

Project Update: August 2002

There is no doubt that 2002 has been the most testing year in the life of Painted Dog Research. A combination of the socio-economic climate in Zimbabwe and the group's desires to expand the projects activities during such difficult times has given the team many sleepless nights. However dogged determination and great support means progress was made as planned.

Rarely and happily did the group have a success story not long ago. In fairly typical style events evolved following a phone call reporting a packs den requesting it be moved. This in itself was a success as previously the perceived "problem" packs would have been shot dead. Such phone-calls prove to the group that its education and awareness work is changing minds. This case particularly was incredulous in that a farmer should make such a request given that he is embroiled in the current conflicts raging across Zimbabwe. You would think that a pack of dogs would be the last thing on his mind.