AWF’s Emergency Response to the Poaching Crisis

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AWF’s overall goal for species

Conserve viable and ecologically functional *in situ* populations

- Species thriving in landscapes through science-based approach including threat mitigation
where AWF works

1. Spatially
   Africa, Landscapes, Country programs, Special sites

2. Thematically
   - Species Protection (this talk),
   - Policy & Advocacy,
   - African Wildlife Capital (+ enterprise),
   - African Conservation Schools, Wildlife Habitat Management (land/space)
   - Conservation Projects (operations)
Africa’s current poaching crisis
- getting over tipping point
- 3.5 rhino killed/day in 2014
- 30,000 elephants killed/yr.
- 62% decline for forest elephant
- Organized syndicates
- Insatiable demand
- Other species too
STOP THE KILLING

AWF Species Protection

STOP THE TRAFFICKING

+ China-Africa Dialogue

SAVING SPACE FOR WILDLIFE ..
AND PEOPLE … habitat crisis looms
AWF Species Protection Approach

Strategy

• Crisis Response
  i. Elephants
  ii. Large Carnivores
  iii. Great Apes
  iv. Rhinoceros
  v. Wildlife Trafficking Law Enforcement
  vi. Stop the Demand

• Landscape program

Tools

• Proposals
  – Proposal process
  – Grants submission, review
  – Approval by Board SPG committee
  – Implementation

SETTING PRIORITIES FOR AWF LARGE CARNIVORE CONSERVATION EFFORTS. 2013 - 2018

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which population?

Criteria
Population size / viability
Threat mitigation
Feasibility
ten priority elephant populations…

• Four in southern Africa
  – Kazungula (Botswana), Kazungula (Zimbabwe), Zambezi, Kafue

• Three in eastern Africa
  • Tsavo (Kenya-Tanzania), Ruaha (Tanzania) and Selous (Tanzania-Mozambique)

• Two in central Africa
  – Trinational Park of Dja, Odzala, Minkebe (Cameroon, Gabon, Congo), and Sangha (Central Africa)

• One in west Africa
  – Park W landscape (Benin, Burkina Faso & Niger)
large carnivore prioritization

Two step-process: Select species then populations

Five populations / landscapes – Selous, Ruaha, Mara-Serengeti, Kazungula, Limpopo
Large Images of each Priority large carnivore

Wild Dog

Two populations – Namibia, Serengeti-Mara
Two populations - Selous and Okavango / Kazungula
Large Images of each Priority large carnivore

Ethiopian Wolf

etire metapopulation
rhinoceros priority populations

• Five in South Africa
  – Kruger National Park and surroundings, Hluhluwe-iMfolozi, Pilanesberg, Madikwe and Great Fish River Reserve.

• Two in Namibia
  – Etosha and Kunene

• Two in Kenya
  – Tsavo West National Park and Ol Pejeta

• One in Zimbabwe
  – Save Valley Conservancy
great apes - priority populations

- Central chimpanzees (*P.trogl.troglodytes*) - Campo Ma’an National Park & Dja Biosphere Reserve, Cameroon
- Eastern chimpanzees (*P.trogl.schweinfurthii*) - Bili Uele, DR Congo
- Western chimpanzees (*P.trogl.verus*) - Manding Plateau, Senegal
- Western lowland gorilla (*Gorilla gor.gor.*) – Dja, & Campo Ma’an, Cameroon
- Nigerian-Camerounian Chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes vellerosus*) - Idanre, Nigeria
- Bonobos (*P.paniscus*) – Lomako, DR Congo
AWF’s
$10 Million
Urgent Response Fund

Stop the Killing
Stop the Trafficking
Stop the Demand
STOP THE KILLING

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Project example large image:
Rhino Sabi Sabi/KNP PB helicopter
How the species are performing by populations

- **Increasing Populations**
  - Elephants: 4
  - Rhinos: 3
  - Large Carnivores: 1

- **Stable Populations**
  - Elephants: 5
  - Rhinos: 4
  - Large Carnivores: 1

- **Decreasing Populations**
  - Elephants: 0
  - Rhinos: 6
  - Large Carnivores: 1

**Other SPG metrics**
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Metrics – how shall we know we are impacting trafficking?
Stop the Demand
Metrics – how shall we know we impacted Demand?
Next Year..

• Continue support for existing programs
• Expand K9 sniffer dog programs to additional targeted 'trafficking’ countries
• Expand prosecutorial training to align with sniffer dog program
• Expand support for large carnivore programs
• Expand ‘Stop the Demand’ in Africa and Asia
Thank You

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