

Annex 5 – Interim-Final Progress Report

1. Identification:

Partners Name: Mole National Park

Budget line: BAC [SSFA/2021/3891]

POW 2018-2019 Sub-programme: [SMALL SCALE FUNDING PROJECT]

Expected Accomplishment(s):

1. Field patrols intensified leading to increase in area coverage.
2. All wildlife offenders involved in illegal killing of elephants and wildlife trade successfully prosecuted and appropriately sanctioned.
3. The various training workshops to be organized would lead to enhanced capacity of 200 farmers in managing Human Elephant Conflicts.
4. The acquisition of requisite accoutrements and patrol equipment would enable the rangers carry out patrols and monitoring duties effectively and safely
5. Five (5) bill boards erected along prominent elephant corridors for awareness creation and public education.
6. Vulnerable crop fields identified, mapped out and effective deterrent measures put in place to mitigate crop losses and reduce revenge killing of marauding elephants.

Output(s):

1. Illegal killing of elephants and illegal trade in elephant products reduced (no elephant was killed in the Mole ecological landscape however two were killed in the RVV corridor)
2. 85% habitat of the Mole National Park secured and maintained through patrols

3. 250 farmers trained on the mitigation of Human-Elephant-Conflict
4. A five (5) member patrol team temporary stationed at the corridor

Title of the approved PRC project: [**Conservation of African Elephants in Mole and Its Corridors**]

SSFA starting date: 1/03/2021

Completion date: 28/02/2022

2. Summary of Status:

Brief description of the main achievements, main implementation challenges and lessons learned towards achieving SSFA's objective

The project was to help secure the Mole NP elephant population and its corridors through effective law enforcement in and around the park, in addition to enhanced community collaboration. The project produced the following achievements;

Implementation of the conservation of African elephants in Mole National Park and its corridors is on course. Below is the progress made thus far:

1. Equipment and logistics under the project have been procured and were given for use by staff (GPS, tents, food rations etc.). This helped enhance staff deployment and patrol coverage.
2. Farmers whose farms used to suffer severe elephant crop raids were trained and they are successfully applying the skills learnt which has been effective thus far.
3. Ranger patrols (Effort: effective Patrol-Man-days, and coverage) within MNP improved due to the availability of patrol logistics (food rations, fuel for deployment, GPS batteries).
4. A temporal patrol team was deployed from the MNP and stationed at the Red Volta Valley which enhanced the protection of migratory elephants in the corridor. Human elephant conflicts within the corridor have been reduced as a result. Destruction to farms have been minimal and no incidence of elephant and human casualty has been recorded within the Project implementation period.
5. Training of rangers has improved their effectiveness in patrols and law enforcement.

6. Punitive sanctions are being preferred on elephant and wildlife crimes brought before the law courts. The support of wildlife prosecutors and judges of law courts is being felt following sensitization and advocacy sessions with them.

3. 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.
Intensify patrols in and around the park and its corridors	Law Enforcement Patrols	85% of Mole National Park area patrolled	28 th February, 2022	Completed	Though the project has ended and the objective achieved, law enforcement activities are still ongoing per operation and management of the park.
		65% of elephant habitat within the Red Volta Valley patrolled		Completed	
		1494 local patrols completed		Completed	
		120 external patrols completed		Completed	
Monitor and report on illegal killing of elephants and trade to relevant	Reporting (Half and full year reports submitted to MIKE)	Two (2) reports on status of elephants submitted to MIKE	28 th February, 2022	Completed	Two (20 reports have been submitted to the CITES-MIKE office which can be verified
		Illegal killing of elephants reduced to 0 in the park and		Completed	

authorities. E.g. CITES— MIKE.		1 within the corridor			
Arrest and prosecute offenders engaged in the killing of elephants and illegal trade	Arrest and prosecution of wildlife offenders	All 63 offenders arrested are dully prosecuted	28 th February, 2022	Complete d	The park achieved a 100% success in the prosecution of all 63 offenders
Carry out sensitization and advocacy to win the support of wildlife prosecutors and judges	Stakeholder Workshop and Sensitization	Five (5) bill boards erected along prominent elephant corridors	15 th January, 2022	Committe d	The local artisans who did the design and construction are demanding payment. Due to price hikes the amount allocated to this activity could only pay for two (2)
		Five (5) community sensitization/educat ion carried out in all 33 peripheral communities	31 st July, 2021	Complete d	
		One (1) Workshop carried out for the	2 nd August,	Complete d	

		judiciary and the police	2021		
Train and equip rangers for effective patrol and law enforcement within the park and its corridors	Training and Retooling of 145 staff	A seven (7) days capacity building trainings organized for 145 rangers (rangers were divided into 2 groups)	14 th to 28 th September , 2021	Complete	All staff were trained the GPS and other tools after which they were handed over to the staff for field work.
		Patrol team members supplied with patrol logistics (including GPS with the corresponding number of batteries, food ration, tent and first aid kit)		Complete	
Identify and map adjacent community's /crop fields vulnerable to	Mapping of vulnerable community farms	Field patrols and selection of vulnerable crops fields conducted	15 th November , 2021	Complete	Final works delivered (Field patrols conducted and map produced) however we are awaiting payment.
		Mapping of		Com	

elephant raids.		vulnerable crop fields conducted			
		Reports on the mapping of vulnerable crop fields produced		Completed	
Train vulnerable farmers (up to 200 in about 5 communities)	Training of vulnerable farmers	Five (5) training workshops organized for 250 participants	22 nd October, 2021	Completed	All the five (5) workshops were conducted between July and October 2021
		Logistics to mitigate crop raiding supplied to farmers		Completed	
Station a temporal patrol team at the RVV to enhance protection of migratory elephants	Functional temporal patrol team stationed at the Red Volta Valley (RVV) corridor	A functional temporal patrol team made up of five (5) field staff stationed at the RVV	28 th February, 2022	Completed	This team was pulled out due to lack of resources to maintain their continues presence in the corridor.

4. List of attached documents

(for example, publications, meeting reports, participants list, workshop reports, etc.)

1. Appendix B: Final_AEF Report Crop Raiding
2. Appendix C: Judiciary Workshop Report
3. Appendix D: UBH (Procurement Document)

Signature:

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Date: 28th February, 2022

Name and title of signing officer: Mr. Ali Mahama (Park Manager)