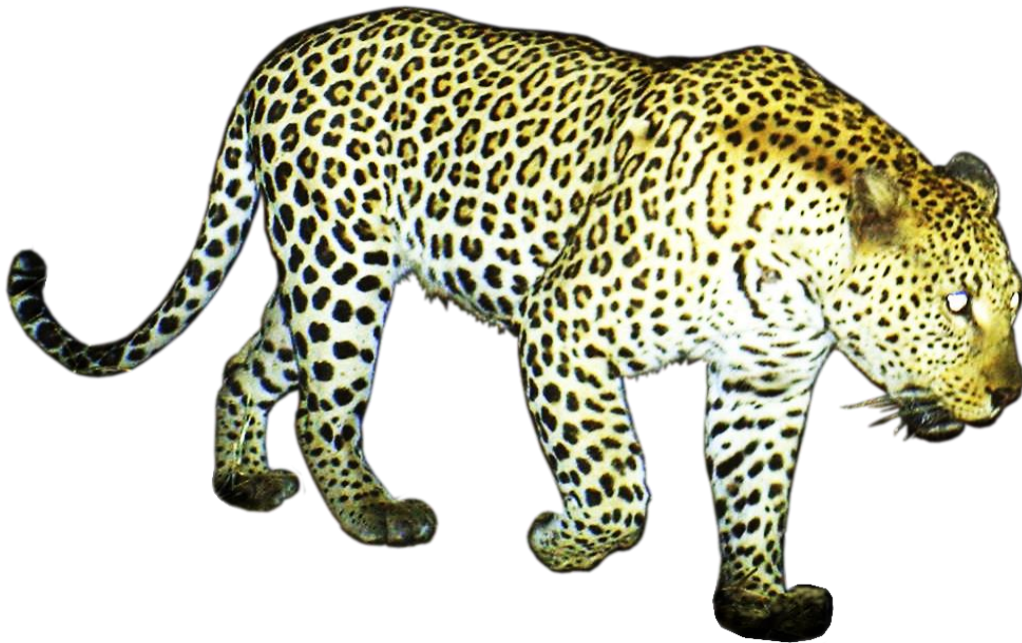


DAPU End of Year Newsletter

2019

Charlton McCallum Safaris

30th January 2020



Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your unwavering support! 2019 was another strong year for DAPU. We had a good start, recording our lowest snare yield ever in first period, however due to the drought and widespread crop failures, 2019 ended up being our busiest year since 2017. Interestingly enough DAPU were responsible for 46 actual convictions. Arrests without convictions were more than double that. This was by far our best result since we started in 2010.

So, Buzz and I are really extremely encouraged that whilst snaring was up on 2018, it is still down more than 80% which was recorded in our busiest year (2015 with 2655 snares)... and taking into account the reduced incidence of poaching, DAPU still managed 46 convictions which represents more than 100% improvement our record to date which was in 2014 (19 convictions).

This matrix of increased arrests and convictions signals strongly that DAPU is really maturing into a seriously effective force. Of course, we need to thank and acknowledge the African Wildlife Fund (who helped with training), National Parks, The Mbire RDC, the Z.R.P (police) for their help. Actually, in general the improvement by all Government Departments needs to be acknowledged.

Buzz and I have been running DAPU for 10 years now, and every year as DAPU improves, and does better, inevitably we spend more and more of our own money. We have got to the point in 2019 where we spent + \$70,000, which in the face of elephant trophy import bans and various other economic factors is unfortunately at an unsustainable level for us. This is a major concern, as we do not want to give up any ground that we have fought so hard for! So, for those of you that who have so graciously and generously supported all of our efforts both financially and in kind, we really are eternally grateful!

We have continued to meticulously document all of our support, deployments, wins and losses and here we share a summary with everyone. 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

20th January 2019

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1. Changes and DAPU recurrency training

Over the course of 2019 the most significant changes for DAPU was that there were no staff changes at all. All teams trained in 2018 by National Parks are still intact and are now settled, motivated and generally working extremely well.

