

Project Update: September 2017

In April 2017, I requested an extension for my project, and I was granted an additional 6 months.

Since I wrote to you, after obtaining the Department of Wildlife Conservation permission, we were faced with a couple of more hurdles regarding bringing down 100 camera traps and safety boxes with customs duty and funding restraints. Later on there was an extended peak dry season, in which we decided not conduct the study as numbers will be different as a result of social tolerance among leopards during that time. Now the inter monsoons have begun and the monsoons will end in January 2018. We will begin our work then.

The camera traps and safety boxes



Cuddeback white flash x-change and cuddesafe safety box.

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Due to several unforeseen concerns the project was delayed and an extension of six months was granted by Rufford. Several months were required to obtain the permission letter by the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

Following that The Leopard Trust was short of funds, to purchase the 100 camera traps, as a large amount of duty was also to be imposed on the equipment. However, we managed to purchase 100 Cuddeback White Flash x-change camera traps with 100 Cuddesafe safety boxes. The project also required the extension due to the prolonged dry period in which the whole Dry Zone of the country suffered. Many of the parks water holes were dried up. On the understanding that leopard densities will may be altered due to the prolong drought, as animals would be more socially tolerable to each other and numbers would be more skewed towards area with the presence of water, therefore it was decided to carry out the study after the monsoon season ends.



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