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CEO DR MAX GRAHAM

While it has been hugely encouraging to see the global spotlight finally falling on Africa's current elephant crisis, results from the Great Elephant Census provided a stark warning that our battle is far from won. This landmark aerial count, by the indomitable Mike Chase with funding from Paul Allen, calculated that Africa lost close to 150,000 savannah elephants between 2007 and 2014 and is today left with perhaps 380,000, far fewer than we thought. The Census found the rate we were losing them, mostly to poaching, was accelerating.

China's total ban on its ivory trade from the start of 2018 was a massive boost to all of us, and Space for Giants will be on the ground assessing the ban's impact and advising ways to multiply its reach. But let's not imagine this is the end of global ivory trade, or of threats to elephants. We are in a race of an uncertain distance, in which we must prevail against both the international demand for ivory, and Africa's capacity to supply it. That is why Space for Giants chooses to pursue an urgent, short-term strategy to maintain a holding position for Africa's elephants, by leveraging political will to invest in frontline protection and enhance judicial systems, so that at least half of the continent's elephants are kept safe until the losses can be stemmed.

But this will only be possible with real muscle - political, financial, and technical. That is why we, together with the Presidents of Botswana, Gabon, Kenya, and Uganda, have created the Giants Club. Connecting as it does the highest level of African political leadership with global finance, science, and celebrity, this unique alliance will accelerate us towards reaching our simple, tangible goal of protecting half of Africa's elephants by 2020.

The Giants Club Summit in Kenya in April 2016 was the club's first outing, and the fact that it achieved so much is testament to its power and its potential. You will read in this report about how Space for Giants projects and those of our partners chosen and funded at the Summit are already making a huge difference across Africa. We have proven that our approach works. Our focus now is to expand our impact, and to bring frontline protection to vulnerable elephants, source sustainable revenue for critical wildlife habitat, and build fences to protect smallholder farmers, all across Africa's most important elephant ranges. Please join us in meeting that challenge.

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EVGENY LEBEDEV, PATRON OF SPACE FOR GIANTS

What pride all of us in the Space for Giants family feel for what has been achieved during the last twelve months. It's not just the Giants Club Summit – unforgettable though those days were – but also the range of vital projects now being implemented across Africa to protect the world's remaining elephants. Sometimes I have to pinch myself to think of where we now find ourselves. It is not yet even five years since I first met Max, when we sat together and I began to learn what he hoped could be achieved.

Those conversations would last hours, well into the night, encouraged by the excitement of Max's vision: that Space for Giants could build on its modest foundations and grow to help shape conservation in Africa through the 21st century.

Even during our most optimistic moments, however, I don't think either of us dared hope Space for Giants could achieve as much as quickly. Back then it was a Kenya-focused charity, working primarily around Laikipia. Today, the scope is continental.

The Giants Club Summit was unquestionably a highlight of the past year, the moment when Space for Giants as an organisation truly arrived. I am sure that the spirit of excitement and optimism that enthused those few days sustained everyone present through the weeks and months of graft that followed, which continues today.

But it is also the day-in and day-out work across Africa's plains and forests, in its courtrooms and police academies, in ministries, schools, and villages, that is Space for Giants' truly remarkable achievement. That is what makes all of us who love this fantastic organisation and what it is seeking to achieve rightly proud. We are making a difference today. We are delivering change that will last for all tomorrows. And we are doing it together.



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HIS EXCELLENCY UHURU KENYATTA, PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

We are all custodians of this planet. The decisions we make, and the lives we lead, shape the world that our children will grow up to inherit. That is the responsibility we carry, and the duty we have to generations yet to come.

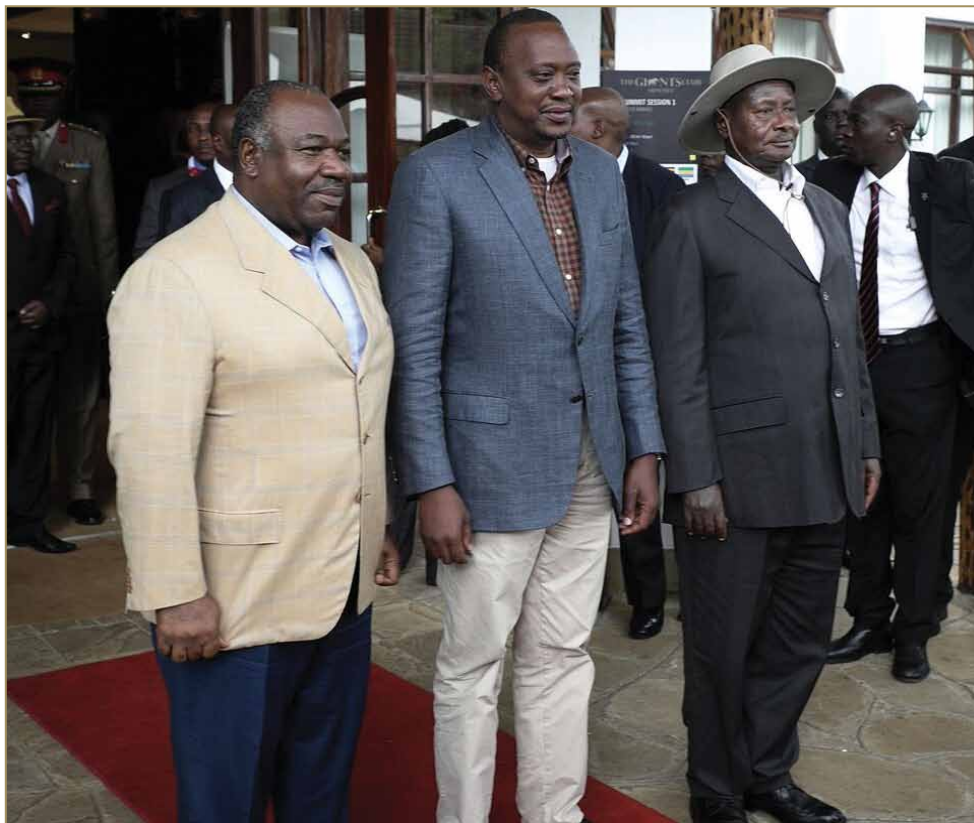
In Kenya, the beauty and wonder that nature has bestowed on us is the source of many of our country's greatest blessings. Yet we have also had first-hand experience of those who do not care about these gifts. The poachers who kill our elephants and rhinos do not care that their actions will strip this land of species that have walked it for millennia. Their concern is merely their own cruelty and avarice.

