



# ANNUAL REPORT 2015

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# Introduction from the CEO



As 2015 draws to a close, I personally feel very encouraged by the growing synergies and collaborations being fostered across the conservation landscape within Zambia and further afield. Despite the on-going slaughter of Africa's wildlife, I firmly believe that by strengthening partnerships on all levels and building upon the growing global awareness of the many challenges afflicting wildlife conservation, we can still save our Protected Areas and the fauna and flora within them. However, the next 10 – 15 years are crucial and will certainly be the 'make or break' for some of the more iconic species on the continent.

2015 was a busy year for GRI. Three new projects were incorporated under the GRI banner; the GRI – Wildlife Crime Prevention Project, the GRI – Wildlife Veterinary Project and the adoption of the GRI - Zambia Primate Project (originally established by the Born Free Foundation). Five new major donors were secured to support GRI's on-going holistic approach to the conservation effort. GRI is now employing more than 75 full-time local staff, rehabilitating 14 orphaned elephants, raising awareness to 7,500 children across 39 schools and supporting 100 scouts in the field.

Finally, as we wrap up another successful year, we are grateful and honoured to be able to work alongside the Zambia Wildlife Authority. None of what we do would be possible without their dedication and tireless commitment to wildlife conservation and we look forward to continuing and growing our support of what will soon become the Department of National Parks & Wildlife.

We salute all wildlife personnel and as always we honour and remember those who have paid the ultimate price. They will not be forgotten and we will strive to continue their good work into the future.

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Sport Beattie  
Chief Executive Officer  
Game Rangers International

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# About Game Rangers International

## About GRI

Game Rangers International (GRI) is a Zambian conservation organisation, working alongside the Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW) to protect the wildlife in Zambia. The organisation has been active in Zambia since 2008, originally founded to protect the threatened elephant population in Kafue National Park.

GRI takes a holistic approach to conservation and development, rooted in the belief that successful conservation cannot be achieved unless the people and communities around the protected areas can experience and access the benefits from healthy ecosystems.



## About Kafue National Park

- Kafue NP is the largest National Park in Zambia and second largest in Africa covering 22,400km<sup>2</sup> (equivalent to Wales or Massachusetts).
- It is the oldest National Park in Zambia, proclaimed in 1950 and home to over 158 species of mammals and 515 species of birds.
- The Park encompasses a large part of the Kafue River catchment area and protects the stream flow on which many important industries in Zambia (especially in the capital, Lusaka) rely.
- Despite its size and prominent location close to Lusaka it remains little known, largely unexplored and vulnerable to poaching.



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# GRI – Kafue Conservation Project

KCP is providing welfare, training and operational support to wildlife personnel on the front line of conservation and is implementing community outreach and education programmes in the communities around Kafue National Park.

## Achievements in 2015

- The Special Anti-Poaching Unit (SAPU), the Nkala Anti-Poaching Unit and the Busanga Anti-Poaching Unit and the Marine Anti-Poaching Unit have undertaken 9372 Man Patrol Days.
- The Fire Fighting Unit has been deployed to fight fires in Kafue National Park.
- Chunga Training School has been resuscitated and equipped with a pump house and a water tank.
- A metal detector was procured to collect data from poaching sites.
- Basanga Maternal Health Centre was constructed and has seen 30 children being born during 2015.
- Farmers in Nkala GMA received chili seeds and training in how to use chili to deter elephants and mitigate Human-Elephant Conflicts.
- The radio show 'Conservation Conversations' has continued to broadcast on ITT FM, reaching 30,000 listeners weekly.



### Patrol Results 2015

- 200 poachers apprehended
- 133 firearms seized
- 15 kg ivory recovered
- 6,436 kg bushmeat recovered
- 286 wire snares recovered

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# GRI – Wildlife Crime Prevention Project

WCPP works alongside the Investigations and Intelligence Unit of Zambia's Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW) to tackle wildlife crime as well as supporting research and education projects to promote greater citizen engagement in protecting Zambia's biodiversity and habitats.

## Achievements in 2015

- A Conservation Detection Dog Trial was conducted in Lusaka to prepare for a permanent dog detection unit.
- An Investigations and Intelligence Operations Training Course was delivered to 12 Investigations Officers and a Close Combat Training Course to 5 DNPW Officers,
- Investigations and Intelligence Operations and Planning Room was renovated and equipped.
- Various equipment was given to DNPW including a two vehicles for operational use.
- A Conservation Heroes Monument was unveiled in Lusaka National Park on World Rangers' Day to commemorate Zambian scouts killed on duty.
- A study into the illegal bushmeat trade in Zambia was commenced and will be published in partnership with DNPW.
- Conservation education was delivered to 420 students in 14 schools in Lusaka and visits to Lilayi Elephant Nursery were organised for another 1500 children from Lusaka based schools.



