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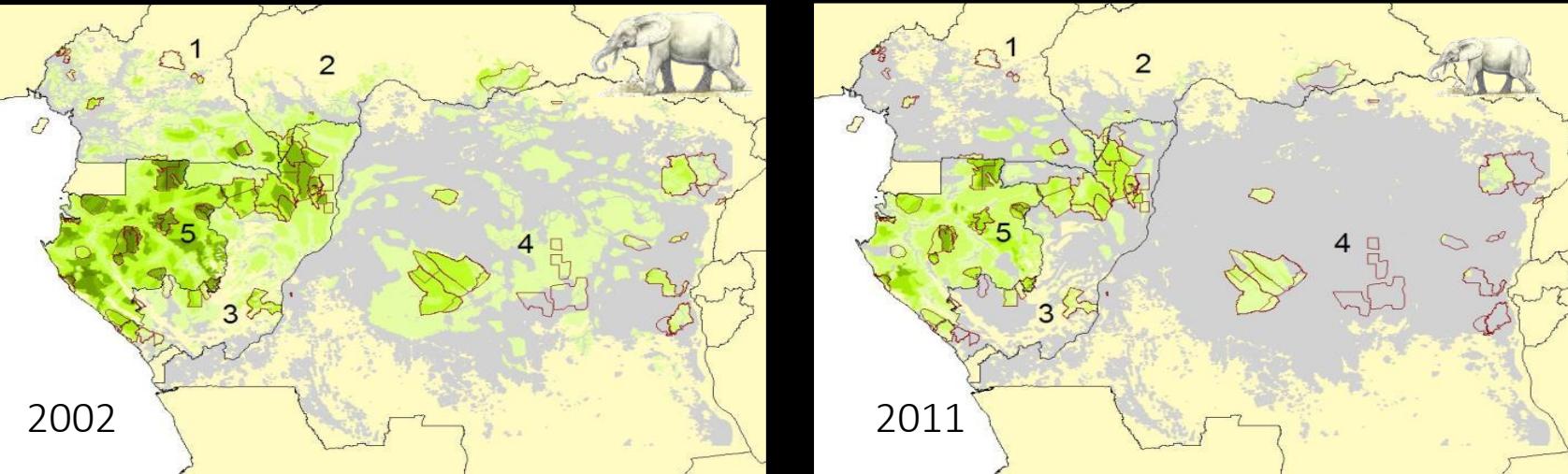


# Poaching



# Poverty

# Devastating decline of Elephants



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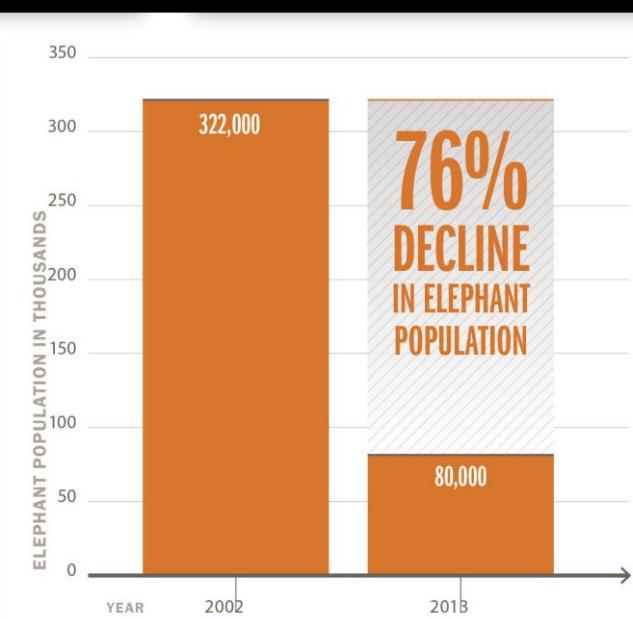
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## Devastating Decline of Forest Elephants in Central Africa

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**Abstract**  
African forest elephants—taxonomically and functionally unique—are being poached at accelerating rates, but we lack range-wide information on the repercussions. Analysis of the largest survey dataset ever assembled for forest elephants (80 foot-surveys; covering 13,000 km<sup>2</sup>; 91,600 person-days of fieldwork) revealed that population size declined by ca. 62% between



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THERE is nothing a mother elephant will not do for her infant, but even she cannot protect it from bullets. About a year ago, poachers attacked a family of forest elephants in central Africa. The biologist who witnessed the attack told us that wildlife guards were completely outgunned. In the end, an elephant mother, riddled with bullets and trumpeting with pain and fear, was left to use her enormous body to shield her baby. Her sacrifice was for naught; the baby was also killed.