The African Wildlife Foundation (A.W.F) has facilitated short courses on Human Wildlife Conflict, and various short courses on the use of Cyber Trackers and the production of digital patrol reports.

There have been big efficiencies realized thanks to the two Dallas Safari Club Foundation vehicles. DAPU related mileage added up to a whopping 71,312km's (41,512km's by Bongi in the "North "and 29,800km's by Alfa in "the East"). This increased mobility has really made a major difference to DAPU operations.

Owen, Alfa and Muno have also continued to pick up more and more responsibility and are helping Bongi a lot now.



Fig. 1. Scouts & Poachers with one of the two DSC – F landcruisers.

2. The “dry” season, fires, water and poaching.

We call the May to end of December our “dry season”. We shift our focus from Human Wildlife Conflict to fires, lack of water (in some areas) and of course poaching (especially snaring at water). Bongi, Alfa, Kay and the team really need to be commended for doing such an exemplary job managing the bush fires in the 2019 season. This was by far our best year ever in Dande, especially considering it was a drought year. To be honest this could just as easily have been our worst year ever too and this is an achievement that we were most proud of. When we think back to ten years ago and what the normal was back then to the standards that we have today for all around management of biodiversity, there is no doubt we have gone from strength to strength from year to year.

October, November and December periods are traditionally the busiest for DAPU for three reasons:

- There are fewer hunters in the area and as a result the poachers are less worried about bumping into hunting parties.
- The villagers have harvested all their crops, and are at a loose end – looking for something to do whilst they wait for the rains to plant their crops.
- 2019 was a drought year so by April it was clear that crops had failed and we could expect a very busy year.

3. Snaring & general poaching.

The first period of 2019 was our quietest ever, however poaching increased dramatically from May to December. These two periods were busier than in 2018.

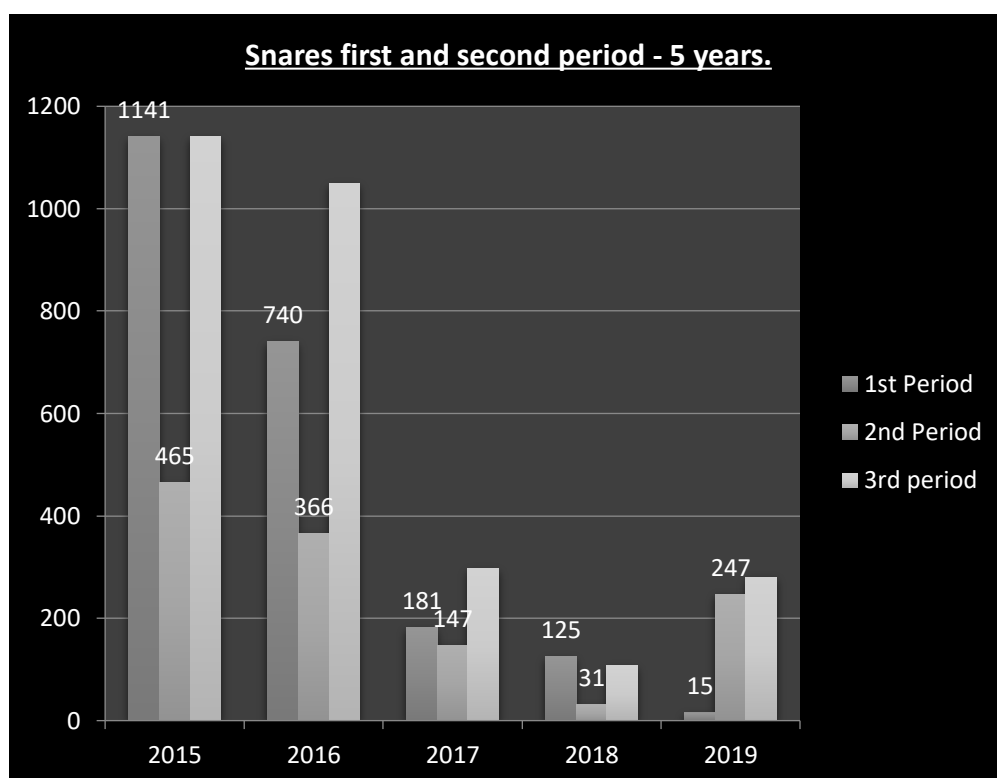


Figure 2. Snares compared per “period” 2015 – 2019.

