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## **REPORT**

**December and January 2016**



*Crop damage caused by elephants in the Inkenye area Transmara.*



During this period we have had no rain to speak of and the whole area is very dry. Hippos in the Mara River are starting to perish due to the availability of grass.

### **General**

The MEP and KWS team in Olosukut have been responding to a large number of conflict reports in the Inkenye area. Five of our collared elephants (Fred, Kegol, Ivy, Lucy and Hugo) have been crop raiding in this area over the reporting period. Tribal clashes between the Maasai and Kalenjin broke out in the Inkenye area in December. Conflict between the two tribes over land and land usage has been an age-old feud and has kicked off again more recently. Several people on both sides have been killed. Their specific battleground is the Inkenye area where there are large maize fields. During one of these conflicts a bull elephant was caught in the crossfire and was killed. While the MEP helicopter provided

aerial cover a mobile team were able recover the tusks. Since then the area has been abandoned and the elephants have been feeding on the farms in relative peace.

The MEP Trust held an EGM on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December followed by a board meeting. At the EGM office bearers were elected and we formed 3 committees; Governance, Audit/Risk, and Fundraising/Communications.

### Partnership Development

WWF has promised to come and meet in the Mara to finalize the contract

The warden in the Serengeti Joseph France from Tanzania National Parks Authority (TANAPA) has been very helpful and we have been checking on collared elephant Shorty both by air and by sending him current locations. We plan to further develop the partnership with TANAPA.

### Fundraising:

In December and January we raised the following amounts above the escape foundation commitment and excluding \$14,913 from USAID:

\$6,130 in December from individuals including a basketball fundraiser in Indianapolis organized by board member Trey Fehsenfeld.

\$23,660 in January from individuals and organizations.

### Security:

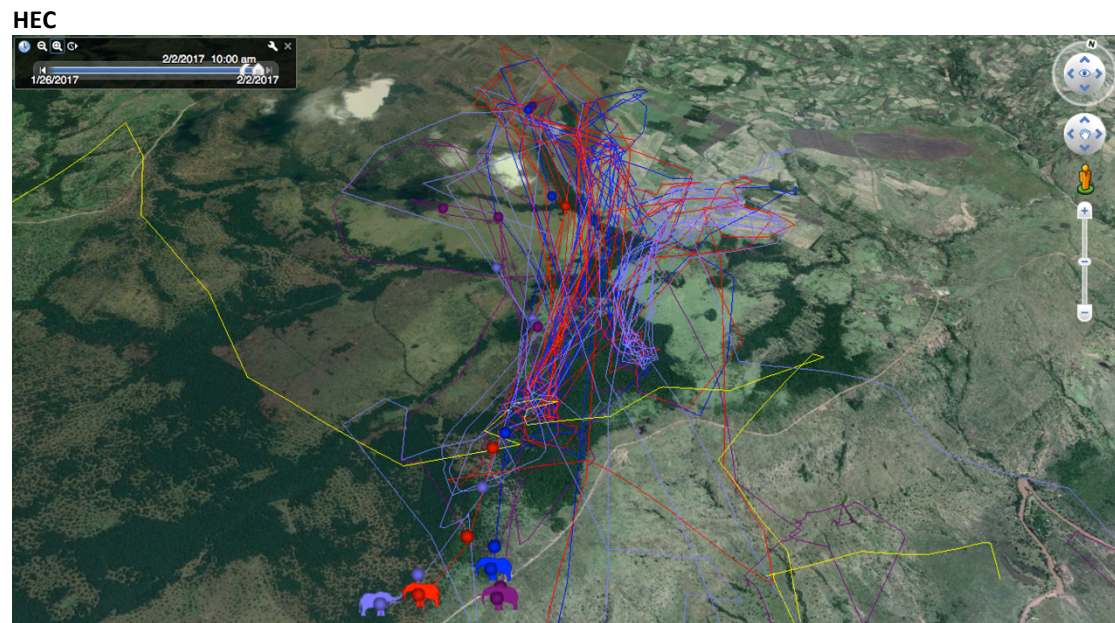
After the 2 incidents of poaching in Loita MEP completed an aerial recce with KWS and we deployed our intelligence warden to the area.

As the drought continues many herders from Tanzania have been moving into the Loita forest and we suspect that the new inhabitants of the forest are causing the poaching.

