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As Royal Patron, I am full of admiration for Tusk's determination to meet the challenges faced by Africa's wildlife.

In recent months great strides forward have been made in combatting the illegal wildlife trade. Kenya has seen a significant reduction in poaching due to its commitment and investment in law enforcement. And China's decisive action earlier this year to close its ivory trade is a significant and welcome step. The UK Government's commitment to propose legislation to ban ivory sales is also welcome.

But we cannot afford to be complacent. As well as its devastating impact on Africa's wildlife, the illegal trade in ivory, rhino horn and many other wildlife parts claims the lives of more than two rangers every week. With UK Government support, Tusk is helping to better train and equip wildlife rangers on the front line in the battle against heavily armed poachers.

Protecting our environment requires long term thinking and an understanding of the inherent value of Africa's natural capital. Africa's growing human population is exacerbating human wildlife conflict and presents conservationists with a significant future challenge. Governments, policy-makers and the population at large all have a responsibility to act. There are no quick fixes to the challenges Africa's wildlife faces: impact will be measured over generations.

I am delighted that Tusk has instigated a biennial Conservation Symposium to facilitate greater sharing of knowledge, expertise and proven solutions to common challenges that can be replicated and scaled. It is encouraging to learn that the inaugural gathering of more than 50 leading conservationists in Cape Town in October 2017 has already led to a number of valuable pan-African collaborations.

I continue to be impressed by Tusk's ability to identify and invest in exciting and forward thinking conservation programmes. The work goes beyond grant-making; forging invaluable partnerships and providing a much needed spotlight on the extraordinary work being done on the ground. With your help I know Tusk will continue to go from strength to strength.

THOUGHTS OF THE YEAR



We are going to have to work much harder, and think much deeper, if we are to ensure that human beings and the other species of animal with which we share this planet can continue to co-exist.

HRH The Duke of Cambridge



Everybody has to work together as a team if we are going to halt the decline in wildlife heritage we are seeing across Africa.

Jeremy Gardiner
Investec Asset Management



You cannot be weak in this occupation — you have got to be strong and be willing to walk a mile in the dark.

Rian Labuschagne
2017 Prince William Award for Conservation in Africa, Winner



For more than 28 years Tusk has been working to protect the threatened wildlife and habitats of Africa.

Stephen Watson
Chairman of Tusk Trust



African wildlife is special! There once was the most extraordinary numbers and visions of the wild world that has ever been. Only a fragment of that remains!

Sir David Attenborough
Broadcaster



My time will come to die, but people should understand that at least I have preserved these animals. I have conserved these animals for the future generations.

Solomon Chidunuka
2017 Tusk Award Wildlife Ranger, Winner



Although the wildlife crisis we are facing is terrifying, we are all in a position to make a difference, before it is too late.

Brighton Kumchedwa
2017 Tusk Award for Conservation in Africa, Winner



Every single black rhino that we lose is a big deal when there are just under 5,000 left in the world!

Cathy Dreyer
2016 Tusk Award for Conservation in Africa, Winner



The number one driver of wildlife extinction is habitat loss.

Serah Munguti
2017 Tusk Award for Conservation in Africa, Finalist



Our fathers left the rhino for us. Now we have them, we must look after them for the next generation.

Lucky Ndlovu
2017 Tusk Award Wildlife Ranger, Winner



Human-wildlife conflict is so much more than loss of crops, property and sometimes life. It is people's rights, ownership and place in the community. The cost of living with wildlife has to be less than the benefits.

Rachel McRobb
Conservation South Luangwa



It's our planet to leave it as a legacy to our children and grandchildren.

Graça Machel
Former First Lady of South Africa



WELCOME

Welcome to this 2018 edition of *Tusk Talk*. We're very proud of this annual publication. Many of you reading this, whether for the first time or as regular readers, will know that it's in these pages that we try to capture the achievements and conservation successes of our many partner projects.

Their stories are truly amazing.

Across the African continent are a group of people who have turned their passion for conservation into a lifetime of commitment and hard work.

It's almost impossible to exaggerate the impact of their work. What they do is often hard. It's not glamorous. It's frequently dangerous. It requires a level of dedication and selfless determination that leaves one in awe. From protecting wildlife, safeguarding habitats and supporting communities, they have become the true conservation heroes of Africa.

Supporting these individuals and the projects they run is what Tusk exists to do. We've partnered many of them through good times and bad. We've raised money, shared expertise and worked with them to sustain and protect the wildlife and habitats of Africa; for both our generation and the next.

In the last year, we've raised almost £10 million globally. It's a huge amount of money and it's been deployed and invested to great effect.

More than £7.7 million has already gone directly into the field where it's needed most. However, money alone won't solve the conservation challenges facing Africa.

Yet we believe that the targeted support and grants we've made achieve an impact worth many, many times the monetary value. Tusk remains a lean and agile charity. We have a small full-time team based in Dorset and Nairobi. They achieve amazing things on behalf of our projects every day.

They're supported by our inspired development board, many individual patrons and, of course, the charity's trustees. The support and drive of our Royal Patron, The Duke of Cambridge, is also a constant encouragement and impetus.

The energy and the commitment of this family of supporters has helped Tusk become what it is today.

Now, with your help, we'll aim to do even more. ●



ADVANCING CONSERVATION IN AFRICA

Tusk's mission is to amplify the impact of progressive conservation initiatives across Africa.



We believe strategic conservation can empower local communities and improve livelihoods. We support and promote effective environmental education designed to provide a more sustainable future for the next generation.

At Tusk we build long-lasting relationships with our donors and seek to invest in long-term solutions because sustainable conservation needs sustained funding.

With your generous support, Tusk can, and will, continue to have a positive impact in Africa.



Local people, best positioned to address the threats, are under-resourced and under-recognised.

By partnering with leading and emerging conservationists, Tusk secures donor funding to invest in the best grassroots conservation initiatives — helping to increase their profile and optimise their impact.

We work with successful local organisations, supporting and nurturing their programmes to accelerate growth from an innovative idea to a scalable solution.



UPDATE

Reflecting on Tusk's achievements last year, you may be forgiven to think that above all else I would hail another superb set of financial figures, with both revenue and investment into our conservation efforts growing significantly in 2017; but we do not wish to measure ourselves purely on our financial performance, important as that is.

Rather, it is our impact and influence to affect positive change in wildlife conservation that resonates the most loudly.

And in those terms 2017 was a landmark year as we took the prestigious Tusk Conservation Awards to Africa for the first time and, even more significantly, we concurrently held the inaugural Tusk Conservation Symposium.

This has been a long-held ambition to leverage the inherent value that exists within the expertise and diversity of Tusk's project portfolio, so convening leading and emerging conservationists from across Africa to share their ideas, challenges and solutions on a wide range of conservation topics was an important milestone.

The success and impact of the three-day symposium in Cape Town was self-evident to the 50 delegates who readily participated. It is so rare for those working in the field to have the opportunity to meet, discuss, and exchange innovative ideas and solutions for success that might be implemented and even scaled up elsewhere. It was hugely gratifying to provide this platform to this extraordinary group of individuals, who have dedicated their lives to conservation, and for us to then witness the exchanges and initiatives that have subsequently flowed from such a unique gathering.

And how better to close such a gathering than with Africa's three most highly respected elder statesmen: Archbishop Desmond Tutu, former First Lady Graça Machel, and former President FW de Klerk, presenting the Tusk Conservation Awards on behalf of our Royal Patron at the spectacular gala dinner. It was a special moment and you can read about these events on pages 30 – 39.

Thanks to the continued generosity of our supporters, Tusk's investment into the field increased to £7.7m in 2017. The progress and success reported by our partners (and illustrated in this edition of *Tusk Talk*) is clear testament to their dedication and efforts on the ground. Conservation is hard, it can be dangerous, and it can be isolating. Wildlife rangers are courageously putting their lives on the line every day. Huge challenges remain; the ongoing fight against poaching and the illegal wildlife trade are most prominent in the media, but climate change, human-wildlife conflict, and rapid loss of habitat due to our increasing human footprint and population present even greater challenges if we are to 'hold the line'.

There are some notable successes. Levels of poaching are down by as much as 80% in Kenya, where sustained investment by Government, NGO's and communities have shown it is possible to reverse the decline. A huge step forward was also taken at the beginning of 2018 when China held to its pledge to close down its domestic ivory market with Hong Kong voting to follow suit by 2021.

