



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Da	Month	Year
	01	01	2020		31	12	2020

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1166614

Charity's principal address

9 The Clock Tower

Redlers Waterside, Dudbridge Rd.

Stroud, Gloucestershire

Postcode

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### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gary Gilmour	Chairman	Full year	
2	Regina Storey		01/01/20-Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	
3	Valerie Swanson	Secretary	Full year	
4	Rodney Graeme Dacomb		Full year	
5	James O Murray		Full year	
6	Andrew Weir		Start 16/07/20- present	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Veterinary	Michael Thorne	
Zoology	Andrew Loveridge	

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by a majority of Trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

VFWT held quarterly board meetings and reviewed relevant procedures and policies. It was agreed in early 2020 to hold off renewing using a contractor to assist in fundraising activities which was fortunate as the pandemic set in and reduced any travel.

VFWT adjusted its respective risk register as needed with the onset of COVID-19 and possible risk to the organisation, its Trustees and volunteers. Risk was limited as much as possible but only one Trustee was able to visit the international partners that the organisation works with due to the limits on travel with the pandemic. However regular meetings were held with the downstream partners to ensure that projects remained on target and the goals and outcomes were achieved.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation and protection of the natural environment in Southern Africa by providing grants and undertaking research in connection with animal welfare and the environment.

To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment of Southern Africa

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Provided funding for carnivore research and conservation of wildlife in Zimbabwe

- Funded the salaries for two response units in the rural agro-pastoralist community adjacent to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe and Hwange National Parks
- Provided funding for conflict mitigation support for human wildlife conflict incidents in these areas and protection of livestock and crops for these communities
- Funding of the Community Guardians prevented the loss of any carnivores in 2020 due to retaliation from local villages or problem animal control in the Victoria Falls areas
- Ensured that through the predator proof mobile bomas no livestock were lost inside the bomas due to carnivore predation
- For a consultant to analyse camera trap images to determine predator species numbers and identifications

Public benefit is derived from the conservation of carnivores, and improved livelihoods of the poor living at the interface with wildlife. The mobile predator proof bomas had no losses of livestock in the bomas in the last year, significantly reducing carnivore conflict, and this project helped conserve carnivores that would otherwise have been killed.

UK Aid Grant funding was secured to alleviate hunger in line with the UN's sustainability goals. The project's implementing partner was in North-West Zimbabwe. This funding was provided through the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust Zimbabwe and was used to:

- Purchase a laptop for the project
- Distribute maize, sorghum and millet seeds to impoverished agro-pastoralists living at the wildlife interface
- Provide chilli seedlings and chilli mitigation tools to deter elephant from raiding vegetable gardens
- Train local people in safe handling of livestock, and mitigation methods for human wildlife conflict
- Held community meetings to garner public support and feedback on challenges, suggestions and improvements
- Ensured predator proof mobile kraals were utilised in 5 communities to prevent human carnivore conflict
- Improve sustainable agriculture practices and increase cropping yields for the rural poor.

Public Benefit for this project is to the ~2000 direct beneficiaries that are situated in wildlife interface area of two rural communities that will have received training, seeds and mitigation of wildlife conflict to ensure they are able to protect their livestock and their gardens from wildlife and increase their cropping yields to feed their families.

VFWT received grant funding from the IUCN Save Our Species Rapid Action Grant to conserve elephant and protect the biodiversity of North West Zimbabwe. This funding was utilised by implementing partner Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust Zimbabwe to:

- Purchased 17 Blackview Smartphone Devices for Anti-Poaching patrols to use with SMART software
- Funding the salaries of 17 anti-poaching unit team members for four months
- Provided food rations for 91 rangers in the area to ensure they were able to sustain themselves while performing their jobs.
- Provided fuel to the anti-poaching bodies for deployment of patrols, response, and collection of rangers

The project was successful in achieving the following:

- Over 400 people have been arrested who were involved in environmental crimes around Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
- More than 600 patrols conducted
- Over 10,000 kilometers covered
- 42 first responding rangers trained on wildlife diseases, poisonings and wildlife crime scene identification
- 6 mammals were immobilised and wire snares removed during the grant period, and 33 animals throughout all of 2020
- New disease outbreak in elephant was identified and managed

The public benefitted from this project through the protection of the biodiversity of flora and fauna in a World Heritage Site, and supported ranger livelihoods during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure continued sustainability and conservation of the natural resources of this area to be enjoyed by tourists worldwide and local communities.

