

Elephants *for* Africa

Conservation through research and education



ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2011

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The Trustees present their report, together with the financial statements of Elephants for Africa (EfA) for the period ended 31 December 2011.

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Elephants for Africa
Charity Registration No: 1122027 (registered 18 December 2007)
Charity's Address: Waverley, Mantle St, Wellington, Somerset, TA21 8BG

Trustees:

During the period were:

Mr Brian Courtenay
Mr James Honeybourne
Dr Kate Evans
Mr Patrick Sillence
Mr John Graham

When the report was approved:

Mr Brian Courtenay
Mr John Graham
Mr Patrick Sillence

Bankers:

Lloyds TSB plc and The Co-operative Bank in the UK
Stanbic in Botswana

Independent Examiner:

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We extend our sincere thanks to Cathy for kindly volunteering to examine our accounts without charge.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity is constituted by its governing document Trust Deed dated 15 November 2007.

New Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees.

EfA was set up to support long-term research on elephants in Botswana; however it is not restricted to supporting work in this country and in 2011 expanded its work to include a project in South Africa and Ethiopia.

EfA works closely with the University of Bristol. This is where our Founder Member and Director of Research and Education, Dr Kate Evans, is a Research Associate and where our Scientific Advisor, Professor Stephen Harris, is the Head of the Mammal Research Unit. In addition we have a PhD student and two Masters student working under the umbrella of the Charity's research project who are registered at the University of Bristol and being co-supervised by Dr Kate Evans. They will submit their theses in 2012.

Our vision and mission have been simplified:

Vision:

The vision of Elephants For Africa is that humans and elephants can co-exist.

Mission:

Conservation through research and education.

The charitable objectives of EfA are the advancement of education and research for the benefit of the public in the conservation, protection and monitoring of elephants:

- To monitor the demographics, ecology, behaviour, communication and movement of the elephants in Africa.
- Investigate the behaviour of male elephants
- Investigate the viability of releasing captive elephants into the wild.
- Undertake a study on the parasites and diseases of the elephants.
- Mobilize expertise and resources to assist in the enhancement of skills in the beneficiaries in the form of a scholarship fund for postgraduate degrees and the supply of information.
- Identify opportunities and promote co-operation and co-ordination between beneficiaries and other institutions or persons.
- Facilitate communication, co-operation and relationship-building amongst all role players, including governments and private sector institutions, on the levels of education, strategy, policy, resources and structures.
- Conduct policy research and analysis, conservation education; facilitate technical co-operation arrangements between beneficiaries and external parties.
- Promote exchange of ideas and communication between beneficiaries and external parties.
- Organise workshops, joint working meetings and consultations between beneficiaries and other parties.
- Facilitate the exchange of information on elephant research projects.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects:

Research

Behavioural Ecology

1.1.1 Long Term Monitoring Project - On-going since 2002 - Dr Kate Evans & volunteer researchers

This is a ground-based study of the social and behavioural ecology of elephants in Wildlife Management Area NG26, Okavango Delta, Botswana. It focuses on male elephants, with researchers driving both fixed and random routes of approximately 20Km on a daily basis, looking for elephants. The project has been running since 2002 and to date has identified around 1000 individual elephants.

Dr Kate Evans has written a paper about habitat utilisation that is currently under review with the African Journal of Ecology.

Whilst driving transects, researchers record any rare bird sightings for Bird Life Botswana (www.birdlifebotswana.org.bw) and rare animals for the concession managers.

Once every month a 42Km circuit is driven and the details of all mammals that they see recorded.

In addition, we log climate information on a daily basis (min & max temperature, cloud cover, flood levels and rainfall).

This project will relocate to the Makgadikgadi National Park in 2012.

