

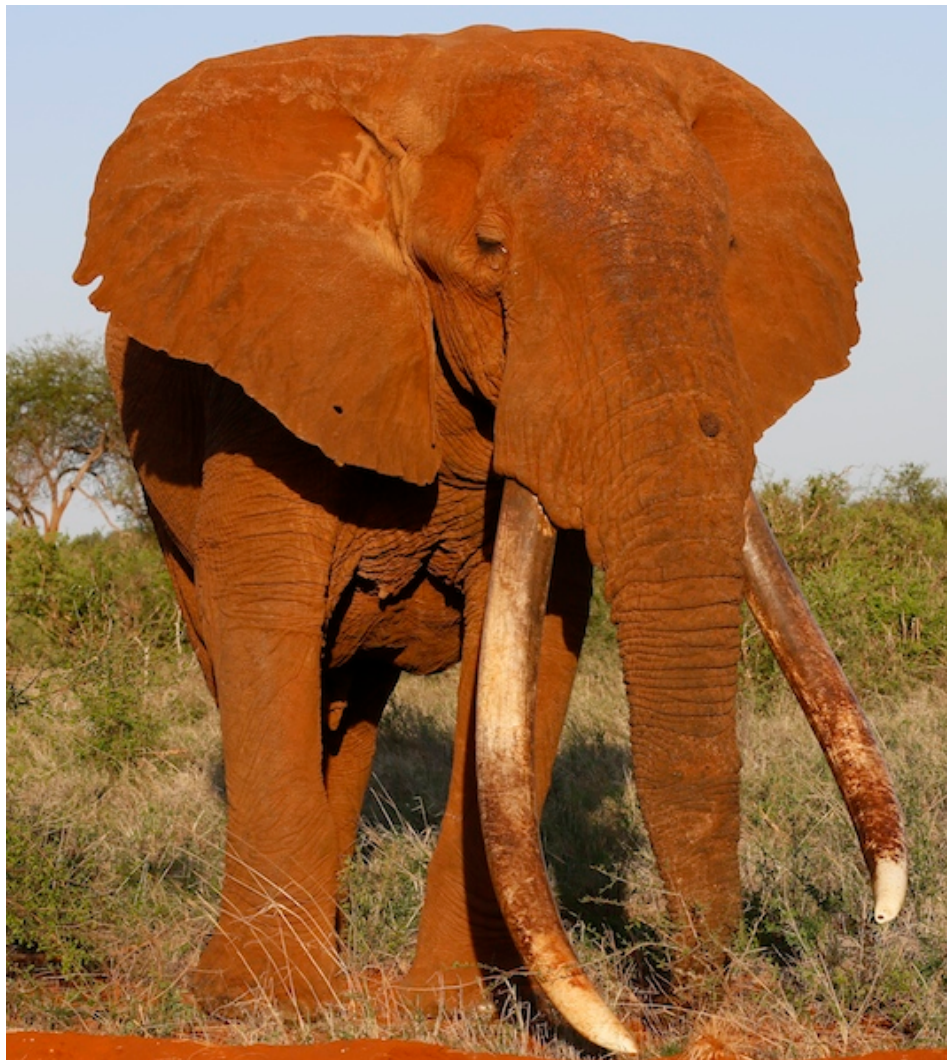
2015 ANNUAL REPORT - TSAVO TRUST

To

The KENYA WILDLIFE SERVICE

The photo below shows one of Tsavo's iconic super Tuskers' coded as LU1.