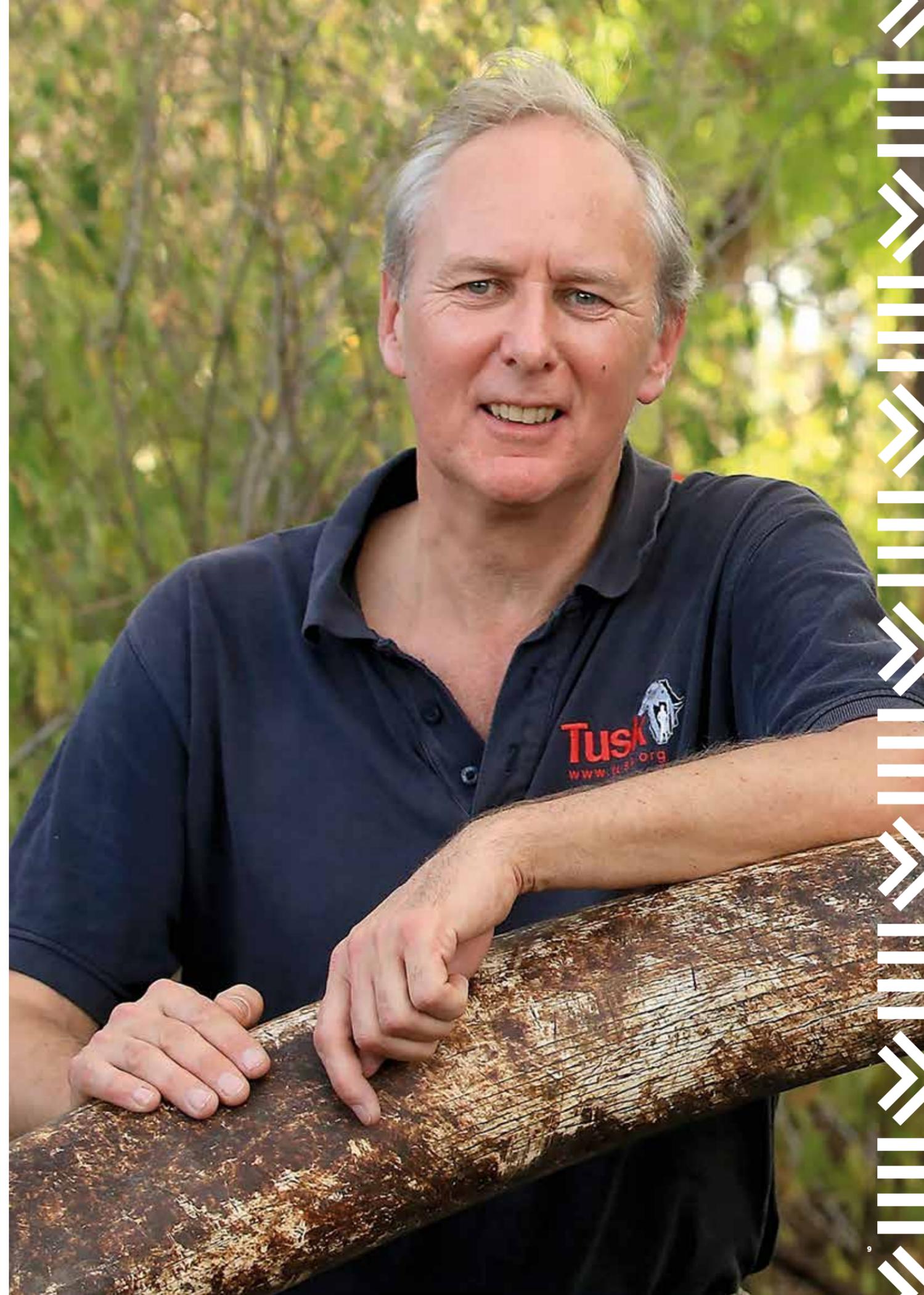
Indeed as we go to print, we also welcome the UK's long awaited decision to introduce tough new legislation banning the sale of ivory, bar some narrowly defined exemptions. These combined commitments provide a significant lifeline for Africa's elephant populations.

However, the pressure on rhino, particularly in South Africa, remains of deep concern and urgently requires greater international commitment to shut down illegal trade and reduce consumer demand. South Africa needs to be persuaded that its desire to reopen a legal trade in horn can no longer be socially or morally acceptable in our modern world.

Tusk is committed to maximising our support and investment in conservation and in an effort to increase our own cost efficiencies we have taken the decision to merge our US and UK administrative operations in 2018. US donors may now make tax deductible contributions to our work via the recently established Friends of Tusk fund administered by CAF America — a donor advised fund.

The extraordinary conservation work and achievements outlined in this edition of *Tusk Talk* are only made possible due to your generosity.

Thank you for your continued support! ●



SUCCESS SPOTLIGHTS

Here is a snapshot of the work achieved by some of our project partners. In each we highlight their successes in 2017 and ambitions for 2018. Their work was made possible because of your support and it is your financial commitment to conservation in Africa that will enable us to support them in 2018.

Tusk's Project Partners

We partner with Africa's leading and emerging conservationists to protect endangered species, reduce human-wildlife conflict, find sustainable solutions to preserve critical habitats and combat the global demand for illegal wildlife products.

AFRICA-WIDE

- African Parks
- PACE
- Stop Ivory
- Counter-poaching Training Programme

1 ANGOLA

- Giant Sable
- Antelope Project

2 BOTSWANA

- Botswana Predator Conservation Trust
- Coaching for Conservation
- Mokolodi Nature Reserve

3 CAMEROON

- Cross River Gorilla Conservation Project

4 DRC

- Okapi Conservation Project
- Pole Pole Foundation
- Walikale Gorilla and Forest Conservation Project

5 GABON

- Loango Gorilla Project

6 GHANA

- Rainforest Rescue Ghana

7 GUINEA

- Chimpanzee Conservation Centre

8 KENYA

- Big Life Foundation
- Borana Conservancy
- Grevy's Zebra Trust
- Lamu Marine Conservation Project
- Lewa Communities Programme
- Lewa Education Programme

- Lewa Wildlife Conservancy
- Lion Landscapes
- Local Ocean Trust
- Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association
- Mara Elephant Project
- Mount Kenya Trust
- Mountain Bongo Surveillance Project
- Nature Kenya
- Ngare Ndare Forest Trust
- Northern Rangelands Trust
- Reteti Elephant Sanctuary
- The Maa Trust
- Tsavo Trust

9 MADAGASCAR

- Blue Ventures
- C3 Madagascar
- Durrell Madagascar
- IMPACT Madagascar

10 MALAWI

- Lilongwe Wildlife Trust
- Malawi Wildlife Authority

11 MALI

- Mali Elephant Project

12 NAMIBIA

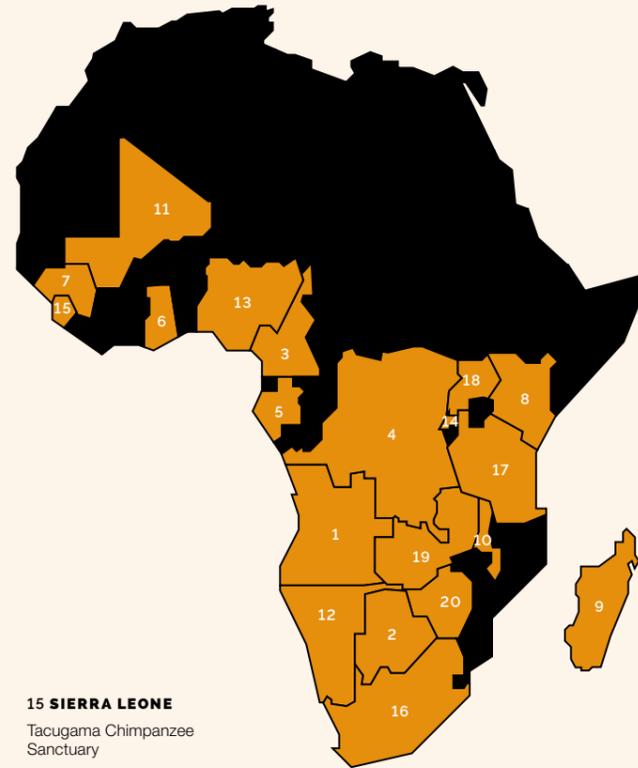
- AfriCat Foundation
- Cheetah Conservation Fund
- Integrated Rural Development & Nature Conservation
- Save The Rhino Trust

13 NIGERIA

- Yankari Game Reserve

14 RWANDA

- Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Association



15 SIERRA LEONE

- Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary

16 SOUTH AFRICA

- Bateleurs
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- Southern African Wildlife College
- Transfrontier Africa
- VulPro
- Wilderness Foundation

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- Conservation Through Public Health
- Countering Wildlife Crime Project
- Uganda Conservation Foundation
- Landscape Connectivity at Kafue
- Zambian Carnivore Programme

19 ZAMBIA

- Conservation Lower Zambezi
- Conservation South Luangwa
- Frankfurt Zoological Society

20 ZIMBABWE

- Mililangwe Trust
- Painted Dog Conservation
- Savé Valley Conservancy



Conservation Lower Zambezi

MAP REF 19

We have expanded our activities to include a detection and tracking dog unit, increased law enforcement operations, and strategic partnerships with organisations to strengthen our investigations and intelligence units, which all complement our continued support to the Department of National Parks and Wildlife. At the end of 2017 our efforts culminated in a 70% decrease in

elephant poaching throughout the Park and neighbouring game management areas.

Though this is a significant decrease from the previous year, the number remains higher than the PIKE (Proportion of Illegally Killed Elephants) target — so CLZ will continue to support wildlife protection to reduce the numbers of illegally killed elephants even further in 2018.



Conservation South Luangwa

MAP REF 19

2017 was a challenging year for conservation in South Luangwa. A high demand for ivory, coupled with a severe lack of anti-poaching scouts and equipment, led to high levels of poaching, especially of elephant.

Despite this our efforts — in partnership with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife — achieved positive results, with a 132% increase in arrests and confiscations from 2016. This is largely thanks to a Rapid

Response Team funded by Tusk who are on call day and night. Last year we: made 143 arrests, 63 firearms were confiscated, and 682 snares were removed from the bush.

2018 promises to see a lot of improvement with the recruitment of new scouts, in-service training of existing scouts and the provision of new equipment.



Conservation Through Public Health

MAP REF 18

Tusk's support has funded the construction of a permanent home for our integrated conservation and health programmes which address disease transmission between people, wildlife and livestock that share the Bwindi National Park habitat. The centre has three rooms, two for field laboratory analyses and one meeting room for the Village Health and

Conservation Teams. In 2017 the Gorilla Health and Community Conservation Centre was expanded to allow for more sensitive analyses and a roof was put on the superstructure.

In 2018 our plan is to complete the building and start conducting new tests to enable us to more accurately detect cross-species disease transmission.



Impact Madagascar

MAP REF 9

Ankirihitra and Mahajebby are both key ecosystems for the endangered crowned sifaka lemur as well as over 300 other animals.

Community-based conservation management systems were officially implemented in both regions resulting in an 80% reduction in threats to the species. More than 165 households benefitted from livelihood improvement programmes and increased their crop

production by 75%. 14,000 saplings were grown as part of a community tree planting programme.

In 2018 our programme will be reinforced with training and monitoring activities. More practical environmental education activities and alternative livelihoods will be developed to maintain the current low threat level to Madagascar's natural resources in this area.