I am proud of the robustness of my government's response and the leadership Kenya has shown in standing up to this greed. We have brought in legal penalties that are among the strictest in the world; our ports are intercepting movement of ivory and rhino horn; trafficking gangs are being arrested.

This is why I am proud to be a founding member of the Giants Club, for this initiative has the vision and reach to address not only the short-term but also the long-term challenges our wildlife faces. This is not a fight Kenya can win alone. There is no solution that can be implemented by one country. It can only be done together, in a show of unity by those nations whose leaders are committed to the conservation cause, but also an alliance with those in business, development, and charitable sectors who care about the world. It is the breadth of that coalition that is so special, and so precious. What we can achieve together in the days, weeks, and years to come, is safeguarding nature's greatest and most endangered species for our children and for their children. That is an achievement to strive for, and one to be proud of.



THE GIANTS CLUB SUMMIT



(L to R) President Ali Bongo of Gabon, President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya, and President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda led discussions at the Giants Club Summit

THE GIANTS CLUB SUMMIT

Three African Heads of State brought together close to 100 philanthropists, scientists, entrepreneurs, celebrities, and conservation experts for the historic inaugural three-day Giants Club Summit in Laikipia, Kenya, at the end of April 2016. A packed agenda and concrete series of outcomes were dedicated to ensuring a future for elephants and the landscapes they depend on, forever.

The Summit's vision was to secure commitments from all four Giants Club nations – Kenya, Botswana, Gabon, and Uganda – to further protect and manage their elephant populations, which together count for more than half of Africa's remaining elephants. The Summit recruited a small but potent Giants Club membership to fund these interventions. In total, financiers and donors pledged more than \$5 million towards elephant conservation and the fight against the illegal ivory trade.

In addition, the Founding Members – the Presidents of Kenya, Gabon, Botswana, and Uganda – committed to use the Giants Club to deliver the following specific actions, with the necessary funding:

THE GIANTS CLUB SUMMIT



Kenya:

- Develop an intelligence-led Special Operations Unit within the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS)
- Create a specialist prosecution unit within KWS to boost wildlife crime convictions
- Build 100km of electrified fence to ease human-elephant conflict
- Upgrade and improve KWS's mobile game capture unit
- Source new revenue to help maintain and manage network of protected areas



Botswana:

- Create an intelligence-led Special Operations Unit
- Strengthen legal frameworks to increase wildlife crime conviction rates and penalties
- Commission a national vision and strategy to maintain protected areas forever



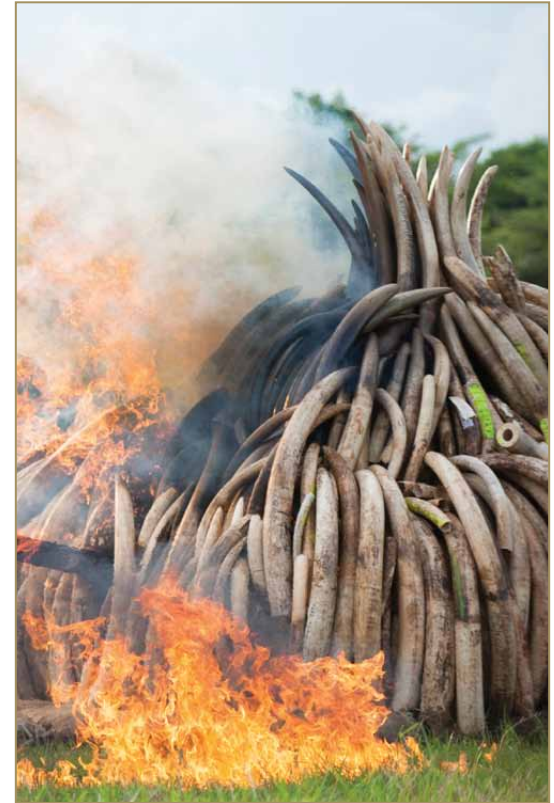
Uganda:

- Create an intelligence-led Special Operations Unit, and enhance criminal trial capacity
- Commission a conservation investment strategy to modernise the framework for investment in national parks, game reserves, and community wildlife areas
- Build an electrified fence around Murchison Falls National Park



Gabon:

- Scale up the National Parks Agency
- Establish a department to manage human-elephant conflict
- Develop an intelligence-led rapid reaction force
- Form a scientific unit to develop innovative monitoring and research methodologies
- Promote investment in tourism infrastructure for sustainable national benefits



Kenya destroyed its ivory stockpile the day after the Summit

THE GIANTS CLUB SUMMIT

Since the Summit, Space for Giants has followed up all committed and pending pledges to allot them to specific Giants Club projects. Additional funding was required in some cases to deliver all interventions, allowing significant progress to be made in all four Giants Club countries. Comprehensive and detailed reporting on each intervention will be presented at the next Giants Club Summit, to be held in Botswana in March 2018.

