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[EXTERNAL] FW: IWCC Follow-up

Chris Hudson <(b) (6)>

From: Chris Hudson (b) (6)
Sent: Wed Apr 04 2018 07:57:23 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC: <bbrewster@caphillgrp.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: IWCC Follow-up

Joshua,

I am writing a follow-up on the questions I submitted to you almost two weeks ago (see e-mail below). In addition, Mr. Ivan Carter requested of you on March 26, 2018 lists of the members of each of the sub-committees formed at the inaugural meeting of the IWCC. Please advise when you believe we might expect this information. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,
/s/
Chris Hudson
Chairman
IWCC Policy Sub-committee

From: Chris Hudson [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 2:50 PM
To: Winchell, Joshua (joshua_winchell@fws.gov)
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6)@fws.gov'
Subject: IWCC Follow-up

Joshua,

You will recall at last week's inaugural IWCC meeting I asked a series of questions to which the answers were incomplete. Accordingly, in furtherance of my responsibilities as chairman of the Policy Sub-committee of the IWCC I am writing to request answers from the appropriate personnel at the USFWS to the following questions:

1. Please identify each country that the USFWS has determined has lost 90% of its elephant population in the last ten years.
2. Please identify how many, if any, sport-hunted trophy elephant import permits were issued by the USFWS in the last ten years for elephants killed in each country identified in answer to question number one above.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,
/s/
Chris Hudson
Chairman
IWCC Policy Sub-committee

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Call to talk about Caper/Duckworth letter response?

"Jones, Lisa" <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>

From: "Jones, Lisa" <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Sent: Fri Mar 30 2018 07:57:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Call to talk about Caper/Duckworth letter response?

Hey Josh,

The letter I forwarded from Carper & Duckworth has been routed to Craig. Because it touches on both IWCC and trophies, we'd like to talk about how to pull it together. Are you free this afternoon to chat quickly?

Lisa

Lisa Hummon-Jones
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(joshua_winchell@fws.gov)

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Laury Parramore <laury_parramore@fws.gov>

From: Laury Parramore <laury_parramore@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 29 2018 14:11:51 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov, lisa_m_jones@fws.gov, linda_d_walker@fws.gov, danielle_kessler@fws.gov, taylor_pool@fws.gov, christina_meister@fws.gov
Subject: Invitation: IWCC and HSSCC comms discussion @ Tue Apr 10, 2018 1:30pm - 2pm (EDT) (joshua_winchell@fws.gov)
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IWCC and HSSCC comms discussion

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When Tue Apr 10, 2018 1:30pm – 2pm Eastern Time
Where Cutthroat Trout Room /EA ([map](#))
Video call https://hangouts.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/laury-parramore
Calendar joshua_winchell@fws.gov
Who

- laury_parramore@fws.gov - organizer
- lisa_m_jones@fws.gov
- linda_d_walker@fws.gov
- danielle_kessler@fws.gov
- joshua_winchell@fws.gov
- taylor_pool@fws.gov
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Sent: Thu Mar 29 2018 09:24:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
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fyi...

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From: **Mabry, Elizabeth (EPW)** <Elizabeth_Mabry@epw.senate.gov>
Date: Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 1:17 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter from Senators Carper and Duckworth
To: "micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: "Jones, Lisa" <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>

Micah,

Please find attached a letter from Senators Carper and Duckworth requesting a formal response regarding elephant importation issues.

Many thanks,

Elizabeth W. Mabry
Minority Professional Staff
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
202-224-1958

Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 29 2018 10:04:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Linda Walker <linda_d_walker@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Letter from Senators Carper and Duckworth
Attachments: 3-28-18 TO Sec Zinke.pdf

FYI - letter from Congress re: IWCC

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"Matthew Thompson (NRGCO)" <matthew@nealrgross.com>

From: "Matthew Thompson (NRGCO)" <matthew@nealrgross.com>
Sent: Thu Mar 29 2018 06:31:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "joshua_winchell@fws.gov" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Transcription Quote
Attachments: image001.jpg

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Best regards,

Matthew

Matthew Thompson

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From: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 29 2018 06:57:36 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Beverly Robinson <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Transcription Quote
Attachments: image001.jpg

Beverly,

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I hope you're doing well and I look forward to seeing you when I get back in the office next week!

-Joshua

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Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 8:32 AM

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"Robinson, Beverly" <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>

From: "Robinson, Beverly" <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 29 2018 07:24:19 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Transcription Quote
Attachments: image001.jpg

Josh, I will do the paper work for Alexis to pay the bill. I just talk with Mr. Thompson to make sure his information was correct and told him you will be handling it from there.

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Question about upcoming IWCC mtg planning

Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 27 2018 15:50:17 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Margaret A Tribsch <margaret_tribsch@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Question about upcoming IWCC mtg planning

Margaret,

I just got the go ahead from Natalie to schedule the next IWCC mtg in June or early July and I had a couple logistical questions for you. Can you give me a ring at your earliest convenience?

Thx

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From: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 27 2018 15:51:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Margaret A Tribsch <margaret_tribsch@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Question about upcoming IWCC mtg planning

Sorry, call my cell phone ... I'm out of the office at a conference all this week.

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Margaret Triebisch <margaret_triebisch@ios.doi.gov>

From: Margaret Triebisch <margaret_triebisch@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 27 2018 17:59:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Question about upcoming IWCC mtg planning

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To: Margaret Triebisch <margaret_triebisch@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Question about upcoming IWCC mtg planning

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On Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 7:59 PM Margaret Triebisch <margaret_triebisch@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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"Tribsch, Margaret" <margaret_tribsch@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Tribsch, Margaret" <margaret_tribsch@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 29 2018 05:34:43 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
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From: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 29 2018 05:38:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Triebisch, Margaret" <margaret_triebisch@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Question about upcoming IWCC mtg planning

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"Tentative" HOLD: International Wildlife Conservation Council meeting - Washington DC

"Irwin, Thomas" <thomas_irwin@fws.gov>

From: "Irwin, Thomas" <thomas_irwin@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 27 2018 09:52:20 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC: Roslyn Sellars <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>
Subject: "Tentative" HOLD: International Wildlife Conservation Council meeting - Washington DC

Holding June 1, 5 and 6 on Greg's calendar.

Thomas



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On Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 11:37 AM, Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

Can you put a soft hold for Greg on Fri June 1, Tues June 5 and Wed June 6? I will work quickly to nail down one of those days for the IWCC mtg.

Thanks, Joshua

On Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 10:03 AM Irwin, Thomas <thomas_irwin@fws.gov> wrote:

Yes, but he has a weekly political's meeting at 1:00p.m. - 2:00p.m. on June 5.



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To: "Parramore, Laury" <laury_parramore@fws.gov>, Taylor Pool <taylor_pool@fws.gov>
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I'm interested too. I don't really have a direct line to happenings with these Councils, so not sure I'll have much to contribute. But, I certainly want to know more.

Mondays (except 2-3) by phone
Tuesdays after 11
Wednesdays 11-3

Thanks!

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To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Mgmt Team Update

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To: "LePelch, Phil" <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Mgmt Team Update

Phil,

I'm at the North American wildlife conference all this week, but when I get back in the office I'll be happy to talk about how the IWCC meeting went. In the meantime, here's short summary for the mgmt team mtg notes document.

Thank You

Thanks to Kathy Korte, Rich Johnston, and Zach Arnold for providing additional security for the IWCC meeting at Main Interior on March 16th. And an extra special thanks to Kathy for the help she provided to an IWCC member subsequent to the meeting.

Branch of Visitor Services

IWCC - Joshua Winchell coordinated the inaugural meeting of the IWCC on March 16th. Greg Sheehan chaired the meeting and Craig Hoover and David Hubbard of International Affairs and the Office of Law Enforcement (respectively) provided detailed presentations on international wildlife conservation and hunting issues. At the end of the meeting the Council elected member Bill Brewster as its chair and Jenifer Chatfield as the vice chair. HSSCC - Winchell submitted more than 100 applications received for the Hunting and Shooting Sports

Conservation Council - a new federal advisory group that is tasked, in part, to evaluate implementation of S.O. 3347 and 3356 - to DOI for consideration. It is likely that DOI will be appointing members of the HSSCC within the next few weeks and potentially request to schedule the group's inaugural meeting soon after. Winchell is currently working with Jeff Donahoe to respond to multiple FOIA requests regarding IWCC and HSSCC.

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Sent: Thu Mar 22 2018 15:29:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To:

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CC: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: IWCC

TO: All IWCC Members From: Bill K Brewster, Chairman I just received everyones emails and phone numbers yesterday and have asked Joshua to please share with all members. Thanks for your involvement in our first meeting of the IWCC. Also thank you for your trust in electing me as your Chairman. Our Council was formed by Secretary Zinke and we need to try very hard to justify his confidence in our ability to work together and create a plan that will make everyone aware that hunting and wildlife conservation are both necessary for either to be successful. There are many challenges for Wildlife on all continents with poaching and illegal trafficking of Wildlife increasing in many countries and most of their governments being financially incapable of responding. The money that is paid by hunters is absolutely critical to the survival of many species. Also the salaries paid to trackers, skinners, cooks, other household personnel , drivers, gun bearers, and game scouts in many remote areas are also essential to the survival of their entire families. Our group is fortunate to have a variety of backgrounds among our members. This fosters knowing of many different approaches to solving problems. Our team has each been successful in their careers and I believe each of you can be very helpful in developing a meaningful plan of action. Our main commonality of interest is the love we have for Wildlife and the understanding we have of Conservation. We also understand the difficulties of dealing with some of the Wildlife species in remote areas where we have been. I am very hopeful we can develop a plan to help educate the public on the benefits of international hunting for Wildlife Conservation and survival. I also believe we can be a strong player in helping to stop illegal trafficking and poaching. Both of these plus the loss of habitat are the main Wildlife danger in many countries today. Please direct all IWCC related press requests to DFO, Joshua Winchell. Once again we look forward to working with you to fulfill the mission of our council.

Steve Chancellor (b) (6)

From: Steve Chancellor (b) (6)
Sent: Thu Mar 22 2018 16:01:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Bill Brewster (b) (6)

CC:

(b) (6)

Subject: Re: IWCC

Bill and all members: We should be very, very protective of all members info, including contact info, addresses, places of work etc. There are a lot of "bad" people out there. Steve Chancellor > On Mar 22, 2018, at 4:29 PM, Bill

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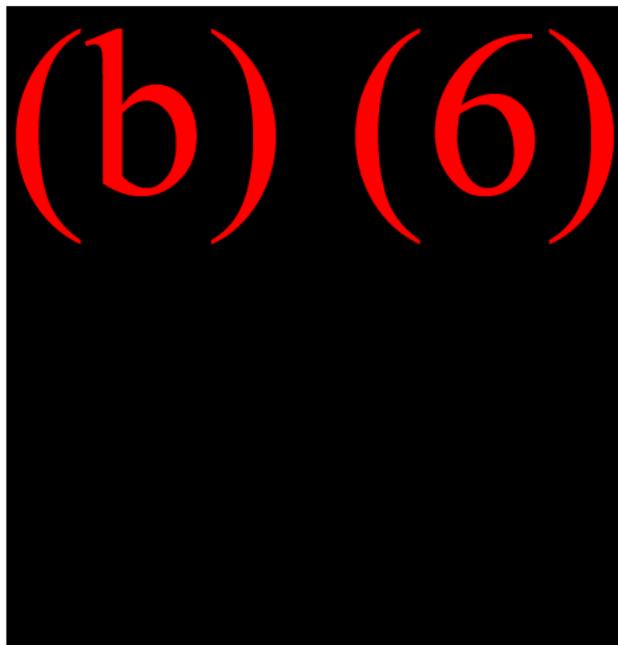
From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 26 2018 09:19:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)
Bill Brewster (b) (6), Paul Babaz (b) (6),
Ivan Carter (b) (6), Steve Chancellor
(b) (6), Jenifer Chatfield (b) (6)
To: Cameron Hanes (b) (6), (b) (6), Chris Hudson
(b) (6), "K. Michael Ingram" (b) (6), "John J. Jackson, III"
(b) (6), (b) (6), Terry Maple (b) (6),
Keith Mark (b) (6), (b) (6), Erica
Rhoad (b) (6), >, Denise Welker (b) (6)
Subject: Re: IWCC

IWCC Members,

Below is the contact email and phone numbers I have listed for all of you. If there are other better/preferred addresses or phone numbers please let me know.

