pride and are killing on average two cattle per week in the Gonono area.

In Kanyemba a 14-year-old girl was killed and eaten by lions. We expect more problems from them. That same pride has killed 6 people 2010 to date.

c. Buffalo – one dagga boy has been chasing kids en route to school in the Pedza village area.

d. Crocs – one child lost his arm on the Manyame River.

e. Snake bites – two people killed in their fields.

Goals for Second quarter.

- 1. Continue with anti poaching patrols.*
- 2. Replace scouts that are not performing.*
- 3. Early burning will start in June as soon as it is dry enough.*
- 4. Repair firearms where possible or replace*
- 5. Replenish ammunition stocks.*
- 6. New boots.*
- 7. New Uniforms.*
- 8. New (better quality) tents.*
- 9. Three new GPS's (coming with Mike Core).*

All the very best and thank you to all of you whom have helped make DAPU possible!

Buzz and Myles.

Income and Expenses first quarter 2015

Income

Clients & Sylvarnus
trust
CMS

US\$17,167

US\$10,781

| <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Scouts</u> | <u>Management</u> <u>(Bongi & Muno)</u> | | <u>Rations</u> | <u>Rewards</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|--|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | | | |
| January | US\$1,100 | US\$1,400 | | US\$770 | US\$1,518 | US\$4,788 |
| February | US\$1,100 | US\$1,400 | | US\$770 | US\$908 | US\$4,178 |
| March | US\$1,100 | US\$1,400 | | US\$770 | US\$336 | US\$3,606 |
| April | US\$1,100 | US\$1,400 | | US\$770 | US\$756 | US\$4,026 |
| Backpacks x 18 \$75 ea. | US\$0 | US\$0 | | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$1,350 |
| Mileage x \$.5/km | US\$0 | US\$0 | | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$10,000 |
| Totals | US\$3,300 | US\$5,600 | | US\$2,310 | US\$2,762 | US\$27,948 |

Shortfal

US\$0

*** Notes

1. Two dedicated vehicles at an average of 2500km's ea. /month x \$.5/KM.

Summary of successes first quarter 2015.

| | <u>No. Of</u> | <u>Dogs</u> | <u>Meat poachers</u> | <u>Elephant poachers</u> | <u>Weapons</u> | <u>Rewards</u> |
|----------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | <u>Snares</u> | <u>Shot</u> | <u>Convicted</u> | <u>Convicted</u> | <u>retrieved</u> | <u>Paid</u> |
| January | 309 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | US\$1,518 |
| Febraury | 454 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | US\$908 |
| March | 168 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | US\$336 |
| April | 210 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | US\$756 |
| | 1141 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | US\$3,518 |



Second quarter newsletter 2015 (May - August).

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your continued support. It has been a revealing second quarter in many ways!

Changes

The changes have been good so far. Bongsi and Muno continue to do a good job in their respective areas.

The scouts continue to grow from strength to strength. The leaders and hard workers have consistently produced outstanding results month after month. As in any organization there are a few that are underperforming that we are watching carefully.

Snaring & general poaching.

May, June, July and August are our peak hunting months hence as predicted poaching was at its lowest ebb. The snare count for the same period in 2014 was 603 snares and we are sitting on 465 snares for 2015 which is + 20% reduction. There were also fewer arrests made. So on paper anyhow it looks like we are slowly getting there which is most pleasing.

However the honeymoon is officially over!!!

Already we have picked up nearly 75 snares in the first 10 days of September, along with 7 spears, 4 dogs shot. As it gets hotter and drier so we will need to be more and more vigilant around waterholes. There is also some genuine hunger in the region so we are on for a busy period leading up to Christmas.

Fires

Deliberately started bush fires are a constant menace, and this now is our worst time of year for it. All available staff has all been fighting fires around Pedza, Kanyemba and the East in the last 10 days.

Elephant poaching.

