

Partners Name: Federal Ministry of Environment and Wildlife Conservation Society

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Overall project cost \$72,200. Amount received from AEF \$34,400

Title of the approved PRC project: Supporting SMART-based Ranger Patrols at Yankari Game Reserve to Strengthen Law Enforcement and Reduce Elephant Poaching

SSFA starting date: 01/08/2019

Reporting period: from 01/08/2019 to 30/09/2020

Expected Accomplishments: reduce illegal killing of elephants and illegal trade in elephant products; maintain elephant habitat and restore connectivity; equip wildlife authority staff on the frontline of enforcement with appropriate tools to carry out their mission as safely and as effectively as possible; provide adequate resources for effective management of existing protected areas and dispersal areas.

Outputs:

- Patrol allowances, field rations and arrest bonuses for arrests made were provided which helped to boost ranger morale and increase productivity. Joint patrols with the army were also executed.
- A total of 190 SMART based ranger patrols (9,498 patrol man days) were completed covering a total distance of 20,136 km.
- Rangers made 68 arrests (28 hunters, 23 livestock grazers, 12 people for collecting firewood, 1 fisherman, 1 suspected elephant poacher and 3 people for logging) as a result.
- One elephant carcass was recorded during the reporting period and one suspect was arrested regarding the incidence.
- SMART refresher training was conducted in Calabar with support from North Carolina Zoo. The WCS Yankari landscape director participated in this important workshop and also provided refresher training to the Yankari rangers in February.
- Monthly and quarterly reports were shared with the government officials and via the WCS Nigeria website <https://nigeria.wcs.org/>

**Summary of Accomplishments: 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
<p><b>AEAP Priority 1.1.1:</b> Reduce Illegal Killing of Elephants and Illegal Trade in Elephant Products</p>	<p>A total of 190 anti-poaching patrols were completed during the reporting period.</p>	<p>One elephant carcass was recorded after over five years. Sixty-eight arrests (28 hunters, 23 livestock grazers, 12 people for collecting firewood, 1 fisherman, 1 suspected elephant poacher and 3 people for logging)</p>	<p>1 August 2019 to 30 September 2020</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>Elephant crop raiding was a major problem. The elephant carcass was discovered less than two km away from the boundary and was likely killed by irate farmers due to crop raiding. One person has been arrested and investigation into the incidence is ongoing. With the support of the local chiefs, WCS currently employs 18 people who work as elephant guardians from the communities most affected by elephant crop raiding who act as the first line of defence. These people were selected by their chiefs and WCS trained them on safe and effective ways to chase away elephants from the WCS. They are paid monthly allowance in addition to monthly phone credit and a cellphone to enable them call our operations room to send rangers with reinforcement. We always have a ranger dedicated to following the elephants 24/7.</p>
<p><b>AEAP Priority 1.1.2:</b> Maintain Elephant Habitats and Restore Connectivity</p>	<p>Four SMART patrols consisting of 6-8 rangers per team were carried out weekly.</p>	<p>Data from ranger patrols is downloaded weekly and checked before patrol allowances</p>	<p>1 August 2019 to 30 September 2020</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>Although patrol levels were good, hunting pressure and pressure from livestock grazers was a problem. We have informants from all the</p>

		were paid.			surrounding communities who provide us with information about the activities of poachers and livestock grazers. They are paid allowance for every valuable information they provide.
<b>AEAP Priority 1.1.3:</b> Equip wildlife authority staff on the frontline of enforcement with appropriate tools to carry out their mission as safely and as effectively as possible	We ensured that every ranger on patrol was trained and equipped with a functional firearm and sufficient ammunition	Rangers spend seven days on camping patrol constantly changing location to increase patrol coverage	1 August 2019 to 30 September 2020	Completed	With only 25 functional firearms available, we could only send out four patrols weekly which is not adequate to cover the entire reserve properly.
<b>AEAP Priority 2.4.1:</b> Provide adequate resources for effective management of existing protected areas and dispersal areas	Sufficient field rations which included rice, beans, cornflour, palmoil, vegetable oil, okra and fuel for vehicle support were provided. WCS Yankari manager attended	A total of 190 anti-poaching patrols were completed during the reporting period.	1 August 2019 to 30 September 2020	Completed	Hunting pressure and illegal livestock grazing in the reserve remains a problem despite all the patrol efforts. This is due to high levels of poverty in the communities and not enough deterrent to offenders by the courts. – Same comment as above

