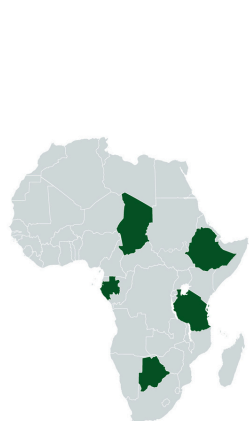


A DECADE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Elephant