### DNPW Intelligence and Investigation Unit Results 2015

- 162 suspected poachers arrested
- 668.3 kg ivory recovered
- 3577 kg bushmeat confiscated
- 30 rifles confiscated
- 13 live pangolins recovered and released back into the wild

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# GRI – Elephant Orphanage Project

EOP is rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing orphaned elephants back into the wild.

## Achievements in 2015

- In January, the Nkala River swelled and flooded the Kafue Release Facility. Many buildings were destroyed but the camp has been completely rebuilt.
- A “Release Herd” was formed at the Kafue Release Facility, with Chodoba, Chamilandu, Kafue, Batoka and Tafika spending more and more time by themselves in the wild.
- Suni, the orphaned elephant who was injured for life after an axe attack, was sadly euthanised after it became clear that she would never live independently in the wild.
- The Release Herd elephants at the Kafue Release Facility were fitted with satellite collars and their movements in the wild can now be monitored.
- At the Lilayi Elephant Nursery (LEN), a new visitors reception was constructed to make the visitor’s experience even more enjoyable and informative.
- Also at LEN, a comprehensive solar energy system was installed, which will make life easier for LEN based staff and volunteers.



**Visit the Lilayi Elephant Nursery!**

**Open every day 11.30 – 13.00. K50 for adults, free entry on Mondays.**

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# GRI – Zambia Primate Project

ZPP is rescuing and rehabilitating injured, orphaned and illegally held vervet monkeys and yellow baboons for release back in the wild.

## Achievements in 2015

- The 2014 baboon release troop achieved a 95% survival rate 18 months post release into Kafue National Park.
- 13 rescue operations were conducted, resulting in the rescue of 10 vervet monkeys and two yellow baboons, mainly from the illegal pet trade.
- By the end of 2015, 30 vervet monkeys had been rehabilitated and ready for release back to the wild.
- ZPP Project Manager Cosmas Mumba was shortlisted as one of three finalists for the prestigious 2015 Tusk Conservation Award, supported by HRH Prince William. Cosmas is the first Zambian conservationist ever to be shortlisted.
- The Born Free Foundation awarded a major new grant for the construction and running of the ZPP Primate Transit Home, where rescued primates are prepared for release.
- Grants from the Olsen Animal Trust, Humane Society International Australia and Tusk Trust and will be used to improve staff welfare, expand rescue operations and towards the construction and running of the new Primate Transit Home.



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# GRI – Wildlife Veterinary Project

WVP is rescuing and rehabilitating wild animals. that have been injured as a result of human activities, such as poaching and snaring.

## Achievements in 2015

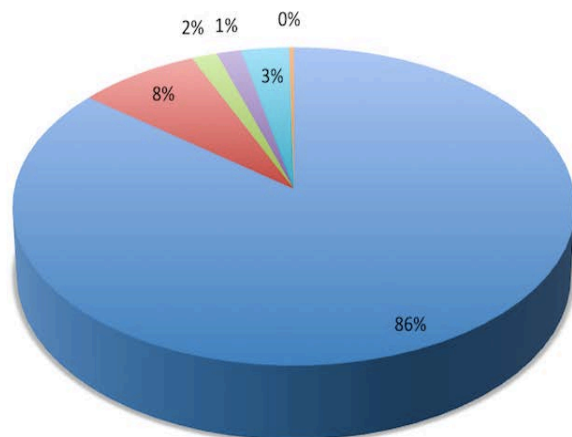
- 2015 saw the inception of WVP, a veterinary project with the aim to rescue and rehabilitate injured wildlife. WVP work in close collaboration with DNPW and the Veterinary Council of Zambia.
- A veterinary clinic was constructed at Mukambi and equipped with veterinary supplies.
- The process of securing a veterinarian from DNPW who will be working alongside WVP Project Manager in the vet clinic was started.
- WVP was involved in a number of operations together with vets from DNPW, including the release of a number of confiscated pangolins, the rescue of wildlife wounded by snares and the attempt to rescue a bull elephant fatally wounded by a poachers bullet.
- In October the WVP Project Manager attended the first ever international conference on Pangolin Conservation, Trade and Rehabilitation in South Africa to learn more about the care and rehabilitation of the most trafficked species in the world.



