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## **ANNUAL REPORT CARD**

Zimbabwe Wildlife Fund was formed in October 2009 when a number of us agreed to form a new organization the objectives of which include:

- Promote Eco-tourism to Zimbabwe
- Promote the Friends of Hwange Trust and its objectives
- Promote wildlife conservation and the natural environment
- Promote wildlife research and breeding programmes
- Promote local schools and education projects

### **1. Operations**

#### **Projects**

The projects we have financially supported include the following:

- \$14,500 sent to Friends of Hwange Trust to help out with a new motor vehicle, fire breaks, solar panels and petrol supplies for the gensets
- \$4,500 sent to Pinefarm Conservancy Canonkopje Game Sanctuary to assist with the egg collection project for the endangered wattle cranes
- \$4,500 sent to Mana Pools (Zambezi Society) to buy mosquito nets and sleeping bags for the anti-poaching team and
- \$1000 sent to the Tashinga Initiative to assist with covering the VSAT satellite system licence renewal and monthly subscription for Matusadona

In 13 months of operations we sent over \$24,000 in essential funding.

We also received requests for assistance from Rueben Njolomole, Education Officer of Birdlife Zimbabwe (based in Harare), and from Trish Evans, Secretary of the RIFA Conservation Education Camp (also based in Harare) and both these requests are under consideration.

#### **Eco-Tourism**

We promote eco-tour projects on our website and at functions as follows:

- Hwange Horseback Safaris
- Volunteer Program DART
- Wild Zambezi
- Goliath Safaris

- The Hide
- Classic Safari Company
- Rhino Safari Camp

We receive newsletters/ magazines from the Zimbabwe Conservation Task Force, The Zambezi Society, Wild Zambezi, Wildlife & Environment Zimbabwe, Zululand Wildlife eForum, RhiNEWS (Save the Rhino) and the “Afriqan Times” which are circulated.

## 2. Fundraising and Social

### Social Functions

We had a very successful 12 months with four fundraising functions as follows:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Friends Hwange Trust at the Claremont Yacht Club in November 2009
- African Theme Night at the Swan Yacht Club in March 2010
- Wine, Cheese and Movie Night at the Windsor Theatre in Nedlands in August 2010 and
- Corporate Golf Day at Whaleback in September 2010

### Corporate Sponsorship

We have built up a number of sponsors for events and this task is ongoing.

### Donation Tins

We have approximately 45 donation tins in circulation around shopping centres. It was agreed that all funds from donation tins would support anti-poaching teams.

## 3. Education and Community

### Schools

We assist conservation and environmental projects and local schools in Zimbabwe as we consider it is critically important to support local communities so that indirectly we help to deter and change the attitudes to poaching and destruction of habitat.

We are collaborating very closely with the **Painted Dog Organisation**, which is based in **Hwange National Park**. This park is located in the western part of Zimbabwe two hours from Victoria Falls and is Zimbabwe’s largest and best-known national park. The area is home to 108 species of mammal and over 400 bird species and is most famous for its elephant herds which combined make up a population of around 30,000.

The Painted Dog Organisation has a well developed education facility at **Iganyana Bush Camp**.

**The schools we support in/adjacent to Hwange National Park include the following:**

Nabushome	Lupote A	Lupote B	Gwaai
Gundwane	Fatime/ Sichongo	Dopota	Mabale
Sir Roy Welensky	Songwa	Sianyanga	Main Camp
Ndangababi A	Ndangababi B	His	Ngamo
Chezhou	Mambanje	St Francis A	St Francis B
Dingani			

The “sister school” relationships we hope to develop are important to enrich the schools in Zimbabwe with better equipment and materials and forge closer relationships between students in Australia and those in Zimbabwe.

We present our “vision” to local school communities in Perth along with supporting flyers and a specially developed CD and we encourage all school community members to attend our presentations and hopefully provide financial and non-financial support

Presentations were made to the following schools regarding providing assistance:

**Wembley Downs PS**  
**John XXIII College**

**Woodlands PS**  
**Greenwood SHS**

**Nedlands PS**

Support was mixed from schools with promises of school uniforms.

However we have been fortunate in receiving a considerable amount of sporting equipment from cricket clubs etc thanks to supporter and member Mike Frampton.

### **Community Fairs**

In addition a stall was set up at the Wembley Downs Fair in October 2010 whereby we handed out membership forms and sponsorship programs and donation tins collected some funds. It was explained that the donations went to the anti-poaching team we support at Mana Pools and we displayed the letter/photos from the NP Warden at Mana thanking us for supporting them.

Increasing awareness of conservation at local fairs (at the “grass roots”/community level) is very rewarding and we will be more active in these events next year.

## **4. Marketing and Web Site**

### **Advertising/ Marketing**

We advertise events in shopping centre noticeboards and on one occasion with a local community paper which was successful.

### **Newsletter**

We prepared and circulated our first newsletter in August 2010 and plans are underway to work on a second newsletter for February 2011. These are also available on-line as well. Newsletters include photos of events and updates from projects.

### **Web Site**

Thanks to Elise Berenger for a superb web site. This is updated as required and we also promote our projects and eco tours on the site.

## **5. Membership**

We are urgently seeking new members and will be pushing this in 2011.

### **Members Register**

We will progress the completion of a formal Members Register in 2011 as we enlist more members.

We need to achieve 50 members to claim DGR (deductible gift recipient) status with the ATO.

## **6. Committees**

We will be working on securing additional Committees both intra and interstate to help with fundraising and memberships and will continue to explore options for membership/Committees in country towns in Australia.

We made genuine attempts to obtain this in 2010 and late 2009 (including a presentation in Kalgoorlie) but were unsuccessful.

### **New Zealand**

Contact continued with Michelle Bate and the work she is doing in NZ with the photographs and prints etc and we will endeavour to link websites and support the work she is doing.

## **7 Financial and Administration**

### **Cash Balances**

It was agreed that the cash balances should remain at \$500-\$1000 for future working capital purposes.

Both a public fund and operations accounts were set up during the year.

### **External Audits**

RSM Bird Cameron accepted a pro-bono external audit of the June 2010 accounts and that has been scheduled for completion in January 2011. Preparation of the audit has commenced and draft financial accounts prepared and sent to RSM Bird Cameron.

### **Compliance**

We were successful in obtaining GST tax concessions, ABN registration and exemption from income tax.

We were formerly incorporated in Western Australia in June 2010.

Finally appreciation must be made and recorded of the superb work that Elise Berenger, Debbie Hunter and Jenny Preston have done for ZWF throughout most if not all of the tenure of that organisation. Special thanks must go to our sponsors and Mike Frampton and Alan Churley for both assisting with constitution, compliance and registration functions!!

**Wayne Monks**

**Chairperson**

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