Protect, Conserve, Inspire

Helicopter Report July 2017

Chasing elephants out of farms on the 28th of July. Note the small child in the right corner of the photo.

Narrative:

July has been a busy month for the helicopter in response to human-elephant conflict. I camped out with the rangers in Isokon in the Transmara for several nights to be able to respond to the HEC in the area effectively. Large herds were coming up into the farms from the Mara Conservancy as night fell. The rangers would then listen for shouts of distress from the farmers and rush to the different farms during the night. The farmers and the rangers coordinated efforts to push out the elephants. We used the helicopter to move the elephants farther away from the escarpment; pushing them deep into the Mara Conservancy. This meant that they would only be able to get to the top of the escarpment by 3am or not at all. Being based at the camp saved significant ferry time back and forth to the MEP HQ.

We are -34,170USD in arrears on the helicopter account.

June Flight report

Date	Time	Amount	Mission	Payee
7/9/17	2.5	1000	Treat injured elephant in Olare Conservancy	MEP
7/11/17	0.9	360	Ferry Donor to Talek	To PayPal
7/11/17	1	400	HEC in Transmara Isokon	MEP
7/12/17	0.8	320	HEC in Transmara Isokon: Eles climbing escarpment	MEP
7/13/17	2.4	960	Monitoring HEC elephants in Mosiro/Ewaso Loita recce	MEP
7/14/17	0.9	360	Recce Kishangaa area in Mara Triangle for HEC elephants	MEP
7/16/17	1.2	480	Loita Intel operation for firearms	MEP
7/16/17	1.8	720	HEC in Munyas Laila forest- 1 badly injured elephant	MEP
7/17/17	0.9	360	Search for injured elephant in Laila and bandits at Kileleoni	MEP
7/18/17	1.3	520	Search for injured elephant in Laila and Paradise meeting	MEP
7/19/17	1.2	480	HEC in Transmara Isokon	MEP
7/20/17	0.9	360	HEC in Transmara Isokon top of the escarpment	MEP
7/21/17	0.4	160	Trip to Visit paradise foundation in Kishangaa MC	MEP
7/23/17	0.8	320	Identifying and Collaring Hangzhou in Mara Conservancy	MEP
7/24/17	1.1	440	Ivory Recovery on TZ border with Mara Conservancy	MEP
7/25/17	0.4	160	Return to MEP from Kishangaa Mara Conservancy	MEP
7/26/17	1.1	440	HEC in Munyas and Ntulele	MEP
7/28/17	2.9	1160	Move stranded HEC elephants out of farms in TZ	MEP
7/30/17	1.2	480	Search for injured elephant we moved from farms on 28th	MEP
7/31/17	2.6	1040	Mau Recce with KWS for illegal loggers	MEP
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Focus for July

Receive funding from previous flying from WWF: WWF have opted out of monitoring their elephants

Transfer 30,000USD to KBCT account: Done

Raise Funds: Not Done Claire Bolles has been getting very good information out on the website and though social media about the helicopter. We hope to raise some funds soon!

Focus for August:

Fundraise for flying

Landing pad at Isokon Camp.

Lamb donated by the community roasted over the fire Maasai (Gaucho) style.

Camping with the team.

Running at idle while getting a helping-hand from Mavic to move the elephants further from the escarpment.

Keep them moving away from the farms. There is plenty of grass for them to eat in the pristine Mara Conservancy.