Lilongwe Wildlife Trust (LWT)

MAP REF 10

Film is a powerful medium, especially in communities that don't have any power. In 2017 we reached over 20,000 people in communities living along trafficking routes and around protected areas using pedal power cinema.

The films included a high-quality short drama called *Elephant I Miss You*, which envisages a future where

elephants become extinct, and a hard-hitting Public Service Advert on the risks of wildlife crime that focuses on new laws which have increased the potential punishment to a prison sentence of 30 years.

The pedal-power film programme will continue into 2018 with new films in the pipeline.



The Malilangwe Trust

MAP REF 20

Malilangwe continues to lead the way in Zimbabwean conservation. In 2017 the annual wildlife census showed an increase in overall biomass with no losses from our critical black and white rhino populations.

An innovative e-learning centre at Mwenje school and a supplementary nutrition programme in neighbouring

communities was completed. The newly funded Tusk Cadet Ranger programme will be rolled out in 2018.

Malilangwe also plan to scale-up the new e-learning facility and secure new homes for some of their large herbivores to reduce pressure on the conservancy.



Pan African Conservation Education

AFRICA-WIDE

Tusk's PACE Project shares simple solutions to environmental problems between African communities by providing conservation education to schools, colleges and community educators. Last year 900 educational packs, including text books and videos, were sent to schools in 13 countries.

Plans are in place for PACE Champions — those who have built strong local networks with local ambassadors and trainers — to share their experience and expertise

regionally, building the skills and knowledge of teachers in rural Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Uganda, Cameroon and Kenya.

Our goal is for an evaluation in 2018 to show that we have engaged with more education authorities, more children have learned about conservation in their routine teaching, and more communities and wildlife will be facing a secure and sustainable future.



Southern African Wildlife College

MAP REF 16

In 2017, the Southern African Wildlife College placed a high priority on developing a unified approach to the sustainable management of natural resources, conservation areas and wildlife species across the African region to help inform best practice and mitigate wildlife crime.

With the support of our donors, including Tusk, the College will continue

to implement our four-tiered approach to counter poaching which has, together with integrity testing, gained real traction. This holistic approach includes advanced field ranger training, a fully-fledged aerial wing, community interface and a wholly operational canine counter-poaching unit.



Mokolodi Nature Reserve

MAP REF 2

Mokolodi continues to inspire the youth of Botswana to take care of their natural environment.

In 2017, over 12,000 children benefitted from the Environmental Education Programmes, addressing issues around food security, overharvesting, human-wildlife conflict and waste management.

With assistance from Tusk, the children — 34% of whom were

Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC) — were familiarised on how they can be involved in environmental conservation.

2018 is a year of outreach to empower and include the community in environmental awareness and the conservation of our fauna and flora utilising the Pan African Conservation Education (PACE) programme in ten surrounding village schools.



Mount Kenya Trust

MAP REF 8

Working alongside the people of Mount Kenya, the Trust has started an extensive tree planting project to replant over two million indigenous trees on the mountain slopes over the next few years.

A focus on the degraded northeast Imenti region has reduced human-elephant conflict with a new ranger team, fencing, health projects, education, school woodlots and

pioneering research into one-way elephant gates.

As always, Mount Kenya Trust works closely with many partners, including Kenya Forest Service and Kenya Wildlife Service. A second underpass is almost completed to protect traffic and wildlife on the Mount Kenya elephant highway.



Save the Rhino Trust

MAP REF 12

In north-west Namibia, Save the Rhino Trust, together with local partners, initiated a new Rhino Pride Campaign in 2017 to design and deliver a series of new outreach activities to complement their award-winning community-based rhino monitoring programme.

Framed around a new 'Rhino Friend Forever' slogan, highlights included a series of creative messaging through music targeting unemployed youth and a Rhino Friend Pledge ceremony with local traditional authorities and celebrities.

Only four rhinos were lost to poaching and, for the first time ever, multiple poaching attempts were foiled by law enforcement due to pre-emptive, voluntary intelligence provided by local people.

We plan to expand our outreach work in 2018 to further engage youth through rhino-themed sport leagues, a new 'rhino-hood watch' programme with local farmers, and a non-monetary incentive scheme for our rangers.



VulPro

MAP REF 16

The VulPro team continues to make advances in the field of vulture conservation.

Our dedicated work over several years has culminated in the release of 35 vultures — both ex-situ bred and rehabilitated — into the wild last year.

We aim to continuously contribute to the preservation of vultures and to stimulate awareness regarding their importance within other individuals of society.

SHARING SUCCESS ACROSS AFRICA'S CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE

As part of Tusk's mission to nurture African organisations to help scale their impact, the charity is uniquely placed to aid their development by connecting organisations through our network.

Historically this has been small-scale, but our first Tusk Conservation Symposium, held in October 2017, **brought together 42 representatives of 31 of Tusk's project partners** to share their success stories and allow networking and an exchange of ideas between people from 13 countries.

In order to leverage the inherent value that exists within the expertise and diversity of Tusk's project portfolio we held workshops, presentations and training sessions on a number of key conservation issues facing practitioners in the field.

Some common themes emerged across the variety of topics covered. These included the importance of empowering local communities, ensuring that they have ownership of the problems and the solutions. Whether with communities, park management, local authorities, other stakeholders — or even donors — the importance of engaging people at all levels and working within partnerships was stressed throughout.

All too often the solutions don't have to be complicated. Applying basic principles can be the route to success, and when it comes to human-wildlife conflict, for example, it was clear that we already have many of the solutions available to us, but it takes landscape

scale approaches, hard work and community engagement to keep adapting them to local contexts.

It was also clear from the discussions that our work is never done. We have big challenges ahead, and critical issues that kept coming up were the continued loss of land and how we are going to find the space for people and wildlife to co-exist with an ever-growing human population. Yet there is hope if we can bring together the right people, with the right passion, in the right place, and the Tusk Conservation Symposium was a big step towards this.

We have asked six of our partners to share with you their Tusk-funded success stories and explain how they are having a conservation impact on the ground.

We also look at the results and give feedback from other partners on how their ideas could be replicated in other countries. →



Community Conservation

Why community-based conservation works in Namibia

More than 35 year's experience of implementing community conservation has convinced us that community-based approaches are the best way to achieve a thriving and sustainable African way of conserving wildlife, both inside and outside national parks.

Our work in Namibia started on a shoestring in a politically unsupportive climate in the 1980s when the country was in a liberation war. Within a few years, communities working in the north-west, in partnership with a few government conservation officials and a small NGO team, brought serious commercial poaching of desert-adapted elephant and black rhino, plus many other species, under control. This convinced the newly independent government to embrace community conservation as a key strategy in 1990. Community action in the past few years has similarly been pivotal in turning around a new rhino poaching situation in the north-west.

Every country and context is different so there is no holy grail that can be rolled out — community conservation must be grown from the bottom-up with local communities as equal partners. But there are key principles which apply in all situations.

When community conservation fails, it is inevitably because some of these interlinked principles have been ignored:

Forge real relationships based on mutual trust and respect, addressing community needs as well as conservation needs.

Mutual vision. Grow, with all players, an idea of how wildlife can benefit both local communities and the country. Social media can facilitate this, but as many remote rural dwellers are not connected, there are no short cuts to direct engagement.

Every group who can impact on the resources needs to be engaged and involved which means learning the local social geography, if necessary via social surveys. Consultation is not enough — it's a negotiation.

A sense of local ownership. The knowledge of the rights over resources leads to communities also taking ownership of solutions and actions with partners. Direct involvement of communities ensure women as well as men partake in conservation action via Game Scouts or community activators or whatever is locally appropriate.

Real partnerships are equal which may mean levelling the playing field.

Local social structures with the capacity to plan, make decisions, and collaborate with partners need to be created or adapted from existing community institutions.

SYMPOSIUM SPOTLIGHTS

Local capacity to prosecute wildlife crime is also essential. All too often cases are being diverted if the judiciary do not have sufficient powers.

Mark Saunders¹

The ultimate determinant in all this is space, and what any alternate land-use might be. Creating or leaving space will be the greatest challenge with a growing human population, while appropriate education and women's rights are essential for moderating human population growth.

Clive Stockil²

A 5 minute film of the experiences of IRDNC would be really useful for convincing people in Uganda that the conservancy model could work.

Michael Keigwin³

**Margaret Jacobsohn
Garth Owen-Smith**

Integrated Rural Development
and Nature Conservation

Equitable benefits (social and cultural, as well as economic) must be generated from and linked to the natural resources. This is the last principle — yet so many projects start with this one, and wonder why they don't reach full potential.

These principles may be slow and hard to achieve but with home-grown and creative methods they lay the foundation for modern conservation.

No conservation problem cannot be overcome if a majority of local communities are supportive. Politicians don't lead; they follow — if there is a big enough lobby. →



ABOVE Community planning meeting in Otjindingue, Epupa Conservancy **RIGHT** Palmfontein

¹ The Maillangwe Trust

² Mahenye Community Wildlife Conservancy

³ Uganda Conservation Foundation



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BlackRock is proud to support Tusk.

We commend Tusk's work to forge a link between Africa's natural heritage and the future of its land, culture and people.

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40% of Namibia is under conservation management (**19.6% are community conservancies**).

Community conservation has boosted Namibia's economy by **NS6 billion**.

164 natural resource enterprises were hosted by **57** conservancies.

5,100 new local rural jobs have been created.

Reducing human-wildlife conflict

How improving cattle management is an essential part of wildlife conservation

The Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA) is Africa's largest conservation landscape. It represents a bold commitment by five African nations (Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe) to conserve landscape-scale wildlife connectivity and biodiversity.

By the sheer scale of the proposed KAZA landscape (at more than 500,000km²), it is the most ambitious land use initiative for wildlife conservation ever proposed and we at the Botswana Predator Conservation Trust are committed to identifying and implementing the necessary measures to make the KAZA TFCA a reality.

