

# Practical conservation and amelioration of human wildlife conflict – a global collaboration with zoos and other donors



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## PROJECT 1

**The importance of pack structure to the conservation management and breeding success of African wild dogs (including the impact of habitat type, and presence of lions and elephants on distribution).**

A PhD behavioral study by Helen Reynolds in Namibia

**Aim:** To improve the survival chances of relocated African wild dogs.

**Equipment contributed by WWA:** Trail cameras and IT, including laptop for data analysis.

## PROJECT 2

**Conservation and Management of two African wild dog packs**

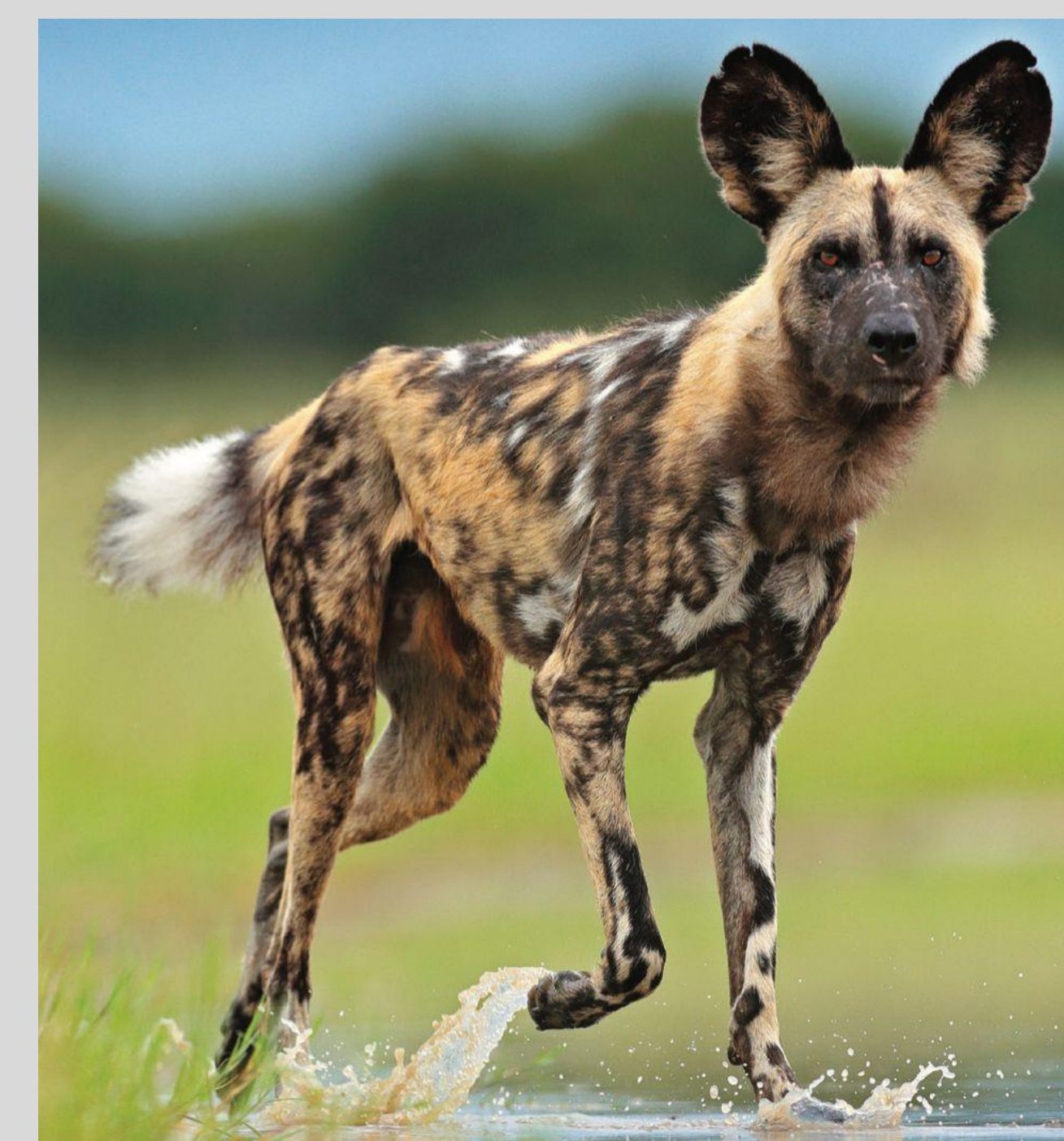
Madikwe Game Reserve – the fifth largest reserve in South Africa, home of the 'Big Five'

**Aim:** To help monitor seasonal pack movements, breeding, and social behavior, to better understand how to protect, manage, and conserve two 'manufactured' packs of introduced relocated dogs.

**Equipment contributed by WWA:** Two radio-telemetry collars for one dog in each pack, including the veterinary costs of darting and GPS tracking.

## STATUS

African wild dogs (*Lycaon pictus*) – a critically endangered CITES Red List species, with perhaps only 6000 left in the wild, of which only a very small percentage will ever breed but who contribute to the social rearing success of their pack. Found in such disparate populations as to require a metapopulation management program across southern Africa to improve breeding success and help ensure genetic diversity. This increasingly requires darting, relocation and 'pack building' of unrelated dogs in suitable new habitat.



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