

Annex D – Final Progress Report *(to be submitted together with the Financial Report at the end of the calendar year)*

1. Identification:

Partners Name: DIGYA NATIONAL PARK (WILDLIFE DIVISION-FORESTRY COMMISSION, GHANA)

Budget line: BAC [*SSFA/2021/3717: SB-000676-02*]

POW 2019-2020 Sub-programme: [*SMALL SCALE FUNDING PROJECT*]

Expected Accomplishment(s): [*- Increase awareness on elephant conservation and management of key stakeholders; - including policy makers, communities, wildlife field personnel, etc., - improve local communities' cooperation and collaboration on elephant conservation*]

Output(s): [*1. Capacity of wildlife law enforcement staff increased for effective anti-poaching patrols and protection of elephants in Digya and Digya-Kogyae wildlife corridor, 2. Capacity of 100 local people (males =50; females=50) within high elephant population areas built in beekeeping and soap making for improved livelihood and support for elephant conservation, 3. Reduced incidence of human elephant conflict through implementation of basic crop raiding management techniques by farmers and support to farmers for the construction of crop storage barns. 300 pieces of flyers, 10 pieces of banners and 290 posters distributed to schools and communities for education and awareness creation on elephant conservation. About 1200 students and 800 community members who were reached through the awareness creation activities now understand the need to protect our elephants to help maintain tradition and cultural heritage.*]

Title of the approved PRC project: [*"Enhancing community collaboration and law enforcement capacity for effective management of human elephant conflict (HEC) and protection of Digya elephants"*]

SSFA starting date: 03/05/2021

Reporting period: from 03/05/2021 to 30/10/2021

2. Summary of Status:

Brief description of the status of implementation of the SSFA at the time of reporting and progress towards achieving SSFA's objective

Implementation of activities aimed at improving the conservation of Digya elephants through enhanced capacities of law enforcement staff and community collaboration has come to its final stages. Below is the summary of some of the progress made so far;

- 1. Capacity of 80 field staff has been enhanced through training in general anti-poaching operations, arrest and prosecution of wildlife crimes, and human elephant conflict management techniques.**
- 2. Equipment and logistics under the project have been secured and are being used by field staff (G.P.S, tape measure, uniforms, field boots, drone, Cameras etc.). This has boosted the moral of staff and enhanced deployment and patrol coverage.**
- 3. 80 participants from women groups in five communities within areas of high elephant population have successfully undergone training in soup-making (liquid/bar) as means of empowering them in alternative income generating activities. The enthusiasm shown during the training was overwhelming. Women from other fringe communities that were not considered for the training**

and start-up support are not happy and wants to be considered as early as possible.

4. Members of the five newly formed Community Resource Management Committees have shown great interest and are in high spirits to play their roles to help protect Digya elephants and promote wildlife and forest conservation activities in their respective areas.
5. 1200 students from 3 Senior High Schools and 800 inhabitants from 10 fringe communities acquire knowledge on elephant conservation and are now ready to support the park rangers in protection of elephants.

3. Activity delivery status

Activity	Description of work undertaken during reporting period	Deliverables	Delivery date	Status of Activity (complete/on-going/delayed)	Comments - brief description of implementing challenges, strategy/actions which have been adopted to address these challenges and planned actions to mitigate any identified risks
Activity 1 – name of activity					
Law enforcement patrols, capacity building and elephant census	Training	1. 80 staff trained in general law enforcement	May 20, 2021	Completed	All field staff successfully trained in basic law enforcement techniques, human wildlife conflict management and Arrest and management of crime scene and evidence for successful prosecution.(Appendix I)
		2. Train 40 selected field staff in elephant censes techniques	May 30, 2021	Completed	Staff of the park now abreast with knowledge in basic elephant census techniques.
	Field supplies	1. Field supplies like patrols uniform, boots, water bottles, haversacks, GPS batteries, ration procured and supply to staff	June 15, 2021	Completed	Items Issued to field staff, moral of rangers very high. This has greatly enhanced ranger patrols and improved elephant protection in and around the park.
		2. GPS units, Drones, Tents, cameras and measuring tapes procured for elephant census.	3july 30, 2021	Completed	High prices variation of most items’ due to depreciation of the local currency. The quantity of items (drones, cameras tents and cameras affected) reduced.
Procurement of			August 20,	Completed	Elephant census completed for rainy