- *There are 10 of these magnificent Tuskers left in Tsavo today and maybe only 20 remaining on earth!*
- *Tsavo arguably holds the strongest gene pool left on the planet of elephant that carry such large ivory! Tsavo was historically famous for such elephant.*
- *The fact they still exist today is a huge conservation plus for Kenya and Tsavo.*



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Tsavo Trust (TT) has been in operation since beginning of January 2013. Since then a strong and meaningful partnership has evolved between TT and the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) whereby TT plays a support role to KWS activities within the Tsavo Conservation Area (TCA) through:

1. Aerial reconnaissance (security related and wildlife monitoring)
2. The Big Tusker Project (BTP) – securing the last great iconic elephants with huge ivory
3. Securing buffers on community land adjacent to the National Parks (Kamungi Conservancy)
4. Direct donations and support to KWS (vehicles, fuel)
5. Establishment of a Small Mammal Rehabilitation Centre at TT HQ on the northern border of Tsavo East National Park (TENP)

A Memorandum of Understanding signed on 7th March 2013 governs the conservation partnership between KWS and TT. At the same time TT has developed relations and collaborative programs alongside other conservation organisations including: Save The Elephants (STE), Zoological Society of London (ZSL), Tusk Trust and Tsavo Conservation Group just to name a few.

During 2015 aerial reconnaissance over Tsavo has averaged 47.25 hours every month and averaged 3,489 miles of flight per month to total 567 hours and 41,866 miles (January to December 2015). Regular monitoring of 27 different iconic bull Tuskers (12 super Tuskers and 15 emerging Tuskers) as well as 6 iconic cow Tuskers has been achieved. Observations of 55 fresh and recent elephant carcasses, recovery of 18 elephant tusks, 276 arrests (made by KWS with back up/support from TT), 16 poachers shooting blinds/camps seen and 11 responses to armed situations to assist KWS. This has been carried out mainly in the TT's old Super Cub 5Y ACE but from November 2015 in TT's new additional aircraft 5Y TTZ. Major and relevant observations and activities during these recce flights 2015 have been summarized in the table below.

The TT has maintained its mandate and partnership with KWS in providing aerial surveillance over the TCA geared towards keeping an “eye in the sky” with emphasis on monitoring the big “Tuskers” and seasonal elephant movements. This has been done under the TT's “Big Tusker Project” (BTP) and is largely funded by STE in an effort to enhance protection specifically for the planet's last remaining iconic elephants that carry very large ivory.

Photo below shows TT's new/second hand Super Cub, 5Y TTZ, carrying out low-level reconnaissance flight over TCA. Without this vital observation platform there is no way of knowing or understanding the threats to elephants over the massive TCA that spans 42,000 square kilometers.



SUMMARY of CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPACTS - 2015:

The table below summarizes number of hours flown, miles covered, individual big “Tuskers” observed, ivory recovered, numbers of fresh and recent elephant carcasses, numbers of poachers camps/blinds/hides & platforms, number of joint TT/KWS arrests and number of aerial responses to armed situations for 2015.

Activity	Hours Flown	Miles Covered
<i>Aerial Reconnaissance</i> <i>January to December 2015</i>	567 Average 74 mph low level flight	41,866 Flights carried out jointly with KWS Officers/Rangers, thus current/live info. relayed to ground units for action
<i>Monthly Average</i> <i>January to December 2015</i>	Average of 47.25 hrs per month	Average of 3,489 miles per month
<i>Big “Tuskers”</i>	No. Observed	
<i>January to December 2015</i>	• Super Tuskers: 12 different bulls (2 lost in 2015 – IR1 c of d - natural, DA1 c of d unconfirmed) • Emerging Tuskers: 15 different bulls • Iconic Cow Tuskers: 6 different cows • Total: 27 bulls & 6 cows	
<i>Ivory recovered</i>	No. Recovered	
<i>January to December 2015</i>	18 tusks recovered from poached, natural and unconfirmed causes of death. All jointly recovered by TT/KWS ground teams	
<i>Elephant carcasses</i>	No. Observed	
	<i>Fresh</i>	<i>Recent</i>
<i>January to December 2015</i>	45	10
<i>Poachers camps & hides/blinds/platforms</i>	No. Observed	
	<i>Fresh</i>	<i>Recent</i>
<i>January to December 2015</i>	5	11
<i>Arrests following illegal activity inside the Parks</i>	No. Arrests	
<i>January to December 2015</i>	276 (Arrests made by KWS resulting from aerial observations and back up to KWS operations by TT aircraft & ground teams)	
<i>Aerial responses to armed gangs & backup to KWS</i>	No. Responses	
<i>January to December 2015</i>	11 (Both inside and outside the National Parks as back up to KWS)	
<i>Notable Occurrences</i>	• 14Feb15 - Loss of Tusker DA1, ivory 51kg & 48kg recovered by KWS/TT • April15 - Pilot Josh Outram started work for TT/BTP • May15 – record number of individual Tusker sightings in a single month - 74 • June15 – support to combined KWS/Kenya Police operation in the Taita Ranches, with TT aerial back up. Over 100 arrests made • 27July15 – Locating 6 poached elephants and aerial support to KWS ground teams • 16Aug15 – Locating 20,000 cattle & bomas for KWS in TWNP – 22 arrests made • 14Nov15 – deployed new Super Cub aircraft 5Y TTZ to Tsavo Ops • 16Nov15 – donated new Toyota Land Cruiser vehicle to KWS, TWNP • Several occasions – avgas & diesel donations to KWS specific field Ops • All months – Elephant poaching well down compared to 2014 • All months – support to KWS in all TCA rhino areas – TENP, TWNP, CHNP • All months – support to KWS Research & Monitoring Depts. through predator & endangered species observations – ground & air	

