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IMPACT REPORT

SPACE FOR
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OUR INTEGRATED APPROACH

EVERYWHERE IT OPERATES, SPACE FOR GIANTS COMBINES THE SAME ACTIVITIES TO PROTECT ELEPHANTS AND THEIR HABITATS, WHILE DEMONSTRATING THE VALUE BOTH CAN BRING.

PROTECTION

VALUE

SPACE FOR GIANTS' APPROACH



We train **SPECIALIST RANGERS** to protect elephants and disrupt poachers



We boost economies with new **CONSERVATION INVESTMENT**



We strengthen the **RULE OF LAW** to find and prosecute wildlife criminals



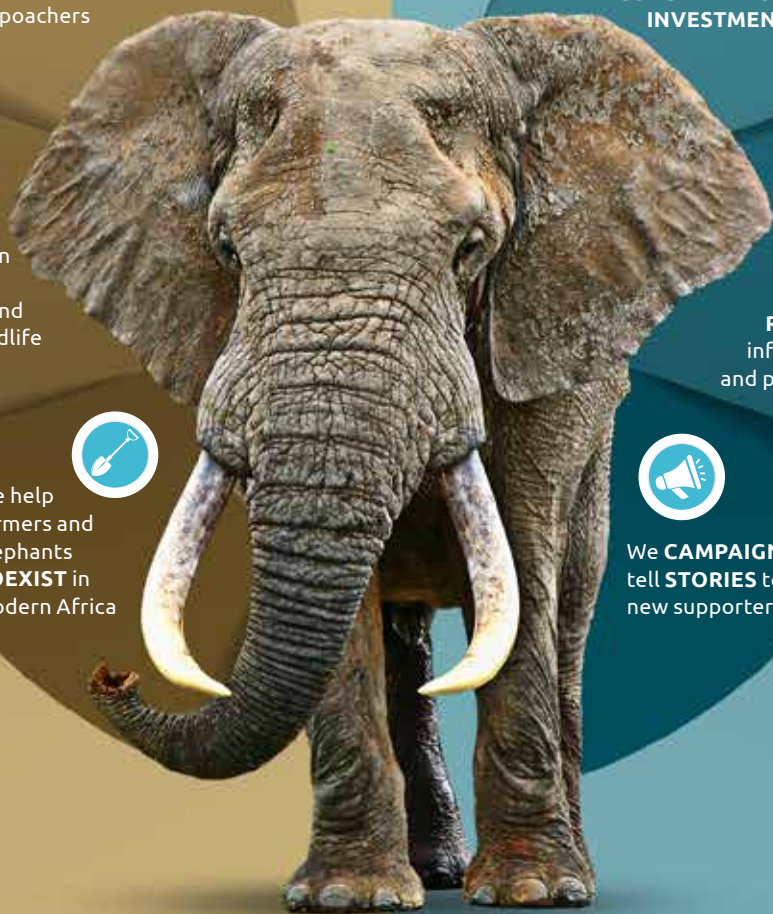
We produce **SCIENCE & RESEARCH** to inform our work and prove our case



We help farmers and elephants **COEXIST** in modern Africa



We **CAMPAIGN** and tell **STORIES** to win new supporters



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WELCOME NOTE

Dear Giants,

We know that the threats to elephants and their landscapes are complex. The response must be equally multi-faceted. We combine robust frontline protection, stronger legal action, and reduce the costs to local people of living with wildlife. This protects elephants and their habitat.

At the same time, we bring new investment to conservation landscapes to generate sustainable revenue and benefit local people, while producing research to inform our work, and running campaigns and raising awareness to win new supporters. This increases the value of elephants and their habitat.

This combined approach is unique. In the part of Kenya where we piloted it, we helped reduce elephant poaching by 84%, increase wildlife crime convictions by 250%, cut human-wildlife conflict, protect more than half a million acres of land for conservation, and bring stories of conservation to millions more people in Africa and beyond.

