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IMPLEMENTING THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT ACTION PLAN



East Africa Projects

Ethiopia

Improving Field Intelligence and Investigation Capacity for Ivory and Other Wildlife Crimes in Ethiopia (2023)

The project aimed at introducing modern field intelligence methods to combat the increasingly professional wildlife crime through capacity building of intelligence networks, improving methods to secure evidence at crime sites, and enhancing evidence-handling and prosecution methods in Ethiopia.

Combating the Illegal killing of elephants and regional trade of ivory in Southwest Ethiopia (2016)

This project aimed to tackle issues in poaching and ivory trade by strengthening field patrolling, strengthening community support to save the elephants, and improving training of regional customs and judiciary officials at key sites and trade routes in Ethiopia.

Law enforcement operation, workshop and capacity building in Southern Ethiopia (2016)

The project intended to conduct trainings for enforcement officers in the management of parks in the highest risk areas involved in illegal trade in ivory and hold workshops to engage and enhance capacity of officers to investigate and prosecute criminals involved in wildlife crime in Ethiopia.

Combating Illegal Trade in Elephant Ivory in Ethiopia (2015)

This project trained law enforcement officers, including judiciary and prosecutors, on illegal wildlife trade and identifying wildlife products.

Kenya

Securing the elephant population within the Greater Amboseli Ecosystem from escalating human-elephant conflict and poaching risk due to COVID-19 (2023)

The aim of the project was to re-operationalize two mobile ranger units to conduct anti-poaching missions, address human-elephant conflict mitigation, improve habitat protection efforts, and provide community support. In doing so, the project targeted to maintain low elephant poaching, reduce HEC incidents and therefore have fewer elephants injured or killed in retaliation, protect elephant habitats and elephant dispersal and movement corridors, and ensure community tolerance for elephants and their conservation.

Managing Human-Wildlife Conflict Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic in Agro-Pastoral Communities Neighbouring the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Kenya (2022)

The AEF provided funding to complete the construction of the remaining portion of the county-wide electric fence and activities to support the mitigation of human-elephant conflict, and reduce crop-raiding incidences and improve food security.

Management interventions to alleviate human elephant conflicts around Imenti Forest, Mt. Kenya Forest Reserve, amidst heightened insecurity caused by COVID-19 (2022)

The project aimed to mitigate increasing incidences of human elephant conflicts through the construction of a 5.5 km solar-powered fence to reduce crop-raiding by elephants in the Ntalaban village.

Developing Drought Mitigation Measures for Elephants in Tsavo by Understanding Long-Term Elephant Distribution and Mortality Patterns in Relation to NDVI, Rainfall and Waterholes (2021)

The purpose of the project was to examine effects of previous elephant drought mortality on elephant age and sex structure, examine temporal and spatial pattern of elephant mortality in relation to rainfall, NDVI and waterholes, examine current and past elephant distribution in Tsavo in relation to NDVI, vegetation, rainfall and waterholes and strengthen the capacity of KWS rangers in monitoring elephant drought related mortality.

Enhancing Prosecution of Elephant Poachers Through Training, Ivory stockpile Genotyping and Construction of African Elephant DNA Library (2021)

This project aims to enhance monitoring of poaching and ivory trafficking and prosecutorial capacity of Kenya Wildlife Service through building forensic laboratory capacity to monitor elephant poaching.

Reducing Human Elephant Conflict in Northern Kenya (2021)

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Amboseli –West Kilimanjaro – Magadi Ecosystem Aerial Mammal Count (2019)

The primary objectives of this project were to determine elephant population abundance and distribution in the Amboseli ecosystem, to identify threats to elephant conservation in the landscape and suggest strategies for effective elephant management across the landscape.

Building capacity and developing tools for elephant censusing and elephant mortality monitoring in Tropical Mountain and forest habitats in Kenya (2018)

The goal of this project was to strengthen range States' knowledge on African elephant management by training staff on navigational skills, safety and survival skills in forested habitats, and to improve monitoring and tracking of elephant population.



The impact of poaching on elephants and threats to elephants in Tsavo-Mkomazi ecosystem (2014)

The primary objective of the project was to conduct aerial monitoring and tracking of elephant populations in the Tsavo-Mkomazi ecosystem to accurately identify size and distribution of the population, to determine the impact of poaching, and to map human activities around the protected areas to effectively enhance elephant management and conservation.

South Sudan

Reducing Covid-19 Related African Elephant Conservation Challenges in and Around Nimule National Park (NNP) (2023)

The purpose of the project was to reduce and mitigate the threats to elephant populations intensified during the height of the Covid-19 outbreak, (elephant poaching, habitat destruction and human elephant conflict) in the Nimule National Park (NNP), including through the collaring of elephants.

Tanzania

Reinforcement of anti-poaching patrols to reduce illegal trafficking of ivory and other wildlife products at entry and exit points (2018)

The project aimed to establish new inspection offices at border points, procure equipment and to train enforcement officers at entry and exit points, namely Dar-es-Salaam and Kilimanjaro international airports, Dar-es-Salaam and Tanga sea ports and Umoja bridge.

Human-elephant conflicts mitigation around Kilimanjaro National Park in Tanzania (2014)

The project was geared towards collecting data on elephant crop damage and elephant movement patterns, as well as to use bee fencing as a human elephant conflict mitigation measure around Kilimanjaro National Park.

Uganda

Establishment of an Efficient, Effective and Reliable Communications Network to Support Wildlife Law Enforcement Operations throughout Queen Elizabeth Protected Area, Uganda (2022)

This project aimed to strengthen patrol communication, coordination and management across Queen Elizabeth Protected Area, and enhance community support for elephant protection to mitigate human-elephant conflict.

Strengthened law enforcement capacity to save the elephant population in Murchison Falls Conservation Area amidst Covid -19 pandemic (2022)

The AEF project aimed to ensure sustained, stable or increased elephant populations in MFCA during the Covid-19 pandemic through conducting effective anti-poaching patrols, training of law enforcement agencies on wildlife laws, and creating awareness among the local community on managing and mitigating human wildlife conflict.

Strengthening Elephant Conservation through Law enforcement and Stakeholder engagement in Queen Elizabeth National Park-Uganda (2021)

The AEF project trained field ranger force staff on use of modern technologies to collect, analyze and interpret data on HEC reduction (GIS and RS training). Similarly, community rangers and wildlife scouts were trained on approaches to mitigate human-elephant conflicts.

Strengthening law enforcement against elephant poaching and illegal ivory trade in Uganda (2015)

The aim of the project was to improve capacity in surveillance and intelligence gathering, to equip officers with investigation kits, and to establish a canine department to strengthen law enforcement efforts in conservation of elephants in Uganda.



Kenya, Rwanda, South-Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda

Enhancing cooperation in combating elephant poaching and illegal ivory trade in East Africa (2016)

The project aimed to establish bilateral mechanisms (Kenya/Tanzania, Kenya/Uganda, and Uganda/South-Sudan) on cross border wildlife law enforcement for elephant protection to increase cooperation and resources for combating elephant poaching and illegal ivory trade in the region.



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