At the heart of this ambitious initiative is the hope that the region's ecosystem services, including nature-based tourism, will be an engine for sustainable rural economic development. But while ecotourism can contribute to the local economic development and job creation, a diversified and resilient rural economy is critical.

Traditional cattle farming currently forms the basis of the local economies throughout much of KAZA and is culturally important for generations of the people who live there. However, farmers in the region have been historically prevented from access to reliable and profitable 'Green Zone' beef markets due to trade barriers associated with 'Red Zone' risks of wildlife-associated livestock disease. Livestock that live adjacent to wildlife, especially Cape Buffalo, are defined as Red Zone livestock. International trade standards, especially into lucrative European Union markets, have historically required that livestock production be from Green Zones.

But in southern Africa, 85% (55 million head) of the cattle population are raised adjacent to the region's rich wildlife areas (Red Zones), thereby

SYMPOSIUM SPOTLIGHTS

In Amboseli, Kenya, all the stakeholders (herders, Maasai, tour operators, et al.) were brought together to come up with a solution, and they came up with a consolation scheme (i.e. not full compensation) to prevent the killing of lions. This did not remove the responsibilities for protecting cattle etc. They also studied the patterns of predation, which was mostly at night, and improved bomas with chain-link fences and increased height to stop predators jumping in.

Tuqa Jirno¹

Early-warning systems using radio-collared lions and SMS messages to key people can be effective, especially in known hot-spot areas. Lion guardians can likewise be effective. These are elected farmers — both young and old — who disseminate information and intervene in conflict situations. Tour operators and lodges fund the guardians, and ultimately for human-wildlife conflict to be managed the intervention needs to be well funded.

Margaret Jacobsohn²

It is striking that technology was barely mentioned in the discussion. Donors are throwing technology at these problems, yet the best solutions come from hard work and engaging communities, and we need to educate donors on this.

Ted Schmidt³

restricting market access and penalising the livestock farmers that share land with wildlife.

This basic Red Zone/Green Zone distinction in cattle and beef production has led to widespread resentment of local farming communities towards both wildlife and wildlife conservation initiatives. And this resentment results in what is collectively described as Human-Wildlife Conflict (HWC). And HWC significantly reduces sustainability of wildlife populations.

Dr J.W. McNutt

Director BPCT
& KAZA Coordinating Committee member

HWC primarily refers to the costs to traditional livestock producers resulting from predation, the outbreak of animal diseases and competition associated with wildlife. With ongoing generous support from Tusk, BPCT is working on various projects that address the challenges relating to HWC. These include our Bioboundary Research (see *Tusk Talk 2017*) and Eye-Cows ('i-cows' — created by painting eye patterns onto cattle backsides) projects, both of which are completely novel methods to reduce predation on livestock by endangered predators such as African wild dogs, lion, and leopard.

As ambush predators, lions and leopards rely on stalking and surprise, so being seen by their prey usually means they abandon their hunt. Initial tests on the effectiveness of i-cows painted backsides are favourable in reducing livestock losses and retaliatory killing of carnivores. If rolled-out it is hoped that this innovation will help to safeguard large carnivores and livelihoods alike. Importantly, the i-cow approach is low cost and requires no specialist tools, which is an unusual but desperately needed combination in human-wildlife conflict management.

BPCT projects also include more traditional interventions including improvements in livestock husbandry and range management practices, creating jobs related to reducing HWC, community development projects, developing a strategy for production and marketing 'wildlife friendly beef' landscape restoration, and improving equity and security in Botswana's rural communities.

Finding solutions to this mix of cultural, biological, and economic challenges as well as effective implementation of those solutions will determine the future health of both developing human communities and the wildlife and ecosystems they rely on. →

RIGHT BPCT team member painting an 'eye'
FAR RIGHT i-cow in a kraal

¹ Lewa Wildlife Conservancy
² Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation
³ Vulcan Foundation



An estimated **50%** of Botswana's adult population are cattle owners.

In southern Africa, **85%** of the cattle population are raised adjacent to wildlife areas.

Cattle represents the **third largest income** earner after diamonds and tourism.

No cattle with eye spots have been killed by lions to date.



Partnerships

Why strong partnerships with government organisations are key to conservation success

Based on the IUCN category system, 33% of Africa has protected area status. What is the key to a successful partnership between Government institutions and conservation organisations?

Two of the most important factors are those of trust and respect. So much can be achieved with these two attributes, giving rise as they do to strengthened leadership and enhanced teamwork.

One such relationship exists between the Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) and the Uganda Conservation Foundation (UCF). After twenty years working together on the front-line of conservation, and with a demonstrable progress and delivery record, our relationship is still incredibly strong.

UWA manages ten national parks, twelve wildlife reserves, and fourteen wildlife sanctuaries. UCF provides a structure through which funds are raised and managed, supporting UWA's protected area management priorities. The Foundation was formed when Tom Okello and Charles Tumwesigye of UWA asked for help in tackling the poaching crisis taking place in Murchison Falls, which was devastating one of Africa's top ten National Parks.

Government agencies' organisational DNA, wherever they may be in the world, are less flexible or agile, and lack the wherewithal to respond nimbly to pressing issues on the ground. A partner organisation which can help unblock these limiting factors, unlock more rapid progress and be a long-term 'flexible friend' is one that over time will help to stimulate progress and allow hard-working, massively under-resourced and dedicated Government officials to succeed. In our case UCF has been able to accelerate procurement

SYMPOSIUM SPOTLIGHTS

It is important for donors to be flexible when things change on projects. It is also extremely valuable if you can get donors out to the field. Government agencies need to get better at knowing how NGOs work.

Gladys Kalema¹

As NGOs we must also educate ourselves on what donors want to fund, and in meeting their needs. Donors are stressing the importance of strong monitoring and evaluation, and we must improve how we are communicating success and the work being carried out.

Theresa Sowry² **Gladys Kalema**¹

It should not be up to developed country agencies to give African countries a chance, but for African countries to set the agenda and seek the funding.

Serah Munguti³

Some countries (e.g. Nigeria) are not stressing the importance of wildlife conservation and are not accessing the funding available.

Andrew Dunn⁴

and fund critically important capabilities to support UWA's work on the ground.

Uganda's Recovery of Murchison Falls Project has shown what can be achieved in a short period and without massive expenditure. Where ranger distribution and capabilities were historically located around the boundaries of the park, built in the 1960s to stop the advance of agriculture, they are now in the key habitats and locations, providing the basis for UWA to manage the park and its operations.

Seeing Uganda kob numbers recently increase from 30,000 to 118,000, Rothschild giraffe

Michael Keigwin

CEO Uganda Conservation Foundation

Tom Okello

Uganda Wildlife Authority

from 700 to over 1,500, and tourism attracting 100,000 visitors a year for the first time ever, shows the impact of a partnership built on mutual understanding and focusing on what is necessary, not what is popular.

By establishing the structure from which UWA can manage this important protected area, the Authority is now able to raise over \$300,000 per year for community conservation projects. UWA can now engage with communities and continue to leverage support for exciting and well-planned regional development, supporting the one relationship that will always exist on the ground — that between the people managing the parks and those living in the immediate vicinity.

Without a doubt, every park and the community around it is different, and standardised solutions and templates often do not work. Most parks do not have the infrastructure and capability they require, and many donors aren't interested in providing the capital to ensure that even the basics are in place.

Seeing UWA's staff succeeding in Murchison Falls has been a privilege. The pride they now have in their jobs, the park and each other is something special to witness. The way to unlock that potential is no doubt subtly different depending on location, but with the same important themes being a common denominator. Relationships, though, are the key to success. →

RIGHT Michael Keigwin with staff from the Uganda Wildlife Authority

¹ Conservation Through Public Health

² Southern African Wildlife College

³ Nature Kenya

⁴ Wildlife Conservation Society



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10 ranger stations have been built as part of the UCF and UWA Waterways project.

Rothschild giraffe increased from 700 to 1,500+.

100,000 visitors a year visit Murchison Falls.

\$300,000 raised annually for community conservation projects.

Anti-poaching and the illegal wildlife trade

A Kenyan perspective

In the past decade, poaching and the illegal trade in wildlife, have escalated into an international crisis. Wildlife trafficking is a critical conservation concern and a threat to a number of African wildlife species, with some, such as rhino and elephant, battling for survival. It is estimated that the trade in illegal wildlife products is now worth over \$20 billion annually.

Demand for rhino horn in particular and the resulting resurgence in poaching had reached catastrophic levels in Africa. In South Africa, for example, 650 rhino were slaughtered in 2012. In proportion to its population, Kenya lost even more. Alarming, the market price of rhino horn now rivals gold in value. In the Far East, rhino horn is sold as traditional medicine, and in countries like Vietnam, it is used as an aphrodisiac and a 'party drug'.

As a result, rhino horn continues to be in high demand despite having been scientifically proven to have no medicinal properties. Criminal syndicates involved in the trade have become more determined and motivated, using high calibre assault weapons and sophisticated equipment to operate at night while hunting rhino. The pressure has mounted to extraordinary levels on both the national and private sectors involved in rhino conservation across the continent. As this threat from poaching increases and becomes more sophisticated, so must the determination and resources needed to protect rhino and other threatened species.

Kenya has been identified as a key transit route for traffickers of illegal wildlife products such as ivory, rhino horn, leopard skins and pangolins. Law enforcement agents, anti-poaching rangers and other personnel have made several breakthroughs in combatting local wildlife poaching as well as cross-border operations to arrest major dealers. The Kenya Wildlife Service

Annual Reports indicate that in 2013 a total of 59 rhino were lost to poachers and 302 elephant in the same year, while in 2014, Kenya lost 24 rhino and 137 elephant. In 2017, this number had dropped to nine rhino and 80 elephant.

The challenges we face when tackling poaching in the field are enormous. To effectively protect wildlife from poachers, rangers need adequate and modern equipment. They also need to be well-trained and provided with good salaries and benefits, including healthcare and pensions, which requires plenty of resources.