Our strategy is to scale up this proven integrated approach to the major elephant landscapes across Africa we have targeted for conservation. This we are doing through the platform provided by the Giants Club, a unique forum that

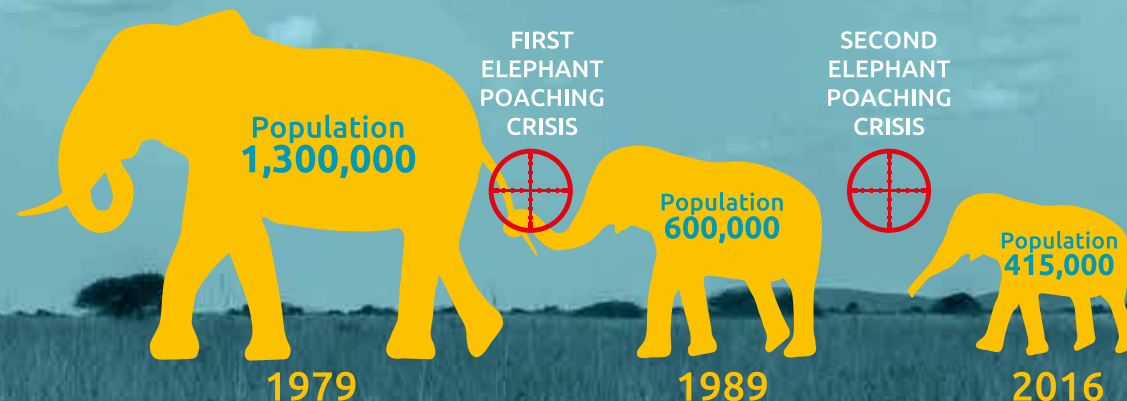
mobilises political, technical, social and financial capital towards the goal of protecting at least half of Africa's elephants and the landscapes they depend on.

Reading through this Impact Report, I feel a sense of wonder and amazement at all that has been achieved in a single calendar year. I hope that you are as encouraged as I am by these accomplishments. This is down to the brilliance of the entire Space for Giants team and the commitment of our loyal herd of supporters and partners. But as we move into four more African countries, we are entering uncharted territory and are facing new challenges. I am confident that with your continued support, we will succeed.

Trunks up,

Dr Max Graham
CEO

AFRICA'S IVORY CRISES



ELEPHANT RANGE IN AFRICA

1995
5.4
million sq kilometres
(2.1 million sq miles)

2016
3.1
million sq kilometres
(1.2 million sq miles)

ELEPHANT RANGE 'HEAVILY AFFECTED BY HUMAN ACTIVITY'

NOW
29%



2050
63%



Sources: IUCN/SSC African Elephant Specialist Group 2016; CITES- IUCN-Unep-Traffic 2013

VOICES FROM OUR HERD

Our work is making waves both at the highest levels of government, and the widest reaches of society

HIS EXCELLENCY MOKGWEETSI MASISI

Botswana's new president became the fourth African Head of State to join the Giants Club

There have been significant recent steps to close the illegal wildlife trade, but it still poses a threat to global biodiversity, erodes state authority, fuels civil conflict, and in the process threatens national stability and causes substantial economic losses. Botswana remains committed to tackling the trade in all its forms. We have

increased wildlife crime penalties, strengthened partnerships, and built law enforcement agency capacity in particular in wildlife trafficking investigations. We cannot achieve our work alone. I look forward to playing my part, including as a Presidential Member of the Giants Club, to succeed in our common goals. The Giants Club is a unique forum to advance those efforts, bringing as it does the support and influence of a diverse society of people dedicated to accelerating Africa's work to protect its natural heritage, for Africa, and for the planet.



HELEN CLARK

New Zealand's former Prime Minister and former head of the UN Development Programme highlights the Giants Club Uganda Conservation Investment Initiative

To make a major difference for wildlife conservation, public funds need to be used to leverage private investment and philanthropic contributions at scale. A renewed focus on investment into wildlife-compatible economies is needed worldwide. Fortunately, there

are new initiatives where wildlife conservationists are teaming up with private financiers, corporations, and governments to finance viable wildlife-based investments. In Uganda, President Museveni has brought together such a configuration of players, working on boosting tourism in the country's protected area system. If as an international community we can bring together the best of public sector governance and private sector finance and energy, we can succeed in securing wildlife habitats and populations.



