

**Annex 2 – Interim Progress Report** *(to be submitted together with the Interim Financial Report at the end of the calendar year)*

**1. Identification:**

Partners Name: MOLE NATIONAL PARK (MNP)

Budget line: BAC [*SSFA: 2016-32EAP-SB-000676-11267-14AC0004*]

POW 2014-2015 Sub-programme: [*SMALL SCALE FUNDING PROJECT*]

Expected Accomplishment(s): [*MOLE ELEPHANT POPULATION AND ITS CORRIDORS SECURED*]

Output(s): [*1. REDUCE ILLEGAL KILLING OF ELEPHANTS. 2. MAINTAIN ELEPHANT HABITAT AND RESTORE CONNECTIVITY. 3. REDUCE HUMAN-ELEPHANT CONFLICT. 4 INCREASE AWARENESS OF ELEPHANT CONSERVATION*]

Title of the approved PRC project: []

SSFA starting date: 15/03/2016

Reporting period: from 15/03/2016 to 31/12/2016

**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 the elephant conservation through law enforcement and stakeholder engagement in mole national park and its corridors is on course. Below is the progress made so far:*

- 1. Most equipment and logistics under the project have been procured and are in used by staff (Motorbikes, GPS, Boots, Haversacks, tents etc). This has enhanced staff deployment and patrol coverage*
- 2. Farmers whose farms used to suffer severe elephant raids are successfully applying the skills learnt and it has been effective so far: Incidence of crop-raids have reduced drastically as a result*
- 3. Ranger patrols (Effort: effective patrol-Man-days, and coverage) within MNP improved due to the availability ofg patrol logistics (food ration, fuel for deployment).*
- 4. This is the first time patrols and monitoring are being conducted within the two corridors. Destruction to farms have been minimal and no incidence of elephant and human casualty has been recorded within the Project implementation period*
- 5. Conservation Education and Public Awareness in basic and secondary schools fringing the park is creating excitement among pupils and teachers alike*

**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 |
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| Activity 1 – name of activity                                   |   |  |   |  |   |
| Training and Capacity Building of Law Enforcement Staff         | Procurement of equipment<br><br>Training  | 1.Procured two (2) motorbikes<br><br>2.Procurement of field equipment: Combat boots, socks, belts, haversacks, tents, GPS & Digital Cameras<br><br>1.Training of Law Enforcement staff:<br><br>2.Staff and Farmers vulnerable to elephant crop-raiding trained<br>3. Recruit and Train 40 Volunteers in Wildlife Corridors | 29 Sept 2016<br><br>September 15, 2016<br><br>October 26, 2016<br><br>August 20, 2016<br><br>Augusts 30, 2016 | Complete<br><br>Complete<br><br>On-going<br><br>Complete<br><br>Complete | Motorbikes are in use by Rangers at the Red Volta Valley<br><br>Issued to Rangers for use<br><br>Training of staff in progress<br><br>40 Farmers trained alongside Park rangers dedicated farm patrols<br>20 Volunteers trained, equipped and reporting to park staff<br>Additional 20 identified and waiting to be trained and equiped |
| Activity 2. Law Enforcement Monitoring in MNP and its Corridors | Patrols and Monitoring in MNP and its Corridors   | 1.Procurement of food Ration for Rangers to last 4 Months<br>2. Procurement of Other Patrol logistics/Consumables (fuel, GPS batteries, First Aid and Stationery)<br><br>3.Joint –Patrol with KTNP staff at RVV and Mole-Bui NP Corridor   | June 8, 2016<br><br>On-going<br><br>On-going  | Complete<br><br>On-going<br><br>On-going                                 | Food ration kept in stores and issued to rangers for patrols<br><br>Purchased as and when needed<br><br>Only Rangers from Mole NP   |
| Activity 3 Hold Consultative meeting with officials of KT-NP    | Consultative meeting to examine the extent of the problem and measures to safeguard the elephants and farmers within the transboundary corridor | Correspondence between officials of Mole NP and KT-NP on-going.  | November 29, 2016 fixed for the first meeting in Bolgatanga   | Meeting scheduled  | Meeting agenda and details being worked out   |
| Activity 4 Conservation Education and                           | 1.Ten Wildlife Clubs revived in selected fringed basic and secondary schools  | All 10 clubs have been revived and functioning. Five of the clubs have been sponsored to embark on excursion Mole  | September 3, 2016   | On-Going   | The remaining five clubs to be sponsored in the coming months   |

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| Awareness Creation                          | 2. Design of fliers, brochures, posters and short documentary on Mole Elephants                 | NP<br>Fliers, brochures and posters have been designed and awarded on contract for printing                  | October 28, 2016 | Committed | Procurement process slow                |
|   | 3. Design and install 4 Billboards  | Design of Billboard done and awarded on contract   | October 28, 2016 | Committed | Procurement process completed           |
| Activity 5<br>Produce Area Map of Corridors | Engage GIS Software expert to Map out and produce maps of the Corridors for Monitoring purposes | Software expert identified (Resource Management Support Centre in Kumasi)<br>Identified and awarded contract | October 10, 2016 | Committed | Recce done and mapping of area on-going |
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**4. List of attached documents**

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

**Signature :**

**Date: 09/11/2016**

**Name and title of signing officer: UMARU FAROUK DUBIURE ( Administrative and Financial Matters)**