



The Kingdom of Swaziland's

BIG GAME PARKS

INTERMEDIATE REPORT CONTRACT NO PSF2009-021
BLACK AND WHITE RHINO SECURITY AND MONITORING EQUIPMENT
- SIR PETER SCOTT FUND -

TECHNICAL

1. General

Southern Africa has been experiencing an increase in the amount of poaching, and especially that of rhinos in South Africa and Zimbabwe. Added to this, Swaziland is experiencing serious challenges in the form of loss of experienced and long-serving conservation staff due to the extremely high HIV prevalence among working age citizens.

This has driven conservation managers to look beyond traditional intelligence-gathering methods to broaden collection and increase successes against poaching.

As a result, Big Game Parks has looked into acquiring additional technologies to support the law enforcement and biological management of the parks.

Big Game Parks made application to the IUCN/SSC for funds from the Kate Saunderson Bequest through the African Rhino Specialist Group early in 2008, and for reasons which are not entirely clear to us, the processing of the proposal took a considerable amount of time, with the contract finally signed on 18 February 2009. Once this occurred, updated quotes and the placing of the order for the full number of cameras and accessories was placed.

In order to facilitate the smooth delivery of these items, Big Game Parks paid the full amount to the supplier of E60200.00.

2. Activities

The cameras finally arrived on the project site on 19 July 2009, following the relevant clearances etc. This unfortunately falls outside the envisaged 3-month period as budgeted under "Activities".

Due to the delays experienced, the cameras are only now in the process of being set up and being prepared for testing and deployment in the field, with the relevant software being installed.

Presently field rangers are also giving feedback on areas of poaching activity and suitable sites are being identified for the initial testing and deployment of the cameras under field conditions.

We envisage that by the end of August 2009 all the cameras will have been installed in the field, that the necessary personnel will be trained, and that the collection of data will have begun.

3. **Financial**

The following is a summary of all expenditures and sources of funding.

DATE	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	TOTAL BUDGET	IUCN CONTRIBUTION		BGP CONTRIBUTIONS		TOTAL EXPENDITURE
			Emalangeni	CHF Francs	Emalangeni	CHF Francs	CHF Francs
24/06/2009	Full payment:	CHF8880.00	44463.60	6000.00 @ 7.4106	15736.40	2123.5	
	10x cameras						
	10x lock boxes						
	2x card readers						
	12x 2GB CF cards						
27/06/2009	Freight courier				136.35		
	Collection				135.00		
	Sales Tax				8447.08		
	Customs Doc'mts				76.00		
	Tax disbursement				422.35		
	Power source batteries				114.20		
	Laptop				In service		
	Bank charges				306.16		
TOTAL		CHF8880.00	E44463.60	CHF6000	E25427.54	3431.24	CHF9431.24

The above conversion rate used is what the rate was at the time of conversion, as the exchange rates fluctuate constantly.

Please note the initial financial reporting format was in US\$ as opposed to CF, and for the sake of simplicity, we have calculated the exchanges from CHF to ZAR/Emalangeni. If this is incorrect or problematic, please advise us so that we may re-calculate CHF to US\$ to ZAR/Emalangeni.

Thank you,
Yours faithfully

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