One young bull was wounded in the leg by poachers (we believe south of the Angwa). It is reported that he is not doing well and is dragging a leg. He will probably have to be put down which will in effect make it our 4th elephant lost in 2015. Four too many in a perfect world, but in reality when one is looking after nearly 500,000 acres - pretty good.

Problem Animal Control.

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

a. Elephant - the only elephants that have been a nuisance were around the Kadzi in the East. DAPU spent several nights there chasing them out.

b. Lions - quiet so far!

c. Buffalo - one young bull was shot by DAPU at Kanyemba - he as caught in a snare.

d. Crocs - quiet!

e. Snake bites - quiet!

Goals for third quarter.

- 1. Continue with anti poaching patrols.*
- 2. Replace scouts that are not performing.*
- 3. Control fires.*
- 4. Repair firearms where possible or replace*
- 5. Replenish ammunition stocks.*
- 6. New (better quality) tents and rain gear.*



Probably time for an upgrade? Well-used Winchester single shot shotguns (not working) and a 1945 British .303 - still going strong!



DAPU's finest – with a poacher outside the “charge office”! Note the uniforms per kind donation Houston Safari Club!

All the very best and thank you to all of you whom have helped make DAPU Possible!

Buzz and Myles.

PTO for income and Expenses 2nd quarter 2015.

Income and Expenses first and second quarters 2015

Income

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Clients & Sylvarnus trust | <u>US\$25,190</u> |
| CMS | <u>US\$26,950</u> |
| Shortfall | <u>US\$0</u> |

Expenses

| | <u>Scouts</u> | <u>Management (Bongi & Muno)</u> | <u>Rations</u> | <u>Rewards</u> | <u>Total</u> |
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| February | US\$1,100 | US\$1,400 | US\$770 | US\$908 | US\$4,178 |
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| April | US\$1,100 | US\$1,400 | US\$770 | US\$756 | US\$4,026 |
| May | US\$1,100 | US\$1,400 | US\$770 | US\$166 | US\$3,436 |
| June | US\$1,100 | US\$1,400 | US\$770 | US\$176 | US\$3,446 |
| July | US\$1,100 | US\$1,400 | US\$770 | US\$97 | US\$3,367 |
| August | US\$1,100 | US\$1,400 | US\$770 | US\$135 | US\$3,405 |
| Uniforms (partial order). | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$538 |
| Backpacks x 18 \$75 ea | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$1,350 |
| Mileage x \$.5/km | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$20,000 |
| <u>Totals</u> | <u>US\$4,400</u> | <u>US\$11,200</u> | <u>US\$3,080</u> | <u>US\$3,518</u> | <u>US\$52,140</u> |

*** Notes

1. Two dedicated vehicles at an average of 2500km's ea. /month x \$.5/KM.

Summary of successes first and second quarters 2015.

| | No. of snares | Dogs shot | Meat Poachers convicted | Elephant poachers | Weapons retrieved | Rewards paid | |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------|
| Jan | 309 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | US\$1,518 | paid |
| Feb | 454 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | US\$908 | paid |
| March | 168 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | US\$336 | paid |
| April | 210 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | US\$420 | paid |
| May | 166 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | US\$166 | paid |
| June | 161 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | US\$176 | paid |
| July | 54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | US\$97 | paid |
| August | 84 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | US\$135 | paid |
| <u>Totals</u> | <u>1606</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>US\$3,756</u> | |



