

Emergency Action on Poaching Crisis

Proposal to the African Elephant Fund

1.1 Country: Ethiopia

1.2 Project Title: Law Enforcement Operation, Workshop And Capacity Building In Southern Ethiopia

1.3 Project Location: Omo and Mago National Parks, Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Regional State (SNNPRS), Ethiopia

1.4 Overall Project Cost: 10,000.00

1.5 Project Duration: 6 months

1.6 Project Proponent: Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority (EWCA)

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2.0 Project Summary: (not more than 250 words)

Ethiopia is a source country for ivory and an internationally recognised key ivory transit hub between Africa and Asia. Three areas have been particularly affected by the poaching wave: Mago (MNP) and Omo National Parks (ONP) and the Babile Elephant Sanctuary. The Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority (EWCA) is committed to tackling these problems and has recently developed an Ethiopian Elephant Action Plan. However EWCA lacks capacity for implementation. This proposal focuses on two areas in southwestern Ethiopia, MNP and ONP where external support is not currently available. Priority activities are;

i. Strengthening of field patrolling in MNP and ONP and crime scene investigation. With resource protection the keystone strategy to prevent elephants poaching, basic scout equipment will be purchased. Crime scene and risk management workshop will be delivered.

ii. Community liaison and awareness-raising in MNP and ONP. Law enforcement efforts require community support to be effective and minimise retaliation. Community meetings with key groups (e.g. elders, women, youth) will be held to discuss the importance of elephants, the impact of poaching and the current ivory trade, the legal framework and the consequences of law breaking. Local security task forces will be formed.

iii. Training of regional customs/enforcement/judiciary officials at key sites and trade routes. Most customs and enforcement officers at site level in SW Ethiopia lack the skills to identify elephant ivory products and the judiciary consider wildlife crime relatively unimportant. workshop will be provided to these groups.

3.0 Which Priority Objectives and Activities

This project falls principally under the African Elephant Action Plan's Priority Objective

The project will address the following Activities:

Reduce Illegal killing of Elephants and Illegal Trade in Elephant Products
Assess law enforcement and capacity needs in respective range States
Train staff at all levels to combat poaching and illegal trade in ivory and other elephant products
Equip wildlife authority staff on the frontline of enforcement with appropriate tools to carry out their mission as safely and effectively as possible.
Build capacity of judiciary, police and other enforcement agencies to effectively enforce laws both at national and international levels
Maintained Elephant Habitats and Restored Connectivity
Provide adequate resources for effective management of existing protected areas and dispersal areas
Improve or maintain good management in existing protected areas in
Increased awareness of elephant conservation and management of key stakeholders
Consolidate and disseminate reliable information on the conservation and management of the elephant for local communities, scientific and political audiences
Develop and implement awareness programs targeting schools, local communities, policy makers etc
Develop and implement a communication strategy to justify management decisions and actions.

4.0 Project Rationale –

Elephant poaching for the illegal ivory trade is the most serious threat facing elephants across Africa. Ethiopia has not been exempt from the tsunami of poaching sweeping the continent and has suffered a recent escalation in poaching at key sites, particularly the Babilie Elephant Sanctuary. During the formulation of Ethiopia's Elephant Action Plan.

scouts and experts at park level have not been trained in wildlife crime scene investigation or risk management.

engagement with the local community is essential in order to generate support to combat poaching and ivory trafficking and is identified as a priority.

EWCA and SNNPRS have very limited budgets for these priority actions compared to the sophisticated nature of the illegal trade

5.0 Detailed Proposal –

Project location: The target areas for this project are Omo and Mago National Parks in Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples National Regional State of south-western Ethiopia

This project will be divided into the following stages:

Planning:

- a. Developing workshop agendas and designing
- b. Developing TOR and list of members of the law enforcement workshop
- d. Prepare workshop materials for police, customs, community, key agencies and agreement on methods and dates

Procurement:

- Scouts field equipment: (GPS, binoculars)

Implementation:

Effective implementation of this project will require collaboration between EWCA and other key stakeholders particularly the Community and Wildlife of Southern Nations Nationalities and Peoples Regional State, as well as SNNPRS law enforcement, security and customs

Wildlife crime scene investigation and risk management training for ONP and MNP staff

Field training will be provided for ONP and MNP in how to handle wildlife crime scenes, collect evidence and minimise personal and institutional risk

Strengthening of field patrolling in MNP and ONP

Scout field equipment (GPS and Binoculars) will be issued to ONP and MNP scouts to allow effective and safe anti-poaching patrols to be deployed.

