



## ANTI-POACHING

MEP has trained and deployed a team of over 30 rangers from the Mara to conduct regular patrols, safeguarding elephants from poaching and intervening in human-wildlife conflict situations. MEP has a Rapid Response Team that is able to respond immediately to any incidents covering an area of up to 2,000 km<sup>2</sup> of the 7,000 km<sup>2</sup> Greater Mara ecosystem. We have a team of three intelligence officers who gather information. Their diligence has led to the arrest of 350 ivory dealers, middlemen and poachers since 2014. We work in partnership with the Kenya Wildlife Service and the Narok County Government. Together both organisations have embedded 20 rangers to our patrol teams to ensure proper law enforcement and prosecution of poachers for wildlife crimes.

## HUMAN-ELEPHANT CONFLICT MITIGATION

MEP works with local communities who live alongside elephants and other wildlife to address human-elephant conflict (HEC) and poaching. MEP has

a rapid response hotline to deploy rangers trained on our HEC toolkit. The toolkit includes vehicles, firecrackers, the Karen Blixen Camp Ree Park Safari helicopter and spotlights. MEP provides training and support to local farmers by mending farm fences and building chili fences together. MEP works with schools to teach children the benefit of conservation. We are establishing wildlife clubs, building elephant-proof fences around school grounds, and establishing community woodlots to provide a sustainable supply of harvestable wood to prevent deforestation and habitat loss.

## ELEPHANT COLLARING AND RESEARCH

MEP currently monitors 22 collared elephants with GPS collars, which enable us to track elephant movements 24/7. The near real-time collar data is a tool for security and we deploy rangers to monitor the collared elephants daily. We have set up over 100 km of geo-fences, virtual boundaries, around farms and settlements that provide an early warning system for HEC, with rangers deployed to geo-fence incursion sites, thereby keeping both elephants and people out of danger. The collars also collect long-term data on elephant rangelands and corridors. This vital information is shared with policy makers and key partners to inform spatial planning, leading to informed decision-making on land use.



## **If you would like to make a donation, here's how it could help:**

**\$50** – Provides food rations for a ranger in the field for one month, enabling them to patrol, monitor and protect elephants

**\$100** - Buys 10 firecrackers to move elephants safely out of community farmland and away from conflict situations and known poaching hotspots

**\$400** – Mobilises the helicopter for one hour to protect elephants and the community by providing rapid response to HEC incidents

**\$500** – Educates 60 local school children about the importance of conserving their wildlife by funding a field trip into one of the Mara's conservancies

**\$1,000** – Pays a ranger's salary and benefits for three months enabling them to patrol, monitor and protect elephants and local communities

**\$1,500** – Equips a ranger for two years, providing them with a uniform, bedroll, sleeping bag, mosquito net, wet weather kit and backpacks

**\$2,000** – Pays for the fuel and maintenance of a ranger patrol vehicle covering over 4000kms per month, enabling rangers to provide rapid response to poaching or HEC incidents

**\$3,000** – Covers the costs of monthly intelligence operations critical to the arrest of poachers, middlemen and ivory dealers

**\$6,000** – Supports essential, ongoing training for 10 rangers including tactical training and medical courses, giving them the skills to protect elephants and effectively respond to incidents whilst on patrol

**\$10,000** – Collars a high-risk elephant that will safeguard the herd from potential poaching and conflict. This includes the deployment of the GPS satellite collar, use of the KWS vet and helicopter for collaring, as well as satellite monitoring over three years

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