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OFFICERS' REPORTS

IRF President's update July to October 2013

As I write this in Europe after the French Ranger Association's annual meeting I realise many rangers are facing challenges in all different shapes and sizes. From job insecurity and bad working conditions in many regions to facing armed poachers in Africa, Asia and Latin America, all of these issues are equally valid. What I am, however, increasingly optimistic about is the ability of the family of rangers and our growing supporter base to help each other in times of need and friendship, and to overcome, or at least bare up to the challenges we have. Our recent honouring and celebration of **World Ranger Day** is just one example. Through the memorial list and moment of remembrance we honoured those who have lost their lives on the line of duty. This strengthens our resolve to both prevent this tragedy from occurring in the future and also to support the families left if tragedy strikes. World Ranger Day does honour those fallen rangers, however it has a dual purpose to also celebrate the good work rangers are doing for conservation and communities around the globe. This year we saw an increase in participation from both the ranger sector and our ever-growing supporter base. Many other organisations and individuals joined with rangers to mark this Day. From Kazakhstan to Costa Rica, and Australia to Kenya we honoured

this day. We even received a letter of acknowledgment and good wishes from His Royal Highness, Prince William, the Duke OF Cambridge, and a video message to the world's rangers from our Ambassador Dr. Jane Goodall.

Having attended the [Europarcs Congress](#) and travelling around Europe I'm happy to say we now have in process the development of a number of new associations. Lake Baikal in Russia, Serbia, Hungary and Latvia are all interested in joining under the banner of IRF, and Slovakia to rejuvenate its association. We also have associations potentially coming online from Kazakhstan, Kenya, and Uganda. All new associations wishing to form will be given a \$500 start up grant from IRF's partner The Thin Green Line Foundation. So if you wish to start an association or help another area start, please get in touch.

Having met with Hungarians, Slovaks, Serbians, Russians, Latvians and French rangers so far on this visit I'm very excited about the idea of the IRF forwarding twinning projects between associations. Many associations are already putting this into practice such as PAWA in Australia with Brazil. And going forward: For example Garde Nature de France (French association) are interested in helping some French speaking African Countries and regions to start their associations and to help with projects in those regions. Hungarians may twin with Slovakia and Serbia. An Australian Association with a new Timor Ranger Association. There are many options and exciting opportunities for existing associations to add new dimensions to their associations and formalise their inter-association work. You will be hearing more about this shortly and I hope you all participate with the enthusiasm we see when rangers come together from around the world.

Also a big opportunity exists with the [3rd European Congress](#) to be held in Croatia in May 2014 and for the [World Parks Congress](#) in Sydney in November 2014. Planning is underway for both events. We hope to see a large contingent in Croatia, and the WPC in Sydney presents itself as a big opportunity for Rangers, our stories, and our solutions to be front and centre in global conservation thought. I encourage all of you to think about how you may participate directly or indirectly in these. We will be calling for submissions for papers and also for applications for those that may need congress support. But please also if you can offer support directly or through contacts to help fund rangers attendance and presentations at these events, please also get in touch. The IRF is only as strong as its members and their active participation.

Since the last Newsletter as President I have had the pleasure of representing you and your issues to His Royal Highnesses: Prince William and Prince Charles. They are both very interested to see here they might help and I will be meeting with representatives again in the UK shortly to see what might be possible with their support and or involvement.

Additionally, I have met informally with Director General of IUCN Julia Marton Lefevre, and with the Ministry in Hungary. Shortly I will be meeting with German, Swiss, Czech and Austrian rangers as well as the Croatian Rangers and their Minister.

On the Charity side, through TGLF, Wayne Lotter, VP of IRF, has helped deliver the following:

\$10,000 in equipment to rangers on patrol in Sumatra Indonesia;

\$10,000 for rebuilding houses destroyed by poachers for rangers in Zambia;

Delivery of 250 mosquito nets, wet weather ponchos and sleeping bags for Massai rangers at Big Life Kenya;

Supporting widows of rangers in Argentina, Paraguay, Thailand and soon the Philippines; And soon, a first aid course, and supply of first aid kits, will be trialed across Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, with more to follow. Let us know what your association needs for your rangers or where you might be able to help other rangers in need.

Soon The Thin Green Line Foundation will also have charity status in the USA and UK, giving further avenues for support for rangers and it's IRF members.