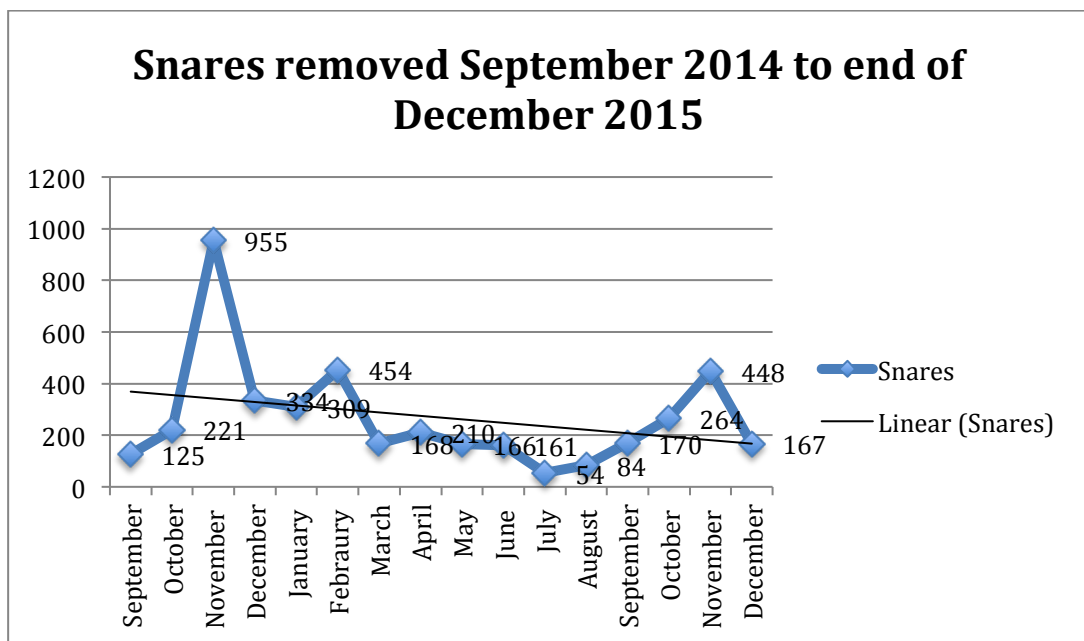
End of year report 2015.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your continued support! It has been a successful year for DAPU in just about every way. There is a definite downward trend in snares recovered and elephant poached AND we are enjoying much greater support from the Government of Zimbabwe. Poachers are being convicted at a furious pace!

1. Snaring & general poaching.

We predicted in September 2015 that the annual upsurge in poaching was just about to start and we were correct. The good news however is that year on year the snare harvest has basically halved which will do wonders for our Plainsgame and buffalo.



We feel that basically the snare count is pretty much indicative of the general poaching trend in Dande (meat poachers convicted and dog's shot were also down on 2014 by a similar margin to the snare counts).

In December a DAPU patrol caught up with a poacher who had caught and killed a young female leopard in one of his snares. He was a repeat offender and had only been out of jail for six months (the previous offence for snaring elephant calves). He started serving a one-year term immediately. As I mentioned all indicators were down since 2014 – less snares, poachers caught, weapons recovered and dogs shot.



2. Elephant poaching.

One young elephant bull was found poached in the Maunde Valley by hunters in November. That brings the 2015 total to four elephant lost. DAPU along with National Parks, ZRP and CID (through an informant) managed to bust an elephant-poaching ring in Kanyemba in November. Two Zambian poachers along with three Zimbabwean accomplices were caught in possession of ivory, a .303 rifle, a scale and a tape measure. The two Zambians also had 4 x mobile phone lines each so were clearly poachers and buyers. Anyhow the Zambians were sentenced to 9 years and 6 months each, the locals were given community service.

Elephant carcass count.

| Year | No. Of Carcasses |
|------|------------------|
| 2010 | 40 |
| 2011 | 36 |
| 2012 | 16 |
| 2013 | 4 |
| 2014 | 9 |
| 2015 | 4 |

The “gang” of 5 elephant poachers in cuffs. Two Zambians (poachers/ gunners and buyers) and three local “guides” or accomplices.



