

**DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE – MALAWI**

**STATUS REPORT ON THE UTILISATION OF THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT FUND GRANT**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Malawi, through the Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW), was allocated a grant of US\$20,000 by the African Elephant Fund Steering Committee based on an approved proposal. The first disbursement of the grant was done in March 2013 but only accessed in July 2013. The use of funds was in line with approved proposal. The funds were received through a Ministry of Tourism Holding Account and later on transferred into Kasungu National Park Treasury Fund Operating account. Government expenditure control measures, consequently, applied.

The author is the Project Supervisor for this grant and therefore, is instrumental in implementation of the agreed activities.

## 2.0 PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the grant, as stipulated in the Agreement, was to enable DNPW achieve the following;

- a) create awareness in wildlife law enforcement personnel (Wildlife, customs, immigration, police and judiciary officers) on current elephant conservation issues.
- b) equip law enforcement staff in Kasungu National Park in terms of tools for law enforcement work which also involves elephant protection.

## 3.0 LINKAGE BETWEEN THE OBJECTIVES AND THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT ACTION PLAN

The activities proposed were all in line with African Elephant Action Plan (AEAP) and briefly reproduced below:

**Objective 1:** Reduce illegal killing of elephants and illegal trade in elephant products;

**Strategy 1.1:** Strengthen the capacity of law enforcement authorities to combat poaching and illegal trade in ivory and other elephant products;

**Activity 1.1.3:** Equip wildlife authority staff on the frontline of enforcement with appropriate tools.

**Strategy 1.4:** strengthen the enforcement of laws relevant to conservation and management of elephants;

**Activity 1.4.1:** Build capacity of judiciary, police and other enforcement agencies to effectively enforce laws.

#### 4.0 ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE GRANT

After receipt of the grant and based on the submitted estimates, the following activities were planned;

Activity	Description	ESTIMATE -MK
Equipment	Rucksacks, tents, sleeping bags, overalls, water bottles	K5.3m
Capacity building for DNPW, Police, Judiciary, Customs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law enforcement stakeholder meeting in Kasungu NP.</li> <li>• Stakeholder meeting with Police, Judiciary, Customs at KIA;</li> <li>• Follow up meeting at Chileka Airport</li> </ul>	K1.5m 0 0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>K6.7m</b>

Thus, there are two main achievements from the grant;

- i. A stakeholders meeting for Kasungu National Park was undertaken on in Kasungu National Park from 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2013 . It was attended by members of Malawi Police, Judiciary and National Parks and Wildlife but at District level. Refer to Annex 2 for list of participants.
- ii. Equipment was procured. These are tents and rucksacks and have been partially delivered to Kasungu National Park

#### 5.0 IMPLEMENTION CHALLENGES MET

A few challenges were met.

- a) The Project proposal was presented on the premise that there would be co-financing by Government (DNPW) and the UNEP (AEF). At the time (2012) the Project was being conceived and approved, Government funding to the DNPW was just adequate to enable co-financing. However, when time came to implement activities, Government had instituted austerity measures and funding to DNPW was drastically reduced to an extent that co-financing was no longer possible. The result of this is that;
  - i. only one sensitisation meeting was done instead of the planned three.
  - ii. Only two types of equipment (tents and rucksacks) were procured from the approved list.
- b) The real price of equipment was much higher than estimated. This largely stems from the fact that all of the equipment had to be imported from outside (South Africa) by the supplier approved by the Internal Procurement Committee. Only tents and rucksacks were bought from the grant. The delivery of equipment also took very long.
- c) The change of management in the Department led to a small delay as the new Director had to be briefed before he could approve any expenditure on the fund. However, as soon as briefing was done, things moved quickly. The new Director is Mr Brighton Kumchedwa. Mr Leonard Sefu retired from service.

## 6.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The grant has assisted a lot in alleviating problems encountered by wildlife law enforcers. The stakeholders meeting held provided a unique opportunity to law enforcers to interact, discuss issues and share knowledge. I would, therefore, like to recommend that the balance of US\$2000 be remitted to DNPW to accomplish the sensitisation meetings for Judiciary, Customs and Police.

