

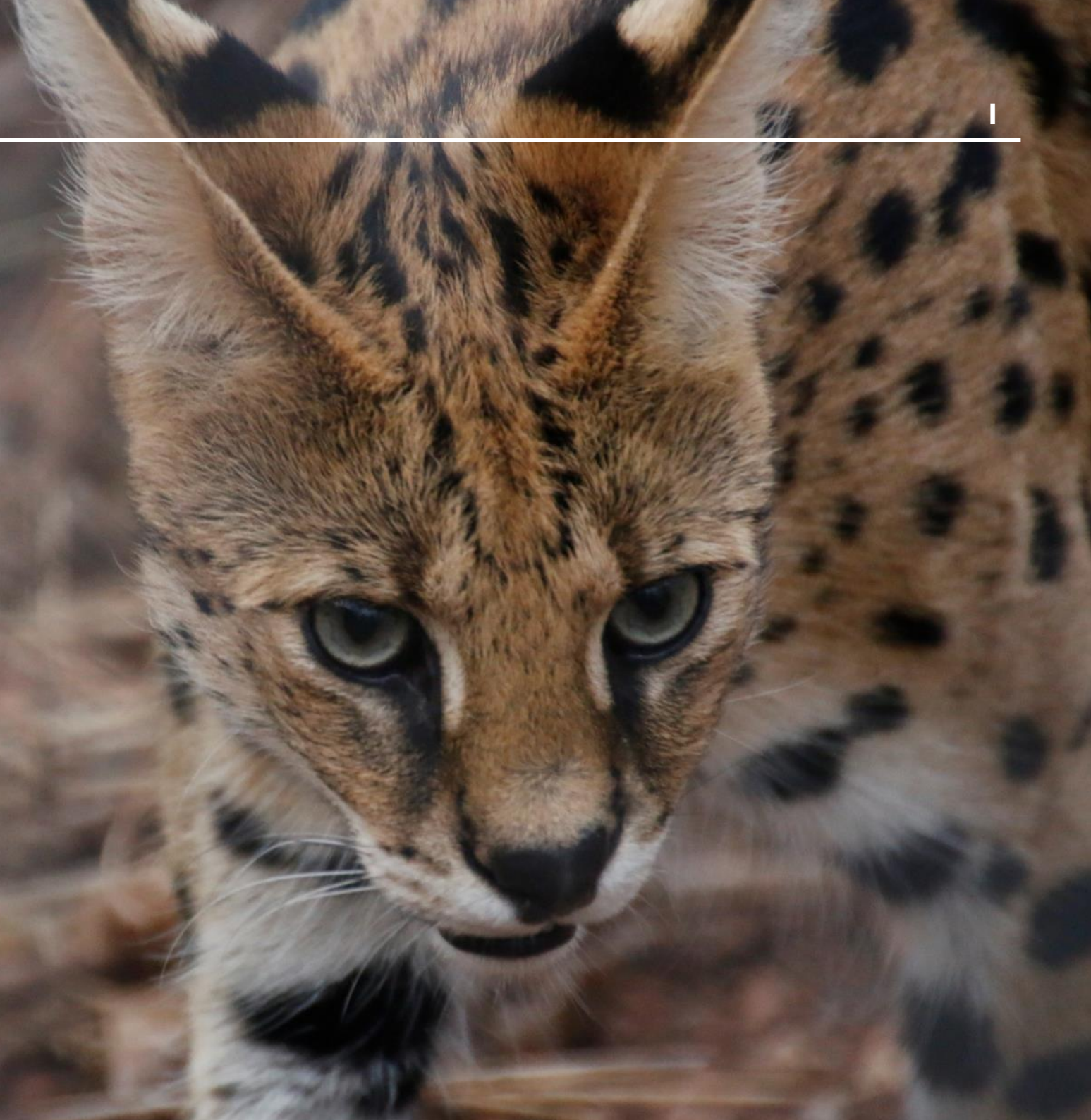


LILONGWE
WILDLIFE TRUST

IMPACT REPORT 2018

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INTRODUCTION

In 2018, the United Nations warned the world that biodiversity loss could result in the extinction of humanity. Sixty per cent of all mammals, birds, fish and reptiles have been lost in less than 50 years, with a species extinction rate 1,000 times higher than before humans dominated the planet.