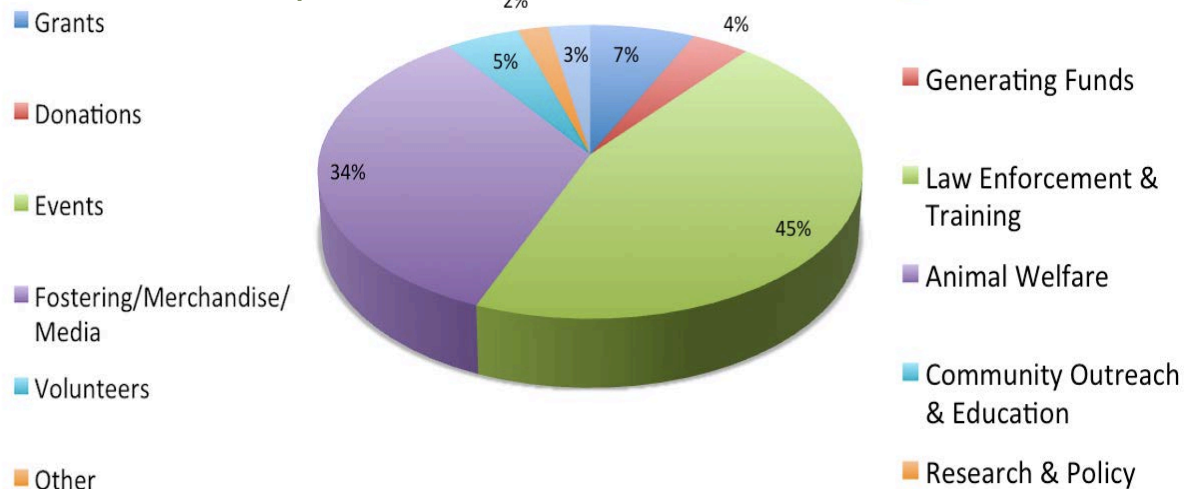
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# Financial Overview

## Income 2015



## Expenditure 2015



GRI	ZAMBIAN KWACHA		%	
Income	2015 (ZMW)	2014 (ZMW)	Difference	Change %
Grants	14,645,000.34	5,199,699.89	9,445,300.45	282%
Donations	1,325,860.58	1,055,106.46	270,754.12	126%
Events	279,179.50	189,308.63	89,870.87	147%
Fostering, Merchandise, Media	267,780.25	175,845.00	91,935.25	152%
Volunteers	526,608.00	n/a	526,608.00	n/a
Other	51,228.00	n/a	51,228.00	n/a
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17,095,656.67</b>	<b>6,619,959.98</b>	<b>10,475,696.69</b>	<b>258%</b>
Expenditure				
Projects	11,178,979.00	5,561,358.00	5,617,621.00	199%
Admin/Governance	877,416.00	531,158.00	346,258.00	165%
Generating Funds	476,773.00	258,439.00	218,334.00	184%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,533,168.00</b>	<b>6,350,955.00</b>	<b>6,182,213.00</b>	<b>197%</b>

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## Looking to 2016

GRI's volunteer programme, Wild Zambia Volunteers, continued to grow during 2015 and 29 volunteers came to share their time and skills with us. GRI hope to further expand the programme during 2016.

Are you interested in volunteering for GRI, or know someone who is? Please visit [www.wildzambia.org](http://www.wildzambia.org) or email [info@wildzambia.org](mailto:info@wildzambia.org)



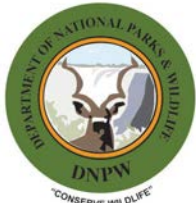
During 2016, GRI will continue its efforts to protect and preserve Zambia's wildlife. Among the objectives for 2016 are:

- An Awareness and Training campaign for orphan elephant rescue hotspots and identification of suitable holding facilities.
- The procurement of Light Sport Aircraft to facilitate anti-poaching operations and research in KNP.
- Increased support to DNPW's Intelligence and Investigation Unit (IIU) in Lusaka and across Zambia.
- Elefest 2016 – a festival to celebrate Zambia's wildlife and to raise funds for and awareness around conservation.
- The construction of a pre-release enclosure at the Primate Transit Home.
- Finalising the construction of the veterinary clinic in Mukambi and establish a mobile veterinary unit.

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