## ANNEX 1: EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Objective	Activity	ESTIMATE -MK	ACTUALLY SPENT MK	EXPENDITURE US\$ EQUIV
equip law enforcement staff in Kasungu National Park	Procure field equipment (i.e. rucksacks, tents, sleeping bags, water overalls, bottles)	5 300 000	5 435 376.00	14 455.79
Capacity building for DNPW, Police, Judiciary, Customs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Law enforcement stakeholder meeting in Kasungu NP.</li> </ul>	1 500 000	1 358 585	3 613.26
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interagency meeting involving Police, Judiciary, Customs &amp; Immigration at Kamuzu International Airport;</li> </ul>	690 000	300 000	800
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow up meeting at Chileka International Airport</li> </ul>	809 000	424 106.30	1130.95
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>MK8 999 000</b>	<b>MK7 518 067.3</b>	<b>US\$ 20 000.00</b>

ANNEX 2: PARTICIPANTS LIST TO THE STAKEHOLDER AWARENESS MEETING HELD FROM  
18<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013

<b>NO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESIGNATION/ORGANISATION</b>	<b>CONTACTS</b>
1	C. Manda	Assistant Director, DNPW	0888 351 320/0991 332 533
2	H. F. Kantchere	First Grade Magistrate, Kasungu District	0999 633 762
3	J. A. S. Nyondo	Officer In-Charge, Kasungu Police	0888 342 063
4	Alphius Lipiya	Division Manager (Central Division)	0999 304 402
5	Alex Chunga	PWO (CS)	0999 921 032
6	Alphius Banda	Prosecutor, Kasungu Police tation	0993 389 729
7	James Matemba	Second Officer In-Charge, Lifupa Police Unit	0884 706 352
8	Harrison Mgombe	Officer In Charge, Chulu Police Unit	0999 657 524
9	E. Chulu	C/C, Judiciary, Kasungu	0999 455 894
10	Willard Kadolo	Dwangwa Camp, Kasungu National Park (KNP)	0999 676 842
11	Nowa Chiwotha	Miyondwe Camp, KNP	0996 527 491
12	Thandizo Galafa	Lifupa Camp, KNP	0997 541 361
13	Wongani F. Kamanga	Kangwa Camp, KNP	0994 402 710
14	Emma Banda	Lisitu Camp, KNP	0881 003 779/0999 060 198
15	Leonard Banda	Lisitu Camp, KNP	0999 488 408
16	Stainley Chilije	Kangwa Camp, KNP	0994 057 712/0888 853 723
17	Jealous H. Masanza	Khalango Camp, KNP	0993 739 797
18	Herbert T. A.		0993 739 797

	Mazengera		
19	Amos John	Miondwe Camp, KNP	0999 655 362
20	Dickson R. Mtombosola		0999 685 322
21	Francis Z. Magaleta	Lisitu Camp, KNP	0999 426 149/0884 589 880
22	Jones Sibale	Kapusi Camp, KNP	0999 676 650
23	Catherine Chunga	Lifupa Camp, KNP	0995 436 419
24	Samuel Peter Phiri	Chipiri Camp, KNP	0995 598 724
25	Grace Dzimbiri	Lifupa Camp, KNP	0994 564 973
26	Laston Chitseko	Kapusi Camp, KNP	0999 736 874
27	Gift P. Pempherani	Lifupa Camp, KNP	0997 848 535
28	Grant Manyungwa	Lifupa Camp, KNP	0999 102 089
29	Elias Musukwa	Kapusi Camp, KNP	0999 714 903
30	Antony Kwimbang'oma		0998 894 663
31	Lawrence Mkombozi		0995 529 104
32	Paul Chidyera	Lifupa Camp, KNP	0999 060 218
33	Ndaona Kamanga	Lifupa Camp, KNP	0999 110 781
34	Edson P. Sichali	Resarch Officer -Lifupa Camp	0999 201 961
35	Rodwell Ziyaya	Kasungu Police	0999 288 873