PROGRESS ON GIANTS CLUB SUMMIT PROJECTS

Gabon is the last stronghold for the forest elephant. Poaching has been its most immediate threat, but rising levels of serious human-elephant conflict are causing increasing worry.

Within three months of the Summit, Gabon's National Parks Agency, in collaboration with Space for Giants, launched the first phase of its national fencing strategy: 50km of fence to protect crops from elephants using \$200,000 of funding secured at the Summit. With Space for Giants providing technical input and management support, Parcs Gabon has already built 11.6km of electrified fence that is already proving highly successful at stopping elephants raiding crops.

The fence – only three feet/one-metre-tall with protruding outriggers carrying more than 7,000 volts – is based on a design Space for Giants pioneered in Kenya. We are working closely with Parcs Gabon to develop and implement a comprehensive HEC strategy in early 2017.

In Uganda, Space for Giants set up a project implementation committee with the President's Office, the Uganda Wildlife Authority, the Minister of the Environment, the National Forestry Authority, and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The committee is already developing a conservation investment plan to secure sustainable financial support for Uganda's protected area network, forever.

In Kenya, Uganda, and Botswana, great strides have been taken to build significant capacity along the entire criminal trial process, so that increasingly justice reaches those involved in the illegal wildlife trade.

The hard work continues, but we would like to thank the Giants Club member states, sponsors, partner organisations, and all those who so generously support our vision to ensure a future for Africa's elephants.



"The attention of so many influential people and institutions at the Giants Club Summit was an important step forward. By coming together, we can find and implement the solutions that will protect elephants, as well as the natural landscapes on which Africa's wildlife depends. We can take pride in, and have a sense of confidence in our actions and the significant commitments we made, but let us not be complacent; let us be sure as we look back on this time that we know we acted when we could, and as much as we could, before it was too late."

Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator

MEDIA EXPOSURE

More than 120 journalists attended the Summit, including the BBC, National Geographic, Le Monde, and Xinhua, generating broadcast, online, and print coverage that reached a global audience of more than 850 million people. More than one million people engaged with the Summit on social media. For more information or to watch video content from the Summit, visit www.spaceforgiants.org/giantsclub/summit

THE GIANTS CLUB SUMMIT



Specialists from an anti-poaching Rapid Response Team brief President Bongo and President Museveni on their tactics

SPACE FOR GIANTS ACHIEVEMENTS

PREVENTING WILDLIFE CRIME

Shamini Jayanathan, Space for Giants' Director of Wildlife Protection



For too long wildlife criminals have escaped justice, and the prosecutorial systems in many countries have failed to act as sufficient deterrents against poaching. Now, Space for Giants is leading the way in transforming the thinking and culture of criminal justice stakeholders in Giants Club countries.

Our approach is to engage the heads of national prosecution directorates, the judiciaries, and wildlife agencies, to secure their commitments to the various interventions needed for systemic change, and to address underlying frameworks and practices.

The aim is to achieve a deterrent effect within the criminal justice pathway by focusing on three main strands: strong prosecutions, an efficient trial process, and proportionate and consistent sentencing. Since the Giants Club Summit, we have delivered the following outcomes:

Kenya:

- Space for Giants designed and delivered an induction course for 10 new investigators and 12 assistant prosecutors within Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), working closely with United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Kenya's Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP). This involved developing a KWS Code of Conduct and a manual for managing performance that sets out the unit's standards and competencies. We continue to work with KWS to have the prosecutors fully legally accredited ("gazetted"), and with UNODC to arrange mentoring of the new lawyers within KWS and the DPP's office. In addition, our high-level investigators' training workshops won funding from Britain's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) as part of its global work to tackle the illegal wildlife trade.
- Space for Giants developed a 'points to prove' guide for illegal grazing, which is particularly problematic for investigators to prosecute. We shared the guide with other organisations and helped explain it to law enforcement. We drafted amendments to wildlife laws governing illegal grazing, and highlighted other legal penalties that might be deployed in these circumstances. We also worked with the Office of the Attorney General, the ODPP, and the Kenyan Judicial Training Institute, to widen the reach of the work.





Elephant ivory seized from alleged poachers and stored with relevant reference numbers awaiting presentation as exhibits in court hearings

- We now have a dedicated Wildlife Crime Court Monitoring Officer, Faith Maina. She created and now manages a comprehensive regional database of all elephant ivory and rhino horn cases in north central Kenya. At the end of December 2016, there were 31 active cases, of which 27 were ivory prosecutions relating to seizures of 419kg of raw ivory. We are monitoring court outcomes, and assessing whether standard operating procedures and a new rapid reference guide for prosecutors pursuing wildlife crime cases are being followed. Space for Giants is working with WildlifeDirect to widen our joint monitoring of wildlife crime cases, with a view to measuring and reporting on the impact of interventions in early 2017.
- We worked with national law enforcement agencies and other organisations to review and provide quality assurance of the first 'Wildlife Digest' of court cases, supported by UNODC. This will be launched in early 2017.
- We now have a very close working relationship with Kenya's public prosecutors' office, the Judicial Training Institute, KWS, UNODC, and WildlifeDirect, and all of us are working together to deliver these projects to the highest level.

We are already seeing results. Severe sentences are beginning to be handed down to people involved in the illegal ivory trade. For example, KWS officers arrested Ltirimon Learao at Archers Post in Samburu in February 2016 after he was found with a six-kilogramme elephant tusk. The court found him guilty of possession and dealing in a government trophy without a licence, and fined him \$10,000 for each count, with a jail term of one year imposed for each count if he could not pay the fine. He has been unable to do so, and remains in custody.