NOTABLE OCCURANCES IN 2015:

Further to the day-to-day reconnaissance flights and routine work, various other particular significant events took place in 2015 as shown below. Most of these had positive impacts on elephant conservation and boosted the conservation achievements within TCA by KWS and its partners. Poaching still remains a very real threat to elephants in the Tsavo's as well as other illegal activities including: livestock grazing within the Protected Areas, hard wood harvesting, charcoaling and of course the illegal "bushmeat" trade.

1. Loss of 2 iconic Tuskers called Dakota (coded DA1) and Irima (IR1):

On 14th February 2015, the TT's ground monitoring team called *Tembo 2* found a fresh elephant carcass along the Galana River in Tsavo East National Park (TENP) whilst out on patrol and believed it to be that of the iconic Tusker called Dakota, coded as DA1. A joint ground follow-up with KWS/TT later the same day confirmed that it was indeed Dakota and the ivory was recovered. These weighed a whopping 51kg and 48kg (112lbs and 106lbs respectively). On closer investigation, it was found that Dakota had most probably died as a result of 2 gun shot wounds, one on his left flank and one in his rear end that he probably sustained in the area where he was last seen – north side of Galana River in the Garasamuke/Emusaya area. It is important to note that Orma cattle illegally grazing and watering on the Galana inside the TENP have invaded this area. Historically this is a "hot spot" elephant poaching area, thus suggesting there was an attempt to poach him for his big ivory, but he had escaped, only to die an agonizing death days or even weeks after the attempt.

Photo shows fresh carcass of iconic Tusker Dakota (DA1) in TENP on February 14th 2015. Tusks weighed 51kg and 48kg.



Irima, one of the well-known iconic Tuskers, coded as IR1 was found to have died of natural causes in late June 2015, his carcass was fully inspected and positively identified as that of IR1. IR1 was a mono tusked bull elephant and looking at his teeth wear on his lower jaw, it would indicate he was at least 60 years old. Photographs were sent to experts to confirm his age and all agreed on between 60 and 65 years old. Part of his huge single tusk was still intact and recovered but the brunt of the tusk must have broken off between mid April, when IR1 was last seen, and late June. Although a sad loss, there is a big positive here – in this day and age for an elephant to live all his life and die naturally of old age is extremely rare. It does occur here in Tsavo and here is proof.

The close working relationship between KWS and Tsavo Trust (aerial and ground units combined) is without doubt adding to elephant security and safety of the big Tuskers.



This photo was taken in April 2015 and is the last known photo taken of Tusker IR1 before his natural death aged 63 years +_ in TENP in late June 2015.

For an elephant to die naturally of old age in these modern times is very rare, but in Tsavo it happens.