Through TGLF and IRF's network we will aim to equip and train many more rangers over the next 12 months. We know there is a lot of work to be done, but step-by-step, pole pole, paso e paso; we are making progress with your active participation and help.

My huge thank you also goes to the IRF executive and all that volunteer their time, and to our new Newsletter Editor and Volunteer Executive Assistant Nicola Potger.

So with renewed vigor and optimism, the IRF executive and I look forward to working with you, representing and supporting the great work you all do everyday.

Still, to me, there is no more honorable job than working for Nature's protection, and within that, none more honourable than that of the Ranger's work on the frontline of conservation.

Yours Truly

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Vice President's Report

No report submitted for this issue.

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Secretary's Report

Since joining the IRF team as Secretary the complexities of bringing together an Executive team based in different time zones across the world have really come to the fore, although technology such as Skype is helping us a great deal along the way. We are also fortunate to have some volunteer administrative support coming our way through the Thin Green Line Foundation - thank you TGLF and Nicola.

I am very happy to announce that we have welcomed the Game Rangers Association of Zambia as a new member of the IRF - congratulations and welcome aboard!

I would like to remind everyone that the primary method of communication with members currently continues to be this Thin Green Line newsletter, email notices to member associations, and the IRF website - <http://internationalrangers.org>. The IRF also has a strong presence on Facebook, with a page (<https://www.facebook.com/InternationalRangerFederation>), a group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/49236725911/>) and several regional groups as well. Please let me know whenever there is a change of primary contact person for your association, and please pass on newsletters and other messages to your individual members.

As my home country faces challenging times for the environment, both politically and ecologically, I am reminded never to be complacent. The role of the Ranger in conservation, land management, education, protection, has never been more important than it is today. One opportunity coming up in the near future to remind the world of this is the World Parks Congress, to be held in Sydney, Australia in November 2014. I hope to see many of you represented there.

Tegan Burton
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Treasurer's Report

The IRF has the equivalent of about US\$5,850 on deposit in its bank accounts in the United Kingdom. It also has £446 in the PayPal account. The US Association of National Park Rangers is holding US\$4,123 for IRF in a restricted account; this comes from a grant from Parks Victoria, Australia, and is for the next International Young Conservationist Award, which will be awarded in 2014.

Recent income includes three donations, totaling £85, which was received through the PayPal link on the IRF's webpage. Recent sales of IRF pins by Roger Cole and Gordon Miller came to £70, which was deposited in the UK bank account.

The only on-going expense is for hosting the IRF website, which costs about US\$10 per month. Domain names have been pre-paid for two years.

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Editor's Report

The IRF webpage is a place where your stories can be told, and we can learn about our colleagues from around the world. We'd love more POSTCARDS from members, to post on the site. Just a few words and a photo goes a long way to keeping in touch. We'll even publish, "Wish you were here", if you send us a great photo!

If you need inspiration for a postcard, you can ask for a quiz to be sent to you from webteam@internationalrangers.org.

Or, if you have a great story on your own website, you can link it to the IRF at <http://internationalrangers.org/postcards>.

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REGIONAL REPORTS

Africa Regional Representative Report

Ranger Associations

There is certainly a lot of interest in the establishment of ranger associations. As we heard at the Africa meeting, which was held during the 7th WRC, there are many constraints to the formal establishment of ranger Associations in Africa. In addition to the often lengthy, bureaucratic and costly process, the other challenge is to enable a sustainable model for the continual functioning of the association and to provide value to the ranger membership. I have been in communication with a number of countries: Swaziland, Ethiopia and Mali (thanks to Sean).

The formalization of the Games Rangers Association of Zambia under William Soko is commended. It was a long road (over three years) and many long trips to the capital of Zambia. Congratulations William.



Note: *The Game Rangers Association of Africa's next Annual General Meeting is being planned to be held in Zambia in order to boost enthusiasm and stimulate further growth of the Association in the country. You are all invited!*

BIOPAMA

Resulting from an invitation to the IRF regional representative to attend a 3-day BIOPAMA workshop (which was held in Johannesburg 3-5th December, 2012), I have continued involvement in this process. The workshop was well attended by people involved in Protected Area Management from across the continent. The workshop raised many of the challenges that rangers face on a daily basis, particularly the lack of political support and resources with which they are expected to perform their duties. A large component of BIOPAMA going forward will be the Human Capacity Development focus for protected area personnel. This will be an area into which GRAA members could certainly contribute. The workshop also offered good networking opportunities with people from the continent.

