

Annex 5 – Final Project Report Template

- **1. Identification:** Strengthened capacity of law enforcement personnel to safely and adequately investigate, prosecute and convict offenders in case of elephant killing;
- Protection of elephant populations in key protected areas across the country during the COVID19 pandemic.

Partners Name: Forestry Development Authority (FDA) and Species Working Group of Liberia (SWGL)

Budget line: US\$49,997 (Forty nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety seven United States Dollars)

POW 2018-2019 Sub-programme: [*please complete*]

Expected Accomplishment(s): [*please complete*]

Output(s):

- Minimum of fifteen (15) law enforcement personnel are trained to conduct arrests, investigations and intelligence gathering;
- Minimum of five (5) state prosecutors are trained and equipped to handle wildlife crime cases;
- Collaborative teams are carrying out joint missions to four targeted elephant sites to investigate elephant killing and other wildlife crime, minimum of one mission per site;
- A Minimum of one (1) community Eco guard patrol is conducted every month in Sapo, Grebo-Krahn, Wonegizi and Krahn Bassa Proposed Protected Area;
- Minimum of two (2) joint patrols are conducted every quarter;
- Data on the number of successful arrests, confiscations and prosecutions, patrol reports and investigative mission reports, and quarterly project reports.

Title of the approved PRC project: Strengthening capacity of law enforcement agencies to combat the killing of elephants in key landscapes in Liberia in the face of COVID 19

SSFA starting date: 15 October 2022

Completion date: 15 July 2023

1. Summary of Status: Forestry Development Authority and the Species Working Group of Liberia was awarded funding of US\$49,997 by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to implement the project “Strengthening capacity of law enforcement agencies to combat the killing of forest elephants in key landscapes in Liberia in the face of Covid 19” from 15 October 2022 to 15 July 2023 after our request for a no cost extension was approved. The project has four key activities that were implemented.

Activity 1: Train rangers and Wildlife Crime Task Force members in intelligence gathering, arrest procedures and investigative techniques--- Under this activity, thirty participants were trained at a workshop in Greenville. Participants included rangers from Sapo and Grebo-Krahn National Parks, proposed Krahn-Bassa protected area, police, immigration officers, magistrates,

City Solicitor and County Attorney of Sinoe. The training involved theory and practical. Participants recommended extension of the training to other landscapes, strengthening investigations and prosecution of suspects.

Activity 2: Joint investigative missions in several high density elephant areas ---- A team comprising FDA, National Central Bureau(Interpol), Major Crime Investigation Department and the Transnational Organised Crime Unit conducted investigation in all project landscapes. The investigations show that from January 2013 to June 2023, Liberia lost 19 forest elephants with just one conviction. Please see attachment for details.

Activity 3: Joint patrols in key protected areas (Sapo, proposed Krahn-Bassa protected area and Gola Forest National Park) using SMART to improve planning--- Patrols using SMART were conducted in Gola Forest National Park and proposed Krahn-Bassa protected area. A total of 20 patrols were conducted. Although targeted, patrols were not conducted in Sapo National Park due to security concerns. The protected area was overwhelmed by poachers and illegal miners making it unsafe for unarmed rangers. In May/June 2023, the Government of Liberia, communities, local authorities and Fauna and Flora International peacefully removed the illegal occupants with financial support from United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under its Conservation Works Activity.

Activity 4: Monitoring and Evaluation—A team headed by the Internal Audit Unit of FDA visited project landscapes to interact with individuals and institutions involved in the project. Interviews were conducted among training participants and community Ecoguards. A total of twenty individuals were interviewed.