JACQUELINE GNEGNE

Chief of Kazamabika village in Gabon tells how a new fence built with Space for Giants expertise keeps elephants off crops

Before the fence, we suffered. We waited for our fields to ripen, but even when the crops were ready, the elephants came and ate everything. Everything we planted,

it was for the elephants, none of it was for us. We were ready to leave. If that fence had not come, we would have abandoned the village. But now the fence is here, people support that, they're not talking any more about leaving. The conservationists and the national parks agency brought us a solution to our problems, after we were searching for it for so long. Today, things are so much better, really.



SONGOSH JAMES

Kenyan wildlife ranger working at Loisaba Conservancy whose Rapid Response Team Space for Giants helped to train and equip

When I was growing up, I wanted to be a soldier to protect people. Today, I am a ranger protecting wildlife. It is a good job and I love wildlife. But the job can be difficult at times, the terrain is very tough and

there are many challenges. The training is very important for the morale of the rangers and you learn valuable skills that keep us safe. Our relationship with the community is very important. A few weeks ago we assisted the community to return some camels that were stolen by rustlers. The community was very thankful. I am happy when I can solve problems.



BAME DIPATE

One of four court monitors Space for Giants has trained to support Botswana's legal action against suspected wildlife crimes

We monitor wildlife crime trials, support the judicial authorities, and build professional relationships with all key stakeholders. We have helped to foster inter-agency communication and information sharing. We are learning to draft charge sheets, alleviating prosecutors' workload. Our

guidance from Space for Giants has given us the confidence to ask difficult questions, helping to keep stakeholders accountable to themselves and each other. We have learned to identify easy fixes that can increase chances of conviction, such as flaws in affidavits. We feel our work will be of great benefit, and that has been echoed by all the judicial authorities of Botswana we have met.



CHEBET CAROLINE

Conservation Correspondent for The Standard in Kenya whose membership of the Giants Club Conservation Journalism Fellowships has broadened her work, and her reach

I have managed to grow and redefine my reporting from news to in-depth features. I have learnt the power of accurate reporting, and the impact of my stories when they feature the people affected by conservation matters

whose voices are not always heard. Having readers outside Africa moved to understand our challenges and successes gives me more reason to delve deeper into issues so that, in Africa and globally, we begin to have conversations that inspire change. It also makes me really proud that my recent work on waste management, and on conserving forests, riparian areas, and World Heritage Sites, is receiving more attention from Kenyans, alongside stories about the plight of our iconic species.



THE GIANTS CLUB: AN ENGINE FOR ACTION

Mobilising political, financial and technical capacity to protect at least half of Africa's elephants and the landscapes they depend on

Space for Giants created the Giants Club in 2015 to scale up the approach we developed in north-central Kenya to the continental level. The Presidents of the Club are the Heads of State of Botswana, Gabon, Kenya and Uganda. Its members are global business leaders, philanthropists and influencers. Conservation leaders act as technical advisors and partners.

DELIVERING GIANT IMPACT IN 2018

18 JANUARY GIANTS CLUB MEMBERS DINNER



Held at Bridgewater House, in the presence of HRH the Duke of Cambridge, this intimate dinner brought together old and new Giants Club Members, in honour of the Head of State of Gabon, President Omar Bongo, and announced major commitments in support of the Giants Club Summit.

15-17 MARCH GIANTS CLUB SUMMIT

Held in Botswana and hosted by then-President Ian Khama, brought together 200 people, including political leaders, conservationists, key influencers, bilateral donors and philanthropists. New commitments totaling \$6.2 million were announced. A one million-signature petition to the EU to close its ivory market was signed by President Khama, and handed to the EU. Angola was identified as the priority in conserving the world's largest elephant population and ecosystem, the Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area.