-Joshua

Paul Babaz
Bill Brewster
Ivan Carter
Steven Chancellor
Jenifer Chatfield
Cameron Hanes
Peter Horn
Chris Hudson
M ke Ingram
John Jackson
Gary Kania
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[EXTERNAL] IWCC member info list

Attachments:

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John Gisler (b) (6)

From: John Gisler (b) (6)
Sent: Fri Mar 23 2018 13:32:32 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "joshua_winchell@fws.gov" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] IWCC member info list
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Josh,
When will you be sending the IWCC board contact information list? Mr. Chancellor would like to have a copy at your convenience.
Thank you,
John

John Gisler

(b) (6)

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[EXTERNAL] Fw: WSJ reporter query: IWCC

"Terry L. Maple" <(b) (6)>

From: "Terry L. Maple" (b) (6)
Sent: Fri Mar 23 2018 12:10:45 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: WSJ reporter query: IWCC

Joshua,

You will recall at last week's inaugural IWCC meeting I asked a series of questions to which the answers were incomplete. Accordingly, in furtherance of my responsibilities as chairman of the Policy Sub-committee of the IWCC I am writing to request answers from the appropriate personnel at the USFWS to the following questions:

1. Please identify each country that the USFWS has determined has lost 90% of its elephant population in the last ten years.
2. Please identify how many, if any, sport-hunted trophy elephant import permits were issued by the USFWS in the last ten years for elephants killed in each country identified in answer to question number one above.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Chris Hudson
Chairman
IWCC Policy Sub-committee

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IWCC

Chris Hudson <(b) (6)>

From: Chris Hudson (b) (6)
Sent: Thu Mar 22 2018 12:51:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC: <bbrewster@caphillgrp.com>, "Gregory Sheehan" (b) (6)@fws.gov
Subject: IWCC

Joshua,

It was my pleasure to meet you last week and thank you for your efforts in organizing a successful inaugural meeting of the IWCC.

On Tuesday this week I was asked to participate in an interview for NPR about the IWCC. I spoke with Laura Rigas about it.

Below is the link to the NPR radio interview from yesterday.

Trump Administration Lifts Trophy-Hunting Ban For Some Elephants And Lions
<http://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2018/03/21/trump-trophy-ban-eased>

Separately, I was hoping you could provide some guidance with respect to the following questions:

1. Can a FACA sub-committee chair convene a sub-committee meeting? What is the procedure?
2. If so, what are the limitations on the number and place of those meetings?
3. Is the answer to number 2 above different if not all the expenses for the sub-committee meeting are going to be reimbursed by the DOI?
4. In pursuit of facts and opinions relating to policy, can the Policy sub-committee chair invite correspondence, opinions, and answers to interrogatory style questions from members of the public including relevant scientists and NGOs?
5. What procedure governs the Policy sub-committee chair's ability to invite members of the public to speak to the sub-committee or the IWCC committee as a whole?

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,
/s/
Chris Hudson

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Bill Brewster (b) (6) >

From: Bill Brewster (b) (6)
Sent: Thu Mar 22 2018 10:36:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Review, please
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Final Presentations

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"Hoover, Craig" <craig_hoover@fws.gov>

From: "Hoover, Craig" <craig_hoover@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 22 2018 06:54:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Final Presentations
Attachments: FWS CWT - IWCC 3-16-18 with photo credits.pptx FWS International Conservation - IWCC 3-16-18 with photo credits.pptx

Joshua,

Please find attached the final PowerPoint presentations.

Best,

Craig

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IWCC&HSSCC Security/Threats Summary

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 22 2018 06:43:41 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:
Subject: IWCC&HSSCC Security/Threats Summary

Linda,

I mentioned on our call yesterday the protests and security presence during the IWCC meeting. Based on my experience coordinating the IWCC meeting and speaking with members, I will be elevating security planning/awareness for IWCC (and the HSSCC, looking forward) related activities well beyond what I did for WHHCC.

Summary of IWCC Meeting Security Issues

Based on media coverage as well as the quality and quantity of public comment I received on the IWCC establishment, I was well aware of the protest potential for the IWCC's first meeting. In my conversations with Greg and DOI leadership, they also anticipated the same.

Threats to IWCC Members

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Re: Proposed letter

Bill Brewster (b) (6)

From: Bill Brewster (b) (6)
Sent: Wed Mar 21 2018 19:40:12 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Olivia Nalos Opre (b) (6) >
CC: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Proposed letter

Yes Olivia. I think the letter is excellent. I am copying Joshua on this reply for his approval to your letter. Your wordsmanship is quite good. I also plan to send an email to each of the Members of the Council that I am putting together tonight. Sent from my iPhone > On Mar 21, 2018, at 3:54 PM, Olivia Nalos Opre <(b) (6)> wrote: > > I accidentally emailed you from my work email (traveling forces me to utilize my I-phone & didn't notice my error)... this is what I previously sent you: > > Dear Bill, > > Is the below along the lines of what you were hoping for? > > > Dear Cameron, > > It was great to see/meet you last week and I look forward to begin working towards ensuring the worlds' great wildlife have a future. > > Chairman Brewster and Vice Chairman Chatfield have appointed me to serve the IWCC in communications (not sure the exact title/role). Subsequently, we need to begin by aligning our thoughts to effectively move forward. > > Considering we have to take a very calculated and methodical approach, what do you feel are the key issues, why they are key and what the IWCC can do about it. > > Kindly keep your suggestions at a minimum so we may construct a well thought out plan to recommend; we will delve deeper into our fact-finding mission(s) as we decide priority. > > Like you, I'm eager to begin working to ensure our worlds' wildlife and wild places have a chance! > > Together in Wildlife Conservation, > > Olivia Opre

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SIR - Threat to IWCC member - Florida

"Korte, Katherine" <katherine_korte@fws.gov>

From: "Korte, Katherine" <katherine_korte@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 21 2018 14:51:05 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: undisclosed-recipients; ;
BCC: joshua_winchell@fws.gov
Subject: SIR - Threat to IWCC member - Florida

An International Wildlife Conservation Counsel member received a threatening phone call at their place of residence on Friday, March 16, 2018. The context of the message implied that the caller knew where the IWCC member lived and because of her support of trophy hunters, she, along with other members should be "in jail."

The Pasco County Sheriff's Department responded and took a report along with a copy of the recording. Because the member lives in a secluded area, on a dirt road, the Sheriff's Department has increased patrols in her area of residence. She will notify the Pasco County Sheriff's Department and this office if she receives any more threats.

Contact me for additional questions.

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IWCC member contact info

Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 21 2018 12:35:09 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Katherine Korte <katherine_korte@fws.gov>
Subject: IWCC member contact info

Kathy,

Thanks much for helping out with this. The IWCC member is Jenifer Chatfield and her cell is (b) (6) (she's in Texas). She is happy to take your call and answer your questions.

If you need anything else from me, let me know.

-Joshua

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"Korte, Katherine" <katherine_korte@fws.gov>

From: "Korte, Katherine" <katherine_korte@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 21 2018 13:58:06 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC member contact info

Thanks Josh!

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On Wed, Mar 21, 2018 at 2:35 PM, Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

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Chancellor

Steve Chancellor (b) (6)

From: Steve Chancellor (b) (6)
Sent: Tue Mar 20 2018 13:55:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Secretary Ryan Zinke (exces@ios.doi.gov)" <exces@ios.doi.gov>
"Robinson, Beverly" <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>, "joshua_winchell@fws.gov"
<joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC:
Subject: Chancellor

Dear Secretary Zinke: I would like to help in every way that I can as a member of the International Wildlife Conservation Council. In that regard, I am offering to waive the reimbursement of my expenses (air, transportation, hotel, food) while attending the Council meetings in Washington. It is but a small gesture, but one that I hope helps the bottom line of the Council. Please know I am at your disposal at any time. Best, SEC Steven E. Chancellor
Chairman and (b) (6)

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"Robinson, Beverly" <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>

From: "Robinson, Beverly" <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 21 2018 11:27:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Chancellor

Hi Josh,

I just cancelled out Mr. Chancellor per his request.

Beverly

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Date: Tue, Mar 20, 2018 at 3:55 PM
Subject: Chancellor
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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

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Sent: Wed Mar 21 2018 11:34:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Robinson, Beverly" <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Chancellor

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FACA Database

Margaret Tribsch <margaret_tribsch@ios.doi.gov>

From: Margaret Tribsch <margaret_tribsch@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 21 2018 11:01:00 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: FACA Database

Hi Joshua, GSA is getting inquiries on the IWCC. I know you have updated the FACA Database, but we'll have to keep it updated after each meeting. Hope you're enjoying the beautiful snow! Margaret

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 21 2018 11:04:38 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Margaret Tribsch <margaret_tribsch@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: FACA Database

Got it.

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Margaret

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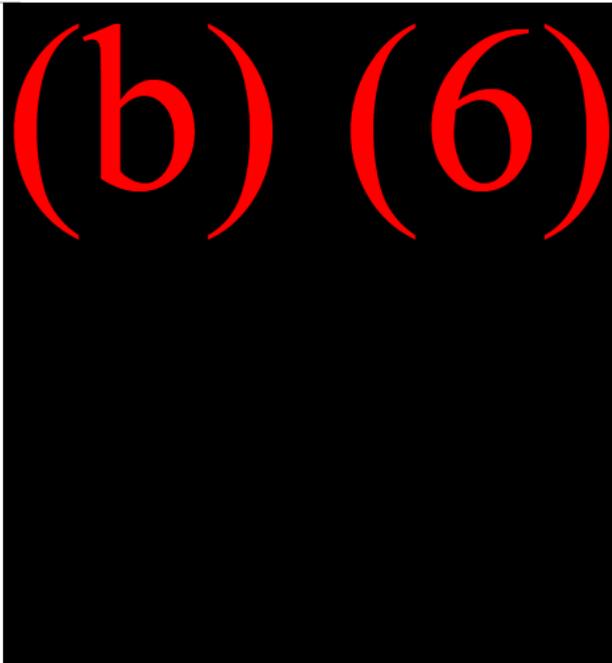
From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 21 2018 10:18:01 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Bill Brewster (b) (6)
Subject: IWCC member emails and phone #

Bill,

This is the contact information I have for IWCC members. I am unsure if the phone numbers I've listed below are the most preferred numbers for each individual, but they are the best ones I've got!

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 21 2018 07:15:41 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:
Subject: IWCC mtg summary

Linda,

Well, the inaugural IWCC is behind us and I don't think it could have gone much better all things considered! I'm sure you're catching up on all sorts of things but I thought I'd give you a quick summary of the meeting here and I'll get on your calendar for a more detailed debrief.

IWCC Meeting Summary

The IWCC had a good administrative session with the DOI solicitor office (Heindl and Hintz) to go over FACA law, rules, regulations, and ethics considerations. It was a lot of new information for members to absorb, but a more than a few members were clearly engaged and had good questions.