### Incidents SitReps

<b>Dead elephant on: 12/12/16</b>	A dead elephant was found in Aitong –oltorotua village by local community on the southern side of oltorotua bridge. The cause of death was injury on the right leg. Tusks were recovered and handed over to the KWS Lemek station. Mike file number: 22/16
<b>Ivory recovered and arrest: 7/12/16</b>	2 suspects ( <del>Joseph Mwangi, Mwangi Mwangi</del> ) arrested in Homa bay area with 7 kgs ivory. Suspect taken to Kisii police station and booked with OB number: <del>38/7/12/2016</del> . court location Kisii.
<b>Ivory recovered and arrest: 22/12/16</b>	2 suspects ( <del>Jonathan Marani Ngari and James Ledama Kikani</del> ) arrested in Keroka Kisii area with 8kgs ivory. Suspect taken to Kisii police station and booked with OB number: <del>32/22/12/2016</del> . court location Kisii.
<b>Dead elephant on: 29/12/16</b>	A dead elephant was reported by local community in Transmara area, this comes after a herd of elephants crop raid at night, MEP and KWS respond quickly on the ground, but they were still unable to stop community from shooting arrows and throwing spears at the elephant. Cause of death consider as Human elephant conflict. Both tusks were removed and taken to KWS Narok HQ. Mike file number 23/16.
<b>Dead elephant on: 20/1/17</b>	A dead elephant was found at Naibosho Conservancy on the northern side of Koiyaki guiding school. The baby elephant was found isolated in Olkinyei conservancy by MEP rangers, and found dead the following day. The cause of death consider as natural. The tusks were recovered and taken by KWS Siana station. Mike file number: 1/17





*Ivy, Fred, Kegol and Hugo staging in the Kirindon Forest and crop raiding in the Inkenye area.*



*Bull elephant killed in the Inkenye area on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December.*



No	DATES	SECTOR NAME	GPS LOCATION		CROPS	ACTION/OPERATION DETAILS	MEANS
1	1/12/16	Transmara	1° 7.120'S	35° 3.850'E	Maize farms	Push elephants out of maize farm in Transmara area	by use of car& firecrackers
2	1/12/16	Endoinyio Erinka	1° 16.409'S	35° 19.848'E	Settlement	chase elephants out of farms at night	by use of car
3	1/12/16	Endoinyio Erinka	1° 43.534'S	34° 45.143'E	Monitoring	push elephants out of electric fence to oldoinyio erinka hills	by use of helicopter
4	7/12/16	Tanzania	1° 24.068'S	35° 39.120'E	Settlement	Monitoring shorty in Tanzania after crop raiding	by use of helicopter
5	9/12/16	Naikara	1° 20.169'S	35° 27.791'E	Settlement	move elephants from a conflict area in naikara	by use of helicopter
6	19/12/2016	Oloisukut	1° 27.884'S	36° 7.479'E	Monitoring	Move and his herd out of conflict area	by use of helicopter
7	27/12/2016	Oloisukut	01°07.441"	35°06.951"	Maize farms	move elephants to oloisukut conservancy	by use of helicopter
8	29/12/2016	Kirindon	1° 7.442'S	35° 8.612'E	Settlement	move elephants out of kirindon area	by use of helicopter
9	1/1/17	Kirindon	1° 7.442'S	35° 8.612'E	Maize farms	move elephants out of kirindon area	by use of car
10	3/1/16	Kirindon	1° 6.681'S	35° 3.835'E	Maize farms	Chase Ivy and herd out of Kirindon forest	by use of helicopter
11	3/1/16	Endoinyio erinka	1° 16.066'S	35° 21.945'E	Settlement	push elephants out of electric fence to oldoinyio erinka hills	by use of car& firecrackers
12	9/1/16	Rekero	1° 12.193'S	35° 20.238'E	Settlement	Find injured elephant in Ol Donyo Erinka	by use of helicopter
13	13/1/2016	Endoinyio Narasha	1° 18.522'S	35° 23.853'E	Settlement	push elephants out of conflict area	by use of car
14	16/1/2016	Kirindon	1° 7.064'S	35° 3.659'E	Maize farms	push elephants out of maize farm in transmara area	by use of car
15	19/1/2016	Kirindon	1° 7.064'S	35° 3.659'E	Maize farms	Moving conficlit elephants out of Kirindon Forest	by use of helicopter
16	20/1/2016	Kirindon	1° 6.594'S	35° 4.202'E	Maize farms	Moving conficlit elephants out of Kirindon Forest	by use of helicopter
17	25/1/2016	Rekero	1° 12.118'S	34° 19.102'E	Settlement	push elephants out of electric fence to oldoinyio erinka hills	by use of car
18	25/1/2016	Pusanki	1° 14.663'S	34° 53.946'E	Maize farms	move elephants out of maize farms and erecting chilli fence in the farm	by use of car& firecrackers
19	26/1/2016	Kawai	1° 14.220'S	34° 56.383'E	Maize farms	move elephants out of maize farm	by use of car
20	27/1/2016	Kawai	1° 13.130'S	34° 57.151'E	Maize farms	move elephants out of maize farms	by use of car& firecrackers
21	30/1/2016	Oloosokon	1° 13.180'S	35° 12.065'E	Settlement	Move conflict elepahnts out of Olosokon area	by use of helicopter