Provided funding to enhance wildlife forensics and zoonotic disease testing at a laboratory in Zimbabwe.

- The funding assisted in the prevention of rabies and distemper in North West Zimbabwe, helping protect the local human population against rabies as well as domestic animal and wildlife populations in a major international tourism area
- The funding also assisted the laboratory in developing capacity for wildlife forensics and therefore being able to provide scientific evidence for a court of law on wildlife trafficking cases. Helping to conserve wildlife and combat poaching.
- Grant funding assisted in laboratory capacity development to help identify a novel pathogen in African elephant for the first time which had resulted in 37 elephant mortalities and assisted in providing a disease management plan to the wildlife and veterinary authorities.

In planning for the organisation's annual activities, the Trustee's reviewed the guidance on public benefit at the Annual General Meeting, and the Trustees are satisfied that they are achieving the organisation's goals in accordance with the guidance. All policies and procedures have been reviewed as needed as per each policy review date.

#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In the past 12 months of operation, we have managed to achieve significant goals, including helping fund programmes that had the following outcomes

- Being a grantee of UK Aid we have managed to assist in alleviating hunger to rural impoverished Zimbabwean's living along the wildlife interface by supporting 2000 direct beneficiaries with improved cropping, human wildlife conflict mitigation and livestock protection
- 14 endangered black rhino immobilised, ear-notched, microchipped, health checks done and samples taken for genetics
- Trained 42 First responding wildlife rangers on Wildlife Diseases, Poisonings, and Wildlife Crime Scene Awareness
- Removed 33+ snares from different species ranging from warthog, impala, buffalo, elephant, kudu, bushbuck, leopard
- Rehabilitated and released numerous animals from warthogs, eland, vultures, falcons, storks, to bushbuck
- Supported 304 wildlife ranger family members for five months with a monthly food parcel
- Trained 253 community members on improved livestock husbandry methods
- Supported anti-poaching efforts that have arrested over 400 people and removed 800 wire snares in four months
- Provided monthly food rations for 91 wildlife rangers in Victoria Falls for four months, so they could sustain themselves and be effective on the job
- Purchased a desktop computer and Blackview devices for National Parks rangers to use for anti-poaching data collection, and deployment
- Prevented livestock predation with rural villages in 2020 that participated in our predator proof mobile bomas, deploying 5 mobile predator proof bomas
- Vaccinated over 1000 dogs against rabies and distemper, keeping rabies out of the area and alleviating a distemper outbreak
- Protected conflict lions through conflict prevention and mitigation, and managed to not lose one lion to problem animal control
- Conducted a survey on vulture nest sites in previously identified critical safe zones along the Zimbabwe/Botswana border to determine population shifts and losses of breeding pairs
- Assisted in funding wildlife disease project that identified a new disease prevalent in African elephant that resulted in the mortality of 37 animals in North West Zimbabwe

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity policy on reserves at this time is to hold a minimum of £5000 as reserves

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's principal sources of funds have shifted slightly this year with the addition of a few larger grants for this organization from the FCDO for the Small Charities Challenge Fund (SCCF) and the IUCN. Individual donations have continued albeit at a lower than normal rate as potential significant donors have not been able to travel to see the Trust's beneficiaries' outcomes.

Funding has gone principally to projects supporting the objectives of the charity. The bulk of the funding has gone to the budget lines allocated in the respective grants for projects in Zimbabwe. There was limited expenditure to complete a contract with a fundraiser, and basic administration fees.