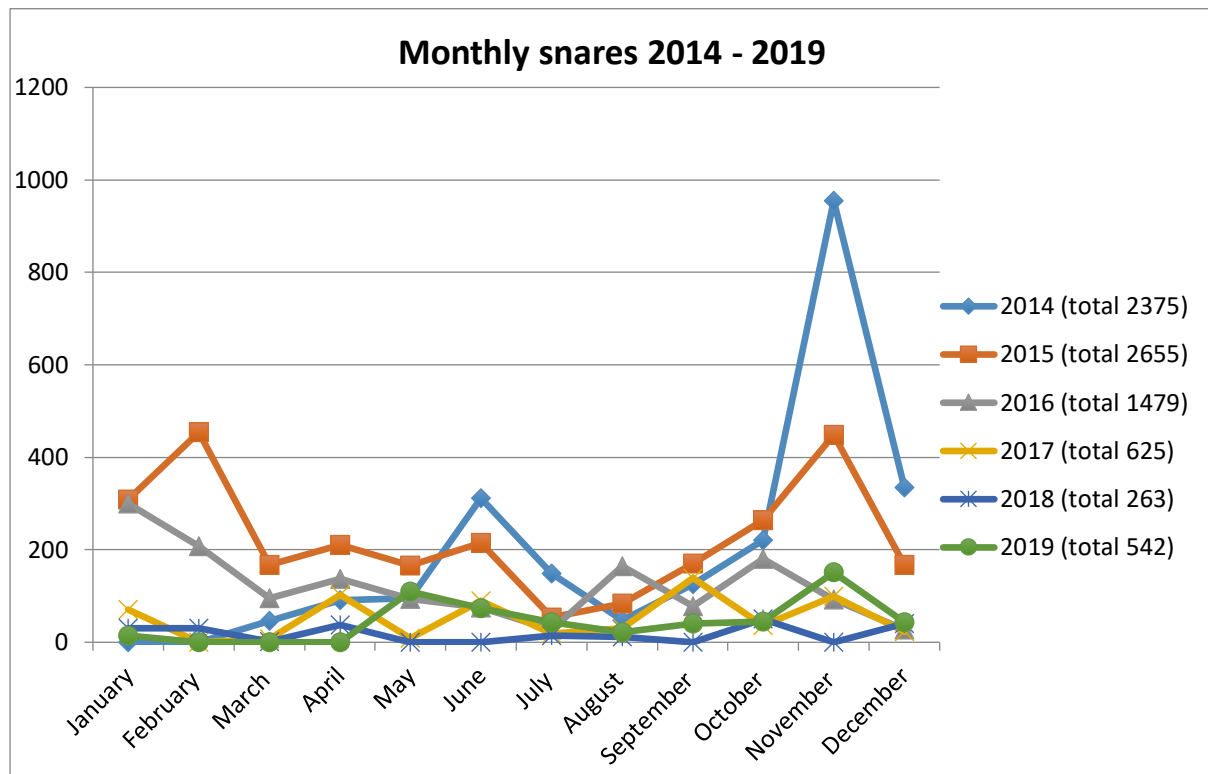


Figure 3. Showing monthly snare yields 2014 – 2019. 300% reduction.

If you look at the trends, not only have they decreased dramatically, but what is important for us to see is the flattening of the lines i.e. there are less highs and lows. To us, this indicates an even and consistent effort from DAPU. We have always maintained that consistency is key. This graph shows a 300% reduction in snare yields from 2014 to end of 2019.



Fig. 4 homemade muzzle loader.



Fig. 4. DAPU with two young poachers.



Fig. 5. Same two youngsters now in cuffs – they snared this lioness by mistake.