*Appendix 1: Sixty-Eight Arrests and Court Outcome August 2019-October 2020*

Date	Name	Location	Offence and exhibit	Village	Outcome
05/08/19	Musa Bappa Kufa	Kufayin Fanguru	Hunting in the reserve with a Dane gun, knife, gunpowder, mosquito net and torchlight	Kufa	Sent one year in jail
08/08/19	Umar Ali Yusuf Ibrahim	Gwalkahe	Hunting in the reserve with 2 Dane guns, gunpowder, ammunition and food supplies	Futuk	Sent 18 months in jail
11/08/19	Garba Maishodari Babangida Ibrahim	Tattabara	Hunting with 3 Dane guns, 2 empty sacks, charms, food supplies	Jada	Sent one week in remand and charged N30,000 fine
01/10/19	Tambaya Alh. Dunuwa Umar Alh. Dunuwa Abdu Ori Manu Alh. Bedugu	Wolakerol	Livestock grazing in the reserve with cutlasses.	Jama'ari	Three days remand and N70,000 fine
06/10/19	Idi Abba Bello Adamu Shua'ibu Sa'idu Adamu Abba	Yalo	Livestock grazing in the reserve	Yalo	Three days remand and N30,000 fine
11/10/19	Beti Abdullahi	Ruwan-Gogo	Livestock grazing in the reserve	Wurodole	Three days remand and N30,000 fine

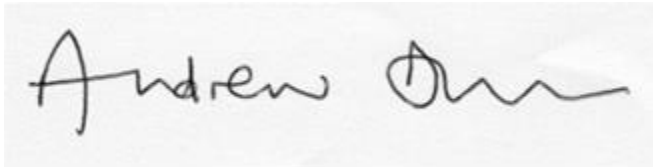
07/11/19	Mohammed Lawal	Libji	Arrested for hunting in the reserve with 2 Dane guns, smoked buffalo	Gobir, Kirfi LGA	Eighteen months in jail
08/11/19	Adamu Maji Kabiru	Mawulgo	Arrested for removing firewood in the reserve with 2 motorcycles	Gajin-Duguri	Sent one week in remand and N23,000 fine.
10/11/19	Usaini Adamu Garba Adamu	Gwalkahe	Livestock grazing in the reserve	Yalo	Three days remand and N20,000 fine.
13/11/19	Bello Alh. Haji	Maikonkoni	Livestock grazing in the reserve	Duguri	Five months in jail
27/11/19	Magaji Talba Sirajo Idris Zurkallaini Iliyasu Dahiru Adamu Hashimu M. Mohammed Sanusi Yakubu	Yelwan Duguri	Arrested for removing firewood in the reserve with axes	Tudun Wada	Two months in jail
11/12/19	Danjuma Sale	Rimi	Arrested with a Dane gun and ammunition, smoked warthog and an axe	Rimi	Eighteen months in jail
05/01/20	Suleiman Kabiru Jamilu Danladi Abdulaziz Mohammed	Ampara	Arrested for removing firewood with 3 motorcycles and 3 axes in the reserve	Mai-Ari	Case ongoing in court
05/01/20	Wada Adamu Kabiru Nadabo Yayaji Umar	Gale	Arrested for logging in the reserve with a truck	Digare	Case ongoing in court
12/02/20	Habibu Saidu	Gwambaza	Arrested for hunting in the reserve with a cutlass, knife, smoked waterbuck and charms	Millin-Fulani	Sent to remand awaiting trial
13/02/20	Saminu Liman Salisu	Kwafan Rimi	Arrested for collecting firewood in the reserve with a motorcycle	Mansur	Sent two weeks in remand and released
16/02/20	Jibrin Jauro Abba Musa Ahmadu Balarabe Yusu	Belle-Yibi	Arrested for hunting in the reserve with 3 Dane guns, 3 cutlasses, 2 knives, ammunition, and gunpowder	Wundo	Sent one week in remand and 18 months in jail
05/03/20	Ali Babuga Sale Alh. Halilu	Kani	Arrested for livestock grazing in the reserve with 2 cutlasses, 2 torchlights,	Dogon-Ruwa	Two weeks in remand and three months in jail
09/03/20	Mutari Mohammed Ali Saidu Kafi Mohammed Aliyu Duguri	Kani	Arrested for hunting and shooting a ranger in the reserve with three Dane gun, 4 smoked guinea fowl, and a smoked bushbuck	Dururi, Kafi, Dogon-Ruwa	Case was transferred to police in Mainamaji who later transferred it to the C.I.D. in Bauchi and is currently ongoing
09/03/20	Usman Abdu Waiti Abdu	Dutsen-Kura	Arrested for cattle grazing in the reserve with a cutlass, charms, and a blade	Bogga	Sent two weeks in remand and three months in jail