13 AUGUST

Former-President Ian Khama becomes President Emeritus of the Giants Club

11 OCTOBER

Giants Club Members Dinner - on the occasion of the London Conference on Illegal Wildlife Trade

Held at Spencer House, in the presence of HRH the Duke of Cambridge, this working dinner brought together and honoured the Presidents of Botswana, Gabon, Uganda and The First Lady of Kenya. Also in attendance were current and new Giants Club Members. At this event, Botswana's new President, Mokgweetsi Masisi, formally joined the Giants Club.

12 OCTOBER

Giants Club Conservation and Tourism Investment Working Lunch

Held at the House of Lords, in the presence of President Museveni,

Helen Clark, UN Environment then-Director Erik Solheim and US Ambassador to the UK, Woody Johnson, this working lunch was hosted by Lord Tim Clement-Jones. It gathered heads of major tourism businesses, bilateral funding institutions, global conservation organisations and investors, to shine a light on the Giants Club Conservation Investment Initiative. This initiative, piloted in Uganda, will be replicated in Gabon in 2019 and used as a road map for conservation investment in Africa under a new partnership with the African Union and UN Environment. Those present at the working lunch will form an advisory council to guide and inform the African Conservation Investment Initiative.

THE GIANTS

Some of the Club's leading members on why they take part



SYLVIE CHANTECAILLE, founder of luxury botanical-based cosmetics and beauty company, Chantecaille - "I chose to join Space for Giants because saving elephants can only be done if the countries that are their traditional homes, as well as those rare places where they have found refuge, align together to fiercely protect them. Their tireless champion Max Graham has the giant energy and passion that is indispensable to reopen their safe highways. Once you know elephants you know how powerful their presence on this earth is, losing elephants would be like losing a limb."

JODY ALLEN, entrepreneur, philanthropist and businesswoman, co-founder Vulcan Inc. and the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation with her late brother, Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft, who supports a pioneering project to build judicial capacity in Botswana - "The research that Paul and I have supported through the years is a natural complement to the Giants Club's integrated and practical approach of calculating the ecological and economic value that landscapes and wildlife can generate, in order to demonstrate the value that elephants and their landscapes bring to the world."



NICOLE HONEGGER, founder of the Leopardess Foundation who provided critical funding to Space for Giants to combat human-elephant conflict and the illegal wildlife trade - "I support Space for Giants because I believe we all need to do all we can to help, and to protect people and the environment. I have a definite weak spot for elephants: I feel we still have so much to learn from them."



EMILY WALKER, founder of Kids Against Animal Poaching (KAAP), a network of young American school and university students who have raised close to \$100,000 for Space for Giants - "I chose to partner with Space for Giants because protecting elephants from poaching requires collaborating with all levels of various governments, unwavering dedication to eliminating the illegal wildlife trade and alleviating existing conflicts between communities and elephants on the lands that these magnificent creatures depend upon, all of which Space for Giants works tirelessly to achieve."



PROTECTION

Protected natural environments bring sustained value to people and the planet. They give clean air and water, insulate against climate change, fight pollution, and boost nature-based businesses. Their biodiversity is vital. In many of Africa's remaining wild places, elephants are the keystone species ecologically and economically: they disperse seeds, open up grassland, and attract well-paying tourists. Protecting elephants from wildlife crime and human-elephant conflict means the value they bring will last forever.

PROSECUTORS TRAINED AND MENTORED

Kenya **24**
 Uganda **74**
 Botswana **50**
 Regional **172**
 (training on cybercrime, money laundering etc)



RULE OF LAW

Unless legal systems are strengthened as a whole, criminal cartels will continue to exploit their weaknesses. Our Rule of Law programme provides expertise along the entire 'criminal justice pathway'. In 2018, we trained investigators to process crime scenes, handle evidence, and prepare cases. We trained and mentored hundreds of prosecutors, and monitored trials in 26 courts in three countries. Conviction rates are rising. We help make the law the powerful deterrent it should be.