Mbire men nabbed for killing lion

Fri, 08 Nov 2019 02:27:07 GMT

TWO Mbire men are in serious trouble after they snared and killed a lion and a warthog worth US\$22 000 in Mushumbi Pools

BY SIMBARASHE SITHOLE.

Clement Hwata (22) and Lameck Kataura (20) both from Chiwapura village, pleaded guilty before Guruve magistrate Shingirai Mutiro yesterday and were remanded in custody to today for sentencing.

Prosecutor Carson Kundiona told the court that on October 31, game rangers were on patrol at Angwa Safari in Mushumbi Pools when they saw footprints which led to the convicts' place of residence.

The duo was found in possession of 15kg of dried warthog meat and confessed that they used a snare to kill the animals.

They were force-marched to their trap where the game rangers discovered that the snare had killed a lioness.

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Fig. 6 screen shot of news article relating to lioness poached.



Fig. 7. DAPU and a typical subsistence poacher.





Fig.8. Talk about having a bad day, a young poacher in his camp with Bongi.



| | Convicted | Convicted |
|-------|-------------------|--------------|
| | Meat poacher's | Ele. poacher |
| 2014 | 19 | 4 |
| 2015 | 11 | 5 |
| 2016 | 12 | 2 |
| 2017 | 8 | 5 |
| 2018 | 9 | 1 |
| 2019 | 46 | 0 |
| Total | 105 | 17 |

Fig.9 total recorded convictions to date.