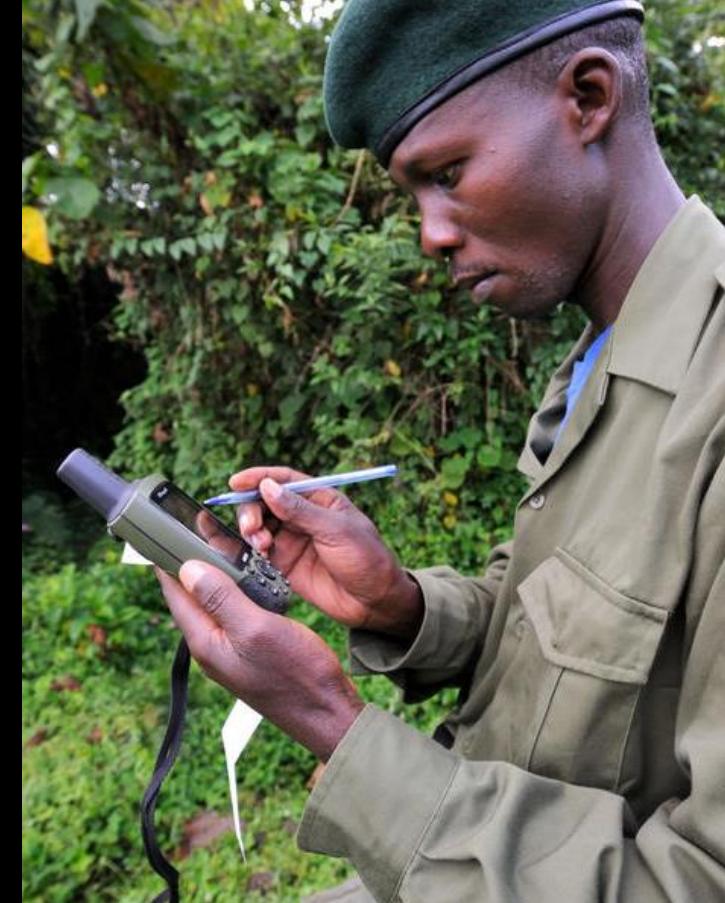
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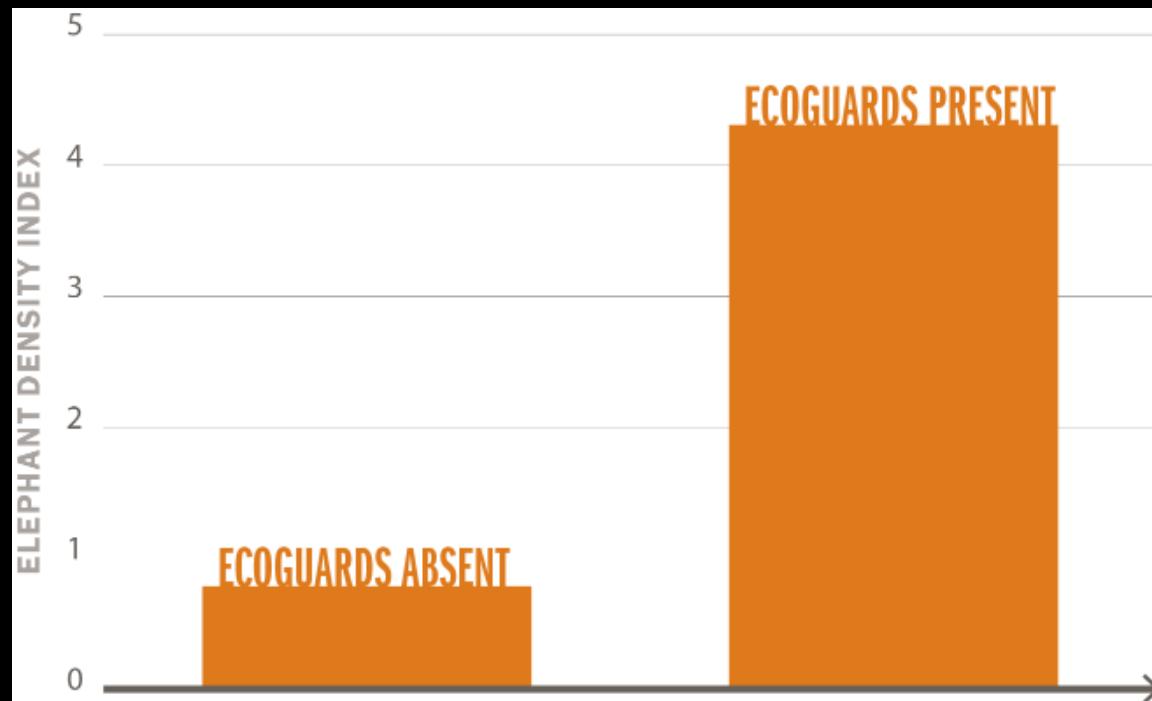
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