

# Proposal to the African Elephant Fund

1.1 Country: Ethiopia

1.2 Project Title: Improving Field Intelligence and Investigations Capacity for Ivory and other Wildlife Crimes in Ethiopia

1.3 Project Location: Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Regional State, Ethiopia

1.4 Overall Project Cost:  
AMOUNT Requested from African Elephant Fund: USD 66,900

1.5 Project Duration: 7 months

1.6 Project Proponent: Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority

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## 2.0 Project Summary:

The project aims at introducing modern field intelligence methods to combat the increasingly professional wildlife crime. It concentrates on the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Regional State. in the South of Ethiopia. SNNPRS has been selected, because it contains important elephant populations (by Ethiopian standards), and poaching is increasing there, but methods developed will be replicated to other regional states.. The approach will be based on the setting up of and capacity building for intelligence networks, intelligence gathering, methods to secure evidence at crime site, evidence handling, and prosecution methods. This approach includes building capacity for field investigation. building capacities in interview techniques, court procedures and witness preparation for the prosecution is also part of the activities. The objective is formulated as follows: To develop EWCA's and SNNP BOCT's field capacity at 6 sites to run intelligence and investigations procedures to combat elephant poaching and ivory trafficking.

For the training international capacity is necessary, as this expertise does not exist in Ethiopia.

**3.0 Which Priority Objectives and Activities (there may be more than one) in the African Elephant Action Plan does this project fall under?**

Objective 1, strategy 1.1: Strengthen the capacity of law enforcement authorities/agencies to combat poaching and illegal trade in ivory and other elephant products

Ethiopian Elephant Action Plan Priority: Top                      Action 1.4 & 2.3

**4.0 Project Rationale – why is this project necessary and urgent? What threats face this elephant population (give, for example, what information you have regarding population details, trends in population (downward or upward), ivory seizure information, details about levels of poaching, human/elephant conflict, etc.).**

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**5.0 Detailed Proposal – including activities to be carried out, milestones (at least quarterly milestones), timelines, equipment to be purchased , reporting procedures, etc. (not more than 1000 words).**

**Project Objective:** To develop EWCA’s and SNNP BOCT’s field capacity at 6 sites to run intelligence and investigations procedures to combat elephant poaching and ivory trafficking.

**Specific activities:**

- a. Conduct initial 1 x 10 day basic course and 1 x 5 day Train the Trainer course for EWCA and SNNP field staff from PAs with elephants and HQ staff involved in ivory anti-trafficking activities;
- b. Provide operational funding for 6 x II units for 2 years (BES, ONP, MNP, CCNP, GNP, KSNP)
- c. Provide support for setting up data management systems
- d. Provide follow up training (2 x 4 day field training) and mentorship of key field staff

**Expected Outputs:**

- a. 20 EWCA/SNNP personnel trained on the Basic Course and 20 manuals distributed;
- b. 5 EWCA/SNNP personnel trained on the Train-the-Trainers Course;
- c. 20 staff given up follow up training and mentorship;
- d. Intelligence database created and populated
- e. Increased arrests and successful prosecutions from operations for 2 years

**Conservation outcomes:**

This project will directly benefit elephant conservation in Ethiopia by supporting the investigative and judiciary processes necessary to bring related wildlife crimes to

successful conclusions, thereby increasing the risk to the poacher and raising the level of deterrence for ivory poaching and trafficking in Ethiopia. It will create and provide field Investigations and Intelligence Units (IIU) with the equipment necessary to effectively carry out their duties. It will also indirectly strengthen investigations and intelligence operations for other species, thus enhancing the protection of other wildlife populations.

**Key Implementers:**

EWCA, SNNP BoCT (Bureau of Culture and Tourism, Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Regional State).

**Implementing Partners:** Frankfurt Zoological Society, Born Free Foundation, Sustainable Development of the Protected Area System of Ethiopia (UNDP, GEF) project.

**Monitoring and reporting:**

The EWCA Planning directorate will be responsible for the monitoring, with the cooperation in technical aspects of the wildlife and their product trafficking directorate.

**Procurement:**

Procurement will be done locally, and the contracting of the international trainers will be done by EWCA, with the assistance of the SDPASE project, according to already established procedures.

6.0 Project Timeline – outline the timeline for proposed activities within this project. You may find it helpful to relate the timeline to the Phases identified in Section 5.0 above.

The project will be carried out within 7 months, starting from August 2015. All activities listed above will start simultaneously.

**BUDGET**

7.0 Has this project received or been pledged any other sources of funding (external)? Give all relevant details (for example, amount, source of funds, timetable, any restrictions):

no

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 included in Table annexed to the document:

*Any other budget lines:*

7.2 Please specify the proponents contribution towards the project  
 The Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority is responsible for the overall wildlife management in the country. It cooperates with the regional states in this task.

The wildlife trafficking directorate of EWCA is responsible for the law enforcement aspects (intelligence, impounding, prosecution) of wildlife management outside the protected areas.

EWCA will facilitate and coordinate the programme. It will monitor its results and will report to the AEF.

| <b>Full Proposal Budget</b> |   |   |               |               |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Budget line</b>          |   | <b>Expected source of funds and amounts</b> |               |               |
|                             |   | <b>Proponent(GOVT.)</b>                     | <b>AEF</b>    | <b>Other</b>  |
| 1.                          | Personnel: External Trainers ( 40days @\$400/day)   |   | 16,000        |               |
| 2.                          | Manuals/stationary  |   | 1,000         |               |
| 3.                          | Equipment (5x metal detectors, 10x GPS, Roadblock equipment)  |   | 6,000         |               |
| 4.                          | Accommodation<br>Trainers: Addis Ababa and field  |   | 3,000         |               |
|                             | Trainees: Field (20 x 10 days) + (20x 4 day x 2 courses follow up) + (5x 4 days) TOT. 380 mandays @ \$25/day    |   | 9,500         |               |
| 5.                          | Travel;<br>Trainers (International flights (SA/UK-ET x 5), Local Travel to field site                           |   | 6,500         |               |
|                             | Trainees: 20 people basic course and TOT  |   | 2,000         |               |
| 6.                          | Annual IIU operating costs (5 sites@\$3500/site)  |   | 17,500        |               |
| 7.                          | Database set up and training (Database Trainer, 10 days @\$ 400/day, flight (\$1200), accommodation (10x \$120) |   | 6,400         |               |
| 8.                          | Supervision and monitoring, EWCA, SNNPRS  | 6,000                                       |               |               |
| 9.                          | Additional trainers (Born Free Foundation, FZS)   |   |               | 10,000        |
| 10.                         | Administrative support SDPASE   |   |               | 5,000         |
|                             | <b>Total</b>  | <b>6,000</b>                                | <b>66,900</b> | <b>15,000</b> |

Please submit the completed proposal, either by:

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