2. Elephant poaching well down by over 50%:

Some very good and encouraging news to report for 2015 is that elephant poaching within the Tsavo's has significantly dropped by at least 50% judging by the aerial and ground findings over the last 3 years. During 2013 a total of 112 fresh or recent elephant carcasses were located and in 2014 there were 106 located. 2015 saw a total of 55 carcasses found. This major success can be attributed to many different reasons and a combination of the following:

- Kenya is lucky to have in place a very active and energetic Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Water and Natural Resources and with this Government support to addressing the illegal wildlife trade has been met with vigorous and positive actions including a total modernization of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013;
- KWS has played a huge and commendable role in security efforts in curbing elephant poaching where many key poachers have been apprehended; arrests of some main "king pin" ivory dealers have been effected and the conservation community is eagerly awaiting their trials and convictions;
- Kenya is blessed with having an extremely vibrant private sector conservation community and with this not only very significant amounts of donor funding is realized but also their strong participation over the long term has made the conservation Non Governmental Organisations (NGO) a vital stakeholders in Kenya;
- PR pressure from various conservation organisations has been immense; high-level Governmental talks and International "buy in" across the globe regarding the ivory trade has without doubt made a positive impact.

These are just a few reasons for this positive trend and down turn in elephant poaching.

But we are not "out of the woods" yet. The examples of 4 elephants found in one pile, shot in TENP, Triangle in late February 2015 and a further 6 shot dead in TWNP on 27th July 2015 shows the demand for ivory is very much in existence and even with the updated wildlife Laws, poachers are still willing to take great risks.

3. Employment of Additional Pilot – Josh Outram:

Josh Outram joined TT in April 2015 having completed tail wheel training on Super Cubs in the USA. He also is qualified as a commercial pilot and gained some flying experience in Serengeti, Tanzania. Josh now carries out much of the aerial reconnaissance work for the Trust and has come to know all the Tuskers and is extremely enthusiastic in every respect. He has made many friends with KWS Officers and field Rangers whom he flies with regularly whilst staying in field outposts and providing aerial coverage. With Josh on board, this means that the "aerial blanket" already being provided to support KWS in various capacities as well as aerial coverage to regularly monitor the Big Tuskers can now be improved, not only by more hours being flown but by the fact that there will always be a pilot and aircraft on call should the situation arise, as is often the case.

4. *Record number of Tuskers observed in a single month:*

During May 2015, and in collaboration with KWS Research & Monitoring Department within the Tsavo's, the TT's BTP identified and recorded details of a total of 11 big bull Tuskers and 5 iconic cow Tuskers. A record number of 74 individual sightings was achieved, up from the previous highest sighting in one month of 45. There was a new Tusker coded as DH1 positively identified and added to the database (although this bull has been seen before, photographs taken by Tembo 2 team have confirmed he is indeed a new Tusker). This level of coverage and regular observations of Tsavo's iconic Tuskers is without doubt adding to their security and well-being and a clear indication that a joint aerial and ground team approach to Tusker monitoring is successful.

The close working relations between KWS and *Tembo 2* team also covers so much more than monitoring of the big Tuskers. It also fills an important niche to help KWS Research and Monitoring Department in TENP to cover predator monitoring as well as other endangered species including the critically endangered Hirola and Grevy's zebra that occur in TENP.

Photo below of Tembo 2 monitoring team monitoring Tusker SA2 in TENP in March 2015



5. *New Super Cub aircraft:*

Following very generous support from the Woodtiger Fund and Nick Southgate through Tusk Trust, UK, the Tsavo Trust has been able to purchase a very good second hand Super Cub in Alaska. This has been a lengthy yearlong process and finally 5Y TTZ was deployed straight into action in the field on 14th November 2015.

Tsavo Trust's 53 year old and much loved 5Y ACE, donated in 2013 by close friend Stuart Herd, has now been grounded at KWS Air Wing in Nairobi (who carry out TT aircraft maintenance) where she will undergo extensive airframe, fabric and new engine before being re deployed back to aerial reconnaissance in Tsavo. Thankfully the aerial blanket that has been so valuable to KWS and the Big Tuskers Project will be maintained and no down time has occurred.