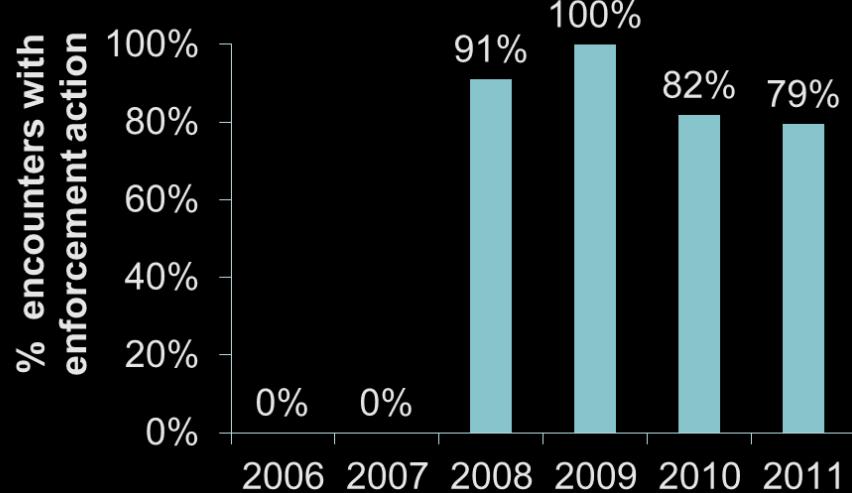
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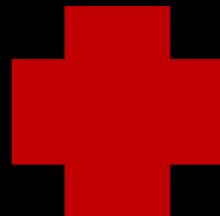
# Protected Areas Work