1. Activity delivery status

Activity	Description of work undertaken during reporting period	Deliverables	Delivery date	Status of Activity (completed or not completed)	If activity not completed, please describe the reason why and indicate mitigation actions that were taken.
Activity 1: Train rangers and Wildlife Crime Task Force members in intelligence gathering, arrest procedures and investigative	The training workshop was held in February 2023 in Greenville, Sinoe County. It brought together participants from Forestry Development Authority (FDA), Ministry of Justice (MOJ) and the Judiciary. Participants from FDA were drawn from Sapo National Park (SNP), Grebo-Krahn National Park (GKNP) and proposed Krahn-Bassa protected area. The Ministry of Justice was represented by the County Attorney of Sinoe County, police and immigration. Magistrates from around Sapo National Park represented the Judiciary during the training. Focused Conservation Solution (FCS) was represented by	Report of the training workshop including photos	February 2023	Completed	

techniques	Danny Murphy who served as the trainer and assisted by the Wildlife Manager and Project Coordinator.				
Activity 2: Joint investigative missions in several high density elephant areas	A team comprising FDA, National Central Bureau (INTERPOL), Major Crime Investigation Division (MCID) and the Transnational Organised Crime Unit(TOCU) conducted investigations in all four project landscapes- Sapo National Park, Proposed Krahn-Bassa protected area, Gola Forest National Park and proposed Wonegizi Nature Reserve	Reports of investigations in all landscapes	June 2023	Completed	
Activity 3: Joint patrols in key protected areas(Sapo National Park, proposed Krahn-Bassa protected areas and Gola Forest National Park) using SMART to improve planning	During the project period, 11 Ecoguard patrols were conducted in proposed Krahn-Bassa protected area (forest elephant signs were found on 8 patrols), 12 patrols were conducted in Gola Forest National Park and 28 patrols in Grebo-Krahn National Park giving a total of 51 patrols.	Please see our Interim Project Report submitted in October 2022.	October 2022	Partially	Community Ecoguard patrols were not conducted in Sapo National Park due to illegal occupants involved in artisanal mining, poaching and other illegal activities. In May/June 2023, Government of Liberia, local authorities, traditional leaders and Fauna and Flora International collaborated to ensure that they were removed. This initiative was funded by United States Agency for International (USAID) under its Conservation Works Activity project.
Activity 4: Monitoring and Evaluation	A team visited project landscapes and interviewed project beneficiaries. Interviews were conducted for participants of training workshop in Greenville and Community Ecoguard Programme in proposed Krahn-Bassa protected area and Gola Forest National Park..	Report on field visit	July 2023	Completed	

2. List of attached documents

Final project report

Table showing reported cases of forest elephant poaching

Training workshop attendance

Signature:

Date: 28 July 2023

Name and title of signing officer: Abednego D.Gbarway, Wildlife Manager & Project Coordinator

RESPONSES TO MS. JOY RIUNGU'S QUESTIONS

1. Is there a database where the information shared in the document (Results of investigation on reported cases of forest elephant poaching) has been recorded and has the analysis on the impact of the training been done?

Response: There is a database of all confiscated live animals that is maintained by Libassa Wildlife Sanctuary, one of our partners which is shared with Forestry Development Authority (FDA) monthly. The database contains information on all confiscated wild animals except western chimpanzee. Data on confiscated western chimpanzee are kept and maintained by Liberia Chimpanzee Rescue and Protection and shared regularly.

The Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) being used in protected areas to record all illegal activities has a database domiciled at FDA. The database contains detailed information on patrols, kilometres covered and types of anthropogenic activities.

The table on poaching of forest elephants from 2013 to 2023 which was developed during the project will henceforth be maintained and improved upon as a database.

2. Please clarify on this figure. In the interim report, it was indicated that 51 community eco-guard patrols were completed between January and September 2022. Since this is the final report, please indicate the overall total for the full project

Response: A total of fifty one (51) Ecoguard patrols were planned and executed in Grebo-Krahn National Park, Gola Forest National and proposed Krahn-Bassa protected area. Please see below for details:

- i. Grebo-Krahn National Park---- 28 patrols
- ii. Gola Forest National Park--- 12 patrols
- iii. Proposed Krahn-Bassa protected area--- 11 patrols