To effectively control trade and trafficking of wildlife we need to create and reinforce existing channels of information sharing at a local, regional and international level. There has been a huge gap in the flow of this information in the past due to a lack of coordination and the establishment of the right mechanisms by which to disseminate it to the various stakeholders involved. The kind of information that would be needed varies according to the cost of trophies on the international market, and the movement of dealers or traffickers and poachers across regional and national boundaries. There is also a need for a coordinated intelligence network and the use of various technologies in anti-poaching and the control of wildlife trade.

As a country, Kenya has made significant strides in formulating stringent wildlife legislation to deter poaching and punish law offenders. In 2013, Kenya enacted the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act 2013 which forms the basis of a complete turnaround in support of wildlife law enforcement. The Act specifies life imprisonment or very harsh fines for killing or offences against endangered species.

Although one would expect this to be a strong enough deterrent, at Lewa our experience has

Tuqa Jirno

Chief Operations Officer,
Lewa Wildlife Conservancy

SYMPOSIUM SPOTLIGHTS

We need to tackle the top-level kingpins of the criminal syndicates. This is harder to do, but there are fewer of them, and through regional collaboration between investigations units, it can be done.

Kate Moore¹

Devolving litigation powers is one such approach that can be followed. Uganda now have their own prosecutors dedicated to wildlife crime.

Tom Okello²

Ownership of the issue is key for local communities, be it through engagement, partnerships, intelligence, involvement in workshops and communication etc. Community intelligence is less about anti-poaching, but more about addressing the drivers of poaching.

J. Weldon McNutt³

Technology is working where it is combined with excellent security operations and integrity testing. At Lewa this is carried out at community level, by having a committed and engaged local community.

Craig Williams⁴

shown that partnerships with neighbouring communities and investing in development programmes have been more effective in controlling poaching. Lewa has, over the years, supported community livelihood projects in education, water, healthcare, micro-enterprises, youth development, conservation education and more.

The result is very encouraging — Lewa has had no poaching for the last five years. By working hand-in-hand with our neighbours whose future is intertwined with that of the wildlife we've ensured that they are our first line of defence. →

RIGHT Lewa wildlife ranger with Kitui, a hand-reared black rhino
FAR RIGHT Lewa wildlife ranger monitoring the conservancy's rhino population

¹ Lilongwe Wildlife Trust
² Uganda Wildlife Authority
³ Botswana Predator Conservation Trust
⁴ South African National Parks



6,000 children benefit from Lewa's Education Programme.

150 Rangers are employed on Lewa.

160+ rhino live on Lewa.

50,000 people benefit from Lewa's community-based programmes.

Environmental education

Learning from wildlife with Coaching for Conservation

Why is environmental education important and how can we teach it effectively? This has been my driving goal for the last ten years. The traditional way to approach this question has been 'Education about the environment'.

However, ideas and attitudes are changing, and a much more powerful approach is now being adopted around Education for the Environment or Education for Sustainable Development, as it is now known. The purpose being to help individuals and communities acquire the knowledge, values and attitudes, and practical skills to participate in a responsible and effective way in anticipating and solving environmental problems, and in the management of the quality of the environment.

With the support of Tusk and Investec I have developed the 'Coaching for Conservation (C4C) — Learning from Wildlife' model to address this very goal. Working to change hearts instead of minds had been the key. The primary objective of C4C is to inspire a generation of 'Kids Who Care', not only about themselves, but also about others and the natural world around them.

C4C's unique model introduces wildlife as mentors to emulate and learn from — to begin to create a relationship of respect, empathy, and a reason to care. The use of sport as the vehicle for change is a creative way of teaching about critical conservation issues through a process of learning about animals, from animals, and eventually how to help them. In this way C4C moves children from being kids who are told to care, to kids who genuinely care about animals and the natural world around them, and inspires them to act.

But how do we prove that behaviour has been changed — how has the next generation increased its ability to live valued lives? C4C measures the increase in children's knowledge

SYMPOSIUM SPOTLIGHTS

In Zimbabwe, Painted Dog Conservation found that working with children in isolation was only getting so far. They had to bring in external assistance to institutionalise their approach and bring it in line with the science syllabus.

Wilton Nsimango¹

At Mokolodi, workshops were organised with teachers and school management to secure their buy-in.

Dennis Ramokgau²

Training of community education trainers and more work with schools would help scale-up the approach.

Tom Okello³ **Gladys Kalema**⁴

and awareness of environmental issues as well as of potential solutions to these conservation challenges. Successes are indicated by participants' acquisition of life skills that will enable them to act on the capabilities they acquire to live the lives they value.

Here are a couple of examples from two of those children describing how they practice respect and what new values they express since participating in C4C:

"I remember that we used to sing respect yourself, respect each other and respect your environment. Today I respect myself by not getting involved in bad things. I respect others by not swearing, and I greet elders. I also like helping other people. When someone needs help, I assist them with whatever they need. I respect the environment by not littering. Not littering is important because we should live in a healthy environment."

"We should not cut trees because some trees are the habitat for some animals."

Lesley McNutt

Director, Coaching for Conservation

To date we have inspired 15,000 10-year-olds. But in order to change the world, we need to scale-up our work. I had an opportunity at the Tusk Conservation Symposium to tell my story and ask for advice from the amazing array of practitioners and enablers in the room.

The result is a developing strategy for growth that includes: a partnership with the Southern African Wildlife College to institutionalise the training of trainers; a growing partnership with the Goodwork Foundation to help us launch a digital game that will continue to engage kids off the soccer field and give them access to a bigger C4C community to belong to; and finally an online resource that will enable more programmes to be delivered more widely in the places that need them most. →



ABOVE & RIGHT
Children taking part in a C4C Bush Camp

¹ Painted Dog Conservation
² Mokolodi Nature Reserve
³ Uganda Wildlife Authority
⁴ Conservation Through Public Health

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16,165 children have taken part in C4C programmes.

495 teachers received training.

109 schools have taken part.

The six-week afterschool programme costs **\$150 per child**.

Conservation-linked economies

How do you balance growth linked to wildlife in an ecologically unsustainable business landscape?

Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT) is a community conservancy membership organisation comprised of 35 member conservancies spanning 4.5 million hectares of northern and coastal Kenya. NRT's mission is to develop resilient community conservancies which transform people's lives, secure peace and conserve natural resources.

With a realisation that healthy conservancy economies anchored in conservation are critical to achieving this mission, Northern Rangelands Trading Ltd (NRT Trading) was formed as the commercial wing of NRT. NRT Trading identifies, pilots and scales sustainable businesses for the communities.

In Northern Kenya, low literacy levels and sparse government services hamper economic growth. Poverty rates are high, and semi-arid, often degraded landscapes constantly challenge the livelihoods of a largely pastoralist population.

However, through community conservancies, people are now finding ways to link wildlife conservation to better pasture, higher income, and the growth of sustainable businesses. This is putting more children in school, empowering women through jobs and financial literacy, and building the capacity of rural communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

Conservation linked economies

The abundance of livestock (and a lack of market) is common to every single NRT conservancy, and a 'livestock-to-market' business currently enables the pastoralists to get access to the commercial market for their livestock. The power of this programme enables the connectivity that secures peace for both humans and wildlife and creates an impetus for better natural resource management.

Through another business, called BeadWORKS, women from conservancies capitalise on their traditional jewellery-making

skills for an income rather than, for example, earning money by stripping local trees to make and sell charcoal, as well as other activities that are damaging to both the local environment and the community. BeadWORKS does the marketing of the jewellery through partnerships with zoos and gift shops around the globe. Other businesses include tourism promotion, a mangoes-to-market business, and livestock feed ventures.

Challenges

Many challenges have been encountered in setting up these businesses. The vast distances involved in travelling to the communities are prohibitive — it can sometimes take up to two days to reach a community. Communicating via email is not possible for most communities, and negotiating and signing a contract can take as long as four months.

Moving from an idea, through development to implementation, with meetings usually conducted under a tree, will take longer than in a 'normal' business environment. However, the results have real impact as they are rooted and owned by the community.

Adding value

Through the process/journey with NRT Trading communities learn to add value to their products enabling them to earn greater income. For the livestock business, this involves educating them on commercial fattening and finishing practices, nutritional science and better animal husbandry to get to lucrative market weights.

In BeadWORKS we provide quality control, design ideas and access to markets. Under tourism we are launching a tourism internet portal to act as a tourism market place for northern Kenya that will showcase guides, vehicle hire, points of interest and activities as well as the campsites and traditional safari lodges.

Vishal Shah

CFO Northern Rangelands Trust Trading

It is hoped that this will help create new entrepreneurial opportunities within local communities, and enable local businesses to list their services (e.g. guides, camps, etc.) and attract more tourists to conservancies. ●

SYMPOSIUM SPOTLIGHTS

Participants were invited to pitch conservation-linked enterprises that could work in their area, including:

A 'Gorilla Coffee & Cocoa' business to provide an alternative livelihood for poachers. This is a real example of an existing enterprise that could be scaled-up.

Gladys Kalema¹

An embroidery scheme for pastoralist women, providing support and training to empower the women, and marketing their products to zoos in Europe and the US.

Serah Munguti²

A poultry business to provide eggs and meat to hotels and airports, together with a mushroom cultivation business outside a National Park where people are currently being arrested for harvesting mushrooms in the park.

John Kahekwa³

A perfume manufacturing initiative to engage women in harvesting a local plant gum — from a conifer (the same genus as myrrh), which is used locally as a perfume — and bring it to market. Funds would be required for a distillery.

Garth Owen-Smith⁴

BELOW & RIGHT NRT BeadWORKS women's groups

¹ Conservation Through Public Health

² Nature Kenya

³ Pole Pole Foundation

⁴ Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation



1,350 women are involved with BeadWORKS.

Ksh 7.8m income to BeadWORKS.

Livestock sales contributed 8% to conservancy income.

Tourism accounts for 82% of conservancy commercial income.

TACKLING THE ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE

Over the past two years, with funding from the UK Government through the IWT Challenge Fund, Tusk has managed two initiatives designed to tackle illegal wildlife trade in Africa.

