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We are making good progress collating information on the land use within the Zimbabwean part of the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA) and are starting to build up a good picture of where wild dog populations continue to exist. In addition to the nine packs in the Savé Valley Conservancy, photographs and sightings reports from Gonarezhou National Park indicate at least three packs there and there is one pack in Malilangwe. Wild dogs appear to have been extirpated from most other areas within the GLTFCA. Snaring remains the biggest threat, highlighted by the deaths in snares of two of last year's pups, both found within a week of each other. Interviews in community areas are ongoing and we are working on expanding and formalising our education and community awareness efforts.



Left: Wild dog subadult killed in snare - Save Valley Conservancy, Zimbabwe. Right: A chair painted by primary school children with a wild dog design.