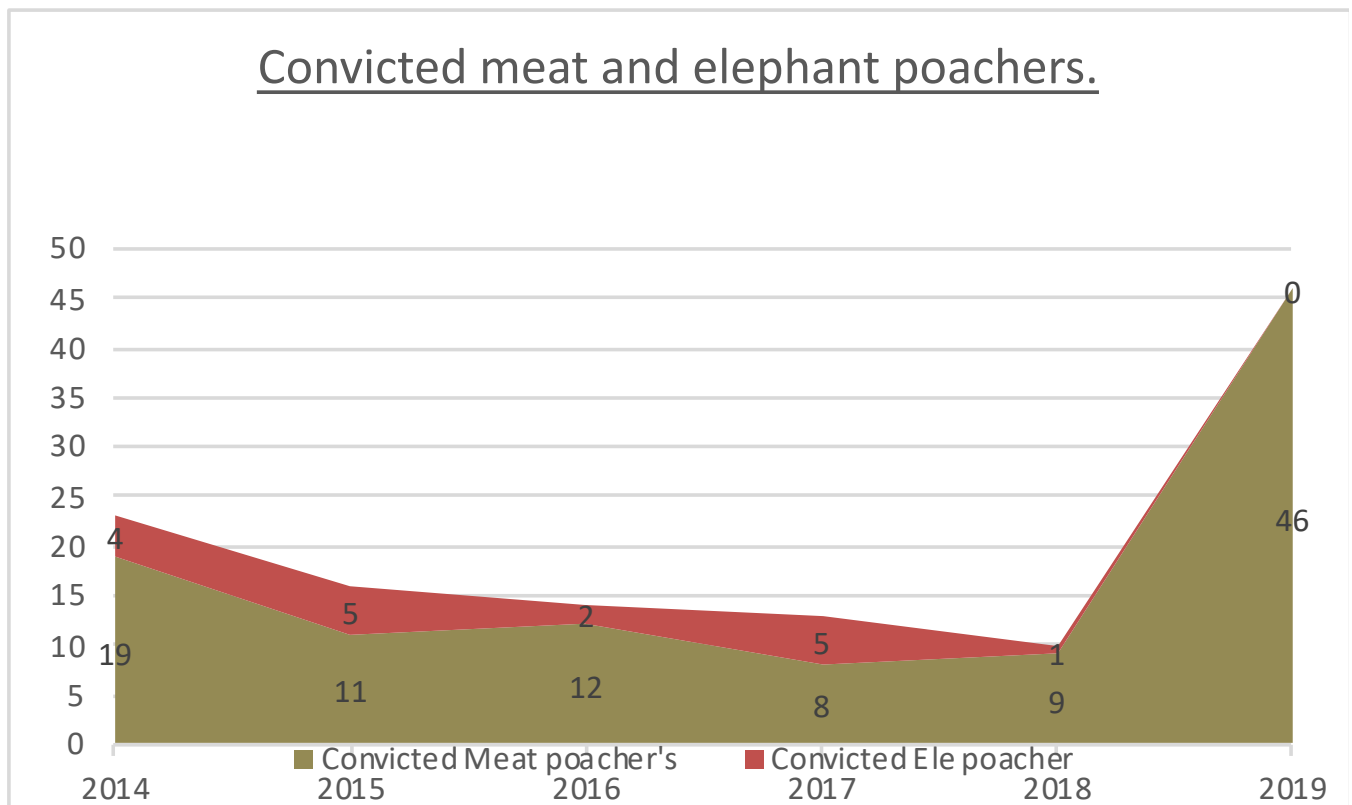


Fig 9. Showing convicted meat and ele poachers.

In 2019 DAPU caught at least another 40 poachers but failed to convict them i.e. the courts let them off. I guess this was due to the severe drought and genuine starvation. Whilst we incurred serious expenses and a little hit to DAPU morale Maybe the courts sensitivity in such a bleak year was not the end of the world! One real regret was a case where three locals “took their dogs for a walk” 20km from home. Well, whilst out strolling with their dogs they were attacked by a female leopard whom managed to lightly maul one of the accused ... and then they killed her. These three were let off as it was seen as “self defence” – which was of course complete and utter nonsense!

4. Illegal Gold Panning – a new challenge.

In Dande we had been largely spared this affliction, however we have begun to encounter our first illegal gold panners. The erosion and mess that they can make is truly terrible. To date we have arrested and convicted x 8 gold panners with a further x 3 who arrested but were not convicted.



Fig. 10. Convicted gold panners x 8 with DAPU



Fig. 11. Tools of the trade.

5. Elephant poaching.

There have been two elephants poached in Dande in 2019 that we know of. Of those, one young bull was recovered with tusks intact so we presume he was wounded and died later of his wounds.

