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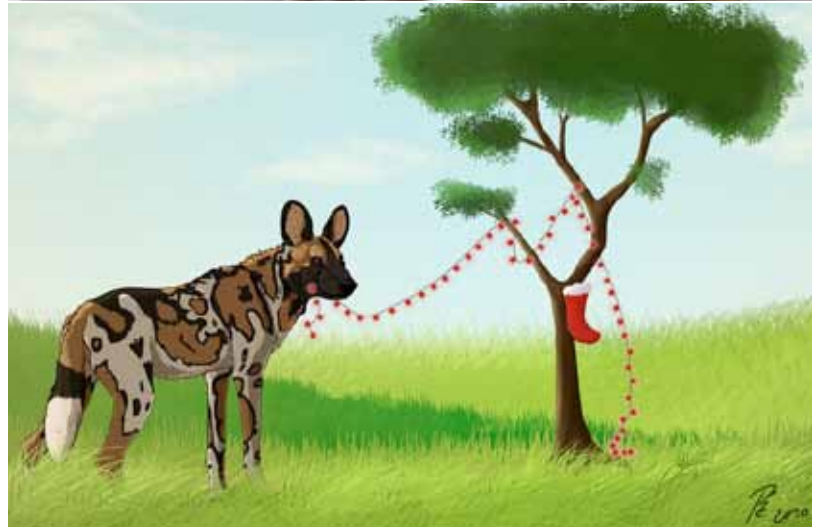
To all our valued members we hope you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

For PDC Inc., 2012 allowed us to continue to build on the efforts of the hard work we have forged since our inception in October 2003. A quick overview of the year includes continuing to fully fund an anti-poaching team in South Luangwa National Park through the South Luangwa Conservation Society, with the generous financial support gained by us from Perth Zoo and their Wildlife Conservation Action fundraising program. We also continued our support of a community education officer through Chipembele Trust with funds we were granted from Perth Zoo to undertake further education activities in the rural areas.

Additionally, we have provided continued support to the Zambian Carnivore Programme for vehicle maintenance, base camp upgrades and field activities.

All the results are not possible without the assistance of our committee, members, supporters and our donors. Continued support from the SAVE Foundation committee, Nicholas Duncan, Mike Palmer, Kim Hoddy, Nia Carras, Steve Harrison and Eveline Wong is always outstanding and major donors including Perth Zoo, Syd and Sue Chipchase, Chris and Margie McClelland, Geoff Hoddy, Bev Poor and others are always there to continue their support.

Our patrons Bradley Trevor Greive and Tony Park not only sell our message across our great country but also on the international front. We continue to grow the relationship with Sir Richard Branson in his role of officially endorsing the activities of PDC Inc. We are thrilled to be involved



with the "Virgin Unite" arm of Sir Richard's enterprise. We now appear on the Virgin Unite "Gaia Rocks" website www.gaiarocks.org.

We had two successful fundraisers during 2012, the first at Zebra's African Restaurant in August 2012 and the second event, a visit by Anna Tolan the Founder and Director of the Chipembele Education Trust in South Luangwa Zambia in November 2012.

I wish to convey my thanks to the outgoing committee and in particular Peter Wood, Bec Wood and Melissa Colin who are taking time out to undertake other personal interests and welcome

the 2013 committee of: Chairman John Lemon, Vice-chairman Angela Lemon, Treasurer Carol Shannon, Secretary Alyson Hadfield, and committee members Mark Tyler and Frances Ingall.

2013 is gearing up to be a great one with our first function on 28 February with Tony Park launching his next Novel "Dark Heart", featuring Ric Dunlop our first Life Member as one of the main characters.

See flyer and booking details further in the newsletter.

Thanks to everyone for a great year and look forward to 2013.



Anna Tolan's Fabulous Trip to Australia

I was thrilled when various supporters of Chipembele in Australia invited me to visit in October 2012 for a Chipembele fundraising and promotional tour. It was my first trip to the country so it was an exciting adventure for me. The flights were generously funded by Painted Dog Conservation Inc. and Chipembele Trustees Jude Price and Kaye Brown (Adelaide).