### Helicopter Update:

Karsten Ree owner of the helicopter visited us in December and we were able to deploy a bloodhound to a security incident together. We received 2,000USD in donations from Ana Arellano for the Helicopter. We managed to cover the flying expences from donations in 2016 and we plan to fundraise for 300hours of flying in 2017.



**Staff:**

Wilson Sairowua was promoted from Administrator to Tracking Manager

All MEP staff received a salary increment of 10% in January.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of December we held our Christmas staff party and awarded the ranger of the quarter to Gideon Nkoitoi.

**Elephant Tracking:**

Hugo	Hugo spend the duration of the reporting period in the Mara North Conservancy and Olosukut Conservancy. He then went into the Kirindon Forest on the 30 <sup>th</sup> of January where is met up with Ivy, Kegol, and Fred.
Fred	Fred started the reporting period in MNC and then went into the Kirindon Forest on the 21 <sup>st</sup> of December and has been using the forest area as a staging area for crop raiding in Inkiye area. He has been with Kegol for most of the last 2 months.
Mytene	Mytene has spend the last 2 months in the Northern Serengeti.
Ivy	Ivy has been crop raiding for the duration of the period with a large herd of over 60 elephants including Fred, Kegol and more recently Fred.
Caroline	Caroline has spend the last 2 months in the Pardamat conservancy.
Kegol	Kegol has been crop raiding with Fred and they have been together for the duration of the reporting period.
Lucy	Lucy was cropraiding on the 13 <sup>th</sup> to the 16 <sup>th</sup> of January in the Inkiye area. Other than that she has been in the Nyekweri forest and does not venture far out of the forest.
Naibosho	Naibosho went to Tanzania for a short period after being in the MMNR and Talek area. She is currently in Naibosho Conservancy.
Chelsea	Chelsea has been in Olkinyei conservancy and continues to stick to the water courses.
Limo	Limo has been in the Ol Donyo Narasha area and sticks to the major water course there. Several times he has gone very close to Ol Donyo Narasha Village Center.
Shorty	IS still in the Mugomo area on the western border of the Serengeti National Park. He is crop raiding almost each night. We have been sending coordinates to warden Mr. Joseph France when Shorty is delayed in the farms. Ususally he is back into the park before day break each morning.
Kenyorra	Kenyorra has been in the Northern portion of the Loita Mountain Range. This is large herd of over 50 elephants.
Nkoidila	Nkoidila was with Kenyorra in early December and then moved to the border area East of Olderekesi Conservancy
Tressa	Tressa spent the duration of the reporting period in the MMNR and Northern Serengeti.
Namunyak	Namunyak has been moving in the same herd as Kenyorra.
Santiyan	Santiyan continues to live in the Mosiro area and has been dependent on the Ewaso Ngiro River for water. She is with a large herd of over 40 elephants.
Chiri	Chiri as been in Olderekesi Conservancy and the border to the MMNR. She has been sticking to the more forested areas on the hillsides in this area.
Alina	Alina has spend the duration of the period in a hilly area just inside the Serengeti south of Tsala's camp.

Kiambi	Kiambi's new collar has been working well. He has been in the Olkinyei Conservancy and Naibosho Conservancy. Mostly sticking to water courses.
Courtney	Courtney has been sticking to the Mara River inside the Mara Triangle and MMNR.
Olchoda	Olchoda has been living in the Pardamat area and moves along fences during the night and sticks to water courses during the day. He went into Olkinyei for a short period and then back to Pardamat.

#### **Focus for December and January**

Host Christmas party at MEP HQ for all rangers and attached rangers

Complete hanger foundation **Done**

Sign WWF contract **Not Done**

Receive DSWT Vehicle **Not Done**

Complete 2017 budget and Work Plan **Done**

Update 3-year strategy **Done**

#### **Focus for February and March**

Complete annual report

Complete hanger

Receive DSWT Vehicle

Sign WWF contract