Activity 3. Community liaison and awareness-raising in MNP and ONP.

Community meetings will be held with different groups (elders, women, youth) to raise awareness of elephant conservation, the illegal ivory trade and discuss the consequences of this trade, its illegality and how communities could assist law enforcement efforts and how to take advantage and gain the support of indigenous governance systems.

Anticipated Outputs and Benefits from the Project

a. Outputs:

b. Benefits

- Improved protection of elephants in the Omo and Mago National Parks and reduction in illegal killing
- Improved EWCA and SNNRPS capacity to implement resource protection systems
- Improved safety of scouts when patrolling and at crime scenes

- Better quality evidence and increased rate of successful prosecutions
- Improved community support for elephant conservation and law enforcement in ONP and MNP
- Increased capacity to detect and prosecute illegal ivory traffickers and other wildlife products in SNNRPS by customs, police and judiciary
- Increased interagency cooperation and federal-regional coordination in detecting and prosecuting wildlife crime and combatting trafficking

Evaluation:

Interim outcomes and associated indicators are identified as follows

1. Scouts have equipment and operational funds to conduct patrols. This will be measured by number of mandays on patrol and km covered per month before and during project implementation
2. Increased awareness and cooperation with community members and other stakeholders at site level. Information on knowledge and attitudes will be conducted and the provision of intelligence on poaching or trafficking incidents.
3. SNNRPS police, customs and judiciary staff.

Changes in these target groups' knowledge will be assessed by obtaining baseline information at the start of training courses and campaigns and re-evaluation post workshop.

Overall outcomes:

Improved conservation status of elephants Indicators: Elephant population size, illegal poaching of elephants, to protect our scouts/Parks

Reporting:

- Final report will be prepared, and submitted to the African Elephant Fund upon completion of the project

6.0 Project Timeline –

The total time line will be 6 months, starting from fund transfer date. The first 2 weeks will be used for planning and preparing workshop materials and equipment. Workshop and capacity building will take place over the next 3 months. The last week will be used for finalizing activities and report writing.

BUDGET

7.0 Has this project received or been pledged any other sources of funding?

Some funding is being provided by USFWS for Omo NP for 2014/2015 to fund some patrols and 2 community meetings. Additional funds for intelligence network set up and funding additional patrols will be requested from USFWS in December 2015 (not included in this proposal). Further application will be prepared. EWCA and SNNRPS will provide support in kind in terms of salary costs and provision of vehicles.

7.1 Please provide a detailed proposed budget for this project (in US\$). You may find it helpful to relate expenditure to the Phases you have set out in Section 5.0 Details should include: Staff Salaries, Equipment purchase or hire, Accommodation, Per Diems/Day Allowances, Travel, Evaluation, Report writing, Accountancy.

Full Proposal Budget				
Budget line		Expected source of funds and amounts		
		Proponent(GOVT.)	AEF	Other
1.	Field Equipment:		2,200	
2.	Awareness creation workshop			
	Participants from zonal woreda (\$10/man x 10 x 5	Perdiem	500.00	
	Transport cost (\$240/month for 6 months)	Vechile/transport	1,440.00	
3.	From Community (\$10/day x 50x 5 workshop days)	salaries	2,500.00	
4.	Participants from Addis ((\$10/day x 20x 5 workshop days)	Perdiem	1,000.00	
5.	Report writing and communications for all arrangements	Salaries	860.00	
6.	Operation for Anti poaching with defence and federal police commission (\$10/day/15 people x10 people	salaries	1,500.00	
6.	Discussion with Parliamentarians (\$20/day x			
		Total	\$10,000.00	

1. Scout Equipment list

Item	# Units	Unit cost (\$)	Total Cost (\$)
Binoculars	10	100	1000
GPS Units	6	200	1200
Total			\$2,200.00

Equipment are for Federal police and defence people when they make Patrolling.