Protect, Conserve, Inspire

Helicopter Report May 2017

Bush fires lit in anticipation of the rain.

Narrative:
We have received $20,000 from Erica Hoyng and John Dillow toward MEP helicopter flying hours. This will cover approximately two months of flying. Additional funding is needed to keep flying at our current rate. We estimate that at the end off May we will have flown 500 hours, which means that a major service will be conducted in June by the KWS Airwing in Nairobi.

In response to continued insecurity in the Mau Forest we did two reconnaissance missions with KWS and Mike Prettejohn.

HEC has increased this month and the helicopter has been vital in moving elephants into safe areas from farms.

We reacted to an injured baby elephant on the 20th of May and successfully separated him from his mother so he could be treated.

On the 25th of May we were able to find and re-collar elephant Mytene in the Serengeti National Park with TANAPA.

May Flight report

Date	Time	USD	Mission	Pay source
02/05/2017	1.3	520	Looking for injured giraffe in Mara Triangle	Mara Triangle
02/05/2017	1.25	500	Flight with Oak Foundation and Minara Foundation	Davina
08/05/2017	1.1	440	Push elephants out of Munyas area back to Olchoro	MEP
11/05/2017	0.5	200	Search for injured elephant in Lemek conservancy	MEPO
12/05/2017	1.1	440	Flight with DWST photographers- elephant book	DSWT
13/05/2017	1.6	640	Mau Recce with KWS and arrest of illegal loggers	KWS/MEP
15/05/2017	0.6	240	Search for injured elephant in Mara North Conservancy	MEP
16/05/2017	2.3	920	Launch of aerial count and Mau recce with Mike Prettejohn	MEP
17/05/2017	0.3	120	Visit Peter Achammer	Personal
18/05/2017	1.8	720	HEC in Loita on the TZ border	MEP
19/05/2017	1.4	560	Search for injured elephant in Migor and HEC in Munyas	MEP
20/05/2017	2.2	880	Search for injured baby elephant in Mara Triangle	DSWT
23/05/2017	1.5	600	Search for Shorty (collar not reporting) and Mytene	MEP
25/05/2017	2.9	1160	Re-collaring Mytene	MEP
26/05/2017	1	400	Flight to Kakamega	Personal
28/05/2017	0.8	320	Flight to Mara From Kakamega	Personal
29/05/2017	4.2	1680	HEC in Munyas	MEP
29/05/2017	1.2	480	HEC in Olosukut forest	MEP
Totals	27.05	10820		

Focus for May
Settle outstanding accounts
Raise funds to continue flying

Focus for June
Receive funding for previous flying from WWF
Raise funding
Conduct 500 hour service

Long grass in the Serengeti.

The completed helicopter hanger at MEP HQ.