The momentum we have already built in Kenya will continue to propel our work there, and allow us to expand this sort of very successful intervention in all Giants Club countries, drawing on our ever-expanding in-house expertise and experience.



Investigators' training helps strengthen prosecutions



Kenyan Wildlife Crime Court Monitoring Officer, Faith Maina

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Uganda:

- Space for Giants led the way in adding a new 'threshold test' to Uganda's national prosecution standards for decisions regarding charging defendants deemed a high flight risk, to try to end the use of 'holding charges' that cause judicial backlogs and delays. UNODC, the International Conservation Caucus Foundation, Stop Ivory, and the United Nations Environment Programme, all helped fund this work, which will have an impact on all crimes, not just those linked to wildlife.
- We also codified a 'public interest test' for wildlife-specific offences to clarify why certain types of wildlife crime require prosecution regardless of how 'minor' they might appear. We also developed 'points to prove' guides for wildlife investigators and prosecutors that will roll out nationally in 2017.
- We developed an inter-agency best practice guidance for early engagement between investigators and prosecutors of wildlife crime, with the support of the partners mentioned above.
- We identified five new Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) officers to train and mentor to become prosecutors, with the Uganda Conservation Foundation and Tusk Trust, and funded by the British government's Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund. Space for Giants initiated the candidate selection, and will support UWA and UCF by mentoring the successful individuals in the coming year. This helps UWA build towards the minimum number of prosecutors it needs to cover courts located near to protected wildlife areas.

- Space for Giants also won support of the Ugandan judiciary to develop, with funding from the Elephant Crisis Fund, wildlife crime-specific sentencing guidelines. When they are implemented in early 2017, they will be a first for the continent.
- A survey of court outcomes in wildlife crime trials is planned for 2017, based on similar surveys developed in Kenya, with the agreement of senior judiciary in Uganda.

Botswana:

- With UNODC and the Tlhokomela Trust, Botswana's endangered wildlife trust, Space for Giants worked with the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to codify the national charging standard and create a judicial toolkit similar to those we developed in Kenya and Uganda. This is to be rolled out nationally in 2017, alongside a court survey that will enable us to measure the impact of these interventions.
- Space for Giants, with ICCF and Stop Ivory, led a wildlife crime conference in Lusaka, Zambia, in August 2016 for prosecutors, judiciary and members of parliament. Each country that attended produced a roadmap laying out their interest in a number of criminal justice interventions.

Gabon:

- Space for Giants is designing a conference to be held in Gabon in February 2017, supported by ICCF and Stop Ivory, to address legislative weaknesses in the country's wildlife law, and to scope the interest in work to improve elements of Gabon's criminal justice pathway.

MITIGATING HUMAN-ELEPHANT CONFLICT

WEST LAIKIPIA FENCE

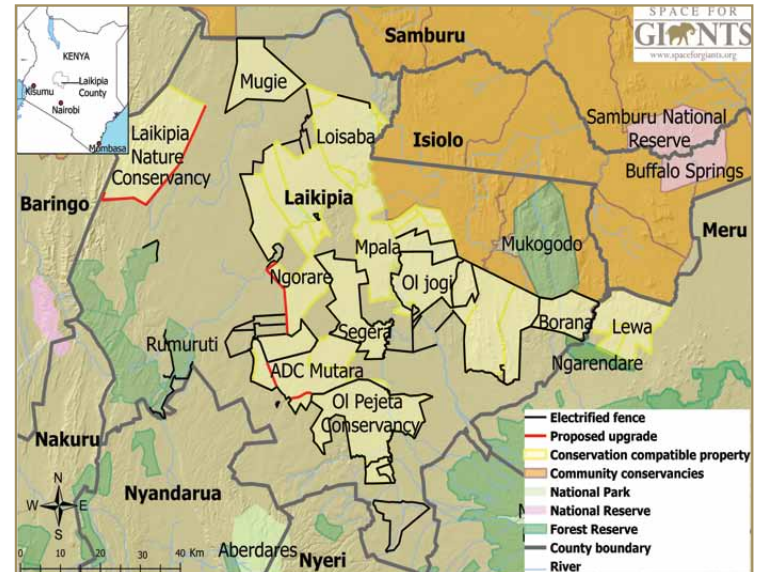
Human-Elephant Conflict (HEC) in Laikipia County is the worst in Kenya and among the worst in East Africa. Elephants roam across private and group ranches, conservancies, and protected areas and onto smallholder farmland, often destroying crops and property and leaving both people and elephants killed and injured, and livelihoods wrecked.

Since 2014, Space for Giants has led the Laikipia County HEC Taskforce under the governor, Joshua Irungu. The Taskforce's flagship project is a county-wide electrified fence to separate elephant habitat from smallholder farmland. In June 2016, the West Laikipia Elephant Fence was officially launched, aiming to rehabilitate 100km of existing but derelict fence to a more robust design. Space for Giants designed the strategy, and secured funding from donors including the Leopardess Foundation, Britain's Ministry of Defence, and the Laikipia County government itself. We will oversee the construction and management of the fence until January 2018, when the project will be handed over to local landowners.

Already, our fencing unit has been hard at work removing the old fence, clearing vegetation, digging post holes, and stringing wires over difficult terrain. By the end of 2016, 17km of new fence had been built along Laikipia Nature Conservancy's southern boundary. The impact has been immediate with communities already reporting a significant decrease in elephant crop-raiding. Nonetheless, no fence yet designed is 100% 'elephant proof'. We know of 35 individual elephants that are experts in breaking even the most sophisticated fences, and we are monitoring them and working with KWS to develop strategies to manage this.