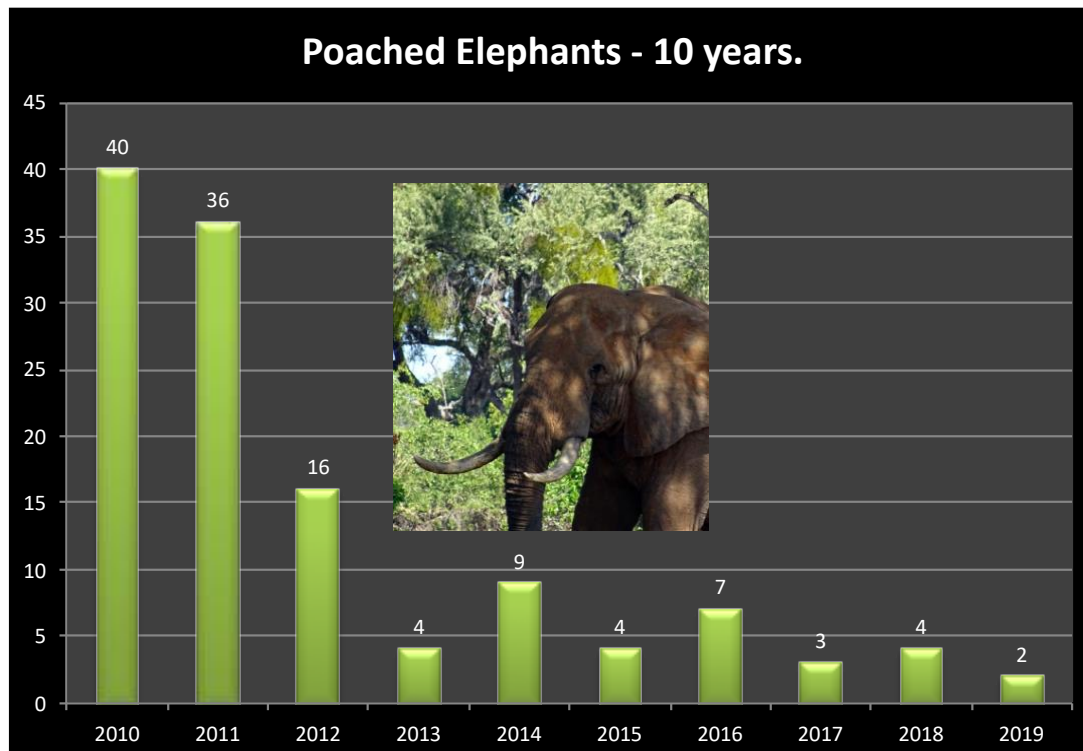


Fig 12. Showing poached elephants – 10 years.



Fig 13. DAPU with tusks recovered from young bull presumed wounded by poachers.

6. Problem Animal Control/ Human wildlife conflict.

Duties for DAPU scouts also include attending to Problem Animal reports (PAC). Obviously “the peak season” for PAC is the cropping season which is February to the end of April. In 2019 due to the drought and widespread crop failure, the PAC reports were relative to the season – i.e. callouts were not as frequent as some years. Both DAPU vehicles are typically on standby in these three months with a quick reaction team.

We would like to thank Mike Nicholson who has kindly donated shotgun ammo for the last three years. DAPU uses it by the case to chase elephants out of the fields. This has undoubtedly saved the life of several elephants that would normally be shot as Problem Animals.

6.1.1 Elephant

One lady was killed early 28th March 2019. That was the only death for 2019. The crop raiding that did happen hit communities hard as they were already struggling. We really tried to react as quickly as possible.



Fig. 14. common complaint – here an enterprising elephant helped himself to all the food in a grain bin leaving behind a hungry family!

6.1.2 Lion

Nothing serious to report. Some cattle and goats were killed but not as many as normal. No lions were shot and no people killed.

6.1.3 Buffalo

No folk killed in 2019, reported problem buffalo but none were shot.

6.1.4 Crocodile

No reports.

6.1.5 Hippo

One person killed in the East area- the offending hippo was shot.

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. The anti-poaching / netting operations on the Zambezi that we support continue to become better and better resourced and run. It is becoming rarer to find illegal nets on the river. Catches for legal nets and sport anglers alike have improved dramatically over the last three years.



8. Water projects.

We have undertaken various water projects in 2019. They do not appear in the DAPU budget as some were required by contract and some Buzz and I just had to do! These water projects are really low hanging fruit as they really do provide almost instant gratification!

I. Extension of pipe line.

We extended the pipeline from “palm tree” pan, 4.8km to “center Pan” in the Northern section of the Dande Safari Area. The results were almost instant with a nice herd of buff, two herds of eland, a herd of sable, five groups of zebras, heaps of impala, warthogs, kudu and four breeding herds of elephants all enjoying clean water within one month! These animals often used to drink amongst villages, so now we hope there will be allot less conflict and competition between people and animals. We wish that we had done this years ago!!!



II. [Solar equipping borehole.](#)

at Angwa bridge and piping water to the clinic. Wow not only was the installation and commissioning of the project flawless but it continues to be really gratifying to see the nurses with smiles on their faces! To have crystal clear, clean water on tap in a clinic is vital. Next job Solar lighting!

III. [Solar equipping borehole.](#)

At Kanyemba clinic and piping water to tanks and the clinic. Once again, a flawless and perfect installation and an instant hit with everyone in the area. We may have got a bit excited and put in a pump too large ... time will tell. Next job Solar lighting.



Fig. 15. Bongi and Muno checking for leaks before covering up trench.



Fig. 16. Bongi cleaning out the tank at Kanyemba.





Fig. 17. It took 20 seconds to fill 4 x buckets (80 liters).