Counter-poaching training

A programme that has resulted in some significant successes

Dan Bucknell
Executive Director, Tusk Trust

Through the 'Counter-Poaching Training Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa', Tusk has been providing training in specialist interception tracking skills and specific aspects of information gathering and analysis for a number of protected areas across Africa.

The programme was born out of a fact-finding mission by Luke Townsend and Touko Sandström into how intelligence is supporting anti-poaching operations in four southern African countries. They found that the greatest reductions in poaching were achieved through a combination of well-trained and motivated rangers; strong intelligence gathering and analysis using established informant networks;

COUNTER-POACHING TRAINING FIGURES

- 140** rangers have been trained to a Basic Level of interception tracking
- 111** rangers have been trained to an Intermediate Level of interception tracking
- 41** rangers have been trained to an Advanced Level of interception tracking
- 16** information officers from 9 protected areas have received expert training in information gathering and analysis

and significant sensitive support for local communities. They met small, highly trained and motivated interception tracking units who were having a significant impact in apprehending poachers. However, they quickly realised there were too few rangers trained to this level.

A trial project, funded by the Prince of Wales's Charitable Foundation, was developed with funding from the UK Government through the IWT Challenge Fund and the Rufford Foundation into a comprehensive training initiative. Rolled out across 15 protected areas in seven countries in partnership with African Parks, the programme has been a huge success. It has made a substantial contribution towards a 100% reduction in elephant and rhino poaching in Malawi's Liwonde National Park. Meanwhile, in South Africa's Kruger National Park, an unprecedented 48 poacher arrests were made in the month immediately after the training.

The initiative has also directly influenced the Ministry of Defence's engagement in anti-poaching, which is replicating much of the training and deploying British soldiers directly to protected areas to support anti-poaching operations.

Countering wildlife crime

Livelihoods, intelligence and prosecution capacity in Uganda

Marion Robertson
Programmes Coordinator and Acting General Manager, Uganda Conservation Foundation

Poaching gangs and traders have capitalised on Uganda's location in the centre of eastern Africa and use the country as a major transit route for the illegal wildlife trade. To counter this, Tusk and Uganda Conservation Foundation have been working with local communities to identify the factors that push people into wildlife crime. On a national level we have built capacity in legal and intelligence sectors to tackle high-value wildlife trafficking.

Working with the Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA), the project's ultimate goal has been to reduce wildlife crime and to contribute to poverty alleviation in and around two of Uganda's most recognised national parks, Murchison Falls and Queen Elizabeth. Having analysed offender data and maps of poaching and human-wildlife conflict, three sites around these two parks were selected for the project. Here, poor rural communities are being

supported with measures to prevent human-wildlife conflict, and through the development of community permaculture food gardens to promote alternative sustainable livelihoods.

Working in partnership with Soft Power Education, two gardens have been established outside each national park — in Bullisa (Murchison Falls) and Rubirizi (Queen Elizabeth) districts. Each garden is managed by a 25-member group (at least half of whom are women) who have established irrigation systems and planted crops based on their own garden designs. All four gardens are producing a variety of yields not previously available in the areas, throughout the year, and are beginning to generate extra income for the group members.

Rubirizi District is also benefitting from human-wildlife conflict prevention measures, while at Murchison these measures are being introduced in Nwoya District. Seventy-five community scouts were recruited and have been trained to patrol and deter elephants — in particular from crops. They have been introducing beehive fences and the cultivation of unpalatable crops, for example chilli, ginger and sunflowers, to create a deterrent or barrier, while also providing further livelihood

support. The communities are already reporting a significant reduction in loss of crops to elephants and other wildlife and, very importantly, the programme has improved relations between local communities and the UWA.

To complement these initiatives, the programme has included a number of measures to improve law enforcement through the UWA and the National Resource Conservation Network. Training in information management and data collection has been provided for intelligence officers, together with tools to support them in their work, and nine scholarships for UWA legal personnel have been supported, ensuring that every national park in Uganda has a licensed prosecutor.

Working with the Uganda Judiciary and Space for Giants, new sentencing guidelines that include wildlife and forestry crimes have been developed, making Uganda the first country in Africa to have a comprehensive set of guidelines for non-capital offences. Thanks to this investment the project has already resulted in significant arrests and improved prosecutions. ●



MAIN PHOTO Garamba basic tracking course
ABOVE LEFT UWA and NRCN officers training in wildlife crime scene investigation
ABOVE RIGHT Interrogation training at Akagera
BELOW Rubirizi Harvested beetroot

CELEBRATING CONSERVATION SUCCESS

Celebrating Africa's conservation heroes — in Africa for the first time — was very poignant. The beautiful setting of Cape Town's waterfront was the perfect backdrop to a gala ceremony for the 2017 Awards.

Held on the final night of our three-day conservation Symposium, the winners and finalists were congratulated by many of their peers and contemporaries from across the continent.

Three of Africa's most highly respected elder statesmen — Archbishop Desmond Tutu, former First Lady Graça Machel, and former President FW de Klerk presented the Awards on behalf of our Royal Patron.

Hosted by TV presenter, Derek Watts, the spectacular evening was once again generously sponsored by headline partners, Investec Asset Management, with co-sponsorship provided by Land Rover, ISPS Handa, The Mantis Collection, Moët & Chandon and Spectrecom. As ever the annual event attracted a host of dignitaries, celebrities and sports stars.

Addressing the audience via video, Tusk's Royal Patron, Prince William, paid tribute to the extraordinary achievements and "unrelenting dedication and commitment" of Africa's wildlife heroes. With climate change and the increased pressure on land brought about by the growing human footprint, the threats to wildlife and wild areas are considerable.

The Prince said, "I worry a great deal that our generation is not meeting our moral obligation to leave this planet in better shape than we inherited it. Our children and grandchildren will not thank us if we fail in our duty to reverse the decline in so many species."

Hendrik du Toit, CEO of Investec Asset Management, the headline partner of the Tusk Awards, added, "We congratulate each and every nominee for their outstanding achievements. Only by celebrating the successful efforts of these individuals will we inspire many more to join the struggle for the very survival of our planet as we know it." →

PREVIOUS PAGE, TOP ROW First Lady Graça Machel, Lucky Ndlovu, Brighton Kumchedwa, Rian Labuschagne, Nachamada Geoffrey, Serah Munguti, Former President FW de Klerk
BOTTOM ROW Solomon Chidunuka, Mrs Nomalizo Leah Tutu, Archbishop Desmond Tutu



TOP LEFT Adele Emmett, Tusk's Fundraising Manager with Midori Miyazaki and Fallon White
TOP RIGHT Ubuntu Choir
MIDDLE LEFT Rachel McRobb from 'Conservation South Luangwa', Gladys Kalema from 'Conservation Through Public Health', Tuqa Jirimo from 'Lewa Wildlife Conservancy', Susie Weeks from 'Mount Kenya Trust'
MIDDLE RIGHT Tusk Conservation Symposium delegates
BOTTOM Tusk Conservation Award Gala Dinner

Prince William Award for Conservation in Africa

WINNER

Rian Labuschagne

Rian Labuschagne, in partnership with his wife Lorna, have left their conservation footprint across the continent. Over the last 35 years their work in Tanzania, South Africa, Malawi and Chad has turned around the fortunes of key wildlife areas.

A visionary and a pragmatist, Rian has been able to visualise successful conservation, and then build the necessary foundations to achieve it. He is a people person, and works hand-in-hand with his teams, leading by example to create and mobilise groups of diverse people to work together to achieve critical conservation goals, putting in place large-scale systems for the protection of wildlife and habitats that have long-lasting positive impacts.

Perhaps his greatest challenge to date has been the restoration of Zakouma National Park in Chad, where he spearheaded one of the most significant conservation success stories of recent history — turning around a broken non-functional park in a country emerging from years of conflict — engaging the local communities and protecting a 450-strong elephant population that had ceased to breed due to poaching stress.

Their wider conservation legacy is undoubtedly the ongoing integrity of the areas where they have worked. The management systems and structures set in place by the two of them

have endured. This, combined with the impact of their mentoring roles, has ensured that conservation gains made during their tenure have not been eroded after their departure.

Rian is currently Project Leader: FZS Serengeti Conservation Project, where he hopes to ensure that enough secure space and transit corridors are available for elephant and wildlife to exist within an increasing human population.



In order to tackle the threats facing Africa's wildlife we need diverse thinking, testing different potential solutions for the challenges ahead. The annual Tusk Awards plays an important role in bringing together many of these different players, cutting across the boundaries of different organisations and creating recognition for people making conservation progress in a large diversity of projects, countries and conservation niches.

Rian said *I had known about the Tusk Awards for some years, and I knew some of the previous recipients, however it never crossed my mind that I would be in line for such an honour!*

Lorna and I had just moved from Zakouma National Park in Chad to Serengeti in Tanzania, when out of the blue one morning Lorna showed me the announcement. We felt guilty that we were not with the team in Zakouma at the time. One learns so much from each working situation; however, for some reason our experience in Zakouma enlightened us in many more ways.

It made us realise how big and diverse this

continent really is, and how important it is that conservation organisations engage with, and support the African governments overseeing large and important ecosystems.

It also showed us that with a positive attitude from both the organisation and individuals, language and cultural barriers can easily be overcome. We hope that through this award many more people will become aware and support the ongoing efforts on the ground

in that little-known country. A portion of the Tusk Award grant has funded Wings for Conservation, a fledgling NGO which will be providing aerial support to the Chadian government for their elephant protection initiative in the west of the country.

We are now back in Tanzania in an ecosystem we

know well. The protection of the free-roaming black rhino population is something very close to our hearts. As the rhino population grows it is a challenge to monitor the all-important outlier individuals moving between the sub-populations and occupying new territories.

The Tusk Award grant has allowed us to establish a mobile rhino tracking unit which can follow and protect these outliers; acquiring a vehicle and field equipment, and providing specialist training in tracking.