AMBOSELI HUMAN-ELEPHANT CONFLICT MITIGATION STRATEGY

The Greater Amboseli Ecosystem in southern Kenya along its border with Tanzania is a critical area of high biodiversity and a unique habitat of rangelands and wetlands. It is home to 1,400 elephants, many of which move between major populations in protected areas and national parks at Chyulu Hills, Amboseli, Kilimanjaro, and Tsavo West. The ecosystem's rangelands are also one of Kenya's most significant livestock areas.



Red lines illustrate new fences including the West Laikipia Fence



Angry farmers chased a group of elephants into a dam lake after they destroyed harvests during a night of crop-raiding

MITIGATING HUMAN-ELEPHANT CONFLICT

HEC is rapidly becoming the greatest threat to elephants here, killing more of them than poaching between 2011 and 2014. Electrified fencing to keep elephants and farmers apart has been proposed as a solution, but in this area large infrastructure and development projects are being enacted, and land value is increasing, driving interest from outside investors. The way that people are using land is changing significantly and quickly, meaning that it is not always clear where the boundary between farmland and elephant territory lies today, nor where it might be in just a few years. But to mitigate HEC effectively, this line must be identified and designated.

Space for Giants in 2016 completed a comprehensive analysis of the situation and developed a HEC mitigation strategy for the region with Big Life Foundation and partners including KWS, the Amboseli Trust for Elephants, and the Amboseli Ecosystem Trust. We assessed how land use had changed from 1987 to 2014; where elephants were, and where they moved, using GPS collars and aerial census data; who owned what land; and how feasible our usual tools to mitigate HEC would be in this context.

We found that land given over to conservation in the Greater Amboseli Ecosystem had increased by 70% between 1987 and 2014, but land under cultivation in the same area increased by 266%. The rate of change was accelerating: cultivation increased by 90% in only the four years between 2010 and 2014. We found a surge of people from outside the area buying land, and major

development projects including pipelines and roads. Together, these swift changes have reduced the rangeland available for both wildlife and pastoralism, and forced elephants into increasing contact with people.

Conservation organisations, trying to slow the rate at which land is being turned over to cultivation, are pooling resources to lease land and set it aside for wildlife and pastoralism. But the amounts they pay are not keeping pace with soaring land prices.

Following this assessment, Space for Giants recommended the following steps to mitigate HEC in the Greater Amboseli Ecosystem:

1. Formalise an updated land use plan through consensus and lobbying
2. Fence the designated elephant/cultivation boundary to demarcate and enforce the elephant range
3. Secure land for wildlife and pastoralism by buying it or leasing it at prevailing market rates

By the end of 2016, Big Life donors had raised more than \$400,000 to complete the first 40km of a 120km electrified fence that will stretch around community lands in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro. Space for Giants is continuing to support Big Life and other partners to implement a wider HEC strategy in the area.



The launch of the West Laikipia Elephant Fence



The new short-post fence design

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LAIKIPIA GRAZING PLAN

In 2015, we witnessed unprecedented conflict over grazing in Laikipia, with an estimated 250,000 livestock led by 6,000 herders entering the region. With the growing availability of illegal firearms, and increasingly variable rainfall affecting available pasture, conflict increased between pastoralist groups and the different land-holders and landowners in Laikipia.

This pressure on pasture pushes up the costs of raising cattle and running conservation tourism operations. This, combined with a political narrative of historical injustice over access to land and pasture, is challenging the county's economic foundations.

In response, Space for Giants has set up the Laikipia Grazing Taskforce, with the Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT), NRT-Trading, The Nature Conservancy, and the Laikipia Wildlife Forum. The Taskforce consulted stakeholders in group ranches, large-scale landowners, and the government, and created a crisis action plan with three strategic objectives: to establish peace and security, enhance the livestock value chain, and better manage rangelands.

Key Taskforce milestones:

- Developed illegal grazing rapid reference guide for landowners
- Prepared Laikipia Grazing Plan, including principle of giving grazing to third-party livestock owners

- Completed full study into drivers of grazing conflict in Laikipia
- Developed monitoring protocols to assess grazing pressure

Space for Giants is committed to finding a solution to this complex social, economic, and environmental issue, working closely with partners and all those with a stake in this landscape.

TWO WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN NORTH-CENTRAL KENYA

1. The Nagum Wildlife Corridor

The Nagum wildlife corridor is an 8km by 26km stretch of land in Laikipia that connects Laikipia Nature Conservancy in the west to Loisaba Conservancy in the east. It is a critical corridor for elephants and wildlife as well as the last remaining 'gap' in the greater West Laikipia Elephant Fencing strategy. After helping to set up Loisaba, we are working with its neighbours to widen governance, security, and sustainable rangeland management practices, and to ensure we reduce human-elephant conflict while also maintaining the corridor as an open and safe path for elephants to the areas surrounding Loisaba.

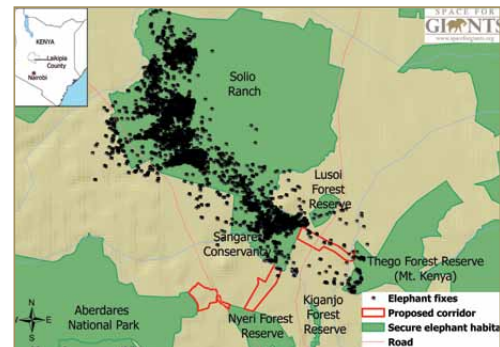
We have invested significant resources in mapping all the land parcels within the corridor to identify the landowners and to discuss the feasibility of creating a community conservancy. This represents the best vehicle to bring sustained long term governance to the area and

generate benefits to resident communities. In 2017 we will be in a position to engage major landowners.