What is BIOPAMA? Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management Programme – seeks to address this challenge. The programme was launched by the European Commission in July 2011 and it is officially supported with Intra-ACP (Africa, Caribbean and Pacific countries) resources from the 10th European Development Fund (EDF). This programme has two main components: one on protected areas which will be implemented by the IUCN and the European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC), and another on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS), which will be implemented by the Multi-Donor ABS Capacity Development Initiative managed by the German Development Corporation (GIZ).

Indigenous Ranger/Land Management Congress

Help facilities as far as possible, the sourcing of potential applications for a grant to attend the Indigenous Ranger/Land Management Conference being held in Australia.

Ranger Deaths

	Date	Country	Park	No. of Deaths	Type of Death	Name	Additional Info
1	27 Mar	Ghana	Abofour in the Ashanti Region, Kwapanim Forest Range near Offinso	1	Murder	Kwado Wireko	Wireko reportedly went on patrol alone about 10am on Wed Mar 27, 2013 but never returned. Having waited in vain for Wireko's return, his colleague forest guards – Franci Brobbey and Leticia Asante – went to look for him in the forest. The two found the dead body of Wireko in the forest and reported the incident to the Abofour police. The police military patrol team dispatched to the scene found Wireko lying in a pool of blood with ants all over his body. Initial checks on the body of Wireko showed that the guard had been shot in the chest from close range. The Offinso Forest District Manager, Mt Ernest Nkansah Kwarteng expressed grief and deep condolences with the bereaved family.
2	05 Feb	Nigeria	Sambas Reserve	6	Murder	Unknown	MAIDUGURI, Nigeria, - Boko Haram insurgents killed at least six park rangers on Tuesday in a reprisal attack after troops backed by helicopter gunships destroyed their base in a Nigerian game reserve. http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/02/05/us-nigeris-violence-idUSBRE91414B20130205

Donations

The generosity of international ranger associations is humbling for which I must give thanks. I have been facilitating equipment donations (the first of which will arrive soon) for distribution to rangers in need. Getting this streamlined in order to better accommodate future donations is imperative. However there is good opportunity to utilize existing channels from South Africa (through bug corporates) for easier distribution across the continent.

Constraints

I am fully aware of the opportunities that exist for the IRF within Africa, and the great need for increased communication with the country representatives. In addition, there is need for formal engagement at a higher level (with country Parks/ (Protected Area/Wildlife Authorities) in order to facilitate better ranger representation ancon-developing and implementation of ranger support programmed.

Time and potentially funding to carry this out and to capitalize on the opportunities, are the usual constraint suspects.

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Oceania Regional Representative Report

The main focus in Oceania lately has been gearing up for the IUCN World Parks Congress in Sydney, 2014. The aim is to conduct a number of ranger exchanges with the guidance of Australian Ranger Member Associations. Funding is to be sourced and delegations sought. Initial discussions have involved Timor, Tetepare and Rapa Nui rangers, the later via New Zealand contacts. It is hoped that through the UN networks and agencies, meaningful and productive experiences eventuate. An IRF working group for the Congress has been formed and actions and outcomes outlined.

Visiting Norwegian ranger, Thomas Rødstøl, who toured through a number of Australian Parks from Dec 2012-March 2013 has delivered his report as requested. It is currently being translated and will be available shortly for perusal.

Sean Willmore and myself are organising a meeting with Australia's federal minister for the environment, Hon Greg Hunt MP, in the not too distant future. We hope to outline some of our national initiatives and realise opportunities for the next 12 months. With great results achieved from working with rangers already in the seat of Flinders, this promises to be a successful discussion.

As we head into our major fire and tourism season, rangers will be extremely busy but we will aim to maintain momentum within the region during this time.

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North America Regional Representative Report

City of San Jose, California, rangers hosted their annual Heart of the Congo event on October 19th at the city zoo. The Zoo does this every year to raise money for the Virunga National Park Rangers who are assigned to protect the Mountain Gorillas. Over the years they've been able to do a lot of good. This year the Chief Warden, Emmanuel de Merode was in attendance.