Total **51 patrols**

3. Please also provide a list of participants—Please see attached.

Abbreviations/Acronyms on the attendance

MOJ--- Ministry of Justice

LNP---- Liberia National Police

LIS---- Liberia Immigration Service

JUD---- Judiciary

PTL--- Patrol Team Leader

FDA—Forestry Development Authority

FCS--- Focus Conservation Solution

LCRP--- Liberia Chimpanzee Rescue and Protection



Training of rangers, Wildlife Crime Task Force and Prosecutors under the project "Strengthening capacity of law enforcement agencies to combat the killing of elephants in key conservation landscapes in Liberia in the face of COVID19"

Date: 13 February 2023

Venue: Administrative Building, Greenville, Sinoe County

Attendance

S/N	Name	Institution	Position/Rank	Location	Contact Number / Email Address
1	Atty Andy M.S. Cheeseman	M O J	City Solicitor	Greenville	0886944056 / 0777481857
2	Nathaniel B. Nakler	FDA	Zoo warden	Doodwicksen	0886931577
3	Danny Murphy	Focused Conservation	Consultant	Liberia	0777063585
4	SATURDAYE S. SNEH	FDA	CPIK KBPPA Wildlife	Togboakille	0777189365 0886959152 0880820856
5	Madrege Ghansey	FDA	Manager	Monrovia	0886328067 0775712063
6	Hamilton K. Sneh	FDA	PTL	puty	
7	Morris T. Jah	FDA	PTL	Jalay bar	0888685447
8	BENJAMIN TENESSE PLEHM	FDA	DMMA	Monrovia	0886632644
9	Michael Kamaka	FDA	Driver	monrovia	0770497673

10	Joseph N. Greene	FDA	chief Park Warden	GIKNP, Ziah Town	greenejoseph62@gmail.com 0775445702
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12	Allen O. Gueh	LCPA	project ASSISTANT	Moukoua	allengueh@gmail.com 0776476147
13	Edward F. Smallwood	FDA	Acty Park Warden	Scapo	0880853787
14	Yanguoi Z. Dohr Esq.	FDA	Legal Counsel	FDA/Mon.	0770815519
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16	Steek Tompoe	FDA			0778052195 steektompoe@gmail.com
17	Henry T. Sohn	Judiciary	Magistrate	Tearzon	0777242978
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20	Princess L. Dowayo	LHP	Patrolman	Gi. Gedeh	0886743903
21	Hymn K. Wrenn	JUD	Magistrate	G/ville	0777055011
22	ROLAND DARI	JUD	MAGISTRATE	G/VILLE	0770322953
23	Paul S. Kennedy	LIS	Deputy County Counsel		0777851766 0886570940
24	ACP. E. Wiggs Drumville Sr	LHP	County Commander	Greenville	0770570940
25	Clv. Daniel. T. Dweh	MOI	County ATTORNEY	Greenville	0886019202

26	Henry Kollie	LCRP	Driver	Momrovia	0776077284
27	Jerry G. Yonmah	FDA	TM	Momrovia	0776462564
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Date: 14 February 2023

Venue: Administrative Building, Greenville, Sinoe County

Attendance

S/N	Name	Institution	Position/Rank	Location	Contact Number / Email Address
1	Cyrus C. Wilson	FDA	Co-Sup	Sinoe	0778597574
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4	EUGENE Wylie	FDA	Ranger/P.T.L Zone 3	Zone 3 Ranger/PTL	0555238956 0886328067
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6	Morris T. Jah	FDA	PTL	Jalay Town	0888685447
7	OSirra K. Kojolo	FDA	PTL	Zone 3	0886-821980
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12	Joseph N. Greene	FDA	Chief Park Warden	Zial	0775445702 0777481857
13	Atty Andy M. S. Cheeseman	MOJ	City Solicitor	G'ville	0886944056
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16	Danny Murphy	FCS	Consultant	Monrovia	0777063585
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19	Henry T. Sohn	Judiciary	Magistrate	Juarzen	0777242978
20	Hyman K. Menneth	Jud	Magistrate	G'ville	077055011
21	Michael Kamara	FDA	Driver	Monrovia	0770897473
22	ESHAURA O. DAVE	L.N.P	Inspector	Siroe	0776-820817
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28	Ch. Daniel T. Kay	MOS	County Attorney	Greenville	088809223
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