2. Mount Kenya-Aberdares Corridor

In the 1950s there were frequent reports of herds of up to 80 elephants moving between Mount Kenya and the Aberdares, two mountainous regions in central Kenya that are also the country's most important water towers. Today, increasing human settlement, agriculture, and infrastructure development mean these mighty migrations no longer exist. Nonetheless, we receive regular reports of HEC in this area that indicate that some elephants at least are still using this corridor.

Space for Giants has played a critical support role to Rhino Ark and the Mount Kenya Trust as they have explored the feasibility of reconnecting these two



Dots indicate how elephants avoid farmland

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areas to allow their wildlife to migrate as they used to. With our partners, we helped host meetings with the Nyeri County Government and community leaders to secure their support for the project. We have spoken to landowners along the proposed corridor to see if they are interested in making their land available for a wildlife corridor, through direct sales, easements, or leases.

In March 2016, a generous supporter funded Space for Giants to buy two elephant collars. With the Kenya Wildlife Service, Space for Giants collared two bull elephants in Sangare, a conservancy between Mount Kenya and the Aberdares, to determine how much the corridor is still being used. Data show that elephants still frequent the route from Mount Kenya to Sangare and beyond. As part of the project committee, we will continue to work with landowners to finalise agreements with a view to begin fundraising at the end of 2017.

LOISABA CONSERVANCY

Securing Loisaba Conservancy was among Kenya's most important recent conservation land transactions, protecting a 56,000-acre wilderness as a critical corridor connecting important elephant habitats in Samburu and Laikipia.

The Conservancy was officially launched in January 2015, with its partners Space for Giants, The Nature Conservancy, the Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT) and Elewana. Since then it has taken great strides towards becoming a model for sustainable community

conservation and rangeland management. Elewana helped upgrade existing infrastructure and built a new luxury tourist lodge to drive sustained revenue.

Space for Giants helped develop a five-year strategic plan for Loisaba Conservancy with The Nature Conservancy, and will now be responsible for delivering the conservation mandate. In 2017, Redempta Njeri, our newly appointed North Kenya Conservation Officer, will manage critical wildlife and habitat monitoring to measure the success of conservation and rangeland management, including long term elephant population assessments. Data so far indicate Loisaba is home to more than 800 elephants. A collar on one of those elephants, named Jungfrau, showed she travelled more than 100km between Loisaba and conservancies further north. Conservationists had feared that poaching and increasing livestock had made this critical corridor obsolete, but our findings prove the success of our work and that of our partners.

Conflict over access to pasture has existed for many years in northern Kenya, but in 2015 dry weather, political pressure, and an influx of livestock coming to graze illegally, made it worse. Loisaba Conservancy has worked carefully with NRT to build the foundations to create community conservancies on neighbouring land, empowering and supporting communities to improve the management of their rangeland there. Space for Giants has also developed a fencing strategy for Loisaba to help reduce human-wildlife conflict and prevent illegal grazing, while keeping routes open to surrounding wildlife habitat. With NRT, Loisaba is now an integral member of the Livestock to Markets Programme, which improves livelihoods across northern Kenya. Pastoralists follow a series of rules of rangeland management, security, and social investment, and in return are given access to new markets paying fairer prices for their livestock. Loisaba Conservancy hosts 1,600 Livestock to Market cattle annually, generating approximately \$90,000 in grazing fees.



Loisaba conservancy

FRONTLINE PROTECTION



RAPID RESPONSE TEAMS

Elephant poaching hit an all-time high across Africa in 2012. In Laikipia County alone the carcasses of more than 100 elephants slaughtered for their ivory were found: a robust security response was urgently required.

Since then the backbone of Laikipia's security response to elephant poaching and associated insecurity has been the OI Pejeta Conservancy-based Rapid Response Team (RRT). This was established under the umbrella of the Community Policing Initiative and works with the Kenya Police Reservists (KPR), with access to a helicopter and a specialised dog unit. Space for Giants, with OI Pejeta Conservancy, has invested heavily in training to maintain ranger morale and ensure their safety, and to guarantee the RRT's continued effectiveness.



In 2012, the RRT was deployed 20 times, resulting in the arrest of 22 poachers. That proved such a deterrent that since then the Team has deployed on only a handful of occasions, and then for stock theft rather than poaching. In 2015, we secured a \$27,902 grant from the Thin Green Line Foundation for essential training courses for these frontline protection rangers:

- Tactical Refresher Course for 40 rangers
- Commander Refresher Course for 9 rangers
- Patrol 2nd in Command Course for 7 rangers
- Patrol Medic Course for 8 rangers



In late 2016, we were awarded a further \$200,000 from the US Fish and Wildlife Service to create a similar Rapid-Response Team in Laikipia West. We are now working with NRT and the Loisaba Conservancy to create a team of highly trained armed rangers who will pro-actively patrol the region. This team should be operational by the middle of 2017.

MONITORING THE ILLEGAL KILLING OF ELEPHANTS (MIKE)

The combined success of the RRT deterrent, Space for Giants' criminal justice system work, and ever-strengthening strategic partnerships, are reflected in a huge reduction in the number of poached elephants across Laikipia since 2012. We have been systematically monitoring all elephant carcasses across the 'Laikipia/Samburu' site for the continental programme known as 'monitoring the illegal killing of elephants' (MIKE) with our partners KWS, Save the Elephants, and NRT.