I first spent two weeks in Adelaide, kindly hosted by Jude and Kaye at their home in the coastal suburb of Semaphore. I spent a few days with the staff from the Education Department at Monarto Zoo: Emma Still, Ian Walton and Carolyne Ryan, what a brilliant and inspirational team! I also liaised with the staff from Pulteney Grammar School. Pulteney, Monarto Education and Chipembele have all gone into partnership in an exchange scheme for students ('the A to Z exchange').

I met with friend Christina Jarvis, teacher at the school and Conservation Corps leader plus the 15 students who will be coming to South Luangwa in June 2013 for two-and-a-half weeks. We also had dinner with their parents. I tried to reassure them that Zambia is a safe place to bring their children (well, usually, but hey, this is wild Africa, there are no guarantees!).

I was lucky enough to have a four-day trip to Kangaroo Island with Kaye Brown. There we met all sorts of interesting people and criss-crossed the island in search of wild places to visit and conservation activities to take part in when our 10 Zambian students come to Adelaide in 2014.

On my last night in Adelaide I was honoured to open Emma Still's Creating for Conservation Art event at Pulteney Grammar School. There were hundreds of high class works of art on exhibition, a live auction, a silent auction, a Zimbabwe choir, stalls selling a range of authentic African crafts and some great food. The event which went on all weekend raised a whopping \$26,700. C4C is very generously donating \$25,000 to Chipembele for the fund to take 10 Zambian students to Australia in 2014. Amazing!

I then flew to Perth and stayed with John and Ange Lemon for a few days and they very kindly postponed a lot of their hectic schedule to show me around the city of Perth. I visited Perth Zoo and spent a day with the lively Education Department. I also spent a night with Lindsay Fairclough and her family. Lindsay is one of the Perth Zoo Educators and volunteered for Chipembele in 2010 for two weeks so it was great to catch up with her again.

Finally I gave a presentation at the PDC Inc. fundraising dinner in November and was excited to at last meet some of the people whose names I had heard of or had been in correspondence with over the years. PDC Inc. certainly has some staunch supporters and some great characters! It was a wonderful evening and I was thrilled to learn that approximately \$8,000 was raised for Chipembele. This will go into a fund to help build a much needed conservation classroom in 2013.

Huge thanks to everyone who helped make the trip such a great success for me personally and for Chipembele. I loved Australia and look forward to returning in 2014.



One of the highlights of our trip to Kangaroo Island was meeting Dr Peggy Rismiller, the world renowned expert on echidnas, and her partner, biologist Mike McKelvey.



Emma Still and Ian Walton (Monarto Education) at the C4C Exhibition.



PDC Inc. supporters generously dug deep into their pockets for Chipembele.

Painted Dog Conservation Inc invites you to an evening with Australian bestselling author, Tony Park.

Painted Dog Conservation Inc is pleased to announce the return of Tony Park to Perth for his launch of his new book, Dark Heart.

Please join us for an entertaining evening, including an African Auction to raise funds for our frontline conservation work.

7:00pm 'til late

Thursday 28 February 2013

Plaza Ballroom 1, Hyatt Hotel

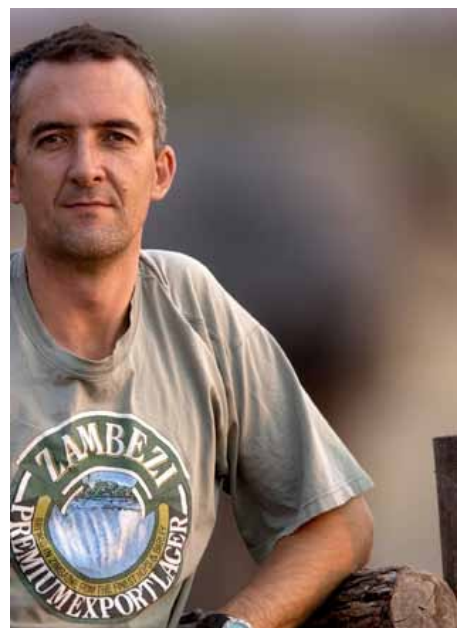
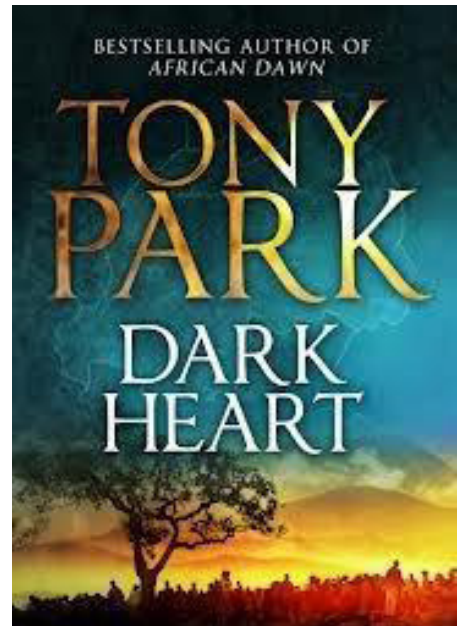
Cnr Adelaide Tce and Plain Street, East Perth

(Parking is available under the hotel or along the terrace)

\$70 per head

(includes drinks and canapes for the duration)

Please reserve your seat and payment details by contacting Angela Lemon on 9455 6073, lemonj@ozemail.com.au or sending in the order form. Numbers are strictly limited. Please RSVP by 20 February 2013.



Ticket Order and Payment Form: An Evening with Tony Park

Please note that PDC Inc does not recommend provision of credit card details via email, and will not request them.

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SLCS pilot Jerome Hugonot with new Cessna 180.

South Luangwa Conservation Society Update

2012 was a great year for SLCS and our organisation continues to grow. Great law enforcement strides have been made under the guidance of our Operations Manager Benson Kanyembo and we have expanded our scout support to Malama Chiefdom, bringing the total number of scouts we support to 52.

Most noticeably though is the joint purchase of a Cessna 180 for combined SLCS conservation work and ZCP research work. We have also employed a pilot who is multi-skilled as he is a veterinarian as well and we believe this will enhance both projects dramatically. We are really look forward to the year ahead. The plane will not only help with our anti-poaching surveillance will also help ZCP track all of its collared animals.

The SLCS–ZCP Painted Dog anti-snaring team – funded for the third year now by Painted Dog Inc – has been flat out in the field conducting critical anti-snaring patrols for the past few months. During the dog denning season, patrols were specifically focused in the wider area surrounding the dens to ensure any snares set were removed and the dogs and pups were kept safe.

During this time, in combination with ZCP Painted Dog research work, we set up camera traps near the dens to record pack composition and movements. Surprisingly we also caught on camera other movements, that of poachers and illegal fires. It also recorded our scout patrol (unbeknown to them) following the same tracks of poachers. These movements captured on camera highlight how human disturbance and fires quickly prompt dogs to move their pups to a safer location. We have taken this one step further and are now making use of camera traps to document all sorts of illegal activities, allowing us to strategise and plan ambushes.

The Painted Dog anti-snaring team has removed 318 snares over the past five months and conducted 26 patrols. Although we have had no sightings or reports of snared Painted Dogs this year in South Luangwa, we have immobilised and rescued a number of snared elephants and buffalo and were unable to rescue many antelope such as the impala pictured.

In October, SLCS and ZCP joined forces and entered an



Painted Dog pack caught on camera at their den and a fire moving in at the same den.



annual 4x4 rally known as the Elephant Charge, an adventurous rally aimed at raising funds for conservation work in Zambia. SLCS received another grant from this for more anti-snaring work, which is much needed. Although we did not win the race, we won an award called 'Spirit of the Charge' for sheer determination. PDC Inc. was proudly represented on our car (pictured).

Massive thanks as always to PDC Inc for its outstanding ongoing support to our anti-snaring efforts in Luangwa and for keeping the SLCS-ZCP Painted Dog anti-snaring team alive. It was great to see John in Zambia this year and we hope to see both John and Ange next year.

Rachel McRobb



Poachers passing by the den on the right hand side, one clearly armed and the Painted Dog anti-snaring scouts following their tracks.



The ZCP Kafue team (left to right Dr.'s Wigganson Matandiko, Dr. Paul Schuette and Victor Samalumo)

Zambian Carnivore Programme Update

It's hard to sit down and write in the heat of the hot dry season, but there is a lot to share from all the ongoing work our committed staff and partners have been conducting across the country.

In the Luangwa, we near the completion of the renovated Kakumbi airstrip, which provides the home of the new South Luangwa Conservation Society (SLCS)-ZCP plane.

Meanwhile, we welcome back the new college-graduate Thandi Mweetwa to our full-time team and as our third Zambian graduate student.