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"Cassidy, Benjamin" <benjamin_cassidy@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Cassidy, Benjamin" <benjamin_cassidy@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 20 2018 14:39:10 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: FOR SECRETARY ZINKE

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From: Steve Chancellor (b) (6)
Date: Tue, Mar 20, 2018 at 4:13 PM
Subject: FOR SECRETARY ZINKE
To: "Ben Cassidy (benjamin_cassidy@ios.doi.gov)" <benjamin_cassidy@ios.doi.gov>

Ben: Can you forward this message to Secretary Zinke? Thank you. SEC

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From: Phil Seng <phil@djcase.com>
Sent: Mon Mar 19 2018 14:33:01 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: IWCC

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phil

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From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 20 2018 04:57:01 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Phil Seng <phil@djcase.com>
Subject: Re: IWCC

Phil,

Sorry for being out of comms. If you have a few minutes today give me a ring on my work cell and I'll give you a quick update. And I will be at the NA next week!

-Joshua

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question on email address

"Hyde-Michaels, Carrie" <carrie_hyde-michaels@fws.gov>

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Sent: Mon Mar 19 2018 10:36:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: question on email address

Easy yes/no question for you! Do you by any chance maintain the iwcc@fws.gov email account?

If not I'll just ask IRTM who it belongs to. We're going to have to search that one as well.

Thanks!
Carrie Hyde-Michaels
FWS FOIA Officer
Chief, Branch of FOIA, Records, Privacy
US Fish & Wildlife Service Headquarters
703-358-2291 (direct)

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ARTICLE - Yes, Hunters Should Serve on Trump's Wildlife Council

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"John J. Jackson, III" <(b) (6)>

From: "John J. Jackson, III" (b) (6)
Sent: Mon Mar 19 2018 10:09:26 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: undisclosed-recipients;;
Subject: ARTICLE - Yes, Hunters Should Serve on Trump's Wildlife Council
Attachments: signature9.jpg Yes, Hunters Should Serve on Trump's Wildlife Council - TheResurgent.com.pdf

Please also see article below.

Thanks,
John

<https://www.themaven.net/theresurgent/contributors/yes-hunters-should-serve-on-trump-s-wildlife-council-tTTh09TfgUSMbrcDuSZtvQ?full=1>

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"John J. Jackson, III" (b) (6) >

From: "John J. Jackson, III" (b) (6)
Sent: Mon Mar 19 2018 07:53:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC: Bill Brewster (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: Fwd: Tanzania materials
Attachments: INFORMATION REGARDING ELEPHANT TROPHY HUNTING IN THE UNITED REP.pdf TZ_response_Elephant_USFWS_Final.pdf

Joshua,

I would like to send this email and attachments about Tanzania to the IWCC members. What is the protocol for that and other related that may follow? We discussed the negative Tanzania developments and conversion of wildlife lands at the first IWCC meeting. Should I mail to everyone, the Chairman, send it through you for distribution, file it as a comment or what? Thanks. Just want to get the protocol right.

Thanks,

John

From: Marco Pani (b) (6) >
Date: March 17, 2018 at 5:03:55 AM CDT
To: John Jackson
Cc:
Subject: Re: Tanzania materials

John,

Please find attached the response that TZ gave to USFWS in NOVEMBER 2016—

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Thanks for your help

"Sheehan, Greg" <(b) (6)@fws.gov>

From: "Sheehan, Greg" <(b) (6)@fws.gov>
Sent: Sun Mar 18 2018 11:45:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Johnston, Richard" <richard_a_johnston@fws.gov>, "Hoover, Craig" <craig_hoover@fws.gov>, "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>, David Hubbard <david_hubbard@fws.gov>, "Shire, Gavin" <gavin_shire@fws.gov>
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Subject: Thanks for your help

Hello all,

I just wanted to thank you all for they help that you or your staff did in helping to make the first meeting of the International Wildlife Conservation Council go so well on Friday. This was a meeting with lots of media and public interest and I think it came off very well. In particular,

Joshua, thank you for organizing and helping conduct,

Craig and David, thank you for the excellent presentations and fielding questions from the council members,

Rich, that you for having Zach and other refuge officers in the meetings and hallways to keep an eye on things,

Gavin, thank you for managing a barrage of media who seemed to be everywhere.

And others that I may not have mentioned above for your contributions. We needed a good day and I believe this went off as well as we could have hoped for,

Thanks again,
Greg

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list of IWCC applicants not on council

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From: Katarzyna Nowak (b) (6) >
Sent: Sun Mar 18 2018 07:32:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: list of IWCC applicants not on council

Dear Mr. Winchell,

Is it possible to obtain a list of persons who applied for membership on the council but were not selected?

Thank you, and regards,

Kate Nowak

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Dr. Katarzyna Nowak

Fellow, The Safina Center, New York, USA

Research Associate, Dept. of Zoology & Entomology

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PowerPoint/documents

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From: Frank Vitello <frank@vituloconsulting.com>
Sent: Fri Mar 16 2018 19:15:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: PowerPoint/documents

Joshua- Hey, great meeting you today. Was trying to find the documents from today's meeting. Couldn't find them. Perhaps they aren't up yet but wanted to check. Thanks so much! FRANK VITELLO 703-587-0066
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IWCC chair/vica chair

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From: "Ebbs, Stephanie" <Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com>
Sent: Fri Mar 16 2018 12:51:43 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "FWS/IWCC Joshua Winchell" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: IWCC chair/vica chair

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TO: All IWCC Members
From: Bill K Brewster, Chairman

I just received everyone's emails and phone numbers yesterday and have asked Joshua to please share with all members. Thanks for your involvement in our first meeting of the IWCC. Also thank you for your trust in electing me as your Chairman.

Our Council was formed by Secretary Zinke and we need to try very hard to justify his confidence in our ability to work together and create a plan that will make everyone aware that hunting and wildlife conservation are both necessary for either to be successful.

There are many challenges for wildlife on all continents with poaching and illegal trafficking of wildlife increasing in many countries and most of their governments being financially incapable of responding. The money that is paid by hunters is absolutely critical to the survival of many species. Also the salaries paid to trackers, skimmers, cooks, other household personnel, drivers, gun bearers, and game scouts in many remote areas are also essential to the survival of their entire family.

Our group is fortunate to have a variety of backgrounds among our members. This fosters knowing of many different approaches to solving problems. Our team has each been successful in their careers and I believe each of you can be very helpful in developing a meaningful plan of action.

Our main commonality of interest is the love we have for Wildlife and the understanding we have of conservation. We also understand the difficulties of dealing with some of the wildlife species in remote areas where we have been. I am very hopeful we can develop a plan to help educate the public on the benefits of international hunting for wildlife conservation and survival. I also believe we can be a strong player in helping to stop illegal trafficking and poaching. Both of these plus the loss of habitat are the main wildlife danger in many countries today.

We have been asked by Director Sheehan to please coordinate our press requests through me and our DFO, Joshua Winchell. I would also like to make you aware that Vice Chairman Chatfield and I have appointed Council member Olivia Opre as Communication Chairman. We believe she can be extremely successful as our meetings progress in expressing the Council's decisions to the media. She will be in touch with each of you very soon to request ideas to address the issues of concern.

Our subcommittee's Chairman Hudson, Welker and Carter will also be in touch with you as plans are made for subcommittee meetings.

Once again we look forward to working with you to fulfill the mission of our council.

U.S. Efforts to Combat Wildlife Trafficking





What is the Problem?

- Dramatic increases in the scope and scale of poaching to supply illegal trade;
- Landscape-scale losses of wildlife populations, both iconic and little known;
- Wildlife trafficking undermines security, weakens institutions and exacerbates official corruption;
- More than 1,000 rangers have died in the past decade;
- Responses were insufficient.



Wildlife trafficking is taking a devastating toll on some of the world's most treasured species.



*1,028 rhinos
poached in South
Africa in 2017*

*More than 30,000
elephants poached
every year*





It's also impacting many lesser-known species that are important food sources for local communities, support healthy ecosystems, and supply clean air and water.



More than 1 million pangolins have been poached in the last decade

African grey parrots are poached to supply the pet trade





Internationally, wildlife trafficking has emerged as a crisis that imperils both conservation and global security. It can destabilize local communities and national governments by exacerbating corruption and poor governance and reducing ecotourism revenue, a major source of income for many nations.



A ranger is killed in the line of duty, on average, every three days.



Here in the U.S., wildlife trafficking can undercut legal trade and reduce populations of domestic species that are in demand around the globe. American ginseng, bobcat, alligators, and paddlefish are the foundation of significant economies that Americans depend on.



Declared values of U.S. exports of skins, 2013-2015:	
American alligator:	\$355.9 million
Bobcat:	\$29.8 million
River otter:	\$4.4 million



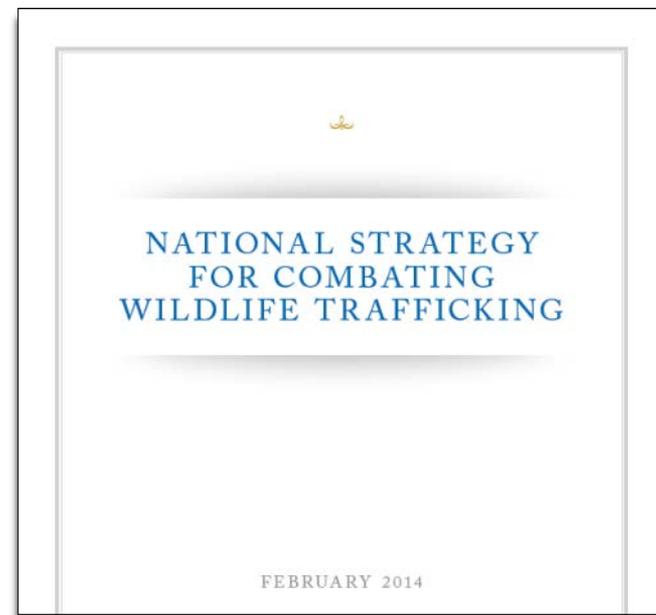
Executive Order: Wildlife Trafficking

- Executive Order announced July 1, 2013
- Established a Presidential Task Force
- Co-chaired by Departments of Interior, State and Justice
- Called for the Task Force to develop a National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking



National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking

- National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking signed on February 11, 2014
- Lays out a whole-of-government approach across 17 federal departments and agencies
- Focuses on three areas of intervention:
 - Strengthening enforcement and prosecution
 - Reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife
 - Expanding international cooperation and commitment





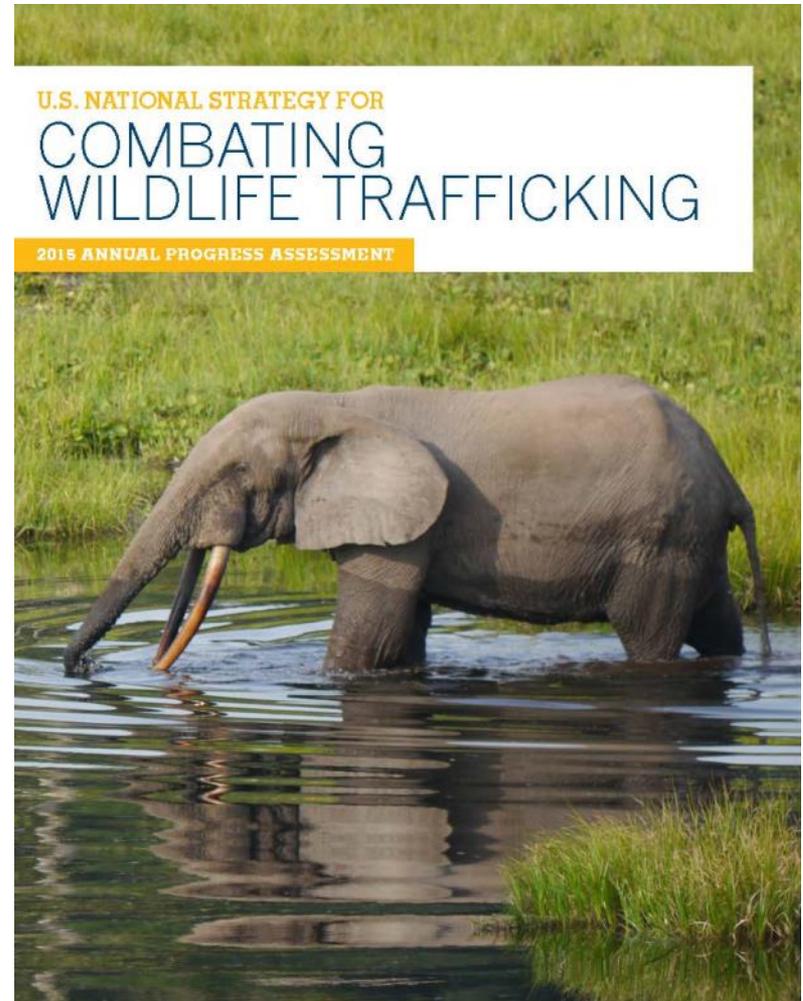
Implementation Plan

- Implementation Plan launched on February 11, 2015
- Outlines specific commitments delivering on each of the 24 objectives in the National Strategy
- Progress measures
- Lead and participating agencies identified



Annual Progress

- Annual Progress Assessments and Fact Sheets have documented major actions to date.





