



ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Animal Life Line for Anti-Poaching (ALL4AP™)

Kenya

The year 2011 was a different year than the previous 3 years for ALL4AP. We looked for greener pastures in Kenya but did not find them. Every country has its own beauty and problems and as everybody knows African countries are no exception.

But we learned from and saw other people, tribes, scenery's and cities. We saw real struggle for survival from humans, animals and vegetation in dry area's like Samburuland. Although we knew that Kenya is facing big problems sustaining a rapidly growing population, to see it yourself touches the soul in a more penetrating way. The shortage of sufficient drinkable sweet water can be seen for instance in Nairobi where old trucks ferry drinking water through town.

The hundreds or maybe thousands of bags of charcoal along the main roads all over the country show the need for energy e.g. for cooking. The patches of forests left in Kenya are getting smaller and smaller and therefore hold less and less water. The lesson to learn from here is to be careful with nature's resources and use them in a respectable and sustainable way. People have to be educated to understand that change to different circumstances (more people, less resources), is needed to survive, despite deeply rooted cultures. That forests that supported a population did not grow in the same rate as the human population and in fact even got smaller. This means less vegetation to hold both fresh water but also to house the natural inhabitants: wildlife.



Wangari Maathai

We regret the loss of an example of a great African visionary, the Kenyan Wangari Maathai (Nobel Prize winner) from 'The Green Belt Movement'. Wangari was an example of somebody who, just with common sense, realized that something had to be done about the deforestation and not just spoke about it, but did something about it. Just plant trees, as simple as that. We hope that people will remember her and act in her believes, preventing Kenya to become a real desert. And we saw people doing just that, although in a small scale. We spoke about the solutions like the sun (solar cooker). Solutions that are simple and effective, but need to be embraced and adopted by the people and governments to let them have an positive effect on a desired scale.

Kenya is an example of challenges and solutions just like other countries. We like to believe that in 'our' country things are different, but actually they are not. Fact is that a lot of Kenya's problems can

be mirrored to other countries including Zimbabwe. There are differences, but even here people will tell that in the past the rains came sooner and were more plentiful. So if more forest is being cleared of trees it results in less vapour released in the air and less rain will return resulting in less drinkable water, less crops, erosion of the fertile topsoil etc.

Samburu's



We enjoyed being able to perform a training for the Samburu scouts from the 'Milgis Trust' on the GPS. Despite living in their harsh environment most seem to have a smile on their face and were keen to learn what they could do with their technical device. They patrol long distances (on foot) in inhospitable hot and dry area's and are proud on their role of

protectors of their natural heritage.

After our decision to come back to Zimbabwe we were privileged to make this journey by car and enjoyed the beautiful trip (after a two day 'malaria stop' in Arusha..) through Tanzania, Malawi, and Mozambique. Due to the time of the year, the south of Tanzania, Malawi and Mozambique and Zimbabwe looked lush and green which was an awesome sight.

ALL4AP Hwange

The ALL4AP anti-poaching team, now under the management of the Hwange Lion Research, also made steady progress and is now fully deployed in the south of Hwange National Park. We agreed that the name ALL4AP would be taken of, since basically they were already a full year under the Lion project. This will happen on the last day of January 2012. Of course we will keep in touch with our 'home team' and will try and follow their whereabouts as much as we can. The team managed to remove 375 snares until the end of November 2011.

WEPU refresher course

Andrea Sibanda assisted Martin to perform a refresher course in the Vumba with the Wildlife and Environmental Protection Unit (WEPU) that we had trained before. The team has done a great job and had removed more than 800 snares and whip-traps and arrested 23



people in 8 months. This is an excellent achievement for a team that has just started. We would like to wish the new National Parks Warden the very best for the coming year as leader of this excellent support group for National Parks. It is a perfect example of how private initiatives can work hand in hand with local Authorities.

Zambezi escarpment Mbire council scout training

At the end of the year we were asked to perform a training for the 'Carbon Green Africa' project in the Zambezi escarpment. Andrea and I went up to the north where we were welcomed by temperatures exceeding 43C°. Despite these really harsh conditions (no running water..) we managed to do a full training for 25 Mbire Council and Ward scouts. On the 'stepping out parade' they proudly received their certificates from the local VIP's who had gathered for this special day.

Budget

Due to the fact that we as ALL4AP were not sure how things would turn out in Kenya, we did not send any proposals to our major sponsors. The expenses of the year 2011 were completely done on our savings from the previous three years. This meant that we have completely exhausted our financial resources. Nevertheless we are confident that we will meet our loyal supporters again for the coming year 2012, in which we would like to perform many more anti-poaching courses. Education is a much desired phenomenon we have experienced and also a boost to the scouts and rangers that do their tough work mostly in silence. We would like to thank all the scouts and rangers for doing their important jobs.

Special thanks

We would also like to express our special thanks to Dr. Zeke Davidson from Marwell Wildlife Trust and his wife Kate, for taking care of us and assisting us with contacts in Kenya. We will never forget your assistance and hospitality.

On top of this we would like to sincerely thank our friends in Zimbabwe like Dr. Willie K. Nduku from Wildlife and Environment Zimbabwe (WEZ), Lisa Hywood from 'Tikki Hywood Trust', Charlene Hewatt from Environment Africa and Peter Blinston from Painted Dog Conservation for remembering us and helping us to get back into the saddle again in Zimbabwe. And not in the least my assistant instructor Andrea Sibanda for his enthusiastic and professional input in our training program.

Another big thanks to all our supporters who have made our work possible in a country worth protecting. It is greatly appreciated not in the least by the wildlife and the environment we are trying to protect.

Martin Stiemer, chairman ALL4AP

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