9. Other news

9.1 Tragedy strikes.

In early August 2019, two kids, brother and sister disappeared from their home. They had tried to follow their mother to a food collection point. Only the dismembered head of the two-year-old girl was recovered, certainly killed and eaten by hyenas. The four-year-old has never been found. DAPU, National Parks, the police and other stakeholders spent days trying to find the little boy. Tragically, unseasonal rain and getting the news late conspired against rescue efforts.

9.2 Flying for Wildlife

A very special thank you to Flying for Wildlife, who immediately, no questions asked sent down an aircraft at no charge to help in the search for the missing boy. They spent an entire day flying at no charge to anyone.

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Sad development in Masoka .

2 kids went missing yesterday afternoon at their home .According to the source it is said parents left them at home at mid morning as they went to Food Aide distribution point .

It is beleived that the kids decided to follow their mother and probably get lost .They tried to search for them until it was dark .This late afternoon with the help of Rangers they tracked them down and found one killed by hyenas .There was a skull and cloths on the scene . The other one who was a bit older seem to escaped from the attack and ran away facing Dande North Cm safari sideMarirangwe. we are very worried if he is still alive .According to source they are saying his tracks crossed Angwa mkanga road .. I presumably he is heading towards the DSA.

Please if you see a lonely track of a kid lets share information and do the best we can to help

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Sad development in Masoka .

2 kids went missing yesterday afternoon at their home .According to the ...

Uuuuuuuuum what a sad story. May the Almighty comfort the bereaved family during this trying time. I hope a report was made to the police.

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[9.3 Trackit](#) (again ...Richard Tennant and Hannes Scholtz of Flying for Wildlife) 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.

[9.4. The African Wildlife Foundation.](#)

The A.W.F has helped with some patrol equipment, cyber tracking units, laptop computers, and a short course on the use of Cyber trackers for scouts in 2019. They have other very useful projects that are ongoing and we will report on those once they are complete. The AWF is proving to be a really stable partner and good for morale for staff as they often get treated with kit that they would otherwise not have had. There are big plans for 2020 which include:

- Building DAPU staff accommodation at Karunga camp.
- Providing some help with patrol rations.
- Possibly helping with major water projects in the “East”.

We will report on all of this when projects are complete.

[9.5. 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.

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9.6. DAPU collects the “Ox of Okavango” award.

Buzz and I were extremely proud and grateful to collect on behalf of DAPU the “Ox of the Okavango” award at the annual African Professional Hunters function in Dallas. This award is very generously sponsored and presented by A.P.H.A honorary member Mr. Fred Mannix, who is a strong believer in “conservation through wise use”.

The trophy is a herd of elephants made of solid silver, designed by Mr. Mannix in conjunction with artist Mr. Patrick Mavros, on its base is a plaque with the names of the winners. The lucky winner gets to retain a silver miniature and receives \$5,000 with which to continue their good work.

Buzz and I are under no illusion that this trophy has really been earned by the hard work and dedication of the whole team, led by Bongi.



9.7. School desks.

The Jack and Marjorie Schillinger Foundation represented Mr. David Katzenstein, donated \$10,000 towards the purchase of 100 new school desks. Buzz and I simply facilitated the purchase and delivery so should not be taking any credit. The desks were extremely well received indeed!





Fig. Next project is to get a roof on to this for the little ones below!



9.8 The annual Charlton McCallum Safaris soccer tournament.

Every year, (normally in October), we sponsor a soccer tournament that is wonderful fun and fiercely competitive! The teams in wards 1 & 2 play a knockout tournament in their respective wards, then the winners / top teams from each ward play a final! In 2019 the silverware went to Angwa bridge.



[A very special gesture.](#)

A local commercial farmer Mr. Piet Gertenbach has been a long time and most thoughtful donor and supporter of DAPU. Twice now Piet and his family have given DAPU scouts fertilizer for their crops. Well just before Christmas, Piet called and said he had two bags of fertilizer for each DAPU scout (2.2 tons) – one bag of compound D (general for planting the crops) and a second bag of AN (for top dressing their crops). Piet being a farmer knew precisely what the guys (and girls) needed for their operations and this donation was a huge success with all the DAPU staff. If they have better food security at home, less to worry about then surely this must be good for morale! Thank you Piet!



