

## **Project Update: January 2016**

This is just a brief update to you on progress that we have made using the funds donated by the Rufford Foundation towards training 50 rangers in wildlife poisoning crime forensic investigation.

1. Tim Snow attended a refresher course on Practical Wildlife Forensic Investigation at the Faculty of Veterinary Science, Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute, University of Pretoria on 19th/20th November 2015. The included post-mortem/necropsy techniques, sampling and wildlife crime scene management.
2. Tim attended an Assessors course at the Southern African Wildlife College (a Rufford Foundation recipient) from 7th to 11th December 2015
3. Training and demonstration equipment is being collected from previous projects and purchased where necessary.
4. Training course notes are being collated for printing and binding.
5. Arrangements have been made to train 28 rangers and field rangers at Limpopo National Park Mozambique from 22nd – 26th February 2016. This training will be held at Massingir.
6. Arrangements are well in progress to train 22 section rangers in Kruger National Park from 29<sup>th</sup> February to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016. This training will be held at three venues in Kruger Park.
7. Photographs and further information will follow as soon as training is underway.

In due course we hope to expand this training to:

1. Gonarezhou National Park, Zimbabwe (25 rangers).
2. Tete Province, Mozambique (25 rangers).
3. Niassa National Park, Mozambique (25 + rangers).
4. Luangwa National Park (Zambia, 25 + rangers).
5. Bwabwata National Park and Poisoning of Wildlife Action Group (POWAG) Namibia (25 rangers).