1.1.2 Seasonality - MSc project with University of Bristol, UK - Mphoeng Ofithile

This project is investigating the seasonal changes in behaviour regarding movements, food selection and social grouping of male elephants. Mphoeng Ofithile has made use of EfA's nine-year data set, as well as spending one year gathering his own field data. Data collection for this thesis is now finished. Mphoeng Ofithile was due to submit before the end of 2011, however owing to ill health this has been delayed until 2012.

1.1.3 Monitoring of Released Elephants – On-going since 2002 – Dr Kate Evans & volunteer researchers

Since 2002, Elephant Back Safaris has released seven elephants (six males & one female) from its herd back into the ‘wild’. This project has been monitoring the movements (via GPS and VHF collars) and behaviour (from the ground) of the released elephants since the beginning, drawing heavily on the findings of the Long Term Monitoring Project for comparative data. A great deal has also been learned about the best ways to conduct a release and the importance of tailoring it to the individual.

Dr Kate Evans has written two papers on different aspects of the released elephants that are currently awaiting publication.

Overall the programme has been extremely successful and this year the males, Mafunyane and Thando were un-collared. Unfortunately the youngest male to be released, Pula, was shot as a problem animal.

Communication

1.1.4 Infrasonic Communication – PhD project with University of Bristol, UK – Graham Bowles

This project began in 2008. Graham Bowles spent over two years in the field gathering data using GPS and recording collars.

He has spent 2010 sorting and analysing data and will submit his thesis to the University of Bristol in 2012.

Health & Welfare

1.1.5 Hormone study – Post Doc research with Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, Pretoria University – Dr Kate Evans

Analysis of the samples has been completed and Dr Kate Evans is now busy analysing the data.

The learning from both males and females will have applications in the safety of handlers and welfare of elephants in captivity and in the wild.

1.1.6 Parasite study - Post Doc research with University of Bristol, UK - Dr Kate Evans

Expanding on this project, Miss Lydia Baines is conducting her Master's thesis through the University of Bristol co-supervised by Dr Kate Evans and Dr Eric Morgan.

She will conduct her field research at the beginning of 2012 and submit her Master's thesis by October 2012.

1.1.7 Monitoring of the Abu herd - On-going since 2002 - Dr Kate Evans & volunteer researchers

In addition to the hormone, infrasound and footprint recognition projects, Dr Kate Evans has been measuring the shoulder heights of the Abu herd members on an annual basis and also recording any significant events such as births, deaths and releases.

Other

1.1.8 Footprint recognition with WildTrack - On-going since 2010 - Dr Kate Evans

The WildTrack organisation has a range of projects running that are focused on identifying individuals of different species from their footprints alone. Researchers have been gathering data for them by taking measurements and photographs of the footprints of known individuals from the Abu herd. If the project is successful then it could prove to be a useful technique for ground based (transect) estimates of population. It may help us to assess the significance of land-use issues because we will be able to distinguish between human-elephant conflict incidents with a single repeat offender and an elephant movement corridor used by many individuals.

1.1.9 Fixed-point vegetation photos for old airstrip regeneration – Started in 2010 – Mphoeng Ofithile

This was started in 2010, but unfortunately, owing to new management of WMA NG26 and therefore new management policies, this project has been abandoned. Due to the limited time data were collected there will be no conclusions drawn.

1.2 Education & Training

Staff Training at Seba and Abu camps

Due to relocation of camp to Makgadikgadi National Park in 2012 the training of staff at these camps with projects 1.2.1-1.2.3 terminating.

1.2.1 First Aid – On-going since 2010 – Simon Buckingham

First aid training of the researchers and any interested parties was continued throughout 2011, with refresher sessions to keep our knowledge up to date. It was put to use twice in 2011, with the emergency treatment of a client to Abu Camp and a staff member at Seba Camp.

1.2.2 Predator identification project for guides – On-going since 2010 – Dr Kate Evans

Since we trained the guides at Seba camp they have taken over the running of this project and we are no longer required except for reference.

