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IMPLEMENTING THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT ACTION PLAN



Southern Africa Projects

Angola

Resolution of The Human-Elephant Conflict (2019)

The overall aim of the project was to mitigate the human-elephant conflicts observed during the migration of elephant herds through developing an inter-community warning system, and building the capacity of local communities to employ appropriate elephant pushback techniques.

Botswana

Spatial and Behavioural Analyses of Elephants Roaming Outside Expected Range Using Modern Monitoring Tools (2019)

The goal of the project was to enhance the understanding of space use by outlying elephants, focusing on aspects that can be investigated in the short term that could aid in formulating effective mitigation and management strategies.



Malawi

Strengthen Law Enforcement and Mitigating Human-Elephant Conflict in and around Kasungu National Park (2022)

The goal of the AEF project was to enhance the capacity of law enforcement to combat poaching in Kasungu National Park to enhance conservation outcomes through training of prosecutors, investigators and field staff.

Mitigation of HEC and Addressing Deforestation and Forest Degradation Through Income Generating Activities with Communities (2022)

This project aimed to extend the solar-powered electric fence along the western boundary of Malawi's Thuma Forest with the objective of further improving human-elephant co-existence. It also aimed to enhance local community co-operation and collaboration through introducing community income generating activities.

Combating Illegal Killing of Elephants and Trafficking of Ivory (2021)

The project targeted increasing the capacity of investigators, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and border post officers to combat trafficking of ivory and ivory products and wildlife crime, as well as in strengthening anti-poaching patrols.

Thuma Forest Reserve (TFR) and Dedza-Salima Escarpment Sos (DSFR) Fence Extension (2016)

The main purpose of the project was to extend the Thuma Forest Reserve fence to maintain elephant habitats and reduce human-elephant conflict.

Improving Protection of Elephants & Enforcement of Wildlife Laws in Kasungu National Park (2013)

This project aimed to train law enforcement personnel in CITES and elephant conservation issues, and to equip law enforcement staff in Kasungu National Park to effectively enforce wildlife laws.

Mozambique

Elephant Ivory Stockpile Management and Conservation in Mozambique (2017)

The objective of this project was to address the declining elephant populations in Mozambique due to illegal ivory trade through cataloguing, managing and conserving ivory stockpiles, controlling the domestic market of worked ivory, and monitoring illegal trade in ivory and other elephant specimen.

Namibia

Aerial Survey of Elephants in the Northwest of Namibia (2017)

Through the project, an aerial survey of the elephants occurring in the remote and rugged north-western part of Namibia was implemented.

South Africa

Reducing Covid-19 Related Threats to Elephant Populations in South Africa (2024)

The objective of the project was to mitigate the increasing rate of elephant snaring incidences in the Kruger National Park through carrying out snaring missions, collecting data on incidences of snaring, establishing monitoring systems, and providing the information collected to management authorities to inform the development of elephant snaring mitigation strategies.



Zambia

Enhancing Effectiveness of Law Enforcement Monitoring and Analysis Systems in Zambia's Elephant Range Areas (2019)

The project sought to strengthen law enforcement to combat illegal wildlife activities.

Strengthening Law Enforcement Capacity to Combat Illegal Killing of Elephants in Zambia (2016)

The project is designed to support capacity building of law enforcement personnel whose responsibilities include the fight against organized wildlife crime and, in particular, illegal killing of elephants in Zambia.

Human-Elephant Conflicts Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Tools in Zambia (2016)

The goal of the project was to assess human-elephant conflicts (HEC) and understand its dynamics in selected Game Management Areas (GMAs) and open areas considered as hotspots of HEC in Zambia and to explore other mitigation strategies to reduce its adverse impacts on food security, livelihoods of local communities and survival of elephants.

Zimbabwe

An integrated conservation and management approach to African elephants during a period of social and economic crisis in Hwange, Northwest Matabeleland Elephant Region, Zimbabwe (2022)

The goal of the project was to strengthen law enforcement activities in Hwange National Park to ensure that effective management and protection of elephants is sustained.

Enhancing the capacity of Sengwa Wildlife Research Institute to deliver training in SMART Ranger Based Monitoring (RBM) System in the Sebungwe and other elephant Range areas in Zimbabwe (2021)

The project aimed to build the capacity within the Sengwa Wildlife Research Institute to effectively deliver training in SMART ranger-based monitoring system for effective collection, storage, analysis and reporting of data on elephant conservation activities in the Sebungwe region and other elephant range areas in Zimbabwe.

Habitat Use by African Elephants in the Zambezi Valley, Zimbabwe: An Inquiry into the Effectiveness of Corridors and the Suitability of the Environment to Sustain the Species (2020)

The project aimed to identify the factors contributing to the decline in elephant populations and make recommendations towards the protection of the species, through undertaking a study to assess the movement of elephants, their distribution, home ranges and the effectiveness of corridors in the area sharing its border with Zambia, forming the Lower Zambezi Trans-Frontier Conservation Area.