And yet, in Malawi we remain hopeful. Last year was also the year that this small African nation - one of the world's poorest - was singled out as a shining example at London's landmark Illegal Wildlife Trade Conference. The year that 93% of ivory traffickers who were arrested were sent to prison - with maximum sentences of up to 14 years. The year that wildlife populations rose in flagship national parks, and the Government rejected bids to introduce trophy hunting.

The threats to our environment - illegal wildlife trade, habitat loss and human-wildlife conflict - are largely human-driven. But so are the solutions. We believe passionately that change is possible through collaboration, creativity and tenacity.

To all of those individuals and organisations who have supported our work - a huge thank you. We hope you enjoy reading our 2018 Impact Report and we look forward to achieving even more together next year.



- Our award-winning sanctuary helped to rescue 90 animals, supported the rehabilitation of a total of 278 animals and released 35 individuals back into the wild.
- The Wildlife Emergency Response Unit responded to 45 call-outs and conducted 51 field procedures on 10 different species, including lions, elephants, zebras, giraffes and rhinos. Procedures included removing snares, performing health checks, and capturing itinerant animals and returning them to safe locations. The unit also assisted park managers with collaring a number of animals, primarily elephants, in order to monitor their movements as part of efforts to address human-wildlife conflict.
- Our team of wildlife veterinarians and rehabilitation experts delivered specialist training to 76 local and international students.
- We developed plans for a major redevelopment of the Lilongwe Wildlife Centre to improve our animal welfare facilities and enhance the educational experience for visitors.
- A 6-part television series was commissioned for launch in the UK and US in September 2019.



90

| rescues



278

| animals
supported by
our sanctuary



179

| veterinary
procedures
(clinical & field)



35

| releases

- 15 new regulations were introduced under the National Parks & Wildlife Act, significantly strengthening legal protection for wildlife, in addition to new legal tools such as mutual legal assistance and sentencing guidelines for wildlife crime.
- We launched Malawi's first Wildlife Detection Dog Unit in partnership with Malawi Police Service (MPS) and the Department of National Parks & Wildlife (DNPW). Our team of eleven handlers were deployed nationwide at airports, border posts and key checkpoints.
- Support has continued for law enforcement and judicial processes in Malawi:
 - DNPW and MPS arrested 100 wildlife traffickers and seized over 350kg of ivory, bringing the total amount of ivory seized over the last two years to 1336kg. This included the arrest of a notorious Zambian ivory trafficker for trafficking 17 pieces of raw ivory weighing over 40kg.
 - Average sentences increased to 4.5 years (compared to 0.7 before the establishment of the units in 2016) and 93% of all wildlife crime cases undergoing court monitoring or public-private prosecution resulted in a custodial conviction. The maximum sentence passed was 14 years.



100

traffickers arrested



350

kg seized ivory



93%

Custodial
conviction rate

- A proposal to introduce trophy hunting in one of Malawi's protected areas was firmly rejected by the Government, following LWT-led lobbying that included an online petition. Over 3,500 signatures were collected in its first 48 hours.
- As Secretariat for the Malawi Parliamentary Conservation Caucus, we:
 - Ran a high-level engagement programme to drive the expediting of the new Forestry Act. The contentious legislation was finally passed by Cabinet for presentation in Parliament.
 - Initiated a government-sanctioned anti-corruption review of the wildlife, forestry and fisheries sector in partnership with the Anti-Corruption Bureau (due for publication in May).
 - Helped the Environmental Affairs Department to secure high-level parliamentary support for the plastics ban. Gained in-principle approval for banning plastic water bottles in Parliament.
 - Secured agreement for a full-time LWT presence in Parliament's research department, dedicated to conservation and natural resource issues for all committees.



4,562

signatures on petition
against trophy hunting



34

active Caucus
MP members



208

participants at MPCC
case review hearings

- Over 37,500 children from 365 schools participated in our education programmes nationwide.
- Our Stop Wildlife Crime campaign was re-positioned to sensitise rural audiences on new legislation, through a mix of radio, pedal-powered cinemas and street theatre. A new wildlife crime hotline was launched and a premiere league football team recruited as campaign ambassadors. Several schools organised wildlife crime rallies, one of which was attended by over 1,500 community members.
- We commissioned research to create an 'ecological consciousness score' for Malawi to inform behaviour change campaigns and measure their effectiveness.
- We continued to support small-scale, sustainable livelihood initiatives, including adult literacy, afforestation and beekeeping programmes, and a snare wire jewellery cooperative.



37,561

children received
environmental education



365

schools engaged



42,232

trees planted

- The Malawi Wildlife Research Institute - opened in Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve in partnership with DNPW - has had a successful first year.
 - 147 elephants individually identified, allowing for better monitoring of population health.
 - 49 species caught on camera traps thanks to a citizen-scientist collaboration, providing us with the first photographic evidence of some flagship species within Vwaza, including lions, servals and caracals.
 - 2 elephants collared (plus one in Namizimu Forest Reserve) allowing us to assess elephant movement and help mitigate human-wildlife conflict.
- Research on the distribution of Blue Monkey populations across Malawi found sub-species that had not previously been recorded in the country.
- Our 'Clinical Projects in One Health' programme continued to build data sets to explore links between wildlife, human and domestic animal health.



10

active research projects

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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In our last financial year, \$2,092,897 was raised for Malawi-based conservation initiatives, thanks to the support and generosity of donors and partners.

Direct project costs accounted for 89% of our spend with 11% on administration/core costs.

For full audited accounts please contact trust@lilongwewildlife.org.

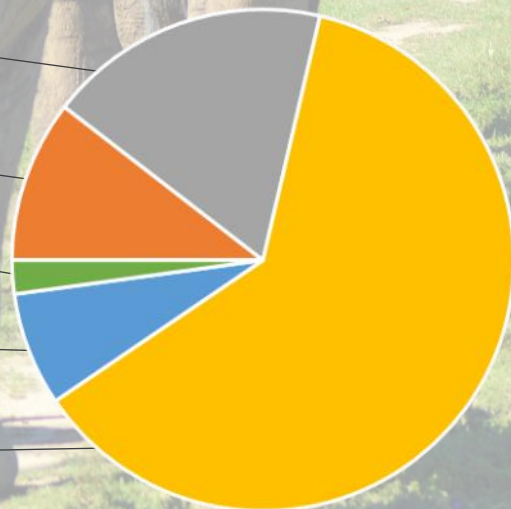
Rescue & welfare: 18%

Core costs: 11%

Research: 2%

Education: 7%

Justice & advocacy: 62%



Audited expenditure breakdown, 1/4/17 - 31/3/18

| DONORS

Born Free Foundation, DEFRA, Elephant Crisis Fund, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, GIZ Partnership, ICCF, IFAW, INL, International Primate Society, Lion Recovery Fund, Malawi Environmental Endowment Trust, Nyika-Vwaza Trust, Oak Foundation, Olsen Animal Trust, PASA, Perivoli Trust, Stichting AAP, Tusk Trust, USAID, USFWS, Paul Allen Family Foundation, Rosemarie Nathanson Charitable Trust, World Bank Global Environment Foundation, Wildcat Foundation.

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| Government Agency Partners

Dep't of National Parks & Wildlife, Dep't of Forestry, Dep't of Education, Malawi Police Service, Dep't of Public Prosecutions, Office of President & Cabinet.

AWARDS & ACCREDITATIONS



Lilongwe Wildlife Trust is a member of the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature), the Malawi representative for the Species Survival Network and the Secretariat for the Malawi Parliamentary Conservation Caucus. Lilongwe Wildlife Centre is the only sanctuary to hold accreditations from the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA) and Born Free Foundation's PAW initiative.

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Malawi Wildlife Trust is registered with the UK Charity Commission (No. 1176185).



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