09/03/20	Ibrahim Abdu Gambo Umaru	Kani	Arrested for cattle grazing in the reserve with 2 cutlasses	Dogon-Ruwa	Sent one week in remand and three months in jail
24/03/20	Dare Shame Baba Wuro Bahashe	Dogon-Kurmi	Arrested for cattle grazing in the reserve	Kashara	Released on bail due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Case ongoing
25/03/20	Yusuf Musa	Buri	Arrested for hunting in the reserve with a Dane gun, knife, and a cutlass	Gale	Released on bail due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Case ongoing
12/04/20	Umar Adamu	Kariyo	Arrested for hunting in the reserve with a Dane gun, knife, empty sacks and torchlight	Kwala	Released on bail by the court as the prisons are no more accepting persons except for homicide cases. He was bailed by the chief from his village who will take him back to court on request. His gun and exhibit are in our custody.
11/05/20	Ahmadu Musa Isa Ahmadu Hassan Abdullahi	Tungan Kiyashi	Arrested for hunting in the reserve with 3 Dane guns, knife, cellphone, empty sacks and torchlight	Wolakerol	Released on bail by the court as the prisons are no more accepting persons except for homicide cases due to Covid-19 fears. Their guns and other exhibits are in our custody.
12/05/20	Yusuf Isah Isa Ayuba	Libji	Arrested for hunting in the reserve with 2 Dane guns, knife, smoked Hartebeest, empty sacks and torchlight	Katarko	Released on bail by the court as the prisons are no more accepting persons except for homicide cases due to Covid-19 fears. Their guns and other exhibits are in our custody.
22/05/20	Ahmadu Abba Muhammad Abdu Hassan Abdu	Yalo	Arrested for livestock grazing in the reserve with a cellphone, and 3 axes	Yalo	Released on bail by the court as the prisons are no

					more accepting persons except for homicide cases due to Covid-19 fears
13/06/20	Danjuma Sale	Tungan-Baki	Arrested for hunting in the reserve with a Dane gun, knife, cellphone, empty sacks and torchlight	Kukawa	Released on bail by the court as the prisons are no more accepting persons except for homicide cases due to Covid-19 fears. His gun and other exhibits are in our custody.
29/06/20	Isa Yahaya Mohammed Abdulhami	Shaman	Arrested for hunting in the reserve with 2 Dane guns, knife, gunpowder, 2 axes, knife	Gaji-Gamu	Released on bail by the court as the prisons are no more accepting persons except for homicide cases due to Covid-19 fears. Their guns and other exhibits are in our custody.
06/07/20	Mohammed Sani	Bogwas	Arrested for fishing in the reserve with a net and some fish he caught	Bogwas	Released on bail by the court as the prisons are no more accepting persons except for homicide cases due to Covid-19 fears. The exhibits are in our custody.
13/07/20	Baffawuro Usman Sallau Magaji	Wolakerol	Arrested for hunting in the reserve with 2 Dane guns, knife, gunpowder, 2 axes, knife	Gaji-Gamu	Released on bail by the court as the prisons are no more accepting persons except for homicide cases due to Covid-19 fears. Their guns and other exhibits are in our custody.
26/07/20	Garba Abubakar	Faliyaram	Arrested for hunting in the reserve with a Dane gun, knife, gunpowder	Sabon Layi	Released on bail by the court as the prisons are no more accepting

					persons except for homicide cases due to Covid-19 fears. The exhibits are in our custody.
17/09/20	Baushe Adamu Danjuma	Gum, arrested at home	Arrested in connection to elephant carcass recorded in August with an unlicensed Dane gun, ammunition and other wildlife products at home.	Gum	Sent to remand for two weeks awaiting trial as investigation is ongoing
29/09/20	Isiyaka Mohammed	Hawan Zubairu	Arrested for hunting in the reserve with a Dane gun, 2 knives, axe, cutlass, and ammunition	Gaji-Gamu	Sent one week in remand awaiting trial.

Signature:



**Date:** October 15<sup>th</sup> 2020

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