Photo shows 5Y ACE, once flown for thousands of hours over Tsavo, by the late Senior Warden of Tsavo West Nat. Park, Bill Woodley.

ACE is part of the TT's aerial unit.

6. *New Toyota Land Cruiser Donation to Kenya Wildlife Service:*

Through the generous support from US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), the TT was able to raise the funds necessary to further support KWS's efforts in combating illegal wildlife activities within the Tsavo's by purchasing and donating a new Toyota Land Cruiser pickup for security related work in Tsavo West National Park (TWNP). This vehicle has been fabricated and modified for deployment in the harsh and challenging conditions that Tsavo offers.

This vehicle will be based in the TWNP Intensive Protection Zone (IPZ) and will be used as a vital anti-poaching tool with regard to elephant and rhino security as well as protection of all other wildlife. Also included in the areas of operations will be activities that surround the new Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) that is under rapid construction. This major infrastructure and access route cuts TENP and TWNP in half and there is need to monitor potential illegal activities along this 130-kilometer major access route.

Handing over the keys of the new vehicle, registration KCE 406D, to the KWS Assistant Director, TCA, Capt. Robert Obrein and SW TWNP, Capt. Ken Ochieng on 16th November 2015.



7. *Infrastructure Challenges to TCA Management:*

The Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) construction has taken shape with immense speed over 2015 and with this many and varying management decisions have been thrown at KWS especially in dealing with elephants and Human Wildlife Conflict (HWC) that has escalated as a result. On the positive front, elephant underpasses have been put in place at appropriate locations in an effort to enable elephants especially to continue with their historical movements between TENP and TWNP.

But the additional infrastructure of the SGR coupled with the Mombasa Highway and old railway line has added to the challenges that elephants and management face within the Tsavo's.

TT has played a part with assisting KWS and STE with information and details related to the SGR and planning processes (especially underpasses) that take shape at stakeholder meetings.

Photo below shows the increasing challenges that elephants face today as modernization takes shape along the main transport route between Mombasa and Nairobi, in this case an elephant crossing the highway near Manyani, with trucks, electricity wires and masts, just to mention a few, in the back ground, 23rd April 2015. An underpass is being constructed at this very location.



8. *Illegal Livestock Grazing:*

One of the serious and ongoing threats to the TCA ecosystem is the illegal grazing of large numbers of livestock coming into the Protected Areas. Concerted efforts by KWS have resulted in thousands of cows being pushed out of the Park along the Ziwani/TWNP western boundary with many arrests being made and TT played a role in these operations. The challenge is that those cattle that were driven out return to the Park within days and are often trucked back from where they have been driven. Other “hot spot” areas include Kanjaro, Serengeti plains, Toloa and Jipe (TWNP) as well as Voi River, Durusikale, Huri, Tiva, Ndiandaza, Lali, Dabaduke and Roka (TENP) where thousands of Orma cows can be found. Worryingly there are cattle coming into water deep inside the TENP along the Galana River around the Koitu area. This is a well-used tourism location as well as use by many elephants and there have been losses to poaching this year such as the iconic Tusker DA1 in February 2015.



Photo showing serious erosion through huge numbers of Orma livestock coming to the Galana River to water. Deep and well-worn paths are clear to see showing the pressure they create on this fragile and delicate land, 2nd August 2015, TENP

Photo showing Orma livestock with at least 6 men deep inside TENP at Emusaya, July 2015



MAIN GOALS, OBJECTIVES and OUTCOMES in BRIEF:

1. To regularly carry out aerial anti-poaching reconnaissance flights in collaboration with KWS over the TCA and in so doing providing a vital tool for elephant and wildlife security. ***ACHIEVED with 567 hours flown over 41,866 miles.***
2. To support KWS with aerial back up when called upon during ground operational armed contacts. ***ACHIEVED with 11 call outs in response to armed security situations.***
3. Specifically locate and maintain an “eye in the sky” with respect to Tsavo’s large “Tuskers”. ***ACHIEVED with 27 bulls and 6 cows being monitored and recorded in the TT database.***
4. To routinely establish the location of concentrations of elephant herds and movements and monitor and relay information to KWS regarding potential threats. ***ACHIEVED by regular recce flights in collaboration with KWS field Officers and Rangers on a regular basis.***
5. Locating and recording elephant carcass information for purposes of Monitoring Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE) and to carry out ground follow up exercises in support of KWS for varying roles but mainly for elephant carcass verification and ivory collection. ***ACHIEVED with 18 tusks having been recovered and 55 fresh and recent elephant carcasses having been observed and recorded/verified.***
6. To support KWS with aerial recces pertaining to rhino conservation and other endangered species. ***ACHIEVED with several flights covering TWNP Rhino Sanctuary and IPZ areas in TWNP and TENP as well as recording observations of Grevy’s zebra, Hirola, wild dog and various predators including leopard, cheetah, lion and more, all information relayed and recorded in daily and monthly reports to KWS.***



Photo taken on 19th November 2015 of a recent elephant carcass in TENP with good-sized ivory intact and later recovered jointly by KWS/Tsavo Trust.

AREAS COVERED by AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS within the TCA:

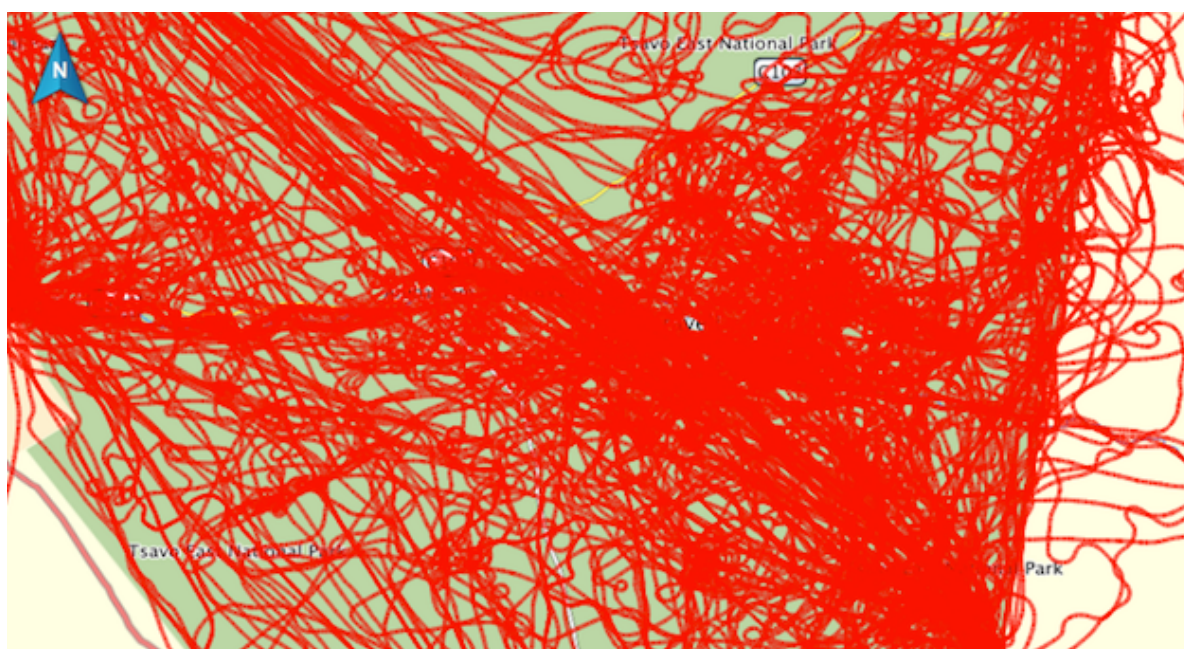
Table below shows the main areas covered within the TCA during 2015:

TSAVO EAST NP	TSAVO WEST NP	RANCHES & DISPERSAL AREAS
Northern Area – Galana River, Athi River, Tiva River, Bisadi, Roka, Tundani, Tumbili, Masobo, Jimetunda, Ndiandaza, Ya Kalicha, Kone, Macho Kombo, Kiasa, Gothoa, Yatta Plateau, Hand Grenade Valley, Tambanguji, Durusikale, Garasamuke, Emusaya, Huri, Golf Charlie, Koitu, Sangayaya, Dabaduke, Mufupa ya Ndovu, Southern Area – Voi River, Voi, Irima, Maka, Ndololo, Kanderi, Wagalla, Waduruma, Ndara Plains, Buchuma, Maungu, Murondo, Dakota, Dika Plains, Satao, power lines, Aruba, Mukuaju, Dika, Konu Moja, Dida Harea, Balguda, Sala, Sobo, TENP boundary Central Area – Intensive Protection Zone (IPZ), Manyani east, Punda Milia, Hatulo Bisani, Lugards, Mbololo lugga, Balguda, Irima, Mudanda, Maka Hill, Ndi, Man-eaters, Ashaka, Triangle, Kamungi Conservancy, Mtito Lugga, Zero Delta, Voi north & east, Galana River, Tsavo River and Yatta Central, SGR line	Northern Sector – IPZ, Ngulia Rhino Sanctuary (NRS), Ngulia Valley, Mangalet, Kamboyo, Kisimeka, Chyulu south, Mtito lugga, Triangle, Mungai Hill, Finch Hattons, Mzima Springs, Shetani volcano, Severin, Kilaguni, Ndawe, Tsavo River to Athi River, Ngulia east Central Sector – IPZ, Rhino Valley, NRS, Tsavo River, Kinyek, Maji ya Chumvi (north & south), Ziwani, Lesoito, Kyulu, Mombasa Highway, Man Easters, Kenani, Kanga, Manyani north and west, SGR line Southern Sector – Lake Jipe, Toloa, Kanjaro, Maore, Murka, Maktau, Kangechwa	TENP border – Kamungi Conservancy, Kilalinda, Kulalu & Galana Ranch, Shaka Hola, Bombi, Danisa, Kisiki, Dakadima, Dakadakothe, Kilifi Ranch, Kulalu Ranch, Dere, Murondo, Magram/Dakota Ranch, Lali Hills, Kone TWNP border – Kishushe, Lualenyi, Oza, Kuku, Il Talal, Mbulia, Rombo, Taveta & Salaita Chyulu Hills NP – Il Talal, Rombo, Kuku, Ol Donyo Waas, Mukururo Taita Ranches – Teita, Amaka, Taru, Kalonzo, Jogoo, Bura, Mbale, Rukinga, Sagala, Kasigau
<i>The locations mentioned above is only an indicator of flight paths taken, many other areas in between are also covered and in so doing providing “eyes in the skies” over Tsavo and directional guidance to ground units.</i> <i>All flight paths are logged and recorded with all relevant real time observations relayed to KWS on a daily basis for their records as well as necessary rapid reaction.</i>		

Map below shows flight paths flown by Tsavo Trust aircraft over the TCA for the year 2015 where 41,866 miles were flown over 567 hours of flight.



Map below shows a section of the above map where intense flight paths occurred that covered a 5,000 square kilometer section of southern TENP. This clearly reflects the level of coverage and teamwork between Tsavo Trust and KWS in their efforts to curb illegal activities within the Parks.



BIG TUSKER PROJECT (Aerial & Ground – *Tembo 2*):

The TT's BTP works in full partnership with KWS within the TCA and focuses on trying to maintain regular individual sightings of the entire known super Tuskers and emerging Tuskers in Tsavo. As at the end of 2015, there are 10 super bull Tuskers each with ivory near or to the ground, 14 emerging Tuskers and a further 6 iconic cow Tuskers. All these are positively identified and recorded in the BTP database. Findings are obtained as a result of aerial and ground monitoring units (*Tembo Teams*).

Table below shows individual code of iconic "Tuskers" and brief observations made during 2015.