I'll be attending the ANPR's Ranger Rendezvous in October.

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Europe Regional Representative Report

No report submitted for this issue.

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COMMITTEES & STAFF

Translation Team Report

It is a great pleasure to announce that this and future newsletters will also be translated into Portuguese thanks to the collaboration of the Brazilian Ranger, Miliany Campos. The Spanish edition has been translated thanks to the ongoing support of Rebeca Mencos from Guatemala. We want to invite you to be part of this volunteer team and encourage the translation into other languages.

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ASSOCIATION REPORTS

MJP Celebrates World Ranger Day in Cambodia (Samlout)

Preparing to celebrate World Ranger Day on July 31, MJP held its fourth annual Eco-Ranger Day Camps – a week full of activities promoting Cambodia's natural treasures - its wildlife, forests and the work of the 'endangered' Cambodian ranger. Today, over 200 eco-rangers work in rural villages to build awareness, knowledge and conservation values. During World Ranger Day, eco-rangers teamed up with MJP's Conservation and Wildlife Enforcement Team (CWET) to repeat the park ranger pledge and promised to continue to carry out conservation initiatives that will help protect Samlout's ecosystem over the long term.



Cambodian Ranger Lim Bo was also honoured for his posthumous service, which was accepted by his wife at a special ceremony in the village. Mr. Bo was killed in 2011 after setting up a roadblock to stop a vehicle that was transporting illegal timber through a checkpoint on the road from Samlout Protected Area. Stephan Bognar, CEO MJP Foundation, said that Lim Bo will never be 'forgotten and will always remind us just how great is the capacity of certain people who put their own safety to one side in order to protect our natural resources." Bognar, accompanied by Mr. Thorn Kim Hong (Ministry of Environment-Samlout Park Director) and Mr. Sina Bou (CWET Senior Conservation Officer) provided his wife with the Cambodian flag and a basket of food. The event drew to a close with a tree planting ceremony in Lim Bo's honour. The Beng Tree (*Azelia xylocarpa*), with the scientific name of *pahudia cochinchinensis*, is expected to grow around 30 metres in height and will provide visitors a place to rest in a cool, shaded area.



In 2003, MJP partnered with the Cambodian Ministry of Environment (MoE) to develop a conservation programme for the last intact tropical forest in the nation's northwest - Samlout Protected Area. The plan included the recruitment, training, and support for a Conservation Wildlife Enforcement Team (CWET) composed of local rangers (Ministry of Environment) and officers from the Cambodian military and border patrol police that would operate inside the park to help stop the illegal timber trade, land encroachment, and wildlife poaching. Covering 60,000 hectares, the park includes rare and disappearing species such as, the Asian elephant, Asiatic black bear, Malayan sun bear and gaur.



These photos are from Samlout, a park in Cambodia, managed as part of the Maddox Jolie Pitt Foundation and its commitment to eradicating rural poverty in Samlout. MJP focuses on education, health care, agriculture, and conservation as the way to rise up a community. Samlout Protected Area is on the border with Thailand, one of the last remaining dryland tropical forests, full of gibbons and serves as the migration route for the Asian elephant and tiger.

Stephan Bognar is the executive director of MJP. Many of the rangers in these photos have spent time at Sequoia National Park as part of the sister park arrangement, working side by side with US National Park rangers.

Holly Bundock,
Board Member, Globalparks.org

GRAA World Ranger Day Family Day Event

Rangers, or game rangers as they are called in Africa, form the frontline of protecting our natural heritage for generations to come. Their work is often dangerous, difficult, unappreciated, unrecognized, and unknown. Despite this, rangers are dedicating their lives to protect what is not theirs, but ours. This has been recognized as so worthy of celebration that the IUCN declared 31 July as Annual World Rangers Day, and has been celebrated as such since 2007.

In support of the men and women in this honourable profession, the Game Ranger's Association of Africa (GRAA) held a Family Day on Sunday 4th August 2013 at Joburg Zoo. Professional event organisers, Currin't Events were responsible for the project management and logistics of the event, which was a great success with over 700 people (moms, dads and children) taking part and learning about conservation of our precious wildlife.