1.2.3 Elephant and Okavango Delta Awareness – On-going since 2010 – Dr K Evans & S Buckingham

We have continued to give presentations and show DVD's (kindly donated by Afriscreen films). We work hard to make the events fun and informative. They continue to be well attended and often promote lots of discussion.

Outreach Education

1.2.6 Boyce Zero Scholarship – On-going since 2009 – Mphoeng Ofithile

The Boyce Zero scholarship is a programme established by EfA in memory of two passionate conservationists to enable Batswana to obtain post-graduate qualifications in a conservation related subject.

Mphoeng Ofithile is the first student in the programme and will hand in his MSc thesis in 2012. Originally he was due to submit at the end of 2001 but due to ill health this has not been possible. Once completed the thesis will be available to download from our website www.elephantsforafrica.org

1.2.7 Elefun weekends – Started in 2011 – Mphoeng Ofithile

Our inaugural Elefun weekend was successfully held on the 4th-6th February 2011. Here follows the report from that weekend.

After long discussions and lots of planning the 4th February 2011 saw the start of the first ever Elephants For Africa Elefun weekend. Elephants For Africa (EfA) has wanted to start working with the children of local communities for some time, but hasn't had the funding to employ someone with the appropriate skills to liaise with the education department, schools and communities to turn this into reality. In 2010 we had the idea of approaching Children in the Wilderness, an existing non-profit organisation which is already working with local schools and communities. Working together we developed the concept for the Elefun weekends and won support and sponsorship from Elephant Back Safaris, Passage to Africa and Kavango Air.

Upon arrival we held a session where the children were asked to tell us what they knew and thought of elephants, the general theme was hatred based on the fear that the elephants were vindictive and would kill anyone they see. The Team had many fears, barriers and misconceptions to overcome. Many of these children's families are subsistence farmers and so crop raiding is a major issue in their areas. This weekend was an opportunity for children to see elephants in a different light, learn about their needs and their importance to Botswana's ecology and economy.

The whole weekend was focused on elephants, highlighted by the opportunity to meet the elephants from Abu Camp. At the beginning many of the children would not get off the car, but curiosity got the better of them when Cathy, the matriarch, stood there placidly as the mahouts told them about how elephants have evolved to fill an important role in the ecosystem and all then wanted their photograph taken with her.

The children left with knowledge to make informed decisions about elephants, and we were sad to see them go as these children had made such an impression on us all in the short time they here.

This could not have been achieved without the talent of the CITW staff, the hard work of all the staff at Seba Camp and our sponsors, Elephant Back Safaris, Passage to Africa and Kavango Air.

Public Benefit Reporting Requirement

The Trustees of Elephants for Africa have complied with section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

The sections in this report headed 'Objectives and Activities' and 'Achievements and Performance' give details of the activities undertaken to fulfil EfA's objectives during the period.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the period were:

Awards

Dr Kate Evans and Elephants For Africa were awarded the 2011 'George B Rabb Conservation Medal' for their dedicated work on understanding the biology of elephants and for supporting conservation in Africa. This award was created in 2005 by the Chicago Zoological Society to honour the leadership of George B Rabb, its former president. Rabb's pioneering work led the zoo towards its current position as a conservation centre. Former recipients of the award are all eminent lifelong conservationists with decades of expertise and major roles in universities and charities. The society was particularly impressed with the balance of scientific research and educational components in Elephants for Africa's work. This accolade is a tremendous honour for Dr Evans, founding member of Elephants for Africa who is also the first woman and the first non-US citizen to receive this medal.