President Trump's Executive Order

- In February 2017, President Trump signed the Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking, identifying wildlife trafficking as a focal area.



END Wildlife Trafficking Act

- Bipartisan Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act signed into law in October 2016
- Endorses and enshrines the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking and its National Strategy and Implementation Plan
- Makes wildlife trafficking a liable offense for money laundering prosecution
- Requires an annual report that identifies “focus countries” determined to be a major source, transit point, or consumer of wildlife trafficking products and makes a special designation for “countries of concern”
- Requires USG to prepare and implement strategic plans for combating wildlife trafficking for these countries



Wildlife Trafficking Task Force

Some major actions taken under the National Strategy include:

- A near total ban on elephant ivory trade;
- A comparable Chinese ivory trade ban;
- Domestic and international demand reduction campaigns;
- Law Enforcement, prosecution and judicial training and capacity building;



Wildlife Trafficking Task Force

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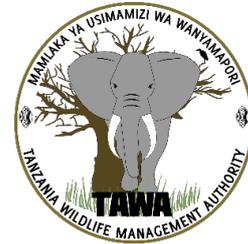
- Stationing wildlife law enforcement attachés;
- Conducting long-term, covert investigations to address organized criminal enterprises;
- ARREST;
- Developing new technologies and partnerships.



Conclusions and Next Steps

- A whole-of-government approach bringing all relevant tools to bear.
- Addressing all parts of the trade chain.
- Implementing the END Wildlife Trafficking Act.

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND TOURISM



**Response of the Government of the United Republic of
Tanzania to the letter from the United States of
America Fish and Wildlife Service dated 20 September
2016 regarding African Elephant (*Loxodonta africana*)**

November 2016

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Question 1:

That you provide us with your non-detriment finding for the export of sport-hunted elephants taken in Tanzania in the 2016 season and also if it is currently available, the finding for the upcoming 2017 season.

The Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) does not produce NDFs annually. Rather, TAWIRI monitors wildlife populations and management, and considers the impact of changes to the existing NDFs. They amend existing NDFs as required by changed circumstances. They did so in 2014 when 2013 surveys of the Selous-Mikumi and Ruaha-Rungwa Ecosystems indicated a decline in Tanzania's elephant population. The current NDF was produced in 2014 and already sent to you in January 2015 and an addendum was produced in 2015 (Annex 1) and remains valid until further major changes occur. The only change from 2015 is the repeated survey of the Ruaha-Rungwa Ecosystem in 2015 which is discussed under question 4.

Therefore, the conclusions of the 2014 NDF and 2015 Addendum are still valid, e.g. *"The low level of off-take generated by trophy hunting is not detrimental to the survival and the species and the amount of revenues generated by this low level of off-take are of crucial importance for the conservation of the species.*

Tourist hunting has a very insignificant impact on the decline in numbers of elephants. It cannot in any way be linked to the decline. On the contrary it plays a significant role in the actual anti-poaching strategy of the country.

In conclusion, the requirements for a non-detriment finding are met with the management regime put into place by the Tanzania Wildlife Division"

There can be no doubt that the nominal quota with its secondary restrictions on length and weight of tusks is very conservative in a population of over 50,000 elephants, the third largest in Africa, and is a net benefit to the elephant, its protection and habitat availability.

Elephant hunting in Tanzania is regulated through a block and quota controlled system. Each quota is restricted to a tusk weight and length requirements. This is in line with CITES requirements as regard to a non-detrimental finding for species included in Appendix I or II (Resolution Conf.14.7).

The CITES Management Authority has established a control system to ensure that quotas are not exceeded. Some of the procedures which are involved include:

- ✓ Allocating a quota for each licensed hunting operator out the total nationally established export quota;
- ✓ Authorizing hunting of animals in a quota by hunting permits issued electronically;
- ✓ Hunting of animals is supervised and verified by the game scouts in respective hunting areas;
- ✓ Verified hunted animals are recorded using the register of game killed and then by certificate of ownership;
- ✓ Actual exports are made by using CITES and Trophy Export Certificates in accordance with approved quota;
- ✓ Recording of all CITES listed species in a quota control sheets before issuance of exports permits. This quota control system applies to all species exported from Tanzania;
- ✓ Export documents are verified by wildlife inspectors at exit points.

Tanzania has always maintained a conservative export quota and minimum tusk weight and length requirements for elephant trophies. Exports have always been below the quota and additionally with a limit of minimum weight and/or size.

In 2014 the elephant quota has been reviewed and reduced from 200 to 100 (**Table 1**). Trophy weight and length requirements have been reviewed and increased to a minimum weight of 20 kilograms and 160 centimetres long from 15kilograms and 150 centimetres respectively under the precautionary principle in light of the decrease of some elephant populations in the country. The CITES quota of 100 elephants represent the 0.23% of the total population, a percentage which is less than the 0.3% which is the minimum off-take to maintain high level trophy quality (Martin,1986 and 2006 and Craig 2011). As a further measure to ensure transparency and a scientifically based off-take system, the Wildlife Division, taking into account the advice from TAWIRI, and the results of the 2013, 2014 and 2015 elephant surveys, has allocated the elephant quota based on an ecosystem approach.

The decrease in numbers of elephants harvested from 2010 onward is due to the new provisions on trophy weight and length introduced through the Wildlife Conservation (Tourist Hunting) Regulations, 2010. The decrease since 2014 is due to the suspension on import of elephant trophies decided by the USFWS.

Table 2 is indicating the allocation of quotas on an ecosystem basis.

Table 1: Summary of elephant harvest 2010 – 2016

Year	National quota	Total number of Elephant hunted
2010	200	96
2011	200	45
2012	200	43
2013	200	35
2014	100	7
2015	100	3
2016 (up to October)	100	0

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Table 2: Ecosystem-based elephant hunting quota

S/N	Ecosystem	Quota (Total Number of elephants) per year
1	Selous- Mikumi and surroundings	36
2	Ruaha-Rungwa and surroundings	19
3	Katavi-Rukwa and surroundings	13
4	Tarangire-Manyara and surroundings	10
5	Malagarasi-Moyovosi and surroundings	7
6	Serengeti and surroundings	15
	Total	100

Question 2:

We ask that you provide any recent information available on trends in terms of curbing poaching activities in Tanzania. Of particular interest is information on field observations of poaching activities as a result of scout patrols or other field reconnaissance activities (e.g., on scout patrols of the Selous Game Reserve in the past 12 to 16 months, how many new carcasses of poached elephants have been found?).

In the course of enhancing law enforcement and improved coordination and collaboration in order to curb poaching and subsequent smuggling activities and to implement the National Strategy to Combat Poaching and Illegal Wildlife Trade (NSCPIWT) adopted in October 2014, the Government formed two main structures, namely Multi-Agency Taskforce Team (MATT), and Wildlife and Forest Crime Task Team (WFCTT) (previously called Wildlife Crime Unit) and formed a special Wildlife Anti-Poaching Unit within the National and Transnational Serious Crimes Intelligence Unit (NTSCIU). These structures boost and align our anti-poaching and intelligence capabilities in the wildlife sector and established better links within our national systems. In that effect, the advocacy of an integrated ecosystem approach model of operations has been emphasized by the formation of nine Tasking Coordinated Groups dealing with anti-poaching on an ecosystem base country wide.

- On 30th June 2015, Tanzania launched a Multi-Agency Task Team (MATT) to fight environmental and wildlife crime in an effort to find a lasting and effective solution to the escalating cases of environmental and wildlife crime. MATT is aimed at coordinating efforts and resources; the Task Team is led by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Police Force and Immigration) and encompasses Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (Tanzania Forest Services, Wildlife Division (WD), Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA), Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), Ngorongoro Conservation Authority (NCAA), Ministry of Agriculture Livestock Development and Fisheries, Ministry of Energy and Minerals and President's Office. Also other institutions related to environmental crimes which are involved include National Environmental Management Council(NEMC), Deep Sea Fishing Authority, Tanzania Food and Drug Authority, Tanzania Revenue Authority, Tanzania Port Authority, Tanzania Airports Authority, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and Surface and Marine Transport Regulatory Authority;
- National and Transnational Serious Crimes Investigation Unit (NTSCIU), set up in 2014 a special Task Force to tackle poaching. From its inception, the NTSCIU has arrested thousands of ivory poachers and illegal traders, with an approximate average of 100 arrests per month. Many of the suspects apprehended have been convicted and fined or sentenced. The sentences given have included several prison sentences of 20 years and longer.

Some of the major cases involving "kingpins" of wildlife trafficking, tackled by NTSCIU are outlined below.

- ✓ In late September 2015 a lady named Yang Feng Glan, nicknamed the "queen of Ivory" was tracked down by the NTSCIU over the course of a year. Having confessed to the crime of ivory trafficking, Yang faces 20-30 years behind bars upon conviction. She was arrested together with a number of other Chinese ivory traffickers. Information released by the Task Force has indicated that she has been trafficking ivory since 2006, working with the most high-ranking poachers in the country and in the region. She is believed to have connections to various companies abroad, all Chinese-owned, and circulates in the upper echelons of Chinese citizens living and working in Tanzania.
- ✓ In late October 2015, NTSCIU arrested another key ivory smuggler, Boniface Matthew Mariango—nicknamed "Shetani," or the "Devil"— in Dar es Salaam, after he evaded authorities for more than a year. According to NTSCIU, Mariango allegedly managed up to 15 criminal poaching and ivory smuggling syndicates. He is accused of operating in Burundi, Zambia, Mozambique, and southern Kenya for several years. His apprehension and arrest is expected to lead to other high-level arrests.

- ✓ NTSCIU, towards the end of year 2015, made a third arrest of a long time wanted kingpin based in Arusha known as Frank Ojungu. He was alleged to own several businesses in Arusha which were used to finance poachers and buy ivory, ammunitions and guns. He was believed to be a major buyer of ivory in the Northern circuit and played a tremendous role in the killing of wild animals in Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Serengeti, Tarangire and Manyara National Parks. All these cases are pending in court.
- ✓ Tanzania participated in Operation USALAMA III which took place in June 2016 led by the Eastern Africa Police Chiefs Cooperation Organization (EAPCCO) and the Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Cooperation Organization (SARPCCO) with support from INTERPOL and involved some 1,500 officers from police, customs, immigration, wildlife agencies, counter terrorism units and mining authorities deployed throughout 22 countries. It was conducted to target transnational crimes including human, drug and arms trafficking, people smuggling, terrorism, car theft and environmental crime and resulted in nearly 4,500 arrests. In Tanzania, the operation led to the recovery of 678 pieces of ivory weighting 1,219 kg and to the arrests of eight men and a woman.
- ✓ In October 2016, six people including Yusuph Ally Yusuph or “Mpemba” were arrested in Dar es salaam with unlawful possession of 65 kg of ivory. “Mpemba” allegedly have been organizing poaching and ivory smuggling syndicates.
- ✓ The Wildlife and Forest Crime Task Team (WFCTT) is within MNRT in order to unite the wildlife and security sectors in addressing wildlife crime. The unit is composed of members from WD, TANAPA and the Tanzania Forest Services (TFS), with staff from the National Task Force—NTE, including public prosecutions, police and customs, immigration and intelligence agencies. The WFCTT is operating as an independent specialist unit and where necessary will call upon and liaise with the WD’s and TANAPA’s anti-poaching units as well as the CITES ivory and rhino task force, the Transnational Organized Crime Unit (TOCU)—with likely support from UNODC—and upon INTERPOL representatives.

