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Helicopter Report February 2017



Pushing elephants out of farms in the Kirindon area

Narrative:

This month the most important task the helicopter has done for conservation is to move 100+ elephants out of farms in the Kirindon area after they were stranded and surrounded by angry farmers. In this mega herd pictured above we had 4 collared elephants.

The hanger is 99% complete; enough to safely store the helicopter. Laying sod on the disturbed earth, painting the inside, and a rock facing on the outside remain to be completed.

We did not complete the aerial tracking of **all** our collared elephants in January or February.

We completed the 400hr check this February at the KWS Air Wing in Nairobi. The right magneto will need servicing early as the governor sensor is not functioning properly.

We have not raised significant funds in the last 2 months and we will need to push hard now to get the necessary funding for 2017.

Several outstanding accounts have not been paid and we will remind everyone again of this in March.

February Flight report

Date	Time	Amount	Operation	Pay Source
1/2/17	2.66	798	Check Olchoda and Caroline, ferry Nairobi return	Suzie
2/2/17	0.42	126	MEP, Lemek, Richards Camp: Miles etc	Suzie
3/2/17	0.89	267	Richards Camp MEP Ferry	Suzie
4/2/17	0.9	270	Richards Camp Ferry MEP	Suzie
5/2/17	1.02	306	Looking for collared lion	MEP
6/2/17	4.07	1221	Flight to Lamu	Suzie/MG
7/2/17	1.04	312	Refuel Manganga, Pate island Ferry to Roots	Suzie
8/2/17	1.28	384	Amu Ranch Pulling buffalo out of mud	Suzie
9/2/17	1.38	414	Peponi Ferry and flight to Ukunda and Shimba	Suzie/MG
10/2/17	3.34	1002	Return Mara from Ukunda	Suzie
11/2/17	1.22	366	baby elephant with a snare around its trunk	MEP
14/2/17	2.78	834	Nanyuki Return Mara Space for Giants Meeting	ESCAPE
15/2/17	1.98	594	Monitoring Shorty, and Mytene in Tanzania	MEP
16/2/17	0.69	207	Donor Relations Richards camp	MEP
17/2/17	4.2	1260	Elephant Collaring in Magadi	MEP
18/2/17	0.78	234	Donor Relations Richards camp	MEP
19/2/17	1.62	486	Large herd of elephants stuck in farms	MEP
20/2/17	1.16	348	Flight to Wilson for service Via Karen	MEP
23/2/17	1.11	333	Return to Mara	MEP
24/2/17	0.84	252	Ferry intel officer to Kisii	MEP
25/2/17	0.93	279	Donor relations Evgeny Lebedev, Ian Mckellen	MEP
26/2/17	0.47	141	Donor relations Evgeny Lebedev, Ian Mckellen	MEP
27/2/17	0.67	201	Richard Recce of Triangle for Donor Trip	MEP
28/2/17	0.63	189	Support for treating injured elephant in Olosukut	MEP
	36.08	\$10,824		



The hanger and apron structure are complete. A rock facing, painting, and laying sod remain to be done.

Focus for February:

Settle outstanding accounts: **Not Done**

Complete hanger: **99% complete**

Complete annual helicopter report: **Not Complete**

Focus for March

Settle outstanding accounts

Complete Hanger

Complete annual report



Mytene photographed from the air in the Serengeti. Photo credit: Brian Heath