Tools of the trade - ivory, .303 rifle, tape measure, ammo and scale



5. Summary of successes
2015 DAPU summary (12 months).

| | No. of snares | Dogs shot | Meat Poachers convicted | Elephant poachers | Weapons retrieved | Rewards paid |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| January | 309 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | US\$1,518 |
| February | 454 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | US\$908 |
| March | 168 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | US\$336 |
| April | 210 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | US\$420 |
| May | 166 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | US\$166 |
| June | 161 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | US\$176 |
| July | 54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | US\$97 |
| August | 84 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | US\$135 |
| September | 170 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 9 | US\$386 |
| October | 264 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | US\$899 |
| November | 448 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 2 | US\$3,493 |
| December | 167 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | US\$710 |
| | 2655 | 20 | 11 | 5 | 11 | US\$9,244.00 |

2014 Dapu summary(10 Months).

| | No. of snares | Dogs shot | Meat Poachers convicted | Elephant poachers | Weapons retrieved | Rewards paid |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| March | 46 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 | US\$422.00 |
| April | 91 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | US\$212.00 |
| May | 95 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | US\$670.00 |
| June | 311 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 5 | US\$1,597.00 |
| July | 149 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | US\$503.00 |
| August | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | US\$96.00 |
| September | 125 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | US\$250.00 |
| October | 221 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | US\$597.00 |
| November | 955 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | US\$4,190.00 |
| December | 334 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | US\$1,065.00 |
| | 2375 | 9 | 19 | 4 | 22 | US\$9,602.00 |



***** Bongsi handing out rewards to scouts at the end of a successful patrol.**

3. Problem Animal Control/ Human Wildlife conflict.

Duties for DAPU scouts also include attending to Problem animal reports (PAC). Every year there are deaths and injuries to people from human wildlife conflict. Early season (January through to the end of May) tend to be very busy for the DAPU staff, there after PAC activity slows down.

2015 Human wildlife conflict - Deaths and Injuries

| | Deaths | Injuries |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Elephant | 1 | 0 |
| Buffalo | 0 | 0 |
| Crocodile | 2 | 5 |
| Hippo | 0 | 0 |
| Lion | 1 | 0 |
| Snakes | 1 | 4 |
| Bees | 1 | 0 |
| | <u>6</u> | <u>9</u> |

4. Fires 2015.

We finished the year with Kanyemba being badly burnt BUT the rest of the North surviving intact. In the East unfortunately we suffered an 80% loss. So there was a definite improvement as a whole over 2014 but we need to do better in 2016 especially considering the drought we cannot afford to lose any veld to uncontrolled fires.

6. Other news – “Flying for Wildlife”.

Flying for wildlife very kindly came down to Dande and did 15 hours of flying for us, using a Savannah S aircraft. The results were truly much better than we had expected. The visibility from the cockpit and affordability are truly a game changer for us.

The cost is only \$55/hour compared to a Cessna 206, \$450/hour. Long term we need to do annual game counts and also wherever possible support the DAPU ground crews. We found the flying incredibly useful for:

- *Checking on illegal settlement.*
- *Checking on water.*
- *Game counts.*
- *Carcass counts.*
- *Supporting and encouraging ground crews.*
- *Possible assistance in locating snare lines and poachers camps (on this trip none were seen).*

On one 3 hours sortie we counted 8 herds of buffalo, and 23 herds of Elephant... really remarkable and good for our DAPU morale. It was gratifying to not count one single elephant carcass – very gratifying indeed.

We plan to use flying for wildlife much more extensively in 2016!

Rich and Bongsi about to head off!



+/- 200 buff on the Mukanga river (you cannot see the whole herd)



The year ahead – 2016.

We are very excited about the year ahead. In Dande we have finally gotten to the point (thanks in no small way to DAPU) where the game is really starting to gain traction and is breeding well. I am confident that year on year increases for all species will be recorded. We never kept accurate records 2010 – 2013 for snares picked up but we do have well in excess of 10,000 snares sitting in Harare. Had these not been picked up – where would we be now?

There are two key challenges for 2016:

1. There is certainly a slow down on bookings, which invariably leads to strain on all budgets.
2. Rainfall has been very low in the Zambezi Valley so whilst we are confident that the game will do well we are seriously concerned about the general starvation amongst the locals. There can only be one result and that is increased poaching.