The WFCTT in turn is managing nine ecosystem-level Tasking and Coordination Groups (TCG), in the following ecosystem hotspots: Serengeti, Tarangire, Moyowosi, Ruaha, Katavi, Selous, Burigi- Biharamulo, and Kilimanjaro-Mkomazi.

Functions of the WFCTT include to the protection of wildlife and forestry resources against unlawful utilization relating to the killing, molesting, hunting, capturing and photographing of wildlife and forest resources and securing of trophies and in that regard shall:

- a) ensure protection of wildlife and forestry in and outside Protected Areas;
- b) ensure safety and security of people within Protected Areas;
- c) inspect various licenses and permits for utilization of wildlife and forestry resources;
- d) cooperate and collaborate with international institutions, agencies or organizations in the prevention and fight of wildlife crimes;

The major successes of this Unit include recent confiscation of fifty pieces of ivory in Dar es Salaam and arrest of nine kingpins, and a case which led to the arrest of potential poachers who have been connected to killing of wildlife for several years.

While the NSCPIWT set out plans for institutional arrangements for its implementation, these have since the strategy formulation being adjusted, and new institutional arrangements are being forged. This work is still in progress and the implementation arrangements are continuously being updated and improved during this NSCPIWT implementation phase. At this point the following **Figure 1: Institutional arrangements for the implementation of the NSCPIWT (Source: MNRT/UNDP)**

shows the institutional arrangements for the implementation of the NSCPIWT:



Figure 1: Institutional arrangements for the implementation of the NSCPIWT (Source: MNRT/UNDP)

The government has responded across its Ministries and agencies to the poaching crisis in Tanzania. The response has yielded strong results, with poachers being prosecuted and given severe sentences as indicated in the table 3(a-d) below that show the overall enforcement anti-poaching and trafficking efforts in Tanzania.

Table 3 (a-d): Elephant related enforcement data 2014-September 2016

(a) Poachers arrested

Year	Mandays	Poachers
2013/2014	113,944	3,075
2014/2015	130,376	1,430
2015/2016	143,803	1,478
July –September 2016	61,414	575
Total	449,537	6,558

(b) Firearms confiscated

Year	Type of firearm			Total
	Rifle	S/Gun	Muzzleloader	
2014	85	17	82	184
2015	29	18	67	114
Jan.–Sept. 2016	32	22	29	127
Rukwa-Katavi	12	0	0	0
TOTAL	26	5	2	26

(c) Wildlife cases

Year	Total number of cases	Total number of accused	Completed cases with imprisonment			Completed cases with fine		
			Total number of cases	Total number of imprisoned people	Duration (months)	Total number of cases	Total number convicted	Fines (TZS)
2014	959	1,711	9	21	72	539	614	298,345,000
2015	791	1,327	5	7	582	463	490	256,004,000
Jan. - Sept. 2016	859	1204	136	248	8295	198	234	387,984,063
Total	2609	4242	150	276	8949	1200	1338	942,333,063

(d) Ivory seizures at national level

Year	Total number of Incidents	Total number of accused	Raw ivory		Worked ivory	
			Pieces	Total Weight (Kgs)	Total number of pieces	Total Weight (Kgs)
2014	65	87	402	1,631.11	312	0.51
2015	45	48	304	743.2	215	2.44
Jan. to Sept., 2016	37	73	850	1,623.88	0	0
Total	147	208	1556	3,998.19	527	2.95

In addition to these specialized units, which target high-level poachers, scout patrols have increased since 2014. Scout patrols conduct regular activities and arrest or deter lower-level poachers. The results of scout patrols from 2016 are discussed below.

Field observations of poaching activities as a result of scout patrols or other field reconnaissance activities are given for the Ruaha-Rungwa Ecosystem and Selous Game Reserve as these are the ecosystems which hold the most important elephant populations in the country.

- The Ruaha-Rungwa Ecosystem comprises Ruaha NP (20,155 km²) and Rungwa/Kizigo/Muhesi Game Reserves (Total 17,861 km² (Rungwa (8,647 km²) /Kizigo (4,709 km²) /Muhesi (4,505 km²)).

Ruaha National Park has been subdivided into 8 zones for patrol purposes (Figure 2). There are 120 Rangers distributed in 10 Ranger posts (including Park Head Quarters Post)

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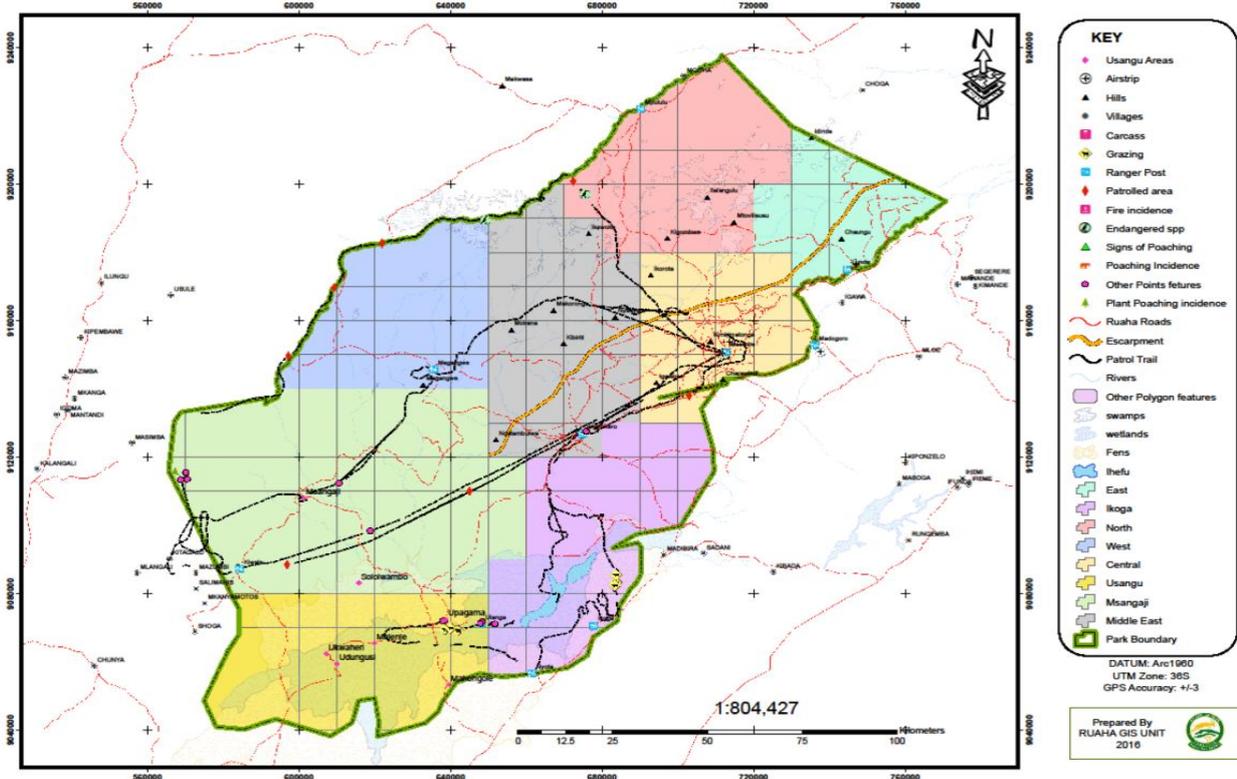


Figure 2: Patrol Zones in Ruaha National Park

There are both ground patrols (using vehicles and on foot), aerial patrols (using fixed wing and helicopter and boat patrols in the Ihefu swamps. Patrols are mostly intelligence led and normal/regular patrols. Number of patrol days is determined by need in the field. From January to October 2016 19,624 patrol mandays were performed.

A downward trend compared to previous years is observed. Preliminary MIKE data are presented in **Table 4**.

The Game Reserves have 89 staff who are deployed into three game ranger posts namely Mwamagembe, Jarmono and Doroto as well as the head quarter from which the anti-poaching patrols are organised and performed. Rungwa/Kizigo/Muhesi Game Reserves have a manpower of eighty-nine staff which is still below the goal set by the General Management Plan; however new staff recruitment is being finalized and will be operational in the near future.

The plan for patrols include the goal of six operation vehicles in the bush each month comprising of nine armed crew for 15 days patrols, however only three vehicles per month are operational at the moment due to maintenance and repair issues.

As Game Reserves staff are supplemented with hunting operator patrols and support, which cover their blocks within the reserves, the return of blocks by operators to the Wildlife Division, as illustrated under question 5, due to the lack of clients caused by the suspensions of trophy import in several countries is and will severely affect the enforcement and protection capacity in this and all Game Reserves and hunting areas in the country.

For the period of fifteen months from July 2015 to September 2016, 164 poachers were apprehended and 145 were taken to District court of Law at Manyoni and Chunya. Total patrols were 11,986 mandays.

- Selous Game Reserve with an area of about 50,000Km² is divided into eight sectors each equipped with scouts and patrol equipment. The reserve has a man power of 674 scouts organized into 112 patrol groups of six men each going on patrol for 15 days at interval each month to ensure most of the area is covered most of the time. Under this arrangement the reserve expects to conduct 1,344 patrols which is equal to 120,960 patrol mandays.

Apart from ground patrols, aerial surveillance is also conducted four times monthly in each of the designated zone (Matambwe/Mslova, Kingupira/Miguruwe, Liwale/Kalulu and LikuyuSeka). In addition to aerial surveillance, drones will be deployed to gather information on poaching and they will be operative soon once the ongoing training is concluded. See under question 7.

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Also the Selous Revenue Retention Scheme whereby 50% of the revenues accrued from consumptive and not consumptive use is returning to the management of the reserve is about to collapse.

In the period between January and October, 2016 patrol reports indicate that elephant populations stabilize as poaching incidences showed a further downward trend already started in 2014. This conclusion is supported by the significantly lower number of carcasses encountered compared to the previous years (pre-2013). Preliminary MIKE data are presented in (Table 4).

Table 4: Preliminary, Monitoring of Illegal Killing of Elephants - MIKE data from January to October 2016

MIKE SITE	Illegal	Natural	Management	Unknown
Selous-Mikumi	7	3	1	1
Ruaha- Rungwa	6	0	0	15
Mkomazi	1	0	0	0
Tarangire- Manyara	0	2	1	10
Rukwa-Katavi	12	0	0	0
TOTAL	26	5	2	26

These preliminary data have to be treated with caution as they are raw, unprocessed and unvalidated data.

General data on MIKE since its inception in Tanzania are presented in the following

Table 5 and are taken from the MIKE Data and Reports website available at the following web address: https://cites.org/eng/prog/mike/data_and_reports and query performed from the link: Numbers of carcasses found for each reporting site and year can be found here under the heading ACCESS TO MIKE DATA.