The charity only has a bank account and makes no investments.

## Section F

## Other optional information

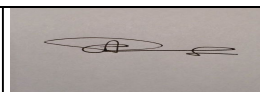
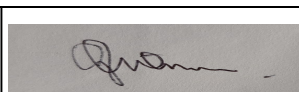
## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Gary Gilmour

Graeme Dacomb

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Finance Trustee

Date

24 March 2021

# VICTORIA FALLS WILDLIFE TRUST

**CHARITY NUMBER: 1166614**

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 January 2020 TO 31 December 2020

### UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	<b>12 months 2020</b>		<b>15 months 2019</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Donations	21,535		45,625	
Gift Aid	0		7,500	
Interest	0	21,535	0	53,125
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<u>21,535</u>		<u>53,125</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Bank Charges	6		52	
Brochures	0		276	
Transfers to Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust in Zimbabwe for use in Rescue & Rehabilitation	33,860		21,763	
Payments to professional fundraisers, incl expenses	1,800		14,073	
Darting Supplies	0	35,666	563	36,727
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<u><u>-£14,131</u></u>		<u><u>£16,398</u></u>



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## RESTRICTED FUNDS

	12 months 2020 £	15 months 2019 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
DFID Grant	49,678	0
IUCN Grant	24,583	0
Oak Foundation	19,500	0
Camera Trap Grant	7,458	0
University of Oxford - Human/Wildlife conflict mitigation	0	44,650
University of Oxford - Carnivore darting drugs	0	0
University of Oxford - Wildlife Conservation Research	11,500	11,306
Ernest Kleinwort Trust - Vulture conservation	0	5,000
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£112,719</b>	<b>£60,956</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
DFID Grant transferred to VFWT Zimbabwe	23,823	0
IUCN Grant transferred to VFWT Zimbabwe	23,526	0
Oak Foundation Grant transferred to VFWT Zimbabwe	10,000	0
Camera Trap Grant expenses	3,600	0
Lion Guardians	0	28,800
Salary contributions	0	16,033
Boma Costs	0	0
Overheads	0	750
Monitoring & Evaluation	0	1,500
Travel & Subsistence	0	400
Ernest Kleinwort Trust - Vulture Conservation	0	5,000
Wildlife Conservation Research Grant expenses	0	7,883
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>60,949</b>	<b>60,366</b>
Net Receipts/Payments	51,770	590
Cash funds at beginning	2,570	1,980
Cash funds at period end	<b>£54,340</b>	<b>£2,570</b>

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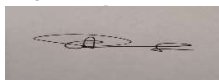
## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020			2019		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Debtors and prepayments	0	0	0	3,817	0	3,817
Bank deposit accounts	22,988	58,157	81,145	37,119	2,570	39,689
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
Creditors and accruals falling due within one year	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>£22,988</u>	<u>£58,157</u>	<u>£81,145</u>	<u>£40,936</u>	<u>£2,570</u>	<u>£43,506</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>						
At 1 January 2020 (1 October 2018)	40,936	2,570	43,506	24,538	1,980	26,518
Net movement in funds	-14,131	51,770	37,639	16,398	590	16,988
At 31 December 2020 (31 December 2019)	<u>£26,805</u>	<u>£54,340</u>	<u>£81,145</u>	<u>£40,936</u>	<u>£2,570</u>	<u>£43,506</u>

### **ANALYSIS of RESTRICTED FUNDS**

DFID Grant	25,855	0
IUCN Grant	1,057	0
Oak Foundation Grant	9,500	0
Camera Trap Grant	3,858	0
Oxford WildCru Grant	<u>14,070</u>	<u>2,570</u>
	<u>£54,340</u>	<u>£2,570</u>

Signed in Approval



R. G. Dacomb - Finance Trustee

18/02/2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust

On accounts for the 12  
months ended

31 December 2020

Charity no  
(if any)

1166614

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Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the 12 months ended **31 December 2020**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

12/03/2021

Name:

Gavin Power

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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