In the Kafue we near the completion of our second season with significant new additions in staff and work objectives and

continue to assist with publicising this area as perhaps one of the region's last strongholds of wild dogs and cheetah.

In Liuwa we've initiated long-term studies of the system's keystone species, the wildebeest, in an effort to determine the factors limiting this important prey animal's recovery. We've also conducted the first ever detection-dog survey for cheetah, wild dog and lion in the Greater Liuwa Ecosystem.

All of this continues to be made possible by the generous support of our myriad donors and partners and we are incredibly grateful for this. So with that I'll sign off and get back to work before my computer overheats!

Matt Becker and the ZCP Team

Kafue Wild Dogs Highlighted in KAZA TFCA Meeting

Spanning six countries and over 287,132 km2, the vast Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA) houses the world's largest population of wild dogs.

Given this, the KAZA Secretariat called a special conference in May 2012 specifically aimed at conservation of wild dogs in KAZA and at utilising dogs to promote the area for tourism.

Zambian Carnivore Programme (ZCP) CEO Dr Matt Becker attended this valuable meeting to assist in providing Zambian representation.

From the Zambian side the great expanse of the Kafue ecosystem plays a potentially large role in housing the country's largest dog population as well as in connecting Zambia with neighbouring dog populations in other KAZA nations.

With ongoing research and publicising of the Kafue's dogs, ZCP hopes to utilise this KAZA momentum to assist in making the Kafue a premiere destination for viewing this highly endangered species.



Liuwa Goes to the Dogs

September 2012 brought the long-awaited World Wildlife Fund -Big Cats Initiative detection dog survey of the Greater Liuwa Ecosystem. Funded by National Geographic's Big Cats Initiative and WWF, this work was a pilot study aimed at both evaluating the utility of detection dogs in surveys of cheetah and wild dog in remote and difficult survey areas, as well as in surveying Liuwa for these important and elusive carnivore species.

Highly trained dogs specialising in scat detection of cheetah, wild dog, and lion arrived from partner organisations Working Dogs for Conservation and Green Dogs Conservation and scoured an approximately 2600 km² area in the north and north-western portions of Liuwa, up to the Angolan border, for the scats of these carnivore species.

In addition the team conducted concurrent prey surveys, hyena surveys and habitat mapping for this important area. The dynamic canine duo of Pepin and Faust performed exceptionally despite the myriad challenges of the Zambian dry season, primarily finding scats of cheetah throughout much of the survey area. Subsequent analyses of genetic and survey data will provide us with a more complete picture of the cheetah population and the factors affecting their presence in this key population.



Pepin alerts Working Dogs for Conservation Research Director Dr. Parker to the scent mark of a cheetah in Liuwa Plain. Trained on numerous species Pepin has never been wrong with his identification! Photo by Dave Hamman (www.davehammanphoto.com).

ZCP and National Geographic Big Cats Initiative

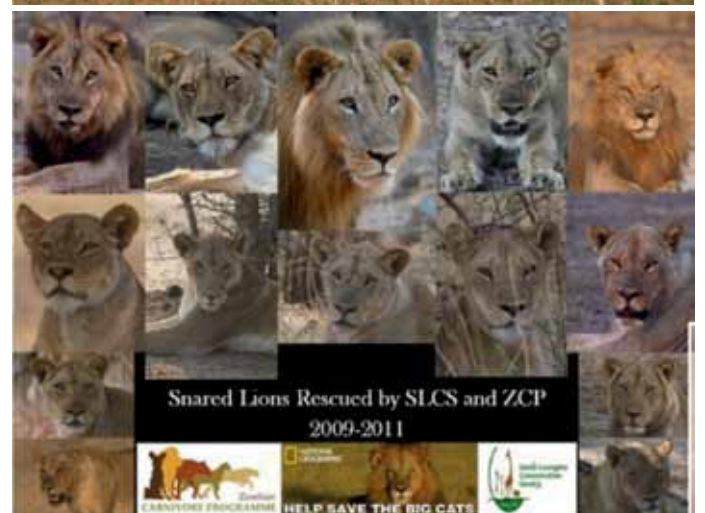
In response to the alarming loss of habitat and declines in numbers of lion and cheetah across the continent, National Geographic launched its Big Cats Initiative to help halt these trends, in part through support of ongoing conservation and research initiatives where these animals face pressure.

