ABOUT US

The Who and What of IAPF: We are backed financially by people and organizations just like you. Our conservation operations protect endangered wildlife and ecosystems — every day.

When: Founded in 2009, IAPF was incorporated in the USA in 2013 and approved by the IRS as a nonprofit tax-exempt charity the same year.

Why: Illegal wildlife trafficking is one of the world's largest criminal industries. Highly targeted species such as elephant and rhino are being hunted towards extinction.

Where: Zimbabwe, Mozambique, South Africa, Kenya.

Ongoing operational outcomes: In addition to safeguarding wildlife, IAPF's anti-poaching work empowers women, protects community assets, creates jobs, promotes training and education, and reduces habitat destruction. We could use your help too!

Damien Mander | IAPF Founder

Damien was an Australian Naval Clearance Diver, Special Operations Sniper, and Iraq War veteran. He project-managed the Iraq Special Police Training Academy in northern Baghdad preparing Iraq's paramilitary forces for combat. In 2009, he founded the International Anti-Poaching Foundation (IAPF). His 2013 TEDx talk on speciesism has been seen more than 7 million times across various platforms. He resides in Zimbabwe with his family.



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INTERNATIONAL ANTI-POACHING FOUNDATION (IAPF)



Why does IAPF exist?

Across Africa species such as elephants, rhinos, pangolins, and lions are being illegally killed at an alarming rate for their body parts.

Elephant populations across the continent have declined by 30% over 7 years, mostly due to poaching. 144,000 elephants could have been saved with better protection.

In South Africa alone, 1,028 rhinos were killed by poachers in 2017. These majestic and increasingly rare creatures are killed for their horns, tusks, and other parts. Some cultures use them as "medicine" or jewelry. But it's all for profit — and driving iconic species towards extinction whilst disrupting vulnerable communities.

Much of this poaching and trafficking is done by the same organized crime networks moving drugs and weapons. They utilize military tactics and equipment to conduct their trade. In the cross-fire, many undertrained and poorly equipped rangers are killed or injured.

Over 1,000 rangers have been killed in the line of duty over the past decade. IAPF is actively changing this.

Direct action conservation

IAPF protects endangered wildlife and ecosystems by conducting anti-poaching operations, delivering ranger training, supplying equipment and technological solutions, and providing critical project management and administrative support to local communities engaged in preventing poaching and parts trafficking.

Local empowerment and engagement play a critical role in reducing wildlife crime. IAPF's community-focused operations are proving to be more effective and enduring than the highly militarized/adversarial anti-poaching tactics of the past. Our rangers are armed, and trained in military



and policing skills, but they are also part of the communities in which they work. These communities are being given opportunities and incentives to "be the solution" — and they are responding magnificently.

AKASHINGA ("THE BRAVE ONES") AN IAPF ALL-FEMALE CONSERVATION MODEL

Innovative: IAPF's Akashinga program is a new way of conducting conservation work. In an industry where men outnumber women on the frontlines by up to 100:1, a primary strategy of Akashinga is female empowerment. Professionally trained, fully qualified, and tough-as-nails: These disadvantaged women are given employment protecting the wildlife reserves in their own regions.

Along with protection for local ecosystems, this program benefits families and local economies...as community development and conservation are blended for the benefit of all species.

Effective: IAPF's Akashinga program is a new, holistic, sustainable, and entirely scalable model for large area wildlife conservation. And it is working!

In just the first nine months of frontline operations in Zimbabwe, the first Akashinga team made over 56 arrests, shattering local ivory poaching syndicates and paving the way for the future of local families and nature.



"A growing body of evidence suggests that empowering women is the single biggest force for positive change in the world today."

- The Nature Conservancy

Community-based: Akashinga works WITH rather than AGAINST local populations through:

- Training and employment offered to local people
- Facilitating full financial participation of local women
- Supporting community development projects.

These are sound investments reaping long-term benefits for these communities — and for the protection of their surrounding ecosystems. You can invest with us. Will you be part of this proven solution?

LEAD Ranger

We identified a need and the solution: The world keeps looking to expensive and sophisticated solutions for conservation challenges. Most often, the difference between the success and failure of a program is one good indigenous commander leading their rangers on the frontlines. This true *local* leadership is the biggest gap in conservation.

The LEAD Ranger program re-builds management skills in the conservation industry by developing anti-poaching instructors and leaders who remain based in the ecosystems they are intended to benefit. This "Train the Trainer" program provides unique experiences and "tools" for Conservation Law Enforcement entities to share across a growing number of countries.

You can support LEAD Ranger and help conserve some of Africa's most iconic ecosystems and richest biodiversity.



Special Investigations (SI)

Targeting trafficking kingpins: A less discussed program, SI focuses on the wildlife supply chain in southern Africa rather than just the poachers on the ground. SI conducts cross-border wildlife crime information gathering with the intention of publishing or prosecuting crimes against wildlife and the key figures involved.

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