



EOP NEWSFLASH

'The BIGGER picture...'

We are very pleased to report that on the 10th of October, nine (9) reformed poachers graduated from an intensive ZAWA Induction Training programme held at Camp Phoenix.

These nine men, who were originally identified by the Community Resources Boards as being notorious 'hunters' in the area adjacent to the Release Area of the Elephant Orphanage Project have now been absorbed into the ranks of the Nkala Village Scout Unit. They are being supported by GRI and have already provided extremely valuable information to ZAWA which has recently led to the arrest of some long-term poachers and the recovery of shotguns, AK47s, .375 and .458 sporting rifles, various ammunitions, snares and more than 100kg of bushmeat.

"The concept of reforming a poacher into a scout is not something new. It has been done many times before, with very positive results. Provided the right level of training, welfare and support is afforded to a reformed poacher he will more often than not become one of your most loyal scouts! These men can be a valuable asset to any Park Protection team, since they have a wealth of local knowledge and they also know exactly how a poacher might think and operate."
Comments Sport Beattie, CEO Game Rangers International.

This support to ZAWA and the CRBs is in accordance with our long term vision of helping to further secure KNP south to a level where, one day, we might be able to consider supporting the reintroduction of black rhino back into this magnificent part of Zambia.

Our thanks and appreciation goes to all our supporters, most notably: DSWF and ZAWA for helping to make this training course a huge success.

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The Training Team and the Recruits



Recruits were given a basic introduction to all the skills they will need for their roles as Village Scouts. On the job refresher training will be provided



Drill Instruction



March Past the Honourable Chiefs Musungwa and Shezongo on Graduation Day

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