# SMART patrols



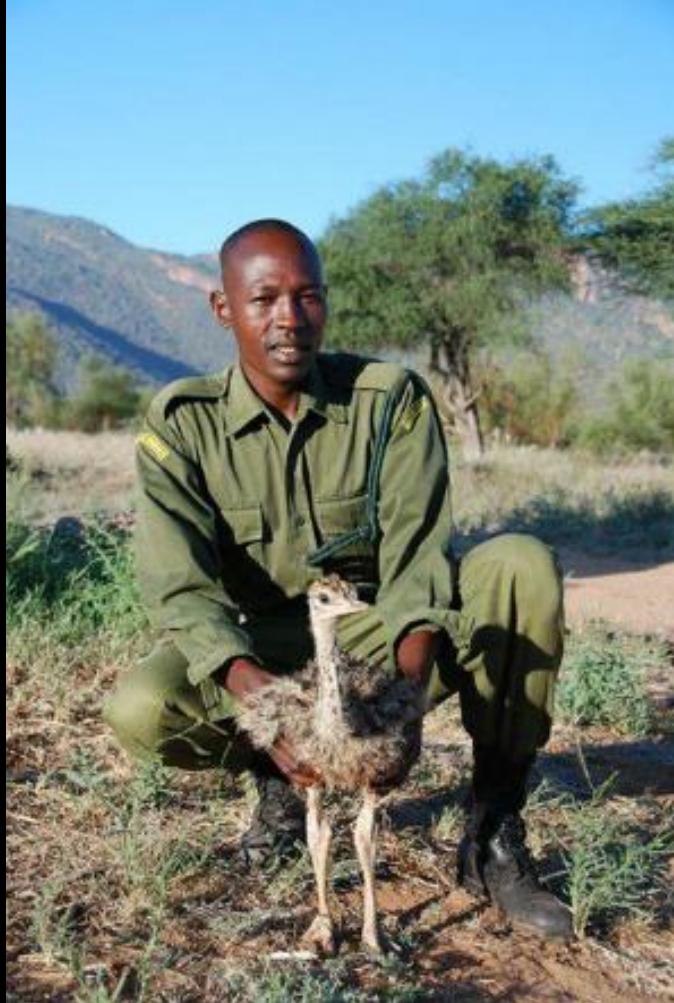
# Co-Producing Citizen Security



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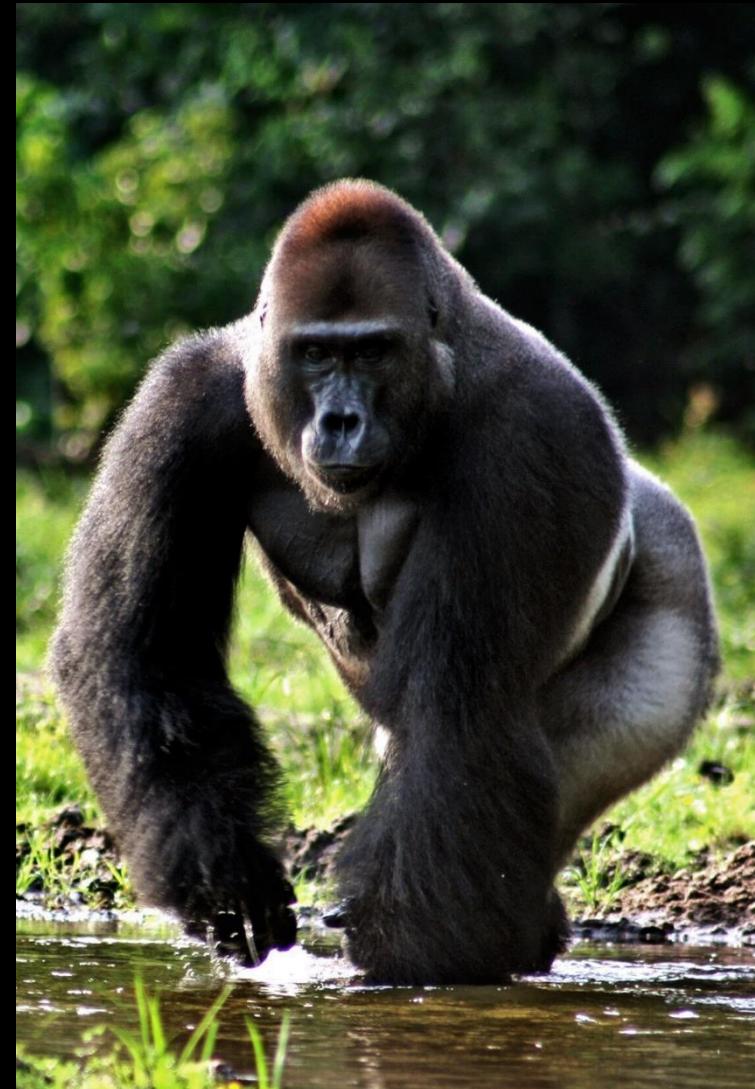


# Conservancies - Kenya



# The future can be secure

- The EU Africa Wildlife Strategy
  - the single most comprehensive approach to tackling interlinked problems, developed with the support of many stakeholders
- It now needs funding and support from EU Member States: The creation of an EU trust fund would realise the vision of this strategy





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