Zambian Carnivore Programme (ZCP) was fortunate to receive BCI support in all three study sites over the past two years and this has greatly assisted lion and cheetah conservation efforts across Zambia.

Luangwa: BCI supports initiatives by ZCP and South Luangwa Conservation Society (SLCS) to reduce snaring mortality of lions in and around South Luangwa via support of a Lion Anti-Snaring Team, a scientific study of snaring patterns and trends, and the chemical immobilisation and treatment of snared lions by both organisations. While snaring does not appear to be decreasing in the Luangwa the incidences of snared lions this year has declined to three animals, hopefully as a result of these collaborative efforts.

Liuwa: BCI supported a survey of cheetah in the Greater Liuwa Ecosystem in September 2012 conducted by Working Dogs for Conservation, Green Dogs Conservation and ZCP.

Kafue: BCI is supporting ongoing ZCP work in Zambia's largest cheetah population beginning in 2012. This research is aimed at estimating the abundance, distribution, limiting factors and threats to cheetah in the Kafue system and is paired with work on the large carnivore guild and predator prey studies to further understand cheetah dynamics. The work is led by ZCP Kafue Project's Dr. Paul Schuette and Dr. Wigganson Matandiko, both of Montana State University.





African Wildlife Conservation Fund Update

We had an exciting last quarter of 2012, with the whole year being a decisive one for AWCF. We have been moving from strength to strength and made great strides towards achieving our goals for 2012.

This time of year is always a busy one for us – with the denning season in full swing, we are often left trying to burn the candle at both ends with education and outreach work, field work and the dreaded administration work.

The last quarter of 2012 was particularly busy with us having initiated a new field project in a previously unstudied area of the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA).

We continue to redouble our efforts on the outreach and education front and maintain our focus on the GLTFCA for our conservation work. This quarter we have seen especially encouraging results from our work in the Gonarezhou National Park.

Dr Rosemary Groom

Savé Valley Conservancy Denning Season Report

The last quarter of 2012 was a good one for wild dogs in the Savé Valley Conservancy (SVC), with the denning season showing good litter sizes and pup survival.

African Wildlife Conservation Fund (AWCF) located the dens for all eight packs, counting a total of 83 pups.

This quarter, no pups were lost due to conflict with lions, although camera traps did capture several lions visiting the wild dog dens.

Three of the packs have had two litters, increasing their numbers dramatically.

Since June 2012, three African wild dogs have been lost in SVC, of which two were from natural causes.

Conflict with humans accounted for one of the deaths; an adult from the Pita Pack that was caught in a snare.

Snaring continues to be a massive threat to wild dog conservation efforts in SVC and the surrounding areas.

However, with continued support and the expansion of AWCF's activities, it is hoped the impacts will be mitigated.



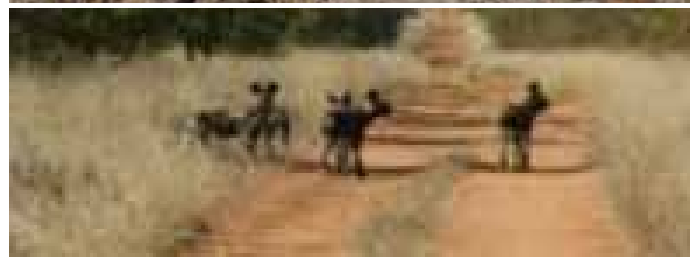
The Start of Things to Come

Last year saw the start of an African Wildlife Conservation Fund (AWCF) project looking into the status of wild dogs on one of Zimbabwe's largest privately owned ranches, the Nuanetsi Conservancy.

The Nuanetsi Conservancy covers an area of 148,875 hectares and forms a key part of the GLTFCA. It is an important link for wildlife between the southern side of Gonarezhou National Park and the Buby Valley Conservancy and other the private game ranches and concessions of the Tuli area in Southern Zimbabwe, South Africa and Botswana.

The project, although in its infancy, has already showed some encouraging results with AWCF having discovered at least two different packs on the conservancy. AWCF located one den site and managed to get some camera trap pictures of a few individuals and at least two pups.

The Nuanetsi Conservancy is 'new territory' in terms of wild dog conservation work and hopefully, work there will provide a better understanding of the wild dog population in the GLTFCA as a whole, as well as provide insights into the dispersal of these magnificent animals.