Table 5: Official MIKE Data for Tanzania (source: MIKE Data and Reports website)

COUNTRY CODE	MIKE SITE	YEAR	TOTAL CARCASSES	ILLEGAL
TZ	KATAVI	2003	12	9
TZ	KTV	2004	20	15
TZ	KTV	2005	6	3
TZ	KTV	2006	2	2
TZ	KTV	2007	2	2
TZ	KTV	2008	9	9
TZ	KTV	2009	5	4
TZ	KTV	2010	13	12
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TZ	KTV	2013	18	12
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TZ	KTV	2015	27	25
TZ	MKOMAZI	2011	2	2
TZ	MKZ	2012	4	2
TZ	MKZ	2013	3	3
TZ	MKZ	2015	2	1
TZ	RUAHA RUNGWA	2003	10	1
TZ	RHR	2004	6	1
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TZ	SEL	2012	156	80
TZ	SEL	2013	118	87
TZ	SEL	2014	42	34
TZ	SEL	2015	68	51
TZ	TARANGIRE	2003	7	1
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TZ	TGR	2013	6	6
TZ	TGR	2014	10	8
TZ	TGR	2015	9	7

It is important to note that since 2014 the total number of carcasses have decreased in all sites compared to the spike in 2011-2012.

Question 3:

Please provide us with updated information on the number of elephants killed over the last two years as a result of conflicts between humans and elephants.

Human-elephant conflict (HEC) causes direct impacts upon the physical and economic wellbeing of rural communities by causing damage to crops, livestock and property, as well as human injury and death.

HEC, and in particular the loss of human lives and the damage caused by elephants to smallholder crops, is a major challenge to the conservation of African elephant *Loxodonta africana*. Between the year 2015 and September 2016 twenty-seven (27) people have been killed by elephants (Table 6) and a total of 18,645.75 acres of mixed crops were damaged by elephants in 20 districts. Also during the same period PAC Operations accounted for 37 and the government spent about 248,450,000.00 TZS to pay HEC victims/property as consolation in accordance with the provisions of the Dangerous Animals Damage Consolation Regulations 2011 (see Table 6).

Table 6: Number of people killed by elephants (2015 up to September 2016)

S/N	ECOSYSTEMS	2015	2016 (up to September 2016)
1	Selous/Mikumi	2	4
2	Serengeti	3	3
3	Tarangire /Manyara	1	1
4	Ruaha/Rungwa	2	1
5	Burigi/Biharamulo	0	0
6	Malagarasi/Muyowosi	2	8
7	Katavi/Rukwa	0	0
	TOTAL	10	17

Table 7: Elephants taken during PAC operation and consolations paid

YEAR	ECOSYSTEMS							TOTAL	CONSOLATION (TZS)
	Selous/ Mikumi	Serengeti	Tarangire /Manyara	Ruaha /Rungwa	Burigi/Biharamulo	Malagarasi/Moyowosi	Katavi /Rukwa		
2015	2	5	4	7	3	0	3	24	198,450,000.00
2016(up to September)	1	3	2	4	0	0	3	13	50,000,000.00
TOTAL	3	8	6	11	3	0	6	37	248,450,000.00

Source: Wildlife Division (For conversion rates from TZS to USD please refer to: <https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsreports/rpt/treasRptRateExch/historicalRates.htm>)

The decrease in Elephants taken under PAC Operations and the decrease in Consolations paid is linked to the decreased ability for the authorities to cover the expenses for the intervention due to the reduced revenues accruing from sustainable utilization. There are worrying signals in rural areas of Tanzania where communities are more and more intolerant towards wildlife due to the diminished capacity of State's

intervention for the reasons explained above. Also, there is also decreased capacity for the WD to provide consolation to victims of HEC because of decreased revenues from regulated hunting, largely due to import restriction in foreign countries.

Question 4

We would like to know whether any other population surveys have been conducted in Tanzania since the "2014 Elephant Census". If so, when and where did these surveys take place and do you have the preliminary results from these surveys available? What methodology was used in conducting these surveys?

A countrywide aerial census was conducted from 17th May to 28th November 2014 to update the status of elephant population in Tanzania as part of the African continent- wide Great Elephant Census (GEC) census. Seven ecosystems were surveyed. Two census techniques were used: Total Count (TC) in the Tarangire Manyara and Serengeti ecosystems and Systematic Reconnaissance Flight (SRF) in Selous-Mikumi, Ruaha-Rungwa, Katavi-Rukwa, Malagarasi-Muyovozi, and Burigi-Biharamulo Ecosystems.

After the 2014 aerial surveys done under the "Great Elephant Census(GEC)" project and due to some methodological shortcomings, Tanzania has completed in 2015 a recount of the Ruaha-Rungwa Ecosystem population survey which estimated the population at more than 15,000 elephants and demonstrated a slight to moderate decline (within the standard deviation) compared to the 2013 survey. The 2014 perceived decline was probably due to emigration and not to poaching.

The repeated survey of 2015 was done because most of the carcasses found during the country wide surveys were over one-year-old (category 3) with the majority being very old carcasses (category 4), based on the CITES/MIKE classification. This is suggesting that the wave of poaching has hit Tanzania until 2012/2013 and from that date the poaching has been put under control. Carcasses are divided into four categories based on the body structure, color of the bone and other factors (see below), which is a reflection of the approximate age since the animal died (Craig, 2012).

- i. Carcass 1: Fresh (<1 month). Still has flesh giving the body a rounded appearance. Vultures probably present and ground still moist from body fluids.*
- ii. Carcass 2: Recent (<1 year). Rot patch and skin still present. Skeleton not scattered*
- iii. Carcass 3: Old (>1 year). Clean bones, skin usually absent, vegetation re-grown in rot patch*
- iv. Carcass 4: Very old (up to 10 years). Bones scattered and turning grey.*

It is important to note that the 1+2 Carcass ratio (i.e. the index of the elephant mortality rate during the year preceding the survey) in some of the ecosystems is extremely low and it is not supporting the numeric decline highlighted by the surveys. This was true in particular for the Ruaha-Rungwa ecosystem. In 2013 a survey was conducted with funding from GIZ and the estimate was of 20,090 \pm 3,282 SE. The 2014 GEC survey estimated 8,272 (\pm 1,652 SE) elephants with a 1+2 Carcass ratio of 2.2%. The low numbers of category 1 and 2 carcasses did not match with the decline. Following suggestions also from TAWIRI this ecosystem was surveyed again in 2015, with the result of 15,836 (\pm 4,759 SE) elephant estimated.

The above is applicable also to Malagarasi-Muyovozi, and Burigi-Biharamulo Ecosystems. Also, the Katavi-Rukwa Ecosystem elephant survey has reported an estimate similar to the previous surveys and also in this ecosystem the 1+2 carcass ratio was very low, a signal of a population not recently subjected to poaching.

Therefore at least for three ecosystems (Ruaha-Rungwa, Malagarasi-Muyovozi, and Burigi-Biharamulo) the 2014 survey results have to be taken with extreme caution.

The elephant census verification exercise was conducted in the Ruaha-Rungwa Ecosystem during the dry season from 16th September to 13th November 2015. The main objective of the survey was to verify the unprecedented low estimate of elephant population estimated in 2014 (8,272) compared to the previous estimate of 2013 and included an aerial census, the setting of camera traps and a questionnaire survey among selected stakeholders.

Results of the 2015 aerial census provided an estimate of 15,836 \pm 4,759 SE elephants in the Ruaha-Rungwa Ecosystem. This means the true elephant population size is between 11,077 and 20,595 within one standard error. This estimate encompasses both the 2013 and 2014 estimates because of its relatively wide standard error.

The estimated number of elephant carcasses in the Ruaha-Rungwa census zone was 2,863 (\pm 318 SE), which is statistically similar to the two censuses conducted in 2013 and 2014. This again indicates that the population is also not in decline.

Furthermore, no fresh carcasses were recorded and only 9% were assessed to have died between 2 and 12 months ago. The remaining 91% of the carcasses spans over a long period from over one year up to 10 years ago. Lack of fresh carcasses and few recent elephant deaths are most likely due to effective protection measures taken by management authorities. The poaching is under control.

Although there were signs of unnatural elephant mortality after the 2013 census (estimated less than 500), large numbers died before that time. The apparent on-going long term decline of elephants in the ecosystem is not as severe as it was concluded in 2014 census, which suggests anti-poaching and other undertaken efforts are succeeding in stabilizing the population. The low estimate of elephant population size in 2014 was an artifact of three possible sources of bias:

- (i) Elephant movements beyond census zone as supported by the questionnaire survey. There is evidence of several active corridors used by elephants to move back and forth into the census zone. However, the number of animals involved is yet to be determined.
- (ii) Possible change of behavior; results of camera traps have shown that elephants were active from dusk to mid night. This behavior could cause animals to be missed during census hours (06:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.).
- (iii) Clustered distribution could cause undercount if a few large groups are missed by chance in the sampled area. The reverse is true where a few large groups happen to fall within transect lines.

This survey sums the elephant population in Tanzania at more than 50,000 as also indicated by the updated *IUCN African Elephant Status Report 2016: an update from the African Elephant Database*.

Tanzania believes that although the *IUCN African Elephant Status Report 2016* captured correctly the data of the surveys, there are more elephants, as also acknowledged by IUCN, than the one indicated by the informed guesses under the IUCN 2016 AED.

In fact, the possible methodological issues of the Malagarasi-Muyovozi and Burigi-Biharamulo surveys as indicated above needs to be taken into account and change in behavior of elephants that spend most of the time under dense canopy cover and are active at night as a result of past poaching could have led to underestimates in several ecosystems.

As we were correct in redoing the survey of Ruaha-Rungwa due to some of the issues highlighted above, field information suggests that the population in the other ecosystems is much higher and we are confident that the actual Tanzania population is in the range of 60,000 elephants. Unfortunately, there were not enough financial resources to resurvey also Malagarasi-Muyovozi and Burigi-Biharamulo ecosystems. In the

Selous the GEC Survey in 2014 shown an increase compared to the one made in the previous year.

Tanzania is engaging fully in anti-poaching and other conservation efforts. The populations are now stabilized or increasing in both the key areas and overall the population is no longer in decline although more research is needed to understand the influence of migration on fluctuations in one or more local elephant populations. The following Table 8 summarizes the results of the 2014 and 2015 aerial surveys

Table 8: Summary of elephant population in Tanzania (Source TAWIRI 2016)

SN	Ecosystem/Pa	Estimate	SE	Area (Km ²)	Method	Census Year
1	Selous-Mikumi Ecosystem	15,217	1,800	105,730	SRF	2014
2	Ruaha-Rungwa Ecosystem	15,836	4,759	52,464	SRF	2015
3	Serengeti Ecosystem	6,087		33,185	TC	2014
4	Kalavi-Rukwa Ecosystem	5,738	1,375	19,953	SRF	2014
5	Tarangire-Manyara Ecosystem	4,202		18,725	TC	2014
6	Malagarasi-Muyovosi Ecosystem	2,953	1,308	44,809	SRF	2014
7	Arusha National Park	200		316	EG	2014
8	West Kilimanjaro-Lake Natron GCA	200		10,060	TC	2013
9	Burigi-Biharamulo	110		4,713	SRF	2014
10	Rubondo Island National Park	102		237	EG	2013
11	Kilimanjaro National Park	100		1,652	EG	2014
12	Swagaswaga Game Reserve	60		871	EG	2014
13	Mkomazi National Park	59		3,107	TC	2014
14	Saadani National Park	30		1,154	SRF	2014
TOTAL		50,894	5,430	296,976		

Method: EG Ecologist; SRF Systematic Reconnaissance Flight; TC Total Count.

Please find attached the complete set of the 2014 aerial survey reports, the report of the 2015 Ruaha-Rungwa aerial survey (Annexes 2 to 9).

Tanzania has a long-standing tradition in conducting different kind of wildlife census such as Systematic Reconnaissance Flight (SRF), Aerial Distance Sampling Technique (ADS) and Total Count (TC). These surveys have been conducted on different ecosystems in the past 30 years. The Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) is mandated by law to conduct and oversee wildlife researches and surveys.