DAPU Income and Expenses 2019 YTD**2019 income****# 1. Donations.**

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Jerry Beardmore | \$500.00 | |
| Mike Tenney | \$500.00 | |
| Jeff Norman | \$100.00 | |
| Catherine Smencer | \$100.00 | |
| Kelly Gill | \$60.00 | |
| David Adams | \$10,000.00 | |
| Jerry Jurena | \$1,000.00 | |
| Jack & Marjorie Schillinger Family | | |
| Foundation. | \$10,000.00 | (school desks). |
| Mike Core | \$1,000.00 | |
| Myron Repka | \$250.00 | |
| Tim Lloyd | \$250.00 | |
| Sylvarnus Trust | \$6,000.00 | |
| Martinus Van Reyden | \$200.00 | |
| Jytte Mejnertsen | \$1,700.00 | |

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Total donations | US\$31,660 | |
| # 2. Hunting clients | US\$10,554 | |
| # 3. Charlton McCallum Safaris | US\$74,634 | |
| Total Income | US\$116,848 | |

2019 Expenses**# 1 Wages, rewards and rations.**

| Month | Game Scouts | Management | Rations | Rewards | Netting | Total |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| January | US\$1,100 | US\$1,605 | US\$770 | US\$1,754 | US\$200 | US\$5,429 |
| February | US\$1,100 | US\$1,605 | US\$770 | US\$0 | US\$200 | US\$3,675 |
| March | US\$1,100 | US\$1,605 | US\$770 | US\$0 | US\$200 | US\$3,675 |
| April | US\$1,100 | US\$1,605 | US\$560 | US\$92 | US\$200 | US\$3,557 |
| May | US\$1,100 | US\$1,605 | US\$770 | US\$212 | US\$200 | US\$3,887 |
| June | US\$1,100 | US\$1,605 | US\$770 | US\$308 | US\$200 | US\$3,983 |
| July | US\$1,100 | US\$1,605 | US\$770 | US\$211 | US\$200 | US\$3,886 |
| August | US\$1,100 | US\$1,605 | US\$770 | US\$297 | US\$200 | US\$3,972 |
| September | US\$1,100 | US\$1,605 | US\$770 | US\$1,884 | US\$200 | US\$5,559 |
| October | US\$1,100 | US\$1,605 | US\$770 | US\$1,945 | US\$200 | US\$5,620 |
| November | US\$1,100 | US\$1,605 | US\$770 | US\$1,018 | US\$200 | US\$4,693 |
| December | US\$1,100 | US\$1,605 | US\$770 | US\$76 | US\$200 | US\$3,751 |
| Christmas | US\$1,100 | US\$1,605 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$0 | US\$2,705 |
| | US\$14,300 | US\$20,865 | US\$9,030 | US\$7,797 | US\$2,400 | US\$54,392 |

| | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| # 2 2019 DAPU equipment expenses | | |
| Ammunition 12 guage | | US\$1,522.00 |
| Uniforms (Tselentsis) | | US\$2,191.15 |
| ACX 3232 tires | | US\$1,260.00 |
| AAX 9832 and ACX 3232 Repairs & Maintenance (Darryl's) | | US\$11,611.00 |
| - | | US\$16,584.15 |
| # 3 DSC -F Vehicles x 2 (Fuel, Servicing, Insurance, Sat Tracking). | | |
| ACX 3232 | = 41,512km x \$0.5/km | US\$20,756 |
| AAX 9832 & ABM 5149 | = 29,800.4km x \$0.5/km | US\$14,900 |
| | | US\$35,656 |
| # 4 Desks & Transport (Schillinger Foundation). | | |
| 100 desks and VAT | | US\$8,616 |
| Transport of desks to Dande (two trucks) 800km each | \$1/km | US\$1,600 |
| | | US\$10,216 |
| Total expenses | | US\$116,848 |
| Total Income | US\$116,848 | |
| Shortfall | | US\$0 |