We always rely on donors to fund our different operations, but now through a unique partnership with Tusk, we can be a donor ourselves.

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Rian Labuschagne, Winner of the Prince William Award for Conservation in Africa



Tusk Award for Conservation in Africa

WINNER

Brighton Kumchedwa

Brighton Kumchedwa, a passionate and strategic conservationist, has dedicated his life to conserving Malawi's wildlife. He has climbed the ranks of the country's National Parks department from Parks Officer to his current position of Director through sheer hard work and dedication.

It is difficult to prioritise wildlife protection in a low-income country like Malawi but Brighton's openness and vision has secured multiple strategic partnerships to implement large-scale conservation and development programmes.

He was instrumental in negotiating the agreement for African Parks to manage Liwonde and Nkhotakota National Parks, which were suffering from significant poaching and lack of investment. In 2014 Brighton commissioned the region's first Illegal Wildlife

Trade Review. Recognising that Malawi is southern Africa's major illegal wildlife trade route, he worked tirelessly and in less than three years personally secured Presidential commitment to fight wildlife crime; led the



We must work every day to ensure that our wildlife and forests are not lost. The wildlife crisis we are facing is terrifying, but we are in a position to make a difference, before it is too late. That's what I remind myself every day.

development of Malawi's new Wildlife Act (with some of the toughest penalties in Africa) and established the Inter-Agency Committee for Combating Wildlife Crime which has become a model for the region.

Brighton said *Winning the award has been a defining moment in my career. I feel invigorated and full of energy to continue leading the fight against wildlife crime in the country. The award has raised Malawi's profile in this area and is having a significant impact in securing partnerships and funding that will help us continue the fight.*

Recognising the important role of field rangers, part of the grant has been used to provide them with basic field equipment that includes uniforms, boots and sleeping bags. The grant will also assist in creating awareness and enforcing of the revised Wildlife Act. In an effort to strengthen our anti-trafficking work, part of the grant will be used to build the capacity of the wildlife rangers, police, and customs officers, to provide them with additional security at our ports of entry and exit. →



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ISPS Handa was delighted and honoured to be the title partner of the inaugural ISPS Handa Tusk Conservation Symposium, held in Cape Town in October 2017.

The event brought together winners and nominees of the Tusk Conservation Awards from previous years to share knowledge and experience with each other and was immensely successful.



Brighton Kumchedwa, Winner of the Tusk Award for Conservation in Africa

Tusk Award for Conservation in Africa

FINALIST

Nachamada Geoffrey

He's remained steadfast, even through recurrent security challenges, and manages the project almost single-handedly with just a storekeeper and a driver.

Nacha joined Yankari in 2014 on completion of his education. Starting as an intern with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), before long he was responsible for Yankari's rangers including their anti-poaching patrols, training and wildlife monitoring. WCS co-manages the reserve with the Bauchi state government.

Prior to the new arrangement an average of ten elephant carcasses were discovered annually, most believed to have been killed illegally for their ivory. Specialist training has contributed to a major improvement in levels of protection and morale and discipline amongst the rangers has improved under Nacha's supervision.

The introduction of a Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) has helped to

improve the capacity for law enforcement and monitoring. Nacha has trained rangers on its

It was fulfilling to realise that all the hard work, sacrifice and risk I have taken is being appreciated. I have been encouraged to do more and to do it better.

use which has helped to track and manage all anti-poaching activities.

His commitment, and that of his team, has stopped elephant poaching in the reserve. Since May 2015 zero elephant carcasses have been recorded.

Nachamada said *The award meant so much to me personally; I felt so humbled to be recognised as a finalist. However, the rangers celebrated more than I did! They are even more committed knowing that our collective effort is being recognised and appreciated.*

Since the award ceremony, the level of cooperation and respect from the communities surrounding the reserve increased because — according to some of them — we must be doing a great job to be nominated for such an award.

The event was a great opportunity to meet with some incredible people working in different ways and different places to conserve nature all over Africa. My nomination for the award created a platform for our work to be seen and celebrated globally. Many people who had never heard about Yankari now know about it and follow us on social media with keen interest. The award has opened a window for new funding opportunities and networking.

The award grant will help to provide basic kits (uniforms, weaved cardigans and hats, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, torch lights, and blankets) for our rangers who work tirelessly to help protect Yankari's rich biodiversity. Providing the appropriate kits for the rangers will also help to boost their morale.

FINALIST

Serah Munguti

Serah empowers conservation groups in her home country, Kenya, to manage resources sustainably and advocates for changes in policies to support them.

Her outstanding communication and conflict resolution skills combined with her inspired and visionary leadership brought civil society and the government together to participate in an innovative process to develop a strategic land-use plan for the Tana River Delta. Putting people first she has secured the protection of this key wildlife area in Kenya.

Since 2007, Serah has spent her time advocating locally, nationally and internationally for the conservation of the Tana River Delta, Kenya. The Delta is a 130,000 hectare wetlands area rich in natural resources. It supports two endemic primates, 350 bird species and internationally important populations of 22 water birds. It also provides a migration corridor for elephants from Tsavo National Park.

Despite this natural wealth resident pastoralist, farmer and fisher communities (circ. 102,000 people), are amongst the poorest in Kenya

(77% exist on less than US\$ 1.9 a day). When Serah started working in the Delta, communities and biodiversity were seriously threatened by land grabs for large-scale agriculture projects. Conversion of the region seemed inevitable.

It is one thing to think you are moving in the right direction, but it is quite another for other people to cheer you on and tell you that indeed you are.

Serah spearheaded an innovative Land Use Plan (LUP) throughout the region which included the implementation of community livelihoods projects supporting farmers, fishermen, and pastoralists to pilot sustainable production methods. Communities earned in excess of Ksh. 20 million from crop production, honey, fish farming, cattle dips and milk marketing over a two-year period.

Serah said *Being a finalist for the Tusk Award for Conservation in Africa has raised the profile of my work, that of Nature Kenya and other*

partners in Tana River Delta. We knew we were doing something important, but for it to capture global attention was unexpected. It has been a motivation for me.

I will use the Tusk grant to set up a community demonstration on sustainable farming. Over the past five years Tana Delta has become progressively drier. The last time communities harvested crops was in 2014. Escalating poverty goes hand in hand with environmental degradation. To make ends meet many people in Tana Delta have resorted to charcoal production. It has been saddening to watch people in the resource-rich Tana Delta live on relief food while they are more than capable of sustainably producing food.

The time is now, to demonstrate to the community that conservation farming is possible, without converting more and more natural habitats into farmland.

TOP RIGHT Andrew Dunn from 'WCS' with Tusk Conservation Award Finalist, Nachamada Geoffrey
BOTTOM RIGHT Serah Munguti, Tusk Conservation Award Finalist



Tusk Wildlife Ranger Award

JOINT WINNER

Lucky Ndlovu

Sergeant Lucky Ndlovu started his career in the Kruger National Park (KNP) as a general worker. Over the years he has worked his way to the highest rank within the KNP Field Ranger Section, through sheer commitment and perseverance.

In the section of KNP where Lucky is pivotal, poaching levels were reduced by over half during 2016-17. This would not have been achieved without a work ethic and tenacity that goes above and beyond the call of duty.

In July 2016, Lucky and his team were responsible for the apprehension and arrest of their senior officer and his accomplice. On hearing shots and coming across the fresh carcass of a white rhino, Lucky with his team apprehended their supervisor and recovered the rhino horn. Led by Lucky the team showed amazing strength of character, and through their investigative skills deduced where further evidence was hidden which was vital to the case.

Lucky's leadership skills, dedication and high level of integrity were key to the success of this very delicate situation. The case has become one of the highest profile rhino poaching incidents in the history of KNP; it has been reported on internationally, helpfully putting further scrutiny on the illegal rhino horn trade.

Lucky said *Based at Kingfisherspruit Ranger Station my team is responsible for an area of 90,000 hectares. We suffered heavy poaching and over three years we lost 200 rhino, something which I will never forget. But we have had many successes — arresting 66 poachers and recovering 38 rifles. We now work with a dog unit, and have developed a new follow-up method which is making a difference. I cannot work without my dog — he is my best friend.*

I wanted my award to benefit my whole team, and so we have bought two more dogs, plus equipment. My hope is that this will improve our methods of detecting poachers and increase the speed at which follow-ups take place to improve overall success. I grew up in the KNP, where my grandfather and father were field rangers, and I realised from an early age that I wanted to be involved in the conservation of the nature. I know I can make a difference.

Our fathers didn't leave the land like this. They left the rhino for us. Now we have them we must look after them for the next generation.



RIGHT Lucky Ndlovu, Tusk Wildlife Ranger Award, Joint Winner



Tusk Wildlife Ranger Award

JOINT WINNER

Solomon Chidunuka

Solomon Chidunuka has, over the last three decades, shown total dedication to his fieldwork, rising through the ranks of the Zambian Wildlife Authority to his current position of Senior Wildlife Warden. He has gained and maintained the respect of his colleagues, tourism operators, communities, government and conservation NGOs throughout his career and many now consider Solomon the foremost Warden in Zambia.

Solomon is based in the Northern Province of Zambia and is currently Senior Wildlife Warden for Mpika District after serving the Lower Zambezi National Park for thirteen years. Under his leadership the Lower Zambezi area saw the lowest poaching levels on record. In his role as warden and ranger, Solomon displayed exceptional management and

I feel very happy to have become a role model for the next generation of game rangers.

leadership in the oversight of all anti-poaching activities in his respective parks, establishing highly productive intelligence networks which have led to successful convictions of wildlife criminals.

North Luangwa National Park is now under Solomon's supervision, which holds the only population of black rhino in Zambia. He works in close collaboration with the Frankfurt Zoological Society to protect the rhino population and no rhino have been lost under his watch. Over the last year North Luangwa has also seen the establishment of a detection dog unit and the further development of the Investigation and Intelligence Unit.