Professional Rapid Response Teams helped cut poaching by 84%

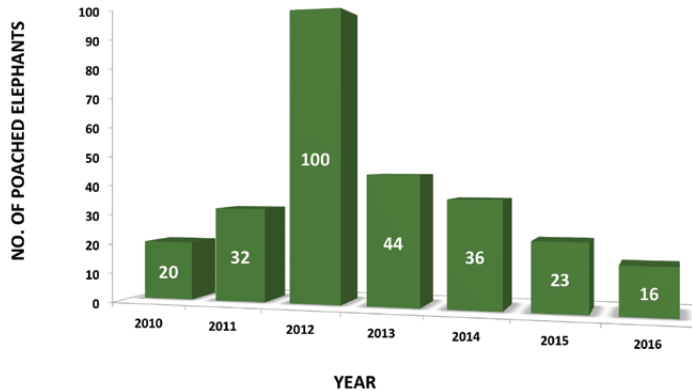
FRONTLINE PROTECTION

The data show an 84% drop in the number of poached elephants counted between 2012 and 2016, from 100 to 16. Monitoring the illegal killing of elephants is critical for us and our partners to measure the impact of our conservation interventions. We remain confident of achieving our goal of a 90% reduction in poaching, from 2012 levels, by 2018.



The data show an 84% reduction in the number of poached elephants between 2012 and 2016

NUMBER OF POACHED ELEPHANTS IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY



CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE

The future of elephants ultimately depends on the hearts and minds of those people who live alongside them. Space for Giants' community drama programme has been central to our work in northern Kenya to engage people with conservation issues, and to provide an interactive forum to explore the complexities and contradictions that conservation encapsulates.

Our dedicated group of 'Elephant Actors' travelled far and wide across the Laikipia/Samburu ecosystem, creating different plays that help empower communities and engage them on issues about elephants. We have already reached more than 5,000 people, including those living in poaching hotspots or in areas where HEC is a daily reality. The drama programme performed at the West Laikipia Elephant Fence launch, and played a critical role educating communities on how electric fences work, whose job it is to maintain them, and what communities' roles are to report incidents of fence vandalism. This investment has been integral to ensuring that fence construction has gone smoothly and that communities are on side.



Talking conservation with community members both young and old



Mount Kenya at sunrise

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JOURNEYS FOR GIANTS

CONSERVATION SAFARIS & PRIVATE VISITS

The past year has seen some extraordinary private trips to all corners of Kenya, including helicopter safaris to the far north and the lakes of Turkana, the dunes of Suguta, the flamingos at Bogoria, as well as game drives stretching out across the Masai Mara, witnessing the wildebeest migration and an abundance of plains game.

Donors have experienced elephant monitoring first hand (darting and collaring with the Kenya Wildlife Service), met rapid-response anti-poaching teams and patrolled with them at night, been briefed on community-led conservation, and met members of court monitoring team improving the judicial response to wildlife crime within Kenyan courts.

CONSERVATION CHALLENGES

Following the launch of our partnership in 2015 with the London rugby club Saracens, last June five players summited Mount Kenya to raise funds for Space for Giants and widen attention to the poaching crisis.

The team – Jim Hamilton, Mike Ellery, Rhys Gill, Nils Mordt, and Ben Ransom – hiked 50km over four days. Despite the challenges of high altitude and difficult terrain, all five reached the 4,985-metre (16,355ft) Lenana summit carrying the Aviva Premiership trophy, which Saracens won the previous season.

Jacques Burger, former captain of the Namibian team and Saracens player, joined the group in Kenya, and together they visited Space for Giants projects in Laikipia. We would like to extend a huge thank you to each of the climbers who participated and raised funds through sponsorship.

Space for Giants invites you to join a one-of-a-kind African adventure, be it a private trip or a hard-core challenge, to experience first hand our crucial conservation work and the magnificent animals and landscapes we strive to protect.

Your Journeys for Giants experience could extend across Africa and not only will we ensure you explore a variety of breathtaking landscapes, search for the “Big Five”, experience different traditional cultures in Botswana or Gabon, Uganda or Kenya, but we will also ensure that you enjoy access to our ever growing network of leading conservationists and researchers striving to secure a future for Africa’s giants.

For more information:
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Hiking on Mt Kenya

FUNDRAISING NEWS



Prince William and Max Graham at the Kensington Palace dinner



High-profile guests helped raise \$2 million at the Animal Ball

The years 2015 and 2016 were a transformative period for Space for Giants, and as the scope and the scale of our work grows, inevitably so do funding requirements.

Through key new initiatives these needs are being met. The inaugural Giants Club Summit in Kenya in 2016 demonstrated the power of bringing together partners to work in collaboration with investors, philanthropists, and institutional funders to ensure critical work is paid for. More than \$5m was pledged to key projects during the three days of the Summit itself.

Other fundraising initiatives continue to meet core Space for Giants requirements, including online campaigns, sponsored challenges both home and abroad, and the superb Giants Dinner, also hosted in April 2016 that raised more than \$37,000. A huge thank you to all who were involved in the dinner and to everyone who participated in the Round the Island Race and the Climb for Giants, amongst many others.

The pioneering Asian elephant-focused charity Elephant Family hosted a fantastic auction in New York in October 2015. Owen Wilson, the actor, brought together 25 of the world's leading contemporary artists at the Elephants Forever Auction, which raised more than \$1 million to fund the conservation work of both Elephant Family and Space for Giants (www.elephantsforeverauction.com).

In November 2016 we were delighted to again partner with Elephant Family to host The Animal Ball, Britain's

largest conservation fundraiser. Inspired by Truman Capote's Black & White Dance, it saw London's best restaurants and private members' clubs host 40 simultaneous dinners, after which all guests gathered at The Animal Ball for an unforgettable night inspired by the animal kingdom. Fashion houses from around the world designed animal masks that guests wore and which had earlier been displayed at a special sold-out exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum. The Animal Ball raised \$2 million for global conservation charities.