COURTS AND CASES MONITORED

Botswana **51 cases**
7 courts
 Kenya **59 cases**
9 courts
 Uganda **12 courts**



CONVICTION RATES

North-Central Kenya **67%**
 Uganda **83.3%**
 Northern Botswana **67.5%**

COURT MONITORS



Botswana **4**
 Kenya **2**

FRONTLINE RANGERS

'First on the crime scene' training **239**



FRONTLINE PROTECTION

We continue to train, equip and pay the frontline rangers and elite units who deter wildlife crime. But successful anti-poaching needs more than brute force. We helped triple the area of central Kenya covered by a new tech tool collecting ranger patrol data so managers can better protect landscapes. We trained and mentored intelligence-led anti-poaching units and brought the tactics of counter-terror to wildlife protection. These activities together protect the assets that bring value to their landscapes.

PROTECTED HABITAT



Kenya **4,416 sq km**
 Botswana **79,500 sq km**
 Area covered by units or specialists Space for Giants trained, paid for or equipped in 2018

FRONTLINE FORCE

Frontline rangers trained **103**
 Specialist Units supported **2**, with **27** elite rangers



SECURITY



90% reduction in elephants poached in Laikipia in Kenya
 2017 vs 2018 **34%** reduction in elephants killed from human wildlife conflict 2017 vs 2018

WILDLIFE CRIME TRAINING

30 Kenyan specialist crime scene investigators
16 Botswana specialist intelligence officers



HUMAN-ELEPHANT COEXISTENCE

We understood from our inception that the greatest threats to elephants are habitat loss and increasing interaction with people. Two-thirds of elephant habitat will be heavily affected by human activity within 30 years, double what it is now. Unless people and property are kept safe from elephants, elephants won't be safe from people. Our human-elephant coexistence programme now extends from Kenya into Gabon, Uganda and Botswana. It is set to grow significantly in 2019.

