

Project Update: September 2014

Ten community scouts from strategic locations across the Trans-Mara District, Kenya embarked on a 1-day training workshop on May 26th 2014. The scouts were trained on human-elephant conflict data collection protocols and were each facilitated with a GPS device which they will use to record the location of conflict incidents.

Since the 1st June 2014, community scouts have been responding to reports of conflict incidents by visiting the incident location and recording all the information relating to the incident using a standardised data sheet. The type of data that is being recorded includes the location of the farm, the amount of crop damage and the number of elephants involved in the incident.

Over 350 human-elephant conflict incidents have occurred in the Trans-Mara since June 2014. These types of incidents include: damage to crops, damage to property and human injury. Human-elephant conflict data will continue to be collected until 2015.



Left: Community scout training workshop. Right: Two scouts measuring the amount of crop damage at a farm