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Helicopter Report March 2017



Moving a large bull herd out of the settlement area near Ol Donyo Narasha to Olkinyei Conservancy.

Narrative:

During this month we have received no new donations for the helicopter which is worrying. We will need to raise funds soon to keep flying. The helicopter was having a governor issue which turned out to be carbon buildup on the right magneto where the governor sensor is. This was fixed and the governor is working fine. I pushed the helicopter by mistake into the hanger door, which dented the horizontal stabilizer. This was fixed by KWS and it was lucky I did not have to buy a new stabilizer. On the 15th to the 18th we did the 3rd and final buffalo operation in Green Park and managed to remove an additional 5 buffalo. Karsten visited us and we had a chance to discuss the need for putting aside a buffer fund to purchase a new helicopter once the airframe reaches 1,500hours. This will increase the hourly running costs but makes sense for the sustainability of the project. We expect to reach the 1,500Hrs in the next 4 years assuming we fly the current rate of 280 hours per year as per our 2016 total.

March Flight report

Date	Time	Amount	Mission Details	Pay source
1/3/17	0.9	270	Flight to Nairobi for repair and service magneto	MEP
15 to 17/3/17	12.24	3672	Buffalo operation in Naivasha	Green Park
18/3/17	1.51	453	Mau Forest Patrol flight	MEP
19/3/17	0.5	150	Check dead elephant in Mara North Conservancy	MEP
20/3/17	0.9	270	Check dead elephant in Pardamat, interview suspect	MEP
23/3/17	0.7	210	Ambush w/MC on KE/TZ border and return MEP	MEP
25/3/17	1.4	420	Look for injured elephant on Olchoro Conservancy	MEP
25/3/17	1.5	450	Flight to Baringo with Karsten Ree	KBC
27/3/17	1.4	420	Return Mara	KBC
28/3/17	0.76	228	Flight to Narok return Mara for MIKE harmonization	MEP
29/3/17	1.69	507	patrol Monitoring Santiyan and Ndorre	MEP/WWF
30/3/17	3.02	906	Patrol monitoring flight of all elephants	MEP/WWF
31/3/17	2.16	648	Push large herd from Oldonyo Narasha to olkinyei	MEP
Totals	28.68	\$8,604		

Focus for February:

Settle outstanding accounts: **Not Done: resend requests for payment**

Complete hanger: **Complete**

Complete annual helicopter report: Near Complete

Focus for March

Settle outstanding accounts

Complete annual report



Poacher camp in the Mau Forest.