POPULATION PROTECTED

KENYA 215,000 people



LENGTH OF FENCE BUILT AND MAINTAINED IN 2018

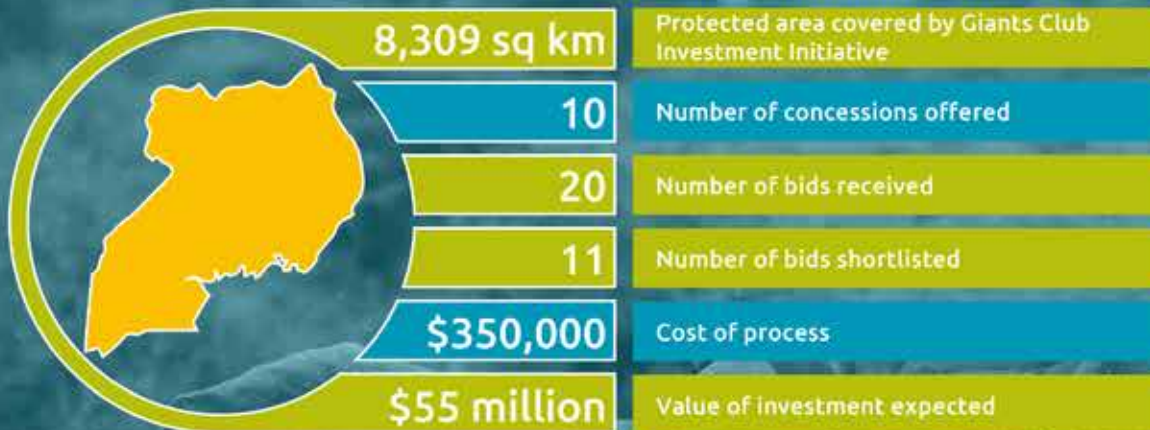


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VALUE

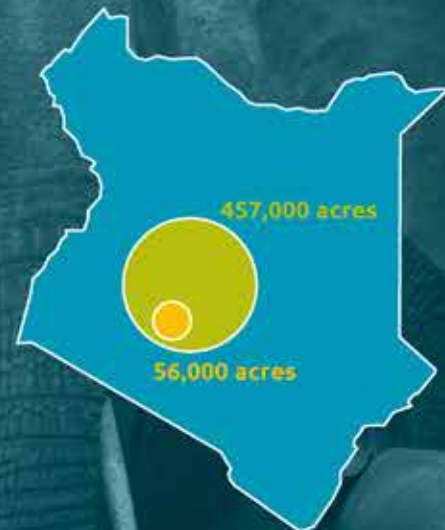
How Africa uses land will become increasingly important as economies develop and populations grow. The value of conserving landscapes must be clear, otherwise options with immediate returns but long-term damage could triumph. We attract nature-based investment to conservation areas that brings economic benefits. Our research informs our work. We use new ways to tell stories, and run campaigns to expand our support. Proving that conserving wild landscapes is the most valuable way to use them is our core mission.

UGANDA CONSERVATION INVESTMENT INITIATIVE



CONSERVATION INVESTMENT

Demands to fund health and education means conservation is not a priority for resource-strapped African governments. But others can plug the gap to fund wildlife habitat: ecotourism, ecosystem services programmes, philanthropists, or donors dedicated to biodiversity. Our Giants Club Conservation Investment Initiative expanded from Uganda to Gabon, and expects to go continent-wide soon with a new partnership with the African Union. Our partnership continues with Kenya's Loisaba Conservancy; its success this year seeded new neighbouring community conservancies.

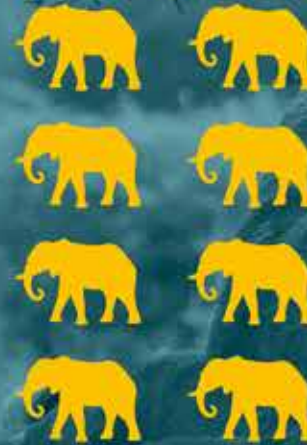


- Original area of Laikipia protected at Loisaba
- Area of adjoining community land Loisaba helped protect

RESEARCH

We were founded in science, and our work continues to be rooted in research. Our world-leading database of elephant movements in increasingly human landscapes helps formulate the best possible solutions. Our research team is working on a human-elephant coexistence strategy for Gabon, and has laid groundwork for a pioneering study of conservation value due soon. Our report on wildlife crime prosecutions in Kenya highlighted great progress, with national figures endorsing its recommendations.

NUMBER OF ELEPHANTS WITH LIVE COLLARS



TECH SUPPORT



Using apps to monitor ranger patrols and manage protected areas in Kenya
103 rangers trained
38,947km (24,200mi) patrolled
153,000 acres protected

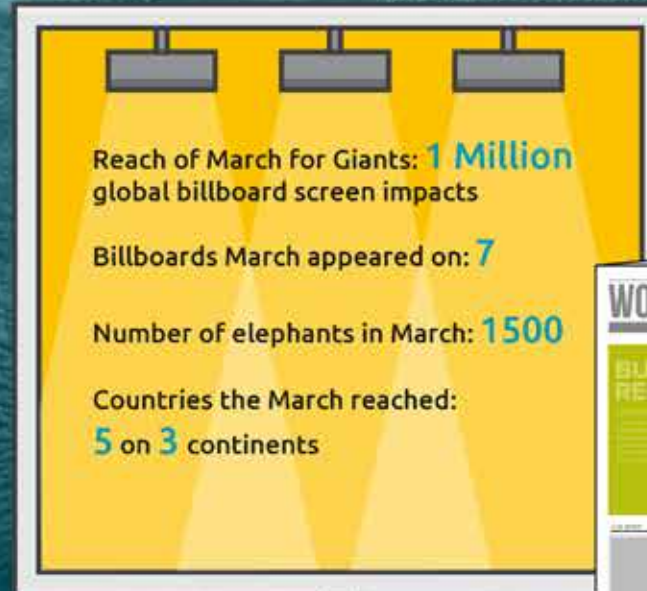
RESEARCH PAPERS 2018



- Paper on elephants as political actors
- Draft Human-Elephant Conflict Strategy for Gabon
- Study of wildlife crime trials in North-Central Kenyan courts
- Baseline studies of court outcomes launched in Botswana, Zimbabwe, Uganda

