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The other side of rangers, underfunded, rarely talked about, and in danger.

Welcome to Vol. 12 of our weekly junior newsletter.

In this edition of our junior newsletter, we discuss the how rangers lack cooperation from society for wildlife conservation and why it is so crucial to stand on the same side with rangers. Please click ([here](#)) for previous editions.

Learning objectives:

- **Underfunded and Rarely discussed Rangers**
- **How much danger are rangers in?**
- **Tragic news of Anton Mzimba and raising awareness**

Underfunded and Rarely Discussed

Game Rangers Requirements

Being a ranger requires a large set of different skills which many are usually unaware of. This skill sets include;

- Extensive knowledge of forestry, science and territorial terrain
- First Aid and CPR knowledge
- Excellent physical fitness to work long hours outdoors

Beyond this requirements, Rangers are often underfunded as they are less discussed in the world of wildlife conservation, thus leading to their needs not being met.

What The Elephant Foundation is doing to support Game Rangers



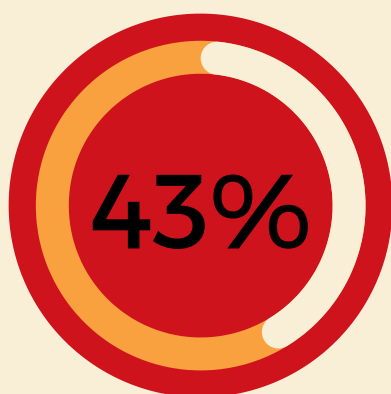
With live updates from our ranger partners on the ground in Africa, we know that rangers lack basic necessities such as boots for tracking, additional post for rest and rescue, and **ranger insurance**.

With our partner non-profits organisation, The Game Rangers Association of Africa and Anti-poaching Tracking Specialist, we can help rangers by sponsoring accident insurance for rangers at only HKD400 (USD50) per annum.

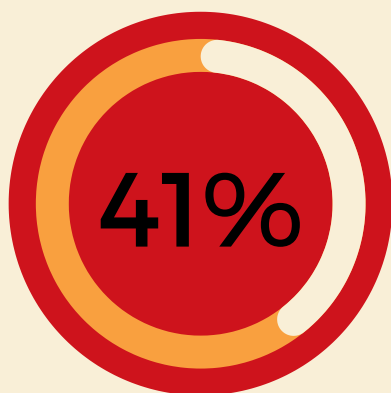
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Dangers and Threats to Rangers

The Ranger Roll released by The Game Ranger Association of Africa, shows there have been 100 recorded deaths of Rangers in 2022. There are only approx. 40,000 rangers in Africa. More than 70% of rangers have reported that they face at least 1 life threatening encounter when they are working for wildlife conservation.



43% of the 100 rangers killed in 2022 were caused by murder, assault, ambush and kidnappings from militia and poaching groups.



41% of the 100 rangers killed in 2022 were due to poor occupational health safety, plus attacks from wildlife itself ranging from snakes, crocodiles, buffalo and elephant attacks.



16% of the 100 rangers deaths were caused by illness with includes Covid-19 and heart failure.

Remembering Anton Mzimba



Picture Source: News 24

Timbavati's head of ranger services, Anton Mzimba, was shot dead in July 2022. Mzimba was popular and well respected amongst his peers and is a great loss to the world of wildlife conservation

Anton spent his life on anti-poaching efforts to protect endangered species from poaching whilst he also engaged local communities to work together to support conservation efforts. Anton protected endangered species which would have otherwise not have a voice and capability to protect its own.

In 1998, after passing his basic field ranger training, he became one of the youngest field rangers at Timbavati. In 2003, he was promoted to the position of full corporal instructor, in which he was tasked with the management of the training programme. Anton was not only excellent at his job, but he also encouraged young people to pursue careers in conservation and to respect wildlife.

We will remember his enduring belief and he will remain a brave and honest ranger, who was an inspiration to others.

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