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Tsavo Conservation Group Applauds Senate Committee Passage of Wildlife Poaching Bill

Today, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee passed legislation that will provide a tremendous boost to countries, wildlife services and non-governmental organizations efforts to fight the growing threat of wildlife poaching and trafficking. The bill will establish a situation analysis and strategic plan in each country of the threats to wildlife and the domestic capacity to address wildlife poaching and trafficking.

“We are facing an urgent wildlife crisis, and this bill is vital to ensuring that efforts in countries fighting poachers are coordinated and successful. The bill would help countries develop a strategic plan on threats and capacity to address wildlife poaching and trafficking” said Ian Saunders, Chief Operations Officer of the Tsavo Conservation Group. “We thank Senate Foreign Relations Committee for their leadership to address the growing challenge of wildlife poaching and illegal trafficking and look forward to Senate passage in the near future.”

The Tsavo Conservation Group is based in the Tsavo area of southeastern Kenya. At 16,000 square miles, the Greater Tsavo area is the largest and most important intact natural ecosystem with fresh water supplies and hosts Kenya’s largest elephant population, which is close to 12,000 elephants.

The group’s mission is to secure the area for the benefit of wildlife and people, through innovation, partnership and stewardship. TCG is focused on building the capacity of communities to manage their own land, wildlife and natural resources to implement their own community governance frameworks, enterprises and infrastructure. This ‘Stabilization Through Conservation’ approach has proven successful: over the last 17 months, no elephants have been poached in a 1.2 million-acre area.

Learn more about the Tsavo Conservation Group at www.tsavocon.org