CAMPAIGNS + STORIES

Our progress may stall unless we reach new audiences and win new supporters. Our African conservation journalism fellowships now comprises 18 reporters in three countries. Our March for Giants circles the planet, this year delivering messages to Africa's leaders at the Giants Club Summit. And the network of political leaders, financiers, philanthropists and scientists gathered under our Giants Club, brought our work and ideas to new and influential audiences.



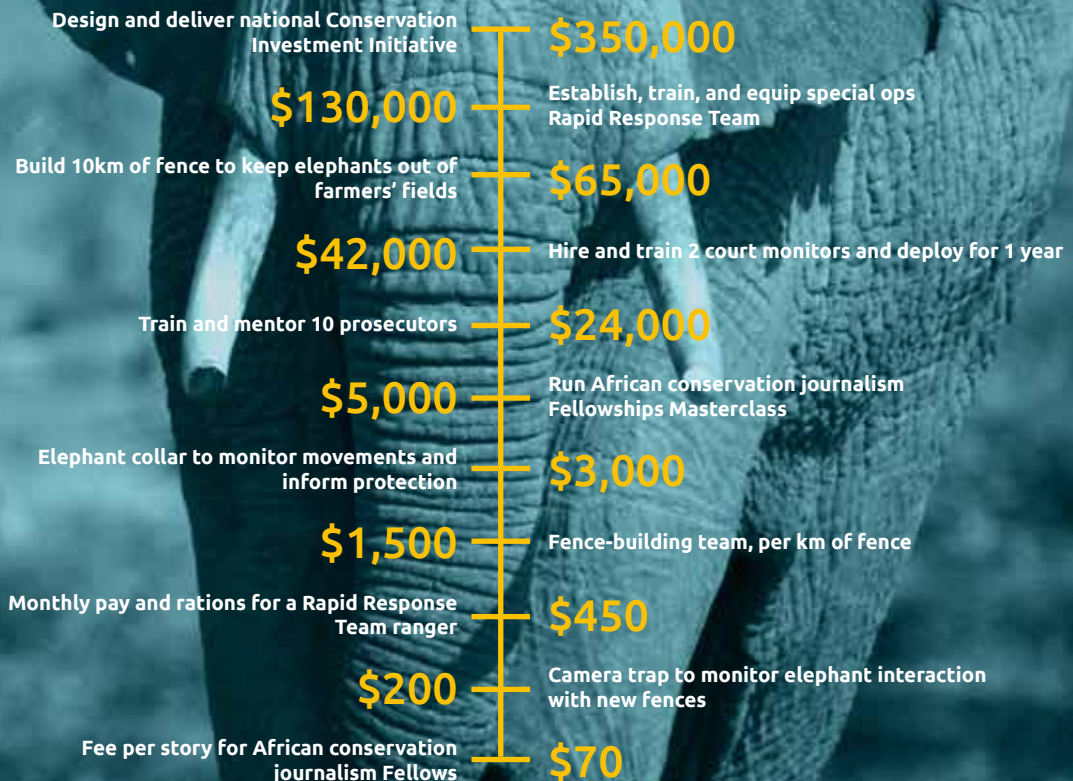
HOW YOU CAN HELP

Our success protecting Africa's elephants and their landscapes is only thanks to people like you. Please consider supporting our work, so together we can sustain, and widen, our impact. You could:

- Join the largest virtual herd of elephants in our March for Giants
- Make a significant donation to join the Giants Club
- Become a corporate sponsor for one of our events
- Join a Journeys for Giants Conservation Safari or Challenge

There are many ways to help: visit spaceforgiants.org/support-us to learn more, or write to us at info@spaceforgiants.org. Each contribution small or large adds up. Here are examples of what we need, to keep up our momentum.

KEY FIGURES



GET IN TOUCH

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