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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

The project aims 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

This project in Ethiopia is working 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

The project intends 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.



## Kenya



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### **Building capacity and developing tools for elephant censusing and elephant mortality monitoring in Tropical Mountain and forest habitats in Kenya**

This project is working 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**

The primary objective of the project is 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.

### **Amboseli –West Kilimanjaro – Magadi Ecosystem Aerial Mammal Count**

The primary objectives of this project are 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.

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

The project intends 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**

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.

## Tanzania

### **Human-elephant conflicts mitigation around Kilimanjaro National Park in Tanzania**

The project endeavors to collect 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.

### **Reinforcement of anti-poaching patrols to reduce illegal trafficking of ivory and other wildlife products at entry and exit points**

The proponent aims 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.



## Uganda

### Strengthening law enforcement against elephant poaching and illegal ivory trade in Uganda

The aim of the project is 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.

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

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

### Human-Elephant Conflict Reduction in Murchison Falls

This project aims at increasing awareness of the conservation of elephants and reduce human-elephant conflict in Murchison Falls National Park through excavation of an elephant trench and use of biological and organic deterrents to stray elephants.

## Kenya, Rwanda, South-Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda

### Enhancing cooperation in combating elephant poaching and illegal ivory trade in East Africa

The proponent is working 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.

## Rwanda

### Elephant Collaring for Their Security and Fence Integrity to Reduce Human Wildlife Conflicts in Akagera National Park, Rwanda

This project is working to ensure security of elephants through equipping wildlife authority staff on the frontline of enforcement with appropriate tools to carry out their mission as safely and effectively as possible and maintaining the fence with simple vegetation removal and grass growth in Akagera National Park.





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