Committee Profile: Treasurer Carol Shannon

Carol joined the PDC Inc committee as Treasurer in early 2012. Feeling that she has just a little bit of Africa in her blood, she was thrilled to be invited to join the committee, hoping to make a positive contribution to this fantastic organisation doing extraordinary work in Southern Africa.

Carol's parents met and married in Nairobi, Kenya and had their two children there before moving to Perth when Carol was only one. Two amazing holiday experiences in eastern and southern Africa cemented a love for the continent and its extraordinary wildlife.

Brought up in Perth, Carol moved to Adelaide to complete a Bachelor of Economics before moving to London for eight years, working in the banking and finance sector. On her return to Perth, she stayed in banking and completed her Masters of Business Administration before taking a position with the Rottneest Island Authority. In 2006, she accepted a senior management position at Perth Zoo.

With a deep-rooted interest in the natural environment, wildlife and conservation, this was a job made in heaven. It was at Perth Zoo that she met John Lemon and learnt about the amazing work being done by his organisation.

Carol has recently moved to the Conservation Commission to further her interest in conservation intending to have a positive influence on conservation outcomes in Western Australia.

Carol is also the Chair of not-for-profit organisation, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation Limited, working with young people to develop their life skills of leadership, self-confidence, teamwork and co-operation. While these two organisations appear very different on the surface, they are similar in their provision

of education and support to people to help them develop different options and make choices to improve the broader well-being of their communities.

Carol believes that the uniquely African species, the Painted Dog, is an enigmatic species that deserves every chance of survival. From Perth, Painted Dog Conservation Inc is doing everything it can to provide that chance. She believes she has been given an amazing opportunity to have a small part in improving the odds for Painted Dogs.



Patron Update from Tony Park

It's been a busy year for me, submitting a new novel to my publishers and working on a couple of non-fiction projects, but amidst all that I was able to enjoy another six fabulous months in Africa.

My ninth novel, 'Dark Heart' has just been released in Australia, the UK and South Africa and there are a few key links with Painted Dog Conservation Inc.

The most notable is that Painted Dog Inc's own Ric Dunlop stars as the lead male character in the book, Dr Richard Dunlop. Ric bought the right to have his name used as a character at the charity auction in Perth in 2011.

One of his leading ladies, Carmel Shang, had her named purchased for use in the book by her daughters, Izzy and Emily, who also made a donation to PDC Inc.

I'm afraid to say the fictional Dr Dunlop is a bit of a scoundrel; he's a medico scarred by his time serving in a peacekeeping force in the wake of the Rwandan genocide of 1994.

He and a couple of old flames (yes, a couple of old flames), Carmel and Liesl are reunited when some bad guys take an interest in some new evidence that comes to light over the event that sparked the genocide, an enduring mystery about who shot down the private aircraft carrying the president of Rwanda.

The real-life downing of this plane, in which the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi were killed, is widely held to be the event that sparked the genocide.

The book's sub-plot, set in modern day South Africa, also concerns painted dogs; specifically it's about a plot by some illegal



wildlife traders to find and ship a pack of painted dogs out of South Africa to a private animal collector in the Middle East. The germ of this idea came during a late night over dinner with John and Ange Lemon!

On the real-life dog front I was also lucky enough to see dogs in the wild in Kruger on a couple of occasions this year, and get up close and personal with a pack which is being brought up to strength by some respected conservationist friends of mine in South Africa, who have a private game reserve.

All in all it's been a good year for me and I hope yours has been too.

Best wishes for a safe, prosperous and healthy 2013.

Tony





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Conservation through action and education

The Object of the Association is:

To advance conservation for the public benefit of the African Painted Dog, (also referred to as a Wild Dog) *Lycaon pictus*, through education promoting and disseminating research into such conservation and seeking to achieve their sustainable management.

Find us on the Web
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Would You Like To Help?

Our supported projects do NOT receive any government funding and is wholly reliant on donations to continue its operations.

The key factor in retaining the workers from the local communities – both skilled and unskilled who are classed as staff – is to have sufficient funding available to pay them a reasonable wage.

Please consider a donation for the work to continue.

All donations received are put without deduction to the benefit of the African Painted Dog.

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