Members of Giving for Giants, a philanthropy programme that supports funding for Space for Giants projects, joined together in December for a very special dinner that Prince William attended at Kensington Palace. The event saw philanthropists, influencers, and conservation experts celebrate our achievements and discuss future goals. Guests included Kitili Mbathi, the KWS Director General, and Professor Lee White, the Head of National Parks in Gabon.

We look forward to many exciting and varied fundraising events and partnerships in 2017 and beyond to provide the necessary funds to continue Space for Giants' vital work. Those will include our partnership with British creative agency 18 Feet & Rising, who won a competition securing \$180,000 of free advertising space globally, which will feature Space for Giants during a worldwide campaign called March for Giants.

ADOPTING AN ELEPHANT

Space for Giants' founding strategic aim to protect 10% of Africa's elephants has been prodigiously expanded over the last year: now we aim to protect 50% of Africa's elephants by 2020. Based on recent figures released by the Great Elephant Census, this would account for approximately 200,000 elephants, and represents a far more ambitious, though meaningful, target.

It means that our online donation platform allowing donors to adopt one or more elephants in vulnerable landscapes across Africa is even more important. Since the launch of our Adopt an Elephant programme in December 2014, 330 elephants have been adopted, with donors choosing pictures and names for their elephants, receiving adoption certificates, and being kept informed about the progress of Space for Giants' work via email.

We are still in the first phase of the project, which focuses on the 6,365 elephants in the Laikipia / Samburu ecosystem. This landscape is the heart of East Africa's conservancy movement, where private and community landowners are increasingly committing their land to conservation, despite facing a multitude of challenges.

Efforts by Space for Giants and our partners to overcome these challenges have led to a continued reduction in the level of poaching, but maintaining this work requires continued support.

Once all the elephants in the Laikipia ecosystem have been adopted, and sufficient funds raised for their effective protection, elephants in other landscapes will be become available for adoption across East, Central, South and West Africa.

**To adopt an elephant costs \$5 a month.
Please visit www.spaceforgiants.org/adopt**

INTHE NEWS

The Giants Club Summit garnered massive international media attention, raising awareness of both the elephant poaching crisis and the work of Space for Giants. It generated broadcast, online, and print coverage, reaching a global audience of around 853 million people.

Our social media following grew by more than 150%, thanks to regular updates and shares of our bespoke celebrity-fronted video messages, featuring stars including Elton John, Bear Grylls, and Lupita Nyong'o. Since the summit Space for Giants has nurtured and built on those followings, as well as continuing to achieve press coverage for significant news stories. Here is a snapshot of Space for Giants hitting the headlines:

A conservation hails summit to revolution' - the world save Africa's elephants

OUR WILDLIFE OUR HERITAGE

WANTED ALIVE. STOP THE TRADE.

Think Conservation... Make It Kenya

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES COMBINED CALENDAR YEARS 2015 & 2016	US\$
REVENUE	
DONATIONS, GRANTS & CONTRACTS	\$2,802,750
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,802,750
EXPENSES	
PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES	\$2,227,121
FUNDRAISING AND ADMINISTRATION	\$213,841
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,440,962
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$361,788

Converted from Kenyan accounts at a rate of Ksh 99.5 to \$USD 1

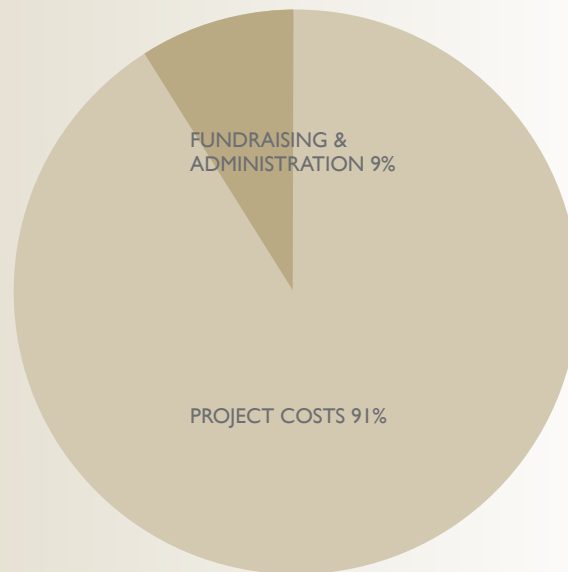
Note: This financial report is based on un-audited financial statements and though every care has been taken to ensure they are accurate, they could change in line with the auditor's recommendations.

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ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE



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SUPPORT SPACE FOR GIANTS

Space for Giants is a small, focused and responsive conservation charity that is having a significant conservation impact on the ground. Our approach is highly collaborative and is informed by more than 15 years of practical hands-on applied research and conservation in Africa. We strongly believe we represent an ideal opportunity for donors looking for the biggest return / impact for their donation.

ADOPT AN ELEPHANT!

Visit www.spaceforgiants.org/adopt to help us scale up our work to effectively protect 50% of Africa's elephants, in priority landscapes, across the continent by 2020.

HOW TO DONATE IN THE UK

Visit www.spaceforgiants.org/donate to make a one-off or regular gift by credit or debit card

OR

Please write out a cheque to "Space for Giants" and send to Space for Giants, 12 The Courtyard, Ladycross Business Park, Hollow Lane, Lingfield, RH17 7RJ

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HOW TO DONATE IN THE USA

Donate online at spaceforgiantsusa.org

OR

Please write out a cheque to "Space for Giants USA" and send to Space for Giants USA, 57 West 57th Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10019

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