The aim of the Family Day was to raise awareness of the GRAA and the work that Game Rangers do in protection and vital conservation of our natural heritage, as well as to learn more about a career as a game ranger. The GRAA had game rangers on hand for visitors to learn more about this exciting career and both the Zoo and the GRAA had their staff give educational talks to guests on vultures, rhino, lions and the ground hornbill. Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) were there to showcase their conservation training courses, as was the South African Wildlife College, the foremost educational institute for Field Ranger training in South Africa.



GRAA Vice Chairman Marius Fuls and the Miss Earth SA finalists congratulate one of the many prize winners on the day

Dinokeng Game Reserve, the only Big-5 reserve in Gauteng had their staff at the Family Day and gave the top prize of a weekend away to one of their lodges in the lucky draw. Trappers, and Outdoor Warehouse donated other prizes. Miss Earth SA finalists also came to support the GRAA Family Day and handed out prizes at the lucky draw. The GRAA would like to thank the community and media that made it possible to spread the word in acknowledging and celebrating the World Rangers Day as well as making the GRAA Family Day such a success. World Ranger's Day Family Day will become an annual event and the organisers look forward to welcoming even more people to this special day in future.



GRAA Vice Chairman Marius Fuls highlights the importance of rangers and their work during one of the presentations

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World Ranger Day in Sernaglia della Battaglia



This year we have done to celebrate the WRD. In the days before, I sent the sign to the local media and all municipalities in my province. The town of Segusino proceeded to fill out and print the sign and publish it in their Facebook page.

We have celebrated the WRD in Seraglio della Battaglia near the Piave River in an area called "Passo Barche" (Boats Pass). We explained what our business is and the origins of the IRF, read the memorandum and waited a minute of silence. I am sending you some photos of the event.



On the photo you can see a reproduction of the rafts in the background once used to follow the transport of logs along the river Piave, from the mountains of Cadore to Venice.



When you go to these areas would be happy to organize a tour to Venice, where I work as a policeman.

PILLONETTO Nicola
Vice President
Volontari d'Europa – Ranger

New South Wales Park Staff Gather for World Ranger Day

NSW National Parks and Wildlife staff from Merimbula gathered for a World Ranger Day lunch at the Hot Wok Thai Restaurant on Wednesday to celebrate their profession and to remember and raise money for those who have given their lives in the protection of the world's wildlife and protected areas.



This years World Ranger Day was very poignant for the NPWS staff as they had just found out that two of their fellow rangers in Tanzania had been seriously injured in anti poacher operations and one had been killed, hacked to death by machete. The rangers killed and injured worked for the PAMS Foundation, a conservation organisation operating in Tanzania to whom NPWS staff and local community members have been providing aid to via the professional association The Protected Area Workers Association of NSW (PAWA.)

NPWS ranger George Malolakis said, “This was a great tragedy and really drives home the fact that it is a war out there and that lives are being lost. The rangers working on the thin green line are at the sharp end of the fight against environmental crime, they are generally under resourced and ill equipped and need our help. The luncheon and community donations raised over \$600 to send to our fallen comrades in Tanzania”

George Malolakis

World Ranger Day in Portugal

The Portuguese Rangers Association in commemoration of the World Ranger Day, organized a walking holiday in "Pisão de Cima" - Sintra-Cascais Natural Park, which included the liberation of a Booted Eagle (*Hieraetus pennatus*) recovered from injuries infringed by poachers.



20 children aged between 5 and 13 years and a group of young people aged between 16 and 18 years attended the celebrations.





Francisco Semedo
Dia Mundial do Vigilante da Natureza (PARK RANGER)

SPECIAL REPORTS

Asia Parks Congress

On 13-17 November, 2013, the first Asia Parks Congress will be held in Sendai, Japan. This Congress is an important lead-in to the World Parks Congress in Sydney next year. IUCN is working with the Ministry of the Environment Japan to organize this event. You can find more information on the APC website here:

https://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/asia_parks_congress_press_no_print_marks_2_.pdf

or here, http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/gpap_home/

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Mentoring, Coaching and Exchange for Protected Area Professionals

Hello all. I am managing a project on behalf of the IRF Executive – *Mentoring, Coaching and Exchange for Protected Area Professionals* (MC&Ex) I wanted to let you know of this, particularly as it was introduced at the World Ranger Congress (see congress summation). At Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge Wayne Lotter, together with Moses Wafula Mapesa presented the session ‘Global Partnerships for the Professionalising of Protected Area Management’. This is a project that can and will have direct value to IRF members and the world ranger community.

So, you may be interested?

The project is part of an IUCN – WCPA initiative over the next 3 years. Under the program banner of the **Global Partnerships for the Professionalising of Protected Area Management**, IRF is delivering the MC&Ex project, one of four, for the **Education and Learning Work Group** chaired by WCPA member Eduard Muller.

At last year’s World Conservation Congress in Jeju Korea, three months prior to the World Ranger Congress, the IRF had made a commitment to take a lead in this particular aspect of the program. We were able to outline the project and our commitment at Wayne and Moses’ presentation. The ‘**Rangers without Borders**’ project (Jay Wells and Elaine Thomas) also has a strong connection to this new IRF action.

To make this happen I would be interested to hear from any member association persons who may like to play a small part. In this early stage, the next few months, I will be working on scoping the project. It is intended to introduce each of the four Education & Learning Work Group projects at next year’s World Parks Congress, Sydney Australia. You may like to have a look at the WCPA-IUCN webpage at

http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/gpap_home/gpap_capacity2

If you would like to connect with me and other IRF colleagues on this project let me know via andrew.nixon@parks.vic.gov.au

I look forward to hearing from some keen rangers!

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Nature’s Frontline

Nature’s Frontline: a new initiative to raise awareness of the work of rangers

What is your life like as a ranger?

How does it affect your family?

Have you been involved in a life-threatening situation in the course of your work?

Have you had an amazing wildlife/natural experience in the course of your work?

What does being a ranger mean to you?

What are your hopes for the future?

These, and other questions, are being asked by a new campaign, soon to be launched, to raise awareness of the work of rangers around the world.

The UK-based ranger-led project, The Queen Elizabeth Parks Twinning Project (QETP), based at Queen Elizabeth Country Park in Hampshire, UK, is extending its reach by launching Nature's Frontline, a video-based campaign showcasing the work of rangers in all corners of the globe.

Nature's Frontline has already attracted the support of some high-profile partners and hopes to gain the support and input of rangers across the globe. By encouraging rangers to make short films (no more than five minutes each) and forwarding them to the Nature's Frontline team in the UK, it is hoped that the Nature's Frontline website and YouTube channel will become populated with a host of fascinating stories from rangers. Social media will be put to good use and the message will go global!

The goal is to ensure that through the Nature's Frontline campaign, many more will understand the crucial work that rangers do on a daily basis, and in some cases putting their lives at risk in the process, ensuring the flora and fauna of our planet is protected for future generations.

Nature's Frontline will not directly seek donations, but people who want to offer financial support will be encouraged to give money to The Thin Green Line through a link on the website.

Videos can be very powerful, adding a human story to an important issue. The team are hoping that as an offshoot of the campaign, a filmmaker may take an interest in producing a longer, documentary-style film for wider distribution.

Look out for more information in this newsletter in the New Year!

If you would like to know more about making a video for the campaign, or think you can help in any way, please contact info@naturesfrontline.org.

Footnote: QETP (www.queenelizabethparks.org) is a community project bringing together the individuals, schools, communities and staff of the Queen Elizabeth National Park in Uganda and the Queen Elizabeth Country Park in England. It focuses on conservation by working closely with and empowering local communities and supporting education initiatives. It also promotes the exchange of ideas and best practice between the staff of the two parks.

By Liz Bourne,
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on behalf of Nature's Frontline and QETP

Please Contribute to Future Issues of the PARKS Journal

PARKS, the International Journal of Protected Areas and Conservation, had a successful re-launch at the World Conservation Congress in September 2012, and we want to keep the momentum up. Please join us in improving the only peer-reviewed journal dedicated wholly to protected areas: <http://www.iucn.org/parks>.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

ANPR Ranger Rendezvous	St Louis, Missouri	27-31 October 2013
Asia Parks Congress	Sendai, Japan	13-17 November 2013
World Parks Congress	Sydney, Australia	12-19 November 2014

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The following is for quick reference only and does not include the names of individual ranger associations. Where more than one name is listed for a given nation, it is because there's more than one ranger association in that country. For a complete list, please contact IRF Secretary Tegan Burton at the address listed below.

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