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Helicopter Report December 2016



Elephants destroy a large maize plantation in the Transmara. Their rushed exit leaves behind a clear track.

Narrative:

The aerial monitoring of all collared elephants in the ecosystem is increasingly interesting. During the last aerial monitoring flight on the 19th of December we saw a female and calf black rhino in Olderikesi in the MMNR. As part of monitoring the elephants with collars in Tanzania we have developed a cross boundary relationship with TANAPA in the Serengeti who have allowed us to monitor our collared elephants across the border with the warden from TANAPA and Mara Conservancy. At the moment the western Serengeti has received a lot more rain compared to the Mara and is very green. It was wonderful to see the large expanse of wilderness, although settlements and farming abut the western boundary of the park. Elephants Shorty and Mytene have been crop raiding on the park boundary and we will continue

to send the warden conflict coordinates. We also plan learn more about response to conflict more in the near future. This month we were able to respond to a number of conflict sites and mitigate them successfully. Other notable flights include: deploying the blood hounds to the Eastern part of the MMNR, respond to road accident victims, and lifting the KWS vet to treat a wounded elephant.

The hanger is coming on well and we expect its completion by mid January. This will allow us to both deploy faster and properly secure the helicopter.

The Kenya Wildlife Service Narok Station has been supporting aerial monitoring work with AVGAS fuel. This has allowed us to better monitor the Eastern Extent of the ecosystem including Niakara and Mosiro areas.

December Flight Report

Date	Hobbs	USD	Operation	Pay source
1/12/16	1.29	387	Monitoring Shorty in Tanzania	MEP
7/12/16	1.89	567	Move elephants from a conflict area in Naikara	MEP
9/12/16	1.74	522	Move limo and his herd out of conflict area	MEP
12/12/16	0.79	237	Reposition KBC and check elephants in Olosukut area	MEP
17/12/16	0.38	114	Flight to Sky ship return MEP base	Private
19/12/16	6.51	1953	Monitoring all the collared elephants	MEP
21/12/16	1.29	387	Flight to Nairobi to collect Karsten	KBC
21/12/16	1.04	312	Return KBC Mara	KBC
22/12/16	1.11	333	Flight to Nairobi for KCAA	MEP
22/12/16	0.87	261	Return Mara from Wilson	MEP
23/12/16	1.54	462	Deploy Dogs to cottars via Serena	Cottars
23/12/16	0.78	234	Monitoring collars in Olosukut and Mara North	MEP
27/12/16	2.59	777	Move elephants out of Kirindon Forest	MEP
28/12/16	0.71	213	Refuel Narok	MEP
28/12/16	0.43	129	Flight to Richards Camp and Ngerende	Private
29/12/16	3.04	912	Move Elephants out of Kirindon- Treating 1 elephant	MEP
29/12/16	0.49	147	Ferry Kaila from Main road C3 to MEP	Private
30/12/16	1.04	312	Ferry in-laws to Nairobi	Private
30/12/16	0.78	234	Return flight to Mara	Private
31/12/16	0.49	147	EMS flight- doc from Aitong to Shikar refuel Richard's	MEP
31/12/16	0.35	105	Check Olchoda in Ol Donyo Erinka	MEP
	28.8	\$8,745		



Shorty photographed for the first time in over 2 years in the Serengeti



Deploying tracker dogs from Serena

Focus for December:

Complete foundation for hanger: **Completed**

Settle outstanding accounts: **Not Completed**

Focus for January:

Settle outstanding accounts:

Complete hanger:

Complete annual helicopter report