The big opportunity for 2016 is that game which will certainly die, in the drought in the South East of Zimbabwe will become available at bargain prices. We are working hard to come up with a package where we can take advantage of the situation, to buy impala, zebra and waterbuck with the intention of releasing them into Dande. It can only be a huge benefit to everyone and of course the animals.

Buzz and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of DAPU'S many supporters for all you did to help in 2015! We really feel that whilst DAPU has a way to go, they are getting better and better each year.

Many thanks,

Buzz and Myles.

DAPU Income and Expenses 2015

Income

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Clients & Sylvanus Charitable Trust | US\$34,056 |
| Charlton McCallum Safaris | US\$40,757 |
| Shortfall | US\$0 |

1 Wages, rewards and rations.

| | Scouts | Management (Bongi & Muno) | Rations | Rewards | Total |
|-----------|---------------|--|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| January | US\$1,100 | US\$1,400 | US\$770 | US\$1,518 | US\$4,788 |
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| September | US\$1,100 | US\$1,400 | US\$770 | US\$386 | US\$3,656 |
| October | US\$1,100 | US\$1,400 | US\$770 | US\$899 | US\$4,169 |
| November | US\$1,100 | US\$1,400 | US\$770 | US\$3,495 | US\$6,765 |
| December | US\$2,200 | US\$2,800 | US\$770 | US\$710 | US\$6,480 |
| | US\$14,300 | US\$18,200 | US\$9,240 | US\$9,582 | US\$51,322 |

2 Equipment.

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Uniforms (partial order). | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$538 |
| Backpacks x 18 \$75 ea | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$1,350 |
| Tents (6) | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$250 |
| Rain coats | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$145 |
| Ammunition | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$320 |
| | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$2,603 |

3 Vehicles (2).

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Mileage 41,776.0 km x \$.5/km | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$20,888 |
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|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Total expenses | US\$14,300 | US\$18,200 | US\$9,240 | US\$9,582 | US\$74,813 |
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Notes:

#1 Wages, rewards and rations – we were pretty much on target on all our projections. Rewards were almost identical to 2014.

#2 Equipment – we were way off, initially we had hoped to spend some \$13,000.00 on upgrading equipment BUT in the end were only able to afford \$2,603.00. Thankfully The Safari Club International Foundation has pledged \$8,500.00 so for sure in 2016 we will be much better kitted out!

#3 Vehicles – this is in reality where our biggest financial challenge lies. Our two old Landcruisers are extremely tired - some how we need to get ahead in this department

DAPU 2016 BUDGET

| | <u>2016 (proposed)</u> | <u>2015 (actual)</u> | <u>2014 (actual)</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | |
| From Sylvanus Trust & clients | US\$34,056.30 | US\$34,056.30 | US\$35,904.00 |
| Charlton McCallum Safaris | US\$46,653.70 | US\$40,756.70 | US\$36,064.00 |
| | <u>US\$80,710.00</u> | <u>US\$74,813.00</u> | <u>US\$71,968.00</u> |
| <u>Less Expenses</u> | | | |
| Wages scouts (Paid from January in 2015) | US\$14,300.00 | US\$14,300.00 | US\$13,075.00 |
| Management | US\$18,200.00 | US\$18,200.00 | US\$18,200.00 |
| Rations (from January x 22 scouts). | US\$9,240.00 | US\$9,240.00 | US\$7,980.00 |
| Rewards | US\$9,582.00 | US\$9,582.00 | US\$9,602.00 |
| Equipment | US\$8,500.00 | US\$2,603.00 | US\$6,861.00 |
| Landcruiser opperating costs | US\$20,888.00 | US\$20,888.00 | US\$16,250.00 |
| | <u>US\$80,710.00</u> | <u>US\$74,813.00</u> | <u>US\$71,968.00</u> |
| <u>Shortfall</u> | <u>US\$0.00</u> | <u>US\$0.00</u> | <u>US\$0.00</u> |

*** I have highlighted equipment - we were unable to afford equipment we planned for in 2015 BUT thanks to a grant from The Safari Club International Foundation we will be able to meet all our requirements in 2016.