Two further aerial surveys have been conducted by TAWIRI in 2016 and are briefly described here:

- a) A survey of Tarangire NP for all species used SRF technique. The survey started on the 24th October to Nov. 7 2016. In this survey elephants and buffalo were also counted BUT will not generate estimates because Tarangire is traditionally counted under total count and its trend is under total count. The report is in preparation.
- b) A survey of cattle and wildlife density and human activities 20 km outside the Serengeti Ecosystem boundary, 10 km inside Serengeti NP, plus the entire NCA, Maswa, Ikorongo, Gurument GR, Kijereshi GR, Loliondo GCA; and Makao and IKONA WMAs in the Serengeti ecosystem. The survey

was done between 21 August and 8 September 2016. The objective of the survey was to identify livestock pressure to the Serengeti ecosystem and their potential interaction areas with wildlife. This will provide baseline data for land use planning so as to reduce cattle to move in the Protected Area. The survey report is in preparation.

Question 5

We understand that the most recent Tanzania Elephant Management Plan (2010-2015) identified three major issues impacting Tanzania's ability to manage its elephants: the growth in Tanzania's human population putting increased pressure on the country's natural resources and creating challenges in conserving elephants; threats to healthy and sustainable elephant populations due to increasing loss of connectivity between wildlife habitat areas in Tanzania; and the ability to provide increased protection for Tanzania's elephant population. Can you provide information on any progress your government has made in addressing these issues and whether a new Elephant Management Plan has been developed beyond 2015?

The Tanzania Elephant Management Plan (TEMP) has guided the Government institutions in the management of the species since 2010. At the time the plan was approaching its ending period, the National Elephant and Rhino Technical Committee (NERTC), convened under the relevant plans, met in December 2014 to assess the implementation status of the plan and the actions to be carried forward. NERTC agreed that (i) the information available on the implementation of the plans, (ii) the current wildlife situation (especially poaching) prevailing in the country, in the region as well as globally and (iii) the efforts that have already been invested in the implementation of the plan should help in identifying priority activities that need to be implemented in the final year (2015) of the plans. Therefore, the NERTC identified activities from TEMP that were of urgency, feasible and necessary to be done in the remaining one year. The Annual Operation Plans and Budgets (AOPBs) were developed basing on the selected activities. The plans outline activities, implementers, timeframe and budgetary requirements (Annex 10).

The TEMP was effectively updated in 2014, as new priorities were identified following the identification of the poaching crisis. The MNRT/WD is willing to update the plan going forward, but its resources are limited due to significant decline in the hunting industry as a result of foreign import restrictions and the subsequent lack of incentives for rural communities, the hunting sector and in general for wildlife conservation in Tanzania.

Although the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism is willing to update the plan for next five years but its resources are limited due to significant decline in the hunting industry as a result of foreign import restrictions and the subsequent lack of incentives for rural communities, the hunting sector and in general for wildlife conservation in Tanzania.

One of the Tanzania's main concerns in implementing the TEMP is the impact of international restrictions on safari hunting operators, who are an important component of the Management Plan e.g., pages 51-53 of TEMP, which includes the framework for sustainable utilization of elephants). In the TEMP's framework, the Wildlife Management Areas and the role of safari hunting are discussed and the need to provide economic benefits through utilization is emphasized.

It must be noted that revenues generated from hunting are crucial to maintain the Wildlife Management Areas and are contributing to poverty reduction and socio-economic development. Tanzania firmly believes that wildlife conservation cannot be achieved without taking into account the human dimension which is attached to it. Poverty remains the first and foremost important cause of poaching in Tanzania and in the rest of Africa where nearly 50% of the population live on slightly more than one US dollar a day. Tanzania is

recently improving its policy on benefit sharing and governance of the wildlife sector by local communities to achieve poverty reduction through legal and sustainable wildlife utilization.

The government formulated the Wildlife Policy (1998), the first WMA Regulations in 2002 and guidelines in 2003. Experience gained during implementation of the WMA Regulations (2002) enabled the government through stakeholders' engagement to review these regulations and guidelines in 2005 and the Wildlife Policy of 1998 in 2007.

The Policy document, WMA Regulations and guidelines alone, could not warrant effective engagement of communities in wildlife conservation. This called for review of the Wildlife Conservation Act No. 12 of 1974. The 1974 Act was then repealed and the new Wildlife Conservation Act No. 5 of 2009 was enacted to provide legal backing on involvement of local communities in Wildlife Conservation. Part V (Section 31-33) of the Act provides guidance of the establishment and management of the WMAs. Specifically, Sect. 31 of the Act provides guidance on establishment, management and benefit sharing in WMAs.

The WMA (2005) regulations were then reviewed in 2012 in order to accommodate policy changes and hence improve conservation and management of wildlife resources in the WMAs. The changes also included changes in benefit sharing schemes from use of different wildlife resources.

In general WMAs are key aspect in fighting poverty through wildlife utilization. If wildlife is seen as an asset and not a nuisance to rural people of Tanzania they will greatly contribute to its conservation and not to its destruction. The potential of WMAs is enormous to conserve natural resources outside protected areas through consumptive and non consumptive tourism or other forms of development. In brief WMAs represent the community based conservation system of Tanzania and they are seen as a key component of rural development and as one of the best weapons in the fight against illegal utilization.

The continuous suspension of import of hunting trophies is in fact affecting the livelihoods of rural communities especially the ones which are organized as Wildlife Management Areas. In particular, the lack of revenue is causing the following negative impacts on WMAS:

- ✓ Trophy hunting will become economically unviable and it will affect "high value" iconic species;
- ✓ Cause serious declines of populations of a number of threatened or iconic species;
- ✓ Will also affects negatively population of species which are not hunted (Predator – Prey relationship);
- ✓ Loss of revenue by local communities from hunting concession on their land, reduced access to protein such as meat and loss of employment;
- ✓ If safari operators will abandon WMAs, the Government will have to incur extra costs to secure them and start supporting livelihoods of rural communities in WMAs covering 36,000 km² of land;
- ✓ Loss of habitat and buffer zones created by WMAs due to the lack of financial viability.
- ✓ Currently there are 19 WMAs which have acquired wildlife user right, 9 of them do not have investors in their hunting blocks represents 47% of the total number WMA qualifying for investments. If these WMAs had secured investors, they would have generated revenues to fund conservation and to support community development projects

Due to the U.S. import restrictions on elephant and lion from Tanzania and the consequent lack of U.S clients, Tanzania has, for the first time in recent memory, hunted zero elephant and only a handful (approximately 15) lion. This decline has seriously reduced the highest trophy fees and basically eliminated the most beneficial 21-day safaris. Tanzania's hunting industry is collapsing, and the most dedicated operators are the hardest hit. They cannot provide anymore the vital support in anti-poaching and communities livelihoods.

The FWS suspended the import of elephant trophies from Tanzania in 2014 and has effectively suspended the import of lion trophies through the ESA listing and delay in issuing import permits. These actions have eliminated the largest trophy fees for Tanzania’s hunting industry and rationale for 21-day safaris. The most responsible operators are the worst off because their U.S. clients are not coming to Tanzania to hunt because of the USFWS decisions. They have the highest overhead and contribute the most to anti-poaching and community support. They cannot keep going with this greatly reduced revenue.

45 Concessions (hunting blocks) totaling more than 73,000 km² have been returned to the Wildlife Division in 2016 by several hunting operators, that without clients cannot afford anymore the costs of maintaining these vast areas in a wild and pristine condition. The number is growing as we are writing this response. **(Annex 11).**

These 73,000 Km² cannot be transformed into photo tourism areas as they are mostly pristine wilderness with no infrastructure.

Without operating or anti-poaching funds from the Safari Operators, the habitat is already disappearing and in short order, this land will be occupied by livestock, people, and snares.

The crucial contributions of Safari operators to conservation in Tanzania are under threat.

As we noted on page 14 of the Tanzania Lion NDF: *“The safari hunting sector’s sustainability would be threatened by the loss of its main attracting product (the lion) combined with the loss of its main markets (the USA and EU). A lot of hunting companies operating will return most (if not all) of their hunting areas to the Wildlife Division to avoid bankruptcy. As a consequence, many protected areas devoted to safari hunting will be converted to agro-pastoral land, leading to the unavoidable extinction of wildlife and natural habitats and the collapse of ecosystem services. This will lead to an ecological disaster in Tanzania.”*

The prediction we made last July in the Lion NDF is also valid for the elephant and unfortunately it is happening now.

The revenues are crashing. In the following table 9 the trend of revenue generated from Safari hunting and photographic tourism accrued to the Wildlife Division/TWPF and since July 1 2016 also the viability of TAWA.

Table 9: Trend of revenue generated from Safari hunting and photographic tourism accrued to the Wildlife Division/TWPF/TAWA (since 1 July 2016)

Financial Year (July to June)	Safari hunting revenues in USD	Photographic Tourism revenues in USD (Areas under jurisdiction of WD)
2009/2010	18,444,881.00	2,706,603.00
2010/2011	23,536,347.00	2,863,287.24
2011/2012	15,062,217.75	2,080,978.00
2012/2013	15,917,430.93	3,904,808.35
2013/2014	16,723,425.00	5,016,703.03
2014/2015	16,277,373.00	4,736,187.00
2015/2016	12,971,815.00	4,510,437.61
2016/2017 (Incomplete)	(July-October 2016) 5,908,528.00	(July-September 2016) 3,012,691.08

The three major issues highlighted in the TEMP as impacting Tanzania's ability to manage its elephants are being exacerbated by the suspension of import of hunting trophies: in fact as said above the returning of blocks to the WD by the Safari Operators will increase the growth in Tanzania's human population in Game

Reserves and other areas set aside for hunting, will put increased pressure on the country's natural resources and create challenges in conserving elephants and will increase the threats to healthy and sustainable elephant populations due to increasing loss of connectivity between wildlife habitat areas in Tanzania. Overall, the ability to provide increased protection for Tanzania's elephant population will decrease due to the lack of incentives derived from elephant sustainable use.

We do not want this to happen. We are working hard to conserve our natural heritage. But we need the support of the FWS to reopen the U.S. market for Tanzanian hunting trophies and restart the enhancement that has been blocked.

Question 6:

We also understand that the Government of Tanzania established a new autonomous agency, the Tanzania Wildlife Authority (TWA), charged with the security of wildlife within all game and forest reserves in the country. This agency was to be fully operational by July 1, 2015. We ask that you provide us with information on what impact this organization has had on elephant management and anti-poaching efforts in Tanzania and whether it is functioning and operating successfully.

Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) incorrectly abbreviated as TWA was established vide a Government Order through Government Notice No. 135 published in the Government Gazette of 9th May 2014 and Government Notice No. 20 published in the Government Gazette of 23rd January 2015. On 15th October 2015, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania officially inaugurated TAWA that consequently started its operations on 1 July 2016, following transition planning and staffing.

TAWA is an autonomous body responsible for undertaking conservation of wildlife resources and biodiversity outside National Parks and Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The overarching objective of establishing TAWA is to increase effectiveness and efficiency in the management of wildlife in its area of jurisdiction as per Section 8 of the Wildlife Conservation Act No 5 of 2009.