		1. Elephant censuses conducted in Digya	2021		season. Digya elephant's distribution and population status for the rainy season known. Further studies in the dry season is needed to complement it.
Activity 2 Community collaboration and support for elephant conservation	Formation and inauguration of CRMCs	1. Community Resource Management Committees formed and inaugurated in 5 fringe communities.	July 20, 2019	Completed	CRMCs successfully formed and inaugurated in five beneficiary fringe communities. Report on meetings and pictures attached as Appendix I-Chapter3
	Trainings	1. Fifty farmers trained in beekeeping as alternative livelihood support activity.	August 30, 2021	Completed	65 beneficiary farmers have been trained and fifty of them supplied with four hives each as start up support for their beekeeping activity. There were however, extra fifteen trainees who could not benefit from the supply of hives. Report as Appendix I; Chapter5.
		2. Five local women's groups trained and supported with start-up materials for soap making.	July 30, 2021	Completed	80 women have so far acquired training in local soap production to support their incomes. Report with pictures on the training can be found as APPENDIX I; chapter 2.
Activity 3 Awareness -raising to reduce Human Elephant Conflicts (HEC)	Training	30 community volunteers, 50 farmers and 39 wildlife staff trained in HEC management.	August 30, 2021	Completed	Training of vulnerable farmers and community volunteers have been completed. In all 30-community volunteers, 50 farmers and 39 wildlife staff received the training and are now well equipped to manage human elephant conflicts.
	Support for vulnerable farmers	Construction of 20 storage barns for vulnerable farmers.	September 30, 2021	Committed	Materials supplied for local Artisans from beneficiary communities to commence the construction. Fifteen (15) crop storage barns are completed. The local artisans engaged are demanding for payments of their workmanship.

	Conservation education and public awareness creation.	Design and print out 1,200 conservation education materials for schools and communities.	July 30,2021	Completed	About 1,200 students engaged in various activities to enlighten them on elephant conservation activities and the expected roles from them. Report and pictures in Appendix-1 (chapter 6).
	Law enforcement patrols	Field staff and community volunteers supplied with food ration and GPS batteries for an enhanced patrol in the park and along elephant corridor.	September 30, 2021	Ongoing	Supply of food ration to rangers and volunteers has resulted in increased patrol coverage in and outside the park. Regular patrols to areas of high elephant activities is now incorporated into the park's regular law enforcement operations by park management. Even though food ration and other supplies are in short supply, rangers are encouraged to continue with the patrols to help sustain the positive results obtained so far.
Activity 4 Monitoring, evaluation and report submission	Office support	Local office supported with computers and printer/photocopier for enhanced output.	August 30, 2021	Committed	Park officials and rangers had enough fuel for project implementation and monitoring at all times.
	Monitoring and evaluation	Vehicles and fuel available for project implementation and monitoring of ongoing activities.	September 30, 2021	Ongoing	Park officials continue to monitor the progress of the project interventions (bee keeping, soap making, crop raiding management activities etc.) in the beneficiary communities.
	Reports	Submission of interim and final narrative and financial project reports.	Oct 30, 2021	Completed	Both interim and final Narrative and Financial reports done and submitted to project secretariat.

3. List of attached documents

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

APPENDICES

- I. BRIEF REPORT (Training for Women Groups on soap making-Chapter 2; Training for Law enforcement staff-Chapter 3; CRMCs formation – Chapter4 ; Report on training and supply of beehives to beneficiary community members-Chapter 5; Report on awareness creation in Senior High Schools and fringe communities-6
- II. Participants list for trainings in (Law enforcement, Soap-making, Beekeeping etc.)
- III. Procurement documents
- IV. Receipts

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Signature:

Date: 26 NOVEMBER 2021

Name and title of signing officer: ERIC ATTA-KUSI (PARK MANAGER, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS)