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From the Chairman

To all our members, donors and supporters, I hope the winter blues are fading as we get a sneak peak of spring, even if it is somewhat early!



Obviously without your support we wouldn't be able to undertake the work we do and we have been busy as you will read.



In this edition we have great updates from our supported projects in Zambia and Zimbabwe, Patrons Bradley Trevor Greive and Simon Reeve plus other great stories on recent developments and events.



Breaking news as we go to print is that after the recent successful an evening with Simon Reeve held at Perth Zoo, we were able to raise enough funds to help support the



Geoff Hoddy's 60th Birthday Celebrations by Angela Lemon

On Sunday 3 August, John and I were invited to share a very special milestone with PDC Inc long term supporter and personal friend – Geoff Hoddy!



Geoff held his 60th Birthday celebrations at the Brisbane Hotel, Perth with family and friends, and in lieu of presents asked guests to donate to PDC Inc.



The generosity of everyone in attendance resulted in over \$2000 raised. Thank you Geoff for your ongoing commitment to PDC Inc!



Funds raised will be going to the Zambian Carnivore Programme field projects.



purchase of a vehicle for Dr Rosemary Groom from the African Wildlife Conservation Fund, Zimbabwe. We will feature the vehicle in a coming newsletter.

Big thanks again to Daniel Scarparolo who assists me in editing and producing the newsletter. Dan is still in Canada with his partner, so yet another international collaboration to produce the newsletter.

In addition, I would like to wish a Happy 60th Birthday to a great mate and supporter of PDC Inc. Geoff Hoddy!

Thank you all!

Regards

John
Chairman PDC Inc.



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African Painted Dog Conference Chicago 2014

by Angela Lemon

In 2011, John was invited by Pittsburgh Zoo to attend the very first Painted Dog Conference to represent PDC Inc.

Needless to say, John was thrilled with this opportunity to not only be able to share the success of PDC Inc with an International audience, but to further develop important contacts.

In March this year, John was contacted by Brookfield Zoo in Chicago, where this year's conference was to be held. John was once again invited to be a guest speaker at the event, and his airfare, accommodation and other costs would be covered by Brookfield Zoo. A big thank you to Chicago Zoological Society and conference organiser Christina Gorsuch and her fabulous team!

John joined 60 fellow colleagues from Tuesday 29 April until Friday 2 May at Brookfield Zoo in Chicago, and was proud to represent PDC Inc. and Australia at this event! The majority of speakers provided an overview about husbandry, training and other captive issues facing Painted Dogs at their facilities in America and the UK.

John was one of only four speakers who presented about field work with Painted Dogs in the wild. It was a privilege to meet and to be in the same arena as world famous Dr John 'Tico' McNutt, who has been working in Botswana for over 20 years, and in addition meeting Dr Amy Dickman from Tanzania, and to also reconnect with Dr Greg Rasmussen from Zimbabwe

who John spent many years working with.

John entertained the crowd with his Australian accent, updates on what PDC Inc has achieved over the last years and where we are headed in the future.

Apart from Brookfield Zoo, we visited as many Zoological institutions as we could –this included the Lincoln Park Zoo (also in Chicago), the amazing Shedd Aquarium (Chicago), The Smithsonian Natural History Museum, National Geographic Institute and National Zoo (Washington) and the Bronx and Central Park Zoos in New York.

We hope that in some way, John's attendance at the conference further encouraged people to become even more passionate about Painted Dogs, their current plight and how we can all make a difference to ensure they survive for future generations.



Tech Talk

Often referred to as unmanned aerial vehicles, or UAVs, drones are most commonly associated with military operations, and their civilian use has, until recently, been limited almost entirely to collecting scientific data, monitoring crops, tracking down criminals and observing forest fires and disaster areas. In the last few years, however, conservationists have begun to develop UAVs to survey wildlife; monitor deforestation and help park rangers locate poachers before apprehending them on foot. I believe the tool could revolutionize the way conservation is done in many countries, slashing the costs of monitoring large, rugged areas and, ultimately, better protecting wildlife from threats.

Drones can cover large areas of coastline or national parks that rangers cannot manage on foot, monitoring poaching and the animals' movements and also documenting evidence.

Putting a camera in the air, having live telemetry and thermal and day cameras feeding back to your operations is enormously valuable. It means you use fewer resources; you spend less time flailing around in the bush after things that may not be there. You

can identify targets. You can track targets when you've identified them. It's a marvelous tool.

Conservation Drones are autonomous and operator-friendly unmanned aerial vehicles for surveying and mapping forests and biodiversity. They are able to fly pre-programmed missions autonomously for a total flight time of up to ~50 minutes and over a distance of ~25 km. Depending on the camera system installed, these drones can record videos at up to 1080 pixel resolution, and acquire aerial photographs of <10 cm pixel resolution. Aerial photographs can be stitched together to produce near real-time geo-referenced land use/cover maps of surveyed areas.

With the continuous generosity from Life Members Geoff and Kim Hoddy, they recently supplied PDC Inc. with two training Quadcopters that will be utilized by our field projects.

Staff will train with the Quadcopters on the finer points of drone flight and surveillance in preparation for stepping up to the more expensive units.

Thanks once again to Geoff and Kim!

John Lemon





An Evening with Simon Reeve

PDC Inc. was honoured to host "An Evening with Simon Reeve" at the Perth Zoo Lecture Theatre on the 24th June, 2014.

With over 100 people in attendance to meet and greet our newest Patron, it was a successful night indeed!

Simon entertained the crowd with stories and adventures from his time in Botswana, further inspiring people to pack their bags and go to Africa!!! John also gave an update of PDC Inc.'s latest activities and fundraising efforts, including his recent attendance at the "International Painted Dog Conference" in Chicago

"Ripeart" Catering provided beautiful refreshments for guests, in addition to South African "Painted Wolf Wine" being served.

Auction items included handcrafted Soapstone from Zimbabwe, Snare Ware jewellery from "Mulberry Mongoose" from Zambia, Elephant Spray Paintings from the Perth Zoo elephants, assorted Original African oil paintings by Zimbabwean Artist and the magnificent "Painted Lady" from Australian Artist Steve Morvell.

We would like to thank Life Member Peter Cliff for travelling from Adelaide to be with us on the night, and also to Wayne Hamilton, committee member for travelling from Melbourne.

Thank you to all Members that attended-as a result, the funds raised from the night have allowed PDC Inc to provide a vehicle to Rosemary Groom of the AWCF in Zimbabwe!



Above left: Simon during the auction. Above right: Alyson Handfield serving wine at the event.

Patron Update from Simon Reeve

I just want to say a huge thank you to all the people who took time out mid-week on a chilly winters' night in Perth to come along and hear my first talk as an ambassador and patron for Ange and John and their marvellous little organisation.

As I said on the night, talking about Africa is not work for me at all.

I love it. If I can't be there, then talking about it with people who are equally passionate about Africa is the next best thing. I'm always heartened by the fact that there are so many people out there who really do care about what happens, not just to the future for wild dogs, but also the African continent.

There were Australians, Zimbabweans, and South Africans in the audience that night and I think

together, especially with the knowledge and experience that the African Aussies bring to the table; we really can make a difference in the years ahead. Great causes need champions. The dogs have their champions in John and Ange and anything we can do to help them is critical to maintaining healthy numbers of wild dogs in the wild.

To help protect and conserve the land on which they run and hunt, the very best way is to go to Africa yourself.

So long as wild-life can pay for itself through tourism and photographic safaris, those great spaces will stay safe.

Thanks again everyone and I look forward to when we can do it again soon.

Cheers and as they say in South Africa, Go well.

New Collars and Vehicle for AWCF

by Rosemary Groom

Painted Dog Conservation Inc recently funded a significant number of collars for our Painted Dog conservation project in the Zimbabwean lowveld. In addition, they very kindly helped us out with a critical need for a new vehicle. Our current field vehicle is very unreliable, severely hampering our field work and rendering us reliant on lifts from others for any town trips. The new one – which we'll be buying next month in Harare – will make a huge difference to the efficiency of our work.

We've managed to deploy three of the new collars so far (see photos) and have specific packs targeted for the remaining ones. The denning season is coming to an end, so hopefully we'll be able to get the collars onto these outstanding packs as soon as they leave the den and we find them somewhere accessible. The collars will provide extremely useful information as to the ranging behaviour and space use of the packs as well as helping us to closely monitor the vulnerable packs that often move into human-settled areas. The maps for two packs shown here show restricted movements as it's all been within the denning season when the pups are confined to a den. We look forward to seeing how their ranges expand as the pups grow and the packs resume their wide-ranging nature!



Top: Batanai pack pups. Bottom: Our field vehicle!

Painted Dog Pack Adoption in Zimbabwe

by Sandie Suchet-Pearson

Just over a year ago we were lucky enough to be back in Hwange NP – after way too long a break (13 years!!), and what a pleasure to be able to share this magic spot with our three children, Kai (9), Rhian (7) and Cadan – who turned 5 at Masuma Dam!

Not only were we welcomed back by a quick spotting of 8 Painted dogs below Sinamatela but we then saw a pack of five Painted dogs right by Main Camp – including coming across them just finishing off a tasty meal of impala on the Bala Bala loop.

Painted dogs have ALWAYS been Kai's favourite animal and so we had to visit the Painted Dog Conservation Centre. We were blown away by the amazing work done at the centre, all the information about the painted dogs and most of all by the work being done with the local communities. It's wonderful to see car loads of children from local schools – wide eyed and so excited – connecting with the animals, birds and landscapes of Hwange.

Kai had his 10th birthday back in Australia in March and asked all his friends to give him a small amount of money in lieu of presents. He raised \$250 and donated it all to Painted Dog Conservation, adopting the Nyamandhlovu pack and keeping an eye on what they get up too – he can't wait to hear how Sock's current litter of tiny little pups are going!



Time, Space and Lungfish Patron Update Bradley Trevor Greive

Greetings fellow PDC Inc members and supporters – I hope the last six months have been kind to you, though not to such a degree that you have become emotionally pudgy and have wrapped your loins in the tracksuit pants of complacency and thus feel inured to the drama and urgency of PDC's vital goals. After an excellent start to 2014 it is important that we hit our stride at the halfway point so that we can finish the year strongly.

For much of this year I've been in the wilds of Alaska's Alexander Archipelago tracking giant brown bears for an upcoming book. In the process I've encountered some extraordinary sights, including this furry colossus



But I'll save my exciting bear stories, explain the complex Tlingit burial rituals and reveal what a seal tastes like in an upcoming issue of the PDC Inc newsletter. For now, I want to talk about Australian Lungfish.

I mention this curious aquatic creature because I took time out to visit the famous Shedd Aquarium in Chicago on my way home, during which I was reacquainted with the oldest known Lungfish on the planet; appropriately known as 'Granddad'.

Seen in the top of this photo, this beautiful, blotchy behemoth first arrived in Chicago for the 1933 World's Fair (as a mature fish!) and now holds the longevity record for his kind, and indeed all marine animals in any of the world's many aquariums. The experience of seeing Granddad up close, silently adrift in his own thoughts, is always calming and strangely



reassuring, and thus is always at the top of my 'must do list' whenever I set foot in 'The Windy City'.

But the seemingly dreamlike state of these rare and wholly unique creatures and my fleeting perception of time as being an infinitely elastic pair of comfy underpants is completely at odds with what is going on in the world of Painted Dogs, and indeed with the many species whose survival depends upon our efforts.

Not only will few of us live as long as an Australian Lungfish, the fact is that time is no substitute for energy. Saving endangered species is not something you chip away at - but rather it is a desperate challenge to be tackled with relentless creativity and vigour.

With some great fundraising events and plenty of terrific field work already behind us, 2014 has been a strong year thus far and, with your help, we can keep this going.

Here's the bottom line: Time is not on our side - You are.

Please renew your PDC Inc membership and invite at least two friends to join you at the next event with a view to their signing up as well. Also please get in touch with Angela and John and ask how you can use your skills and energy to help keep the good work going.

Cheers!

Bradley Trevor Greive AM
Founding Patron
Painted Dog Conservation Inc

South Luangwa Conservation Society Update

by Rachel McRobb

2013 was arguably one of the worst years for snaring in South Luangwa, much less the rest of the country.

The Government's sudden decision to withdraw the tender process for the 2013 hunting concessions left Game Management Areas with no backup plan.

Community Resource Boards and Village Scouts were suddenly left with no resources to conduct anti-poaching patrols or any other community conservation and development programs.

In most parts of Zambia GMA's have effectively become open areas with little or no law enforcement presence.

Luckily in South Luangwa, SLCS with support from partners such as PDC Inc., has been able to reduce the impact by increasing scout patrols and reacting quickly and effectively to incidences of snared wildlife.

2014 looks as though snaring will match 2013. Luckily in April 2014, SLCS received a grant from PDC Inc. via Perth Zoo to continue supporting our Painted dog anti-snaring work in South Luangwa.

PDC Inc. has been funding SLCS for the past six years and continues to be one of our most important donors and project partners.

Our work in 2014 so far has involved rigorously addressing poaching by increasing the number of patrols in the field, increasing the bonus structure for recoveries and arrests, conducting aerial surveillance of the park and monitoring of patrols, improving scout equipment and supporting our wildlife veterinary unit.

Our collaborative work with the Zambia Carnivore Programme allows us to continue to keep a close and watchful eye on the dogs denning in ZCP's extensive study area.

Always a crucial time for Painted dogs, denning season is the time of year that is potentially most dangerous for dogs if they decide to den in an area where snaring levels are high.

Through ZCP's monitoring and tracking of collared packs using valuable aerial and ground surveillance, we are able to keep close tabs on dog movements and ensure regular anti-snaring patrols take place to keep dogs safe from the dreaded wire snares.

So far, SLCS anti-snaring patrols have already removed close to one thousand snares from the bush.

Sadly two Painted dogs were snared and perished during the wet season due to their remote location and inaccessibility to reach them.

A third snared dog was reported in April this year and in a combined effort by SLCS, ZCP and ZAWA we were able to immobilize him and remove the snare. ZCP has monitored his recovery and he is doing exceptionally well.

Our joint SLCS / ZCP wildlife vet continues to conduct outstanding work in immobilizing and removing snares from a wide range of species and has quickly become a valuable and essential member of our team.

We are always grateful and sincerely indebted to PDC Inc. for their amazing ability to mobilize funds and awareness of our work in Zambia.



Top and above: snared African Painted Dog.

Update from Chipembele

by Anna and Steve Tolan

This year we have been putting extra emphasis on encouraging, inspiring and developing our students as future conservation leaders. It is an increasingly global world and our students are embracing the wider opportunities that are offered to them with much enthusiasm and huge appreciation.

The Zambia to Australia (Z to A) Exchange was our most adventurous trip ever... and what a brilliant success it was! After a rigorous selection procedure, six boys and four girls from Mfuwe Day Secondary School flew to Australia in April this year with four members of Chipembele staff. The trip was the return half of an exciting Conservation Education Partnership with Monarto Zoo Education Department and Pulteney Grammar School in Adelaide.

It is thought to be the first student programme of its kind where two conservation organisations from across the globe partnered up with a common goal to inspire and foster future conservation leaders. The three-week programme began with our students linking back up with the Australian students who visited here in 2013. They then worked, lived and learned alongside each other, immersing themselves in each other's cultures, recognising and accepting both the similarities and differences, participating in hands-on conservation activities and programmes, engaging in close-up experiences with Australian native animals and building transferable skills in conservation and leadership.

Chipembele has also entered an exciting partnership with the Zambia Carnivore Programme to form the Chipembele-ZCP Scholarship Scheme. The scheme is aimed at sponsoring bright and hardworking students from the South Luangwa area, who have also shown a keen interest in conservation, to attend college and pursue studies in conservation or wildlife related fields.

This year we have sponsored George Banda and Stanley Mwanza (who were both once sponsored through school by Chipembele) to attend the Southern African Wildlife College in South Africa. They are participating in a 6 month 'Conservation and Environmental Education' course. The feedback from the course facilitators so far is excellent and George and Stanley are simply having the time of their lives!

We are very proud to have so much support from Australia and are thrilled to report that our interpretive room is finally undergoing a major professional refit by an Australian couple, Janette and John Moore. Janette is a graphic designer and professional artist from Adelaide Zoo and spent 5 months in 2013 designing a whole series of interpretation panels and interactive features for the room. It was hundreds of hours of unpaid work. Janette and Johnny flew to Zambia at the end of May 2014, their first ever visit to Africa. They are staying at Chipembele for seven weeks to 'put the room together'. They have been working tirelessly every day since then, all entirely voluntarily. The new room will be focussed on South Luangwa National Park, its unique ecosystems and the ever increasing threats to the habitats and wildlife that our education programme is addressing.



Top: Zambia to Australia (Z to A) Exchange students. Above: Work on a new interpretation room at Chipembele.



Zambian Carnivore Programme Update

by Matt Becker

Dear PDC Inc. Supporters,

It's another busy season in Zambia, and one of the best times of the year of course—Painted Dog denning season! This year looks to be a pivotal one as the management of nearly 170,000 km² of Game Management Areas in Zambia is still uncertain. The land was previously managed largely for trophy hunting but with the Jan. 2013 ban it is unclear what the way forward is for the massive areas that provide critical habitat and connectivity between protected areas and transfrontier populations of large carnivores and their prey. One thing that is clear is that these areas need wildlife-based economies to persist, and ZCP is working closely with ZAWA and stakeholders to help ensure this, as the alternative is poaching and human encroachment.

As always with an update to PDC Inc. we have a diverse array of news items given that PDC Inc. supports such a diverse array of our work. This year we were particularly blessed with support from you all in the form of an additional vehicle and plenty of badly-needed vehicle spares in addition to an array of other items; as always dog work and our work on other large carnivores takes its toll on the field vehicles and we are extremely grateful for PDC Inc.'s generosity.

Thanks again to everyone who has continued to make this support possible and we'll keep you posted on the season! All the best, Matt

Dog numbers strong in the Luangwa for 2014

Despite the tragic loss of the alpha female and several

subordinate dogs to snares in the late wet season, the 2014 season looks to be one of the best to date for Painted dogs, with 7 packs in the intensive study area at the moment and a number of dispersing groups (one of which recently swam the croc-infested Luangwa river in the late rains to access potential mates!). In addition reports and data from North Luangwa National Park continue to indicate a good population of dogs in that area, as well as frequent dispersals between both parks and the GMAs, with the alpha female of one of NL's main packs originating as a disperser from South Luangwa. Provided we can keep snaring under control (as it remains the primary cause of mortality for dogs) the prospects for Luangwa's Painted dogs look good.

Three Liuwa Lion cubs thriving in the new pride

After over a decade of no cubs and no lion prides in



Main: Sepo and the three cubs. Above: Luangwa Painted dogs

Liuwa we are thrilled to report that three cubs (two females, one male) were born into the Liuwa pride in late December, 2013. The mother, Sepo (Lozi for 'hope'), was one of two young females translocated from Zambia's Kafue National Park in 2011, and she has bonded strongly with Lady, who has been dutifully fulfilling her aunt role! With the addition of these youngsters we expect big changes in the carnivore dynamics in the years to come, as well as changes in the frequency and diet of the Liuwa lions to accommodate the additional mouths to feed!

PDC Inc. Bike Hits 23,000 km in Liuwa

In June 2011 we hit a low point in Liuwa vehicles were down to one motorbike with which to do work. As usual PDC Inc. sprang into action and provided ZCP emergency funds to purchase and transport another Yamaha AG 200 bike to Liuwa (no small task!), allowing us to continue our work. This bike, combined with a load of badly-needed bike parts from PDC Inc. through Five-Star Yamaha in Perth, has kept our crews out in the field continuing our carnivore and wildebeest work for the last several years. This month the PDC Inc. bike's odometer rolled over to 23,000 km, an average of over 7,500 km/season, all off-road in the bush and sand tracks of Liuwa, often in water throughout the rains. Such a field effort is a testament to the amount of work our Liuwa crews have been putting in, and to the value of PDC Inc.'s support!

The new PDC Inc. Land Rover arrives in Kafue

Next to the Luangwa, the Kafue is our second-most rugged landscape to work in, and thus suitable vehicles that can endure the wear and tear of multiple seasons are a must. This year PDC Inc. provided the Kafue project with a huge addition—a rebuilt 300 tdi Land Rover perfect for our work and just in time for wild dog denning season! The team is thrilled to have this new vehicle and it has been put to good use immediately as we continue our long-term large carnivore work in Zambia's largest national park and in its largest wild dog population.

PDC Inc. Assists in Publication of New ZCP Human Encroachment Study

While the massive amounts of GMA land in Zambia looks great for wildlife and wildlife-based economies on paper, the actual scenario on the ground is cause for concern. Human encroachment and land



ZCP Researcher Teddy Mulenga and the trusty PDC Inc. Yamaha AG 200

conversion for agriculture and charcoal has long been recognized as a serious threat to the viability of the country's GMAs, however the rate and extent of this threat has been poorly described and poorly understood.

In 2014 ZCP published a study in the scientific journal *Regional Environmental Change* entitled "Assessing Human Encroachment Trends in Protected Area Networks Using Land Use Change Data: Implications for Large Carnivore Conservation." Using novel remote sensing analytical techniques the study found sobering statistics on land conversion, with the Luangwa valley and Kafue collectively losing 18 hectares of land per daylight hour to encroachment. Given that these areas comprise the largest populations of large carnivores in the country and are part of two transfrontier conservation areas, these trends are of serious concern and ZCP is currently working with ZAWA and stakeholders to address them. PDC Inc. support for the fieldwork and vehicles used in this study was as usual of key importance.



The new Kafue land rover courtesy of PDC Inc.

African Wildlife Conservation Fund in 2014

It is hard to believe we are already in June of the New Year, but wow what a busy past six months it has been! As we, the AWCF team, strive to reach our goals for this year we would like to share some of our conservation highs and progress thus far, made possible only by the generous support of individuals such as yourself! Have a look through the couple of pages below to see what your funds, and very valued support, is helping to achieve, and thank you for helping make our conservation aspirations a reality.

As always, don't forget to visit our website, join us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, and subscribe to our blog to receive more regular updates on our work!

Denning Season is Well Underway!

Our scouts have worked flat out to locate the dens of eight of our 11 focal packs in Savé Valley Conservancy, and are hot on the heels of the others! Mapura pack has stayed loyal to Chishakwe, and even though their den is in an awkward location for viewing, they are frequently sighted hunting on the airstrip. Splinters pups emerged a month ago totalling 13 in number, and Batanai pack seem to have close to 10 or 11 pups (an accurate count still needs to be obtained). The rest of the packs' pups are due to emerge shortly, so keep an eye on our Facebook page for regular updates and plenty of photos!

Collars Fitted for Long-Term Monitoring

Last year we lost five of our collared dogs to lion attacks and wire-snaring. This severely impacted our monitoring and research capabilities so we are very pleased to have collared four dogs from three different packs over the last few months!

Collaring events are always a great learning opportunity for our scouts and attachment students!

Schools Education and Community Outreach Goes From Strength To Strength.

Victor Chibaya, our Community Liaison Officer, has hit the academic ground running this year and the few photos below barely do his efforts justice! Old and young have gathered in school classrooms and community halls to listen to what Victor has to say about AWCF, African painted dogs and conservation in general. His wildlife DVD's (especially for children who have never even seen a TV) are a phenomenal

way to reach children with our message, and the mobile library books are utilised at a rapid rate as community members stream in to learn more about nature, wildlife and their role in conservation!

Our Scout Unit Grows in Capacity!

Moffat Nerwanda is our newest addition to the team, and was employed as a scout and tracker in April 2014. He was recruited by our head scout, Rueben Bote, and shows an eagerness to learn and genuine interest in the natural world. We believe with time, and training, he will develop into an astute tracker and a real asset to the team!

With an extra scout in the north of the conservancy, Misheck (our senior scout), has relocated to the south. This will enable more efficient and hands-on monitoring of our resident packs throughout the conservancy with additional conservation benefits for the species.

Painted Dog Conservation In Gonarezhou National Park

The late, and heavy, rains this year made getting stuck into the field a little harder than usual, but very little slows down AWCF head scout, Rueben Bote. Rueben is tracking painted dog packs and locating dens, and following up on AWCF's Predator Project work in Gonarezhou National Park; one of the key wildlife areas of the Zimbabwean portion of the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area, and one of our focal study sites!

Rueben has already located three painted dog dens and picked up activity for plenty more packs. Rueben is also helping to train rangers in the Park about spoor tracking and research skills, and his increased presence within the Park will undoubtedly result in improved research and conservation outputs.

Looking Ahead

Over the next six months we look forward to watching the newly born pups grow and become integral members of their pack. We hope for a successful denning season, and look forward to the culmination of one attachment student's time with us, and to welcoming a new one. We hope to be able to strengthen our current conservation projects and strive to be ever more active on the transfrontier scale, extending our efforts to other key wildlife areas within the Zimbabwean Lowveld.



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Conservation through action and education

Would You Like To Help?

Our supported projects do NOT receive any government funding and is wholly reliant on donations to continue its operations.

The key factor in retaining the workers from the local communities – both skilled and unskilled who are classed as staff – is to have sufficient funding available to pay them a reasonable wage.

Please consider a donation for the work to continue.

All donations received are put without deduction to the benefit of the African Painted Dog.

The Object of the Association is:

To advance conservation for the public benefit of the African Painted Dog, (also referred to as a Wild Dog) *Lycaon pictus*, through education promoting and disseminating research into such conservation and seeking to achieve their sustainable management.

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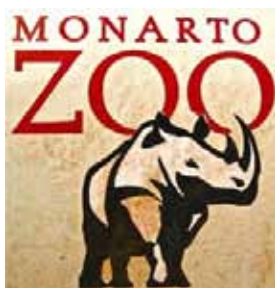
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