



## AERIAL SUPPORT TO PROTECT CHAD'S ELEPHANTS

### MONTHLY REPORT MAY 2018

#### Background

The Republic of Chad is a country in Central Africa. Over the past two decades, thousands of elephants were killed by poachers in Chad, drastically reducing numbers to less than 1,000 elephants today.

In July 2017, we signed an agreement with the Chadian Government to work in partnership with the Ministry of Environment and provide aerial support to increase the protection of the elephant populations. Our aircraft arrived in Chad in April 2018 to start the project.

The aircraft is a cost effective tool to cover large areas, specially in remote places, where there are no roads. It provides excellent visibility and helps to identify threats to elephants and collect vital information that is provided to ground teams to stop and prevent poaching.

#### Summary

The month of May 2018 was the first month of field operations with our aircraft. The aircraft was deployed in the southwest of Chad carrying out surveillance missions.

The aircraft flew a total of 30.9 hours, covering a distance of 4219 kilometers, with an average speed of 136 km/h.

Several elephant herds were spotted from the aircraft. With the start of the first rains after a long dry season, the elephant herds are on the move on a daily basis, which makes them harder to find. Cattle from nomadic herders were found in close proximity of the elephants several times, as they often utilize the same water points until the rainy season starts.

No elephant carcasses were found during the month.



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