Conferences & Workshops:

- Wildtrack Footprint Identification Technique workshop in Namibia (Evans)
- PAAZAB conference, at Pretoria Zoo (Evans)
- Species monitoring and conservation 1: Large carnivores, ungulates and grassland vegetation, The Smithsonian Institute (Ofithile)

Presentations to schools and organisations:

- St Mary's Dioscen School for Girls (Evans)
- Mokolodi Education centre, Gaborone (Evans)
- Department of Wildlife and National Parks in Gaborone (Evans)
- Ribston High School (Evans)
- Brookfield Zoo (Evans)
- Chicago Zoological Society (Evans)
- Dallas Zoo (Evans)
- Franklin Park Zoo (Evans)
- Houston Zoo (Evans)
- Memphis Zoo (Evans)
- North Carolina Zoo (Evans)
- Rugby School, United Kingdom (Evans)
- SwissRe at the Gherkin in London (Evans)
- Marlow Primary School in the United Kingdom (Evans)
- South Petherton Primary School in the United Kingdom (Evans)
- US Congressmen that visited Botswana by invitation of the President, Lieutenant General Seretse Khama Ian Khama (Evans)
- Educational talks were also given to clients visiting Seba and Abu camps in the Okavango Delta, Botswana

Papers published and under review:

- Sexual differences in habitat use by African elephants (*Loxodonta africana*) in the Okavango Delta, Botswana. Is size the deciding factor? (Evans & Harris).

- The social and ecological integration of captive raised adolescent male elephants into a wild population. (Evans and Harris).
- Observations on the release of a captive raised female African elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) into the Okavango Delta, Botswana. (Evans).

Reports:

- Quarterly status reports to Department of Wildlife and National Parks (Evans)
- Quarterly status reports to associates (Buckingham)
- Weekly maps showing locations of released elephants (Ellis).
- Reports to grant giving organisations

Events:

- Elefun weekend
- Stand at Bristol Festival of Nature (Evans & Buckingham)
- Indaba (Evans)
- Charity bike ride from Newport to Holyhead – final section of the Tri-Continent Tri-athlon to raise funds for a new research 4x4 vehicle (Evans & Buckingham)

Financial Review

Details of Total Incoming Resources and Total Resources Expended are given in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 11 of the report.

The Principal Funding Sources are summarised in note 1 on page 20 of the Financial Statements.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have not yet established a policy for the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (“the free reserves”) held by the Charity.

Funders & Fundraising

- Our research project receives in-situ support from Elephant Back Safaris Pty (Ltd) in the form of food and accommodation, fuel and the loan of a 4x4 vehicle.
- Mammal Research Unit, Bristol University
- Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield Zoo
- Columbus Zoo and Aquarium
- Private Donors
- Calendar sales
- Adopt an Elephant Scheme
- Merchandise – caps, beanies, polo shirts, courier bags.
- We had a stall at the Bristol Festival of Nature

Use of Funds to Support the Key Objectives

- Money has been used to assist with travel for personnel to and from the research camp and to give educational talks.
- Equipment has been purchased for the research
- Consumables have been purchased for research and the administration of the Charity.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period, which give a true and fair view of EfA's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period.

In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- (a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) State whether applicable accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- (d) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity, and which enable them to both ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005. Approved by the Trustees on 25th September 2012 and signed on their behalf by Dr Kate Evans, Founder Member and Director of Research & Education.



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS TO THE TRUSTEES OF ELEPHANTS FOR AFRICA

Catherine Larson reports on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2011, which are set out on pages 17 to 22.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

EfA's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. EfA's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is Catherine Larson's responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act);
- State whether particular matters have come to her attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

Catherine Larson's examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently Catherine Larson did not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with her examination, no matter has come to Catherine Larson's attention:

- (1) Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- (2) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or
- (3) To which, in her opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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ELEPHANTS FOR AFRICA				
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED				
31 DECEMBER 2011				
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 31 December 2011	Total Funds Year Ended 31 December 2010
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Grants and Donations Received	34,533	39,622	74,154	47,816
Adoptions Received	1,701		1,701	822
Fund Raising Income	3,612		3,612	879
Interest Income	38		38	30
Total Incoming Resources	39,884	39,622	79,506	49,547
Resources Expended				
Fund Raising Costs	9,039		9,039	4,119
Direct Charitable Activities:				
Scholarship	172		172	2,797
Research Expenses	0	15,106	15,106	0
Equipment and Consumables	2,622		2,622	3,037
Printing, Postage and Stationary	405		405	0
Telephone and Communications	1,107		1,107	586
Computer Costs			0	0
Travel and Subsistence	11,147		11,147	3,732
Subscriptions			0	0
Dr. Kate Evans Stipend	0	18,260	18,260	22,535
Depreciation	995		995	860
Management and General	1,661		1,661	4,727
	27,149	33,366	60,515	38,274
Governance Costs:				
Independent Examiners Fee	0	0	0	0
Accountancy	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	
Total Resources Expended	27,149	33,366	60,515	42,393
Net Movement in Funds	12,735	6,256	18,991	7,154
Fund Balances Brought Forward 1 January 2011	14,084	8,898	22,982	15,828
Transfer Between Funds	13,818	-13,818		
Fund Balances Carried Forward 31 December 2011	40,637	1,336	41,973	22,982

ELEPHANTS FOR AFRICA			
BALANCE SHEET			
AS AT			
31 DECEMBER 2011			
		2011	2010
	Note	£	£
Fixed Assets	2	2,589	2,910
Current Assets			
Stocks			
Bank Accounts		39,517	20,601
		39,517	20,601
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	3	(133)	(530)
Net Current Assets		39,384	20,071
Net Assets		41,973	22,982
Funds			
Unrestricted Funds		40,637	14,084
Restricted Funds	4	1,336	8,898
Total Funds		41,973	22,982

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

These Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005.

Incoming Resources

Incoming resources including Capital Grants for the purchase of fixed assets are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when these are receivable. Incoming resources in the form of donated assets are included in the Statement of Financial Activities, and capitalised where appropriate at a reasonable estimate of their value.

Resources Expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT, which cannot be recovered. Direct Charitable Expenditure comprises those costs directly attributable to direct charitable activities and support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the Charity and its compliance with regulations and good practice. These costs include independent examination fees and accountancy fees.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Equipment

- restricted 20% on cost
- unrestricted 20% on cost

Office and Computer Equipment

- 20% on cost

Fund Accounting

The financial statements of a charity must differentiate between restricted and unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are funds subject to specific conditions, imposed by the donor or by the specific terms of the charity appeal less amounts expended for these purposes.

1. Grants and Donations

Grants and donations received in the period included:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2011 Total	2010 Total
	£	£	£	£
Elephant Back Safaris Pty (Ltd)		20,073	20,073	22,535
Chicago Zoological Society	15,716		15,716	13,448
Pittsburg Zoological Society			0	3,108
Dallas Zoo			0	949
Columbus Zoo	609	6,256	6,865	
Other Grants and Donations	13,500	18,000	31,500	7,216
	29,825	44,329	74,154	47,257

2. Tangible Fixed Assets (for use by Charity)

ELEPHANTS FOR AFRICA			
SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS			
AS AT			
31 DECEMBER 2011			
	Equipment	Office and Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 31 December 2011	1,498	2,802	4,300
Additions		674	674
At 31 December 2011	1,498	3,476	4,974
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2011	600	790	1,390
Charge for Period	300	695	995
At 31 December 2011	900	1,485	2,385
Net Book Value			
At 1 January 2012	898	2,012	2,910
At 31 December 2012	598	1,991	2,589

3. Amounts falling due within one year

The total balance of amounts falling due within one year is owed to Dr. Kate Evans for expenses that were not reimbursed until January, 2012.

4. Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are represented by the following:

Justgiving Fundraiser for Automobile £1336.22

5. Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

Dr Kate Evans received remuneration of £18,260 during the year 2011. This was funded by grant income received from Elephant Back Safaris Pty (Ltd), awarded specifically for this purpose. Prior approval for Dr Kate Evans remuneration has been granted by the Trustees of Elephants for Africa and the Charity Commission.

Taxation

Elephants for Africa is a registered charity and is therefore not liable to taxation