Protect, Conserve, Inspire

Helicopter Report July 2016

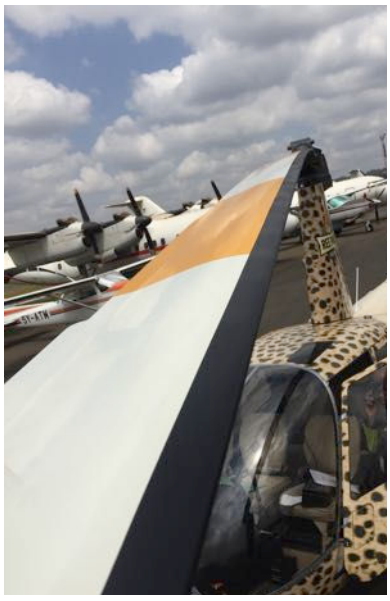
Introduction:
The fundraising has slowed down slightly on Indigogo with a total of 5,600USD raised by 29 people over 2 months. Ms. Rita Cabases and her mum who donated 5,500 USD hugely boosted direct donations for the helicopter. The total amount raised for direct costs is 14,000USD this equates to 46hours of flying. I would like to sincerely thank the individuals who have allowed MEP to respond much more effectively with the helicopter. We are still shy of the 70,000USD mark, which is our annual goal.

This month we completed the 200hrs service which included; track and balance, painting the blades, changing the oil, changing filters and cleaning the engine. The average bill per 100hr service seems to be 2,500USD. The service team were efficient and a pleasure to work with.

Since MEP has been working with 5Y REE we have be able to operate in a much larger area, respond to HEC effectively, deploy rangers, and react to poaching much faster. Other organizations have also requested our support with wildlife

related operations. IN August the Green Park Farm has asked us in conjunction with KWS to move buffalos off their property. The African Center for Conservation (ACC) has asked us to provide aerial support for their collaring exersize in the southern rift valley. The vulture project in the Mara has also requested that we conduct a vulture nesting survey with their team. For the extra operations, although wildlife related, we will be requesting a 300USD per hour contribution to the running costs of the helicopter.

June Situation Report

1/7/16 HEC	Chase elephants out of farm in Ngorengore. They were near road B3 1.14hrs
18/7/16 HEC	A family of elephants was stuck inside a fence in Talek which we struggled to remove. The same day we got a report of a large herd of elephants who were near the Oldonyo Narasha Center. We were able to push the elephants several kilometers into Ol Kinyei Conservancy. 4.05Hrs
19/7/16 Monitoring	Monitoring collared elephant Shorty and his herd. .89hrs
24/7/16 Recce	Looking for wounded elephants on ol choro conservancy after they were attacked by villagers with arrows. 2.57hrs
25/7/16 Monitoring	Monitoring Chelsea and Limo in Ol Kinyei. .71hrs
26/7/16 HEC	Chase elephants out of a farm in Lemek Center (video) .75hrs
28/7/16 Monitoring	Visiting 8 of the collared elephants and filling out the new STE form. 2.3hrs
29/7/16	Aerial recce of Pardamat Conservancy .64

Focus for July:
Start Building Hanger: Not done
Focus for August:
Start building hanger