The key functions of TAWA are, *inter-alia*:

Manage all areas that are designated as Game Reserves, Game controlled areas, wildlife corridors, dispersal areas, wetland reserves, Open Areas;

- ✓ Oversee the management of wildlife in village land, Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), zoos, wildlife sanctuaries, wildlife ranches and wildlife farms based on the guidelines developed by Director of Wildlife;
- ✓ Manage human wildlife conflict in collaboration with other wildlife management institutions;
- ✓ Liaise with other institutions and agencies on matters related to wildlife conservation;
- ✓ Develop wildlife resource base investment in collaboration with the private sector and local communities;
- ✓ Undertake law enforcement, curb illegal off-take of wildlife resources and educate stakeholders on the values of wildlife resources, ensure participatory wildlife management and benefits sharing among stakeholders;
- ✓ Participate in implementation of government commitment to National, Regional and international obligations on conservation of wildlife;
- ✓ Ensure good governance practices in managing wildlife resources in areas of its jurisdiction and foster institutional development and capacity building;

TAWA's operations are governed by the following strategic documents:

- i. Strategic Plan,
- ii. Financing Plan,
- iii. Scheme of Services and staff regulations,
- iv. Requirement Plan and ,
- v. Financial Procedure Manual

In the initial stages of TAWA establishment, some of these documents were prepared more than 2 years back before its official operational on 1st July, 2016.

- ✓ TAWA is currently reviewing some of these documents including its Strategic Plan in-order to deliver its objectives efficiently.
- ✓ TAWA is also carrying out situation analysis to capture key issues that TAWA will be addressing including poaching and illegal trafficking off trophy
- ✓ Furthermore, TAWA is developing a financing plan that will be aligned to the Strategic Plan

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In order to undertake its major responsibilities, TAWA is mandated to collect all revenue generated from wildlife utilization with a view of improving wildlife management. The Trophy hunting sector generates more that 72% of the total revenue TAWA is expected to collect. Thus, most of TAWA's cash flow is collected from hunting license fees, hunting concession and block fees, and daily conservation fees (because game viewing is less attractive outside Tanzania's national parks due to the remoteness of these areas and lack of facilities). The continued suspension of elephant and lion trophy imports is erasing TAWA's potential operating revenue because most trophy hunters in Tanzania, and particularly lion and elephant hunters are U.S. based.

In order to undertake its major responsibilities, TAWA is mandated to collect all revenue generated from wildlife utilization which was previously accrued to the Wildlife Division, with a view of improving wildlife management. It was foreseen, in a normal situation, that the Trophy hunting sector should have generated more that 70% of the total revenue of TAWA, through the collection of hunting license fees, hunting concession and block fees, and daily conservation fees and other hunting related fees. Game viewing is less attractive in Game Reserves (GRs) and Game Controlled Areas (GCAs) that are under TAWA mandate. Game viewing is conducted in a few areas in GRs and GCAs. The majority of GRs and GCAs are found in remote areas, has insufficient infrastructure to aid for game viewing, marginalized in terms of promotion and with few or no facilities. The only tourism activity viable is hunting.

Much like the USA, Tanzania relies upon a "user pay" sustainable use system to fund its management infrastructure and anti-poaching.

If US Fish and Wildlife Service continue with its denial of import permits, TAWA, the WMAs and vast tracts of intact habitat will collapse and the commitment of the United Republic of Tanzania of ensuring that Elephants are well protected will be in vein.

Question 7:

We understand that you have implemented new measures to stabilize the elephant populations in

Tanzania, based on the preliminary results from the Great Elephant Census. We request that you provide us with additional information about the new measures you have implemented or plan to implement in the near future to help stabilize Tanzania elephant populations.

Please see also the response to Question 2 above. The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania in collaboration with local communities, hunting operators and development partners has marshalled its resources to intensify anti-poaching activities. In collaboration with neighboring countries through regional and international integration bodies such as EAC, SADC, INTERPOL and LATF has developed mechanism for information sharing on illicit trade in wildlife and its products.

Between 2013 and 2016 the country has strengthened anti-poaching activities through acquisition of field equipment, increased general public participation through Wildlife Management Areas, and gathered international institutions in cooperative actions for the fight of illegal wildlife activities and advancement of conservation. Towards scaling up the war and combating illegal ivory trade conferences and workshops were convened and resolutions made. Thus, recorded poaching incidences have decreased. For example, in Selous Game Reserve elephant population is on the increase.

Achievements have been observed in the war against wildlife poaching and trafficking due to our improved capacity for intelligence-led anti-poaching operations and jointly strengthened law enforcement with various law enforcement agencies.

Katavi-Rukwa MIKE site has been selected to become a MIKES (Minimizing the Illegal Killing of Endangered Species) site under the new EU-funded MIKES Project. The site will include Katavi National Park (4,471 km²) and selected adjacent Game Reserves. The support will be for law enforcement strengthening under Result 2 of the new EU-funded MIKES Project. According to CITES MIKE Office, the recruitment of a Senior Technical Advisor to oversee delivery of support to that Katavi/Rukwa MIKE Site including other 3 MIKE sites in Eastern and Southern Africa, is underway. Negotiations were concluded and the implementation will start soon. This MIKES site will provide an important corridor to the Ruaha- Rungwa MIKE site. The Katavi/Rukwa support package is about procurement of radio equipment, vehicles and boreholes, and it is going to be implemented through the MIKES Senior Technical Advisor.

MIKES was designed to support the implementation of MIKE, also to expand its focus to other endangered species as well as to enhance law enforcement at selected MIKE focal sites in specific countries in four MIKE Sub-regions, i.e. Central Africa, Eastern Africa, West Africa and Southern Africa.

Between 2014 and 2016, a total of 1,038 wildlife wardens (Officers/rangers/scouts) were recruited and deployed in respective field stations to strengthen anti-poaching efforts. Furthermore, TANAPA is planning to employ 122 wildlife wardens in Fiscal Year 2016/17.

Scout patrols have observed fewer carcasses in 2015 and 2016 (up to October) than in prior years. As of December 2015, poaching incidences have significantly decreased by 85% compared with incidences observed in 2013.

These hard numbers demonstrate that the policies and build-up of anti-poaching we initiated in 2012, before the US trophy import suspension was announced in January 2014, are working:

An update of the major initiatives/actions undertaken since 2015 is provided here:

- ✓ In 2015, the Wildlife Division (WD) signed a MoU with African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) to train and use sniffer dogs for inspection of ivory and other wildlife products at entry and exits points (Airports, Harbours, Warehouses, Bus terminals, road blocks and any suspected premises or trucks). AWF will finance the project for three years commencing in 2015. The program includes

training of six Rangers to associate/familiarize them with the dogs as Dog's Handlers. It commenced on 12/05/2015 at USA River Canine Centre based at Arusha and run for 2 months up to 24/07/2015 when the rangers graduated after they all passed and awarded certificates. The trainees were screened and selected from a list of 30 individuals. An office has been opened at Dar es Salaam where the dogs and handlers will reside.

- ✓ In June 2015, the Government of the People's Republic of China donated several anti-poaching equipment (5 Commanding vans, 15 Pickups, 30 all-terrain vehicles (ATV), 50 diesel generators, 50 handheld GPS, 30 night vision goggles, 130 tents, 100 mountaineering jackets, 50 interphones, 30 telescopes, 2 excavators and 25 infrared goggles). The total amount of this donation is exceeding 1.3 million US dollars. This equipment will be allocated in all the game reserve and anti-poaching zones throughout the elephant range in Tanzania.
- ✓ On 25 May 2015, The United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Mozambique signed the "Agreement on the Coordinated Conservation and Management of the Niassa-Selous Ecosystem", a historic pact to coordinate conservation management and anti-poaching efforts in the Selous-Niassa ecosystem and wildlife corridor, home to one of the world's largest populations of wildlife. This agreement represents one of the most significant cross-border conservation initiatives in sub-Saharan Africa. Discussions are in progress between the two countries on the various implementation aspects of the MOU.
- ✓ The Government is reviewing some sections of the Wildlife Conservation Act No. 5 of 2009 in order to allow adoption of a paramilitary system among the employees of the wildlife sector
- ✓ In late 2016 WWF donated 8 Drones to TAWA for anti-poaching surveillance in areas under TAWA jurisdiction. The drones were presented in a ceremony held in November 2016.
- ✓ The United Nation Development Programme (UNDP) has been instrumental in supporting the United Republic of Tanzania's efforts to combat poaching and illegal wildlife trade. The support rendered by UNDP varies from material, financial and technical support in fighting poaching and illicit trade. Some of the support from UNDP includes but not limited to:
 - Development and implementation of the National Strategy to Combat Poaching and Illegal Wildlife Trade in Tanzania.
 - Preparation of Regional Coordination on Wildlife/environmental crime and illegal trafficking of wildlife and natural resources.
 - Donated **USD 1,000,000** to support the implementation of the project "Support Combating Wildlife Crime and Advance Wildlife Conservation". Under this project the following has been accomplished:
 - ❖ Support the establishment of Wildlife and Forest Crime Task Team (WFCTT) and 9 Tasking and Coordination Groups (TCGs) in key ecosystem-level poaching hotspots
 - ❖ Support functioning of Multi-Agency Taskforce Team (MATT) to enhance coordination and cooperation amongst by.
 - ❖ Establish, rehabilitate and equip project coordination office
 - ❖ Development of MoA/MoU and work plans for quarterly meeting for progress review
 - ❖ Coordination meetings to support strategic direction and oversight of Implementation of the National Anti-Poaching Strategy including monitoring of implementation status of the summit key actions,
 - ❖ Training of Magistrates
 - ❖ Law enforcement operations across the poaching hotspots, common transport routes and country exit/entry points.

- MNRT in collaboration with UNDP is finalizing the Project Proposal titled “Combating Poaching and Illegal Wildlife Trade in Tanzania through an integrated Approach”. GEF has endorsed 5,354,587.00 for the project that is expected to start in January 2017. Under this project, GEF via UNDP has released USD 150,000.00 as Project Preparatory Grant.
 - ❖ A national assessment of wildlife and forestry crime issues and mitigation measures required in order to identify areas of capacity needs and degree of support required using the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) Wildlife and Forestry Crime Analytic Toolkit.
- ✓ Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS) donated the following equipment –
 - ❖ Field gear (Back pack -700), poncho & vest -700, water bottle - 280) – 4900 Pcs
 - ❖ 5H - TAWA - Husky aircraft for patrols
 - ❖ Engine replacement and running cost for 5H - SGR aircraft for SGR patrols
 - ❖ 150 GPS devices
 - ❖ Re-installation of VHF radio communication system in Selous Game Reserve
- ✓ The Government of Germany through the German Development Bank (KfW) has committed 18 million Euro to support conservation and development of the Selous Ecosystem under the “Selous Ecosystem Conservation and Development Programme - SECAD”. The focus is to achieve effective conservation and sustainable use of natural resources, contribute to rural development in selected districts and ensure that Selous ecosystem ecosystems remain intact. FZS and WWF are the co-financiers to the project each committing 400,000.00 Euro.
- ✓ A Desired State of Conservation for Selous for UNESCO has been prepared by funds from Selous – Niassa Wildlife Protection Corridor Project supported by KfW through Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS). Under the same support, an Emergency Action Plan for Selous Game Reserve has also been prepared whose effective implementation is expected to bring about the desired state of Conservation for Selous Game Reserve and the ecosystem as a whole.
- ✓ Finally, a review of some sections of the Wildlife Conservation Act No. 5 of 2009 is in progress to establish a Paramilitary Unit that will include Wildlife officers, Wildlife wardens and wildlife rangers. Members of the Unit will receive tough military training and will be equipped with modern weapons to face and fight poachers.

Annexes

Annex 1 2015: Addendum, Elephant NDF

Annex 2 2014: Elephant Estimates

Annex 3 2014: Selous Aerial Survey Report

Annex 4 2014: Serengeti Aerial Survey Report

Annex 5 2014: Katavi Aerial Survey Report

Annex 6 2014: Malagarasi Aerial Survey Report

Annex 7 2014: Burigi Aerial Survey Report

Annex 8 2014: Tarangire Aerial Survey Report

Annex 9 2015: Ruaha-Rungwa Aerial Survey Report

Annex 10: Tanzania Elephant Management Plan (TEMP) 2015 Annual Operation Plans and Budgets (AOPBs)

Annex 11: List of Hunting Blocks returned to the Wildlife Division.