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**REF: PROGRESSIVE REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT
ON REINFORCEMENT OF ANTI-POACHING PATROLS AT ENTRY AND
EXIT POINTS**

Please kindly refer to the above heading.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism through Wildlife Division received fund from African Elephant Fund (AEF), for improving law enforcement capacity. This opportunity is given to African Elephant Range States for conservation initiatives which implement the objectives outlined in the African Elephant Action Plan (AEAP).

Therefore, Wildlife Division planned to use the fund to implement activities that will lead to reduce illegal killing of elephants and illegal trafficking of ivory and other wildlife products. As stipulated in the proposal the fund has been used to establish inspection offices at Tanga Port and Mtambaswala area which is located at Umoja Bridge the border between Tanzania and Mozambique. Specific activities involved rehabilitation of offices, procurement of equipment and training of law enforcers who will be responsible for patrolling and inspection at entry and exit points.

Attached is the progressive report on the implementation of the project.

Yours Sincerely,

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REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF AFRICAN ELEPHANT FUND PROJECT

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Project Location: Entry and exit points at International Airports and Sea Ports

Project Supervisor: Director, Tanzania Wildlife Division.

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Project Location: Entry and exit points (International Airports -Dar es Salaam and Kilimanjaro), Dar es Salaam and Tanga Sea Ports and Umoja bridge, located at the border between Tanzania and Mozambique.

Overall Project Cost: USD71, 763

AMOUNT Requested from African Elephant Fund: USD 71,763

AMMOUNT Released from African Elephant Fund: USD 33,160.00

Project Duration: 24 Months

Project Proponent: Wildlife Division Tanzania

Name of Project Supervisor: Director of Wildlife, Tanzania

1. PROJECT SUMMARY & BACKGROUND

Illegal trafficking of wild fauna and flora remains a great concern to the Law Enforcement Agencies. In the recent years there have been several illegal elephant ivory seizures in the Far East allegedly originating from the United Republic of Tanzania. Among the entry/exit points in Tanzania that may be used in illegal trafficking include the sea ports (Dar es Salaam, Tanga and Zanzibar) and International airports (Julius Nyerere, Kilimanjaro and Zanzibar). Tanzania is seen as a conduit for shipment of illicit wildlife specimen especially elephant ivory and live specimens of wildlife.

The project aims at imparting relevant skills to personnel at entry/exit points, procure modern scanning equipment and enhance cooperation among law enforcers. Thus, the funds available will be used to acquire ivory identification materials, equipment and conduct training on intelligence, species identification and concealment methods to law enforcers especially those at the exit and entry points from Wildlife Division, Ports Authority, Customs Officers, Police, Immigration, Railways Authority and Airport Officials.

On 4th September 2013 the Wildlife Division submitted a proposal to the African Elephant Fund (AEF) Steering Committee which was approved for funding. The proposal based on reinforcement of anti-poaching patrols to reduce illicit trafficking of ivory and other wildlife products at entry and exit points of Dar es Salaam & Kilimanjaro airports, Dar es Salaam & Tanga Sea ports and Mtambaswala bridge at the border of Tanzania and Mozambique.

The African Elephant Fund (AEF) Steering Committee approved the proposal. Pursuant to the approval, on 9th June, 2014 a total of USD 33,160.00 was remitted to Tanzania Wildlife Division for project implementation.

2. PRIORITY OBJECTIVE

The project falls under the Reduced Illegal Killing of Elephants and Illegal Trade in Elephant Products priority objective of the African Elephant Action Plan.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

The project intends to meet the following objectives:

- i. To build capacity to law enforcement officers from different authorities who have stake in combating illegal trade (this include training and purchasing equipment); and

- ii. To strengthen Law enforcers' cooperation and collaboration in fighting wildlife crimes.

4. PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The project involves following activities:

- a) Construction of inspection offices at Tanga Port and Mtambaswala at Umoja Bridge. Two offices will be secured and rehabilitated at Tanga port and Mtambaswala at Umoja Bridge to facilitate coordination and implementation of the project activities;
- b) Procurement of equipment. This include 5 motorbikes for the five earmarked entry/exit points, purchasing/hiring of scanners (subject to fund availability) and identification materials for carrying inspection, fuel and stationery materials; and
- c) Training of law enforcers at entry/exit points. Ten staff, 2 from each prioritized entry/exit points will be trained on the following areas:
 - i. Intelligence and information gathering;
 - ii. Ivory concealment method/techniques;
 - iii. Scanning techniques; and
 - iv. Identification of ivory products.

5. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

a) Construction of inspection offices

Since at Mtambaswala - Umoja Bridge, there are worn out buildings owned by Nanyumbu District Council. Pursuant to high construction costs of new offices and insight, it was agreed to renovate these buildings which upon completion will be used as offices and staff quarters for staff carrying out inspection. Nanyumbu District Civil Engineer prepared The Bill of Quantities for the rehabilitation of the buildings and carry out the rehabilitation activities under the supervision of the Manager of Lukwika - Lumesule/Msanjesi Game Reserves. The said Game Reserves are adjacent to Mtambaswala Bridge.

A total of 16,834,025/= (Sixteen Milion Eight Hundred thirty four Thousand and Twety Five) was remitted to the Manager of Lukwika - Lumesule/Msanjesi Game Reserve for renovation costs. The following activities have been done so far:

- i. Renovation of the office building;
- ii. Renovation of staff houses;
- iii. Construction of toilets;
- iv. Installation of water system; and
- v. Installation of electric system.

Plate 1: Renovated office at Mtambaswala

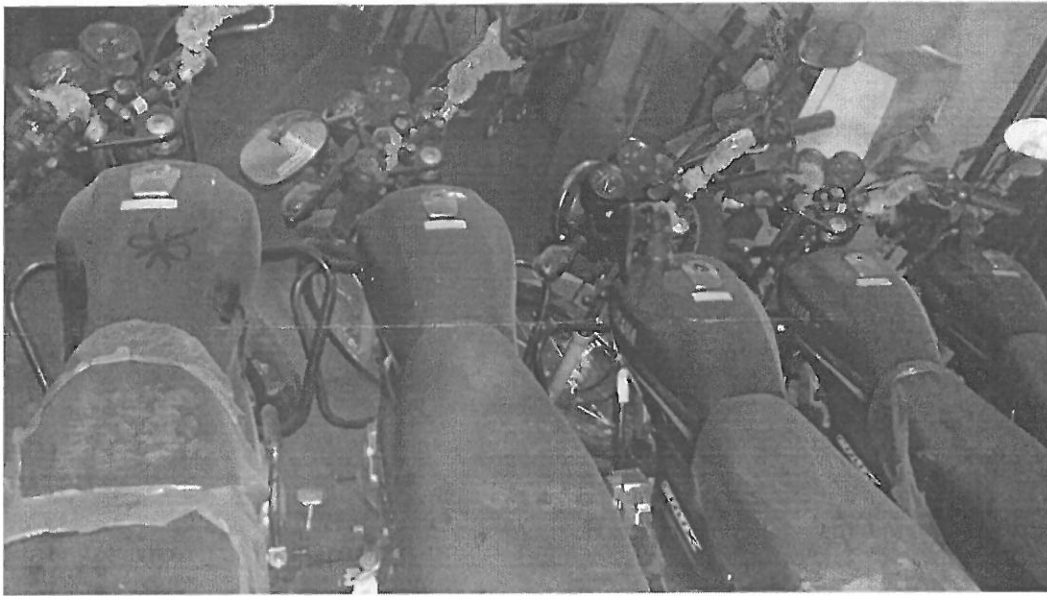


At Tanga Port: Negotiations with Tanzania Ports Authority is underway to secure a room at Tanga port buildings that will be used as office for the staff carrying out inspection. Once the room will be secured, Wildlife Division will meet the renovation prior to deploying staff.

b) Procurement of equipment

Five (5) motorcycles have been procured A total of 10,000,000/= (Ten million only) has been spent to purchase the motorcycles. Disbursement to respective stations awaits completion of registration process. Registration of motorcycles is on the final stages. These motorcycles will be deployed to stations responsible with inspection at entry/exit points. These stations include Zonal Anti-Poaching Units - Southern Zone-Songea, Eastern Zone-Dar es Salaam and the Northern Zone-Arusha.

Plate 2: Motorcycles purchased



c) Training of law enforcement officers

Training of law enforcers at entry/exit points is scheduled to take place in September 2015. Instructors for the course will be drawn from in and outside Wildlife Sector. The training will focus on the following areas:

- i. Intelligence and information gathering;
- ii. Ivory concealment method/techniques;
- iii. Scanning techniques; and
- iv. Identification of ivory products.

6. CONCLUSION

Wildlife Division appreciate the support from AEF for funding to improve law enforcement capacity on anti-poaching. We invite other stakeholders to join hands with the Government in this endeavour of ensuring conservation of wildlife.