Tusker Code Name	No. Times Observed 2015	Average Sighting p/month	Remarks
BULLS			
DA1	2	n/a	Died from gun shot wounds, found 14/2/15, TENP, ivory – 51kg & 48kg
IR1	8	n/a	Died naturally of old age, late June 2015, TENP, est. age 63 years
LU1	28	2.3	Moves distances in wet season between TE & TW
DI1	70	5.8	An old elephant and a real creature of habit, does not move far
SA2	52	4.3	Moves big distances in wet season, chipped off bottom of right tusk
KA1	26	2.1	Stays in same area even during wet season. An old boy. Treated for poisoned arrow wound in Feb15
IL1	8	0.6	Has been elusive to find and lives in very thick bush area
BA1	14	1.6	Moves far in wet season but in dry season occurs in dangerous location
TH1	14	1.6	Moves far in wet season but in dry season occurs in dangerous location
DH1	11	0.9	Moves more than any other Tusker, difficult to find him
WS1	57	4.7	Treated for poisoned arrow wound in Sept15.
KA2	20	1.6	A very large mono left Tusker. Moves far in wet season
SA80	52	4.3	A good emerging bull. Does not move great distances even at wet times
AR1	30	2.5	Will be big in time. Roams the same areas in all seasons
BU1	11	0.9	Moves big distances throughout the year. Large scar on right side flank
MO1	25	2	Will soon be a Tusker? Known to be a fence breaker. Big tear in right ear
KI1	8	0.6	New emerging Tusker, Aug15. Elusive elephant
SL1	6	0.5	New emerging Tusker, April15. Moves big distances
KU1	2	0.15	New emerging Tusker, April15. Moves big distances
MA1	14	1.1	Big bodied bull, short but thick ivory
AS1	1	n/a	Believed dead. Not seen since March & was looking very old and thin
MY1	3	0.25	Very elusive elephant and only seen in same spot during wet season
KM2	3	0.25	Just touching on being an emerging Tusker. Moves large distances
DU1	3	0.25	New emerging Tusker, Nov15. Moves far and wide
LA1	4	0.3	New emerging Tusker, Nov15. Moves far & not much known of him
EM1	2	0.15	Moved big distances and only confirmed see twice in 2015
GA1	2	0.15	Moved large distance and only confirmed seen twice in 2015
COWS			
F_VPL	24	2	A magnificent iconic cow Tusker with symmetrical & even ivory
F_MU1	22	1.8	An elephant of habit and does not move big distances
F_XT	17	1.4	Very crossed ivory and moves big distances
F_DI1	13	1.1	Has extra ordinary symmetrical ivory all the way to the ground
F_KA1	18	1.5	New cow Tusker, Jan15. Moves big distances during wet season
F_ND1	3	0.25	New cow Tusker, April15. Moves big distances and is elusive
TOTAL	572 Different Individual Sightings & Recordings Averaged: 47.6 Sightings every month 12 Bull Super Tuskers (2 lost in 2015) 15 Bull Emerging Tuskers (1 believed lost in 2015) 6 Cows Iconic Tuskers		
Close working relationship between KWS and Tsavo Trust (aerial and ground units combined) is without doubt adding to elephant security and safety of the big Tuskers and other elephants within the TCA through meaningful collaboration alongside KWS Security and Research & Monitoring Departments within the Tsavo's.			

Photo below shows one of Tsavo's iconic cow Tuskers, coded as F_DI1, with long ivory all the way to the ground, here on 30th August 2015 in TENP.



Photo below shows super Tusker coded as KA1 having veterinary treatment and removal of a poisoned arrow from his right lower flank on 3rd February 2015 in TWNP. He has made a good recovery and thanks to the KWS TCA Vet Unit.

There were 2 iconic Tuskers that were immobilized in 2015 for removal of poisoned arrows: KA1 and WS1



SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS and INDIVIDUALS:

Without the generous backing from like-minded conservation organisations, enthusiastic corporate supporters and bighearted individuals much of the Tsavo Trust's efforts within Tsavo could simply not be achieved.

Tsavo Trust has current MOU's with KWS, STE and Tusk Trust and is currently developing a formal partnership with the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) that covers field-based activities and collaboration between KWS/ZSL and TT on rhino related programs within the TCA.

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