Solomon said *I am greatly humbled and honoured to be the winner of the Tusk Ranger Award. Little did I realise that the work I was doing was being documented and recognised. Many of the game rangers I have worked with, and those that I am still working with, were delighted and encouraged. Our work is not easy, but my recognition after 27 years has given them the motivation to continue.*

I have used the Award grant to support the protection of North Luangwa National Park's black rhino population to maintain the 'none poached' record. During the rainy season it is vital that the Department of National Parks and Wildlife rhino monitoring and protection officers have access to their overnight camps to the south of the rhino security area in the Park. A culvert bridge over the Maombe river is the highest priority and the grant will fund this construction.

LEFT Solomon Chidunuka, Tusk Wildlife Ranger Award, Joint Winner

HOW TUSK MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The challenges facing the people and wildlife of Africa are greater than ever. However where Tusk is involved we continue to witness significant progress that provides real hope for the future. 2017 produced record results allowing the charity to make a real impact across the continent.

Here are some key facts and figures about how your generous support and partnerships made a difference last year.



Tusk project partner distribution by African region

Africa Wide	4%
Central Africa	6%
Western Africa	5%
Southern Africa	15%
Eastern Africa	46%



Programme funding allocation

Publications & Advocacy	7%
Environmental Education	9%
Community Conservation	29%
Protecting Wildlife & Habitats	55%



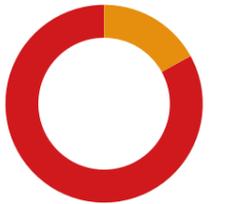
Source of funds

Legacy	1%
Gift Aid	1%
Endowment Income	1%
Corporate	7%
Charitable Trusts	10%
Fundraising/Events	19%
Donations from individuals	61%



Total programme cost ratio

Support & Admin costs	17%
Programme costs	83%



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ALL FOR THE TUSK BALL!

Last November, the Tusk Ball was held at the legendary music venue, The Roundhouse in Camden. Tusk's Royal Patron, The Duke of Cambridge attended and made a moving keynote speech highlighting the issues that the African continent and its people are likely to face in the coming years. →



ABOVE Tim and Victoria Russell with Julia and Michael Parker
BELOW Kate Silverton with Paddy and Melanie Harveson
RIGHT Charlie Mayhew, CEO of Tusk with the Duke and Duchess of Bedford



ABOVE Jack Savoretti and band **BELOW LEFT** Tessa and Rory Bremner **MIDDLE TOP** Julian MacDonald with Rachel Riley and Pasha Kovalev **BOTTOM** Charley and Olivia Boorman



FAR LEFT Deborah Meaden with Mr and Mrs Gordon Buchanan **LEFT** Mikael Andren with Paul and Carolyn Milton and Walter and Frances Kansteiner **BELOW LEFT** Louise Best, Neeta Aktar & Cliff Bonner, Teresa and Stuart Graham, Magdalena de Stefano with Tico and Lesley McNutt

BELOW RIGHT Tusk Awards branded Land Rover **BOTTOM LEFT** Broadcaster, Michael Buerk **BOTTOM MIDDLE** Charlotte Turpin, Martin Bayfield, Dick Turpin, Sophie Pandya and Vivi Turpin **BOTTOM RIGHT** Ben and Marina Fogle



During the evening the 430 guests were treated to a delicious African inspired dinner accompanied by champagne and wines, kindly donated by Justerini & Brooks. That was followed by an exceptionally powerful live performance by singer-songwriter Jack Savoretti and his band, before long-standing Tusk patron, Rory Bremner, gave an impromptu rendition of UK and US politicians past and present.

As MC for the evening, TV presenter and former rugby player, Martin Bayfield, entertained the guests throughout, and as auctioneer helped raise over £400,00 — a fantastic contribution towards Tusk's work.

The event was made all the more spectacular thanks to the incredible images of David Yarrow, who also very generously donated two of his recent works for the live auction.

We are indebted to Tusk Trustee, Deborah Meaden, for all her hard work in organising this wonderful occasion.

Many thanks must also go to our sponsors Land Rover, Artemis Investment Management LLP, ISPS Handa and Lyceum Capital for their continued support. →

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LAST YEAR'S EVENTS

A selection of just some of our money-raising moments.

Pergola On The Roof party

In June last year over 250 of Tusk's Next Generation hit West London's top venue, Pergola On The Roof, for rooftop drinks and street food. 30 exciting silent auction prizes were up for grabs.

The event raised £25,000 with very many thanks to Love Brand & Co and Pergola On The Roof's generous sponsorship of the event. Huge thanks to Oliver Tomalin and Edward Jackson for all their hard work organising this event.

Look out for more details in our Autumn Newsletter about our next party at Christmas.

Tusk 'Not For Sale' Garden

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of The Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens, Tusk collaborated with Ferguson and Whyte Garden Design on the dramatic 'Not For Sale' conceptual garden entry at the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show.

Sited in a prime location, the impact of the (artificial) tusk arches, symbolising the scale of the poaching crisis, was immediate and far-reaching. Under cloudless skies and in high temperatures, over 10,000 Tusk leaflets were handed out to visitors by a team of hard-working volunteers — our sincere thanks to them all.

The garden received national media coverage, including TV billing. Tusk is also very grateful to Katherine Jenkins and Andrew Levitas, Deborah Meaden, Kate Silverton and Levison Wood for lending their support at the event.

Due to the very kind support of the Duke of Bedford, the 'Not For Sale' garden will continue to deliver a powerful message on the plight of the African elephant at a permanent site in Woburn Safari Park from Spring 2018. Don't miss it!

BELOW Tusk 'Not For Sale' Garden at the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show 2017



'Do More For Africa' Competition

With generous support from Avios, Worldwide Experience and the Mantis Group, three winners of a UK online competition established by Avios and Tusk travelled to conservation volunteer placements in Spring 2018. Particular thanks go to the project leaders for their support.

Congratulations to Daniel Borley (Nakavango, Zimbabwe), Emma Westley (Mokolodi, Botswana) and Joself Curry (VulPro, South Africa). Check out their online blogs.

Our special thanks go to Katherine Jenkins OBE for headlining this initiative.



Tusk Conservation Lecture

To a packed audience at London's Royal Geographical Society, Michael Keigwin of Uganda Conservation Foundation and Charles Tumwesigye of Uganda Wildlife Authority gave an uplifting and inspirational account of how their organisations have reversed the fortunes of Uganda's Murchison Falls National Park.

The park's wildlife has doubled over the past 5 years thanks to their commitment and dedication.

LEFT Charlie Mayhew MBE, CEO of Tusk with Katherine Jenkins OBE, Tusk Patron, launching the 'Do More For Africa' competition in 2017
BELOW Charlie Mayhew with Max Gower and Iain Rawlinson at the Land Rover Charity Clay Shoot

BOTTOM A pair of elephant in Uganda's Murchison Falls National Park – part of the doubling of wildlife numbers outlined at the Tusk Conservation Lecture



Land Rover Charity Clay Shoot

Generously sponsored by Land Rover, the fifth Tusk Clay Pigeon Shoot brought together an excellent crowd of Tusk supporters and raised a significant amount for the charity. Guests enjoyed a fun day of sport and hospitality in bright September sunshine.

Land Rover's vehicle display also proved a popular focus this year. In addition to Land Rover, Tusk would like to thank the RBSS, Claude Fenton (Holdings) Ltd, the auction donors and all our guests for their wonderful support.

LoveChristmas Fair

Tusk would like to thank the LoveChristmas Fair Committee for their fantastic support and a tremendous donation of £10,000 following their event at Chester Racecourse. Our thanks to Mrs Jax Comyn for the introduction.





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AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

The Great Rhino Trail

Tusk is delighted to be launching a high-profile sculpture trail in central London. The aim is to highlight the ongoing threat from poaching to the survival of the rhino population in Africa.

Internationally respected artists and designers are being asked to create and design their own rhino. The sculptures will be displayed to the general public at a selection of iconic London sites during August and September and ending with the celebration of World Rhino Day on Saturday the 22nd September.

These unique works of art will then be auctioned in aid of Tusk at an evening hosted by the leading London auction house, Christies, on Tuesday 9th October 2018. The sale will be held on the eve of the International Conference on the Illegal Wildlife Trade that is being hosted by the UK Government on 10 – 11th October.

The trail and auction are being presented with the support of ISPS Handa, Land Rover and Justerini & Brooks.

WHEN August to September.
Auction on Tuesday 9th October

WHERE London's iconic sites. Auction at Christies

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NOVEMBER

LoveChristmas Fair



Please come and support Tusk at the 2018 LoveChristmas Fair in the splendid surroundings of Chester Cathedral.

Our thanks to the LoveChristmas Committee for their continued support.

WHEN Thursday 1st November: 6.30pm – 9.00pm
& Friday 2nd November: 9.00am – 3.00pm

WHERE Chester Cathedral

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OCTOBER

Tusk Conservation Lecture

The annual Tusk Conservation Lecture is once again being kindly sponsored by Artemis Investment Management LLP and Painted Wolf Wines at The Royal Geographical Society, London SW7.

This year, Ted Schmitt (Vulcan Inc, Paul G Allen Philanthropies) will share his experiences of working across Africa during the past five years with wildlife managers, anti-trafficking organisations, and scientists to effectively apply technology and data to Conservation Management.

Ted will take you on a tour of a dozen protected areas in 10 countries he has visited, introducing you to the people who use grit, creativity, and a bit of technology to sustain the remaining wild places and wildlife in Africa.

WHEN Wednesday 17th October

WHERE The Royal Geographical Society

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NOVEMBER

Tusk Conservation Awards

We are very pleased to announce that The Tusk Conservation Awards is returning to the UK again this year.

The 6th Awards ceremony will take place at King James 1's Great Hall, the historic Banqueting House, in Whitehall.

WHEN Thursday 8th November

WHERE Banqueting House, Whitehall, London

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Without these donations, and gifts-in-kind, it would be difficult for Tusk to achieve as much as it does each year in Africa.

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