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Helicopter Report June 2017

TANAPA rangers in the Serengeti

Narrative:
This month Kenya Wildlife Service completed a 500-hour maintance service of the helicopter. The slight dents in the blades from touching tree leaves were measured and passed inspection, which comes as a relief as a new pair of blades and spindle costs $52,000.

Unfortunately in June no new donations were received toward flying time for the helicopter. This is something we will need to focus on as we are currently operating in the red for helicopter usage.

Conflict in the Serengeti continues and the TANAPA warden requested that we return a herd of elephants from farms back to the park.

The area continues to dry up and as a result elephant herds seem to be amalgamating into super herds or clans. During the operation on the 15th of June we counted a clan of over 100 individuals in the Mosiro area, which is a daunting thought for a farmer in this area.

June Flight report

Date	Hours	USD	Mission	Pay Source
6/8/17	0.4	160	Test flight at Wilson after 500hr check	MEP
6/9/17	1	400	Return to Mara from Nairobi	MEP
6/13/17	2.1	840	HEC in Serengeti and Move eles back to park	MEP
6/15/17	2.9	1160	Move HEC elephants out of Center in Mosiro	MEP
6/16/17	0.5	200	Maa Trust Visit	Suzie
6/16/17	0.9	360	Elephant death OOC limo transfer	MEP
6/17/17	1.2	480	Ferry film crew to ranger post	Suzie
	9	3,600		

Focus for June

Receive funding for previous flying from WWF: Not received which affects our ability to monitor the elephants they collared

Raise funds: No new funding was received in June

Conduct 500-hour service: Done

Focus for July

Receive funding from previous flying from WWF

Transfer 30,000USD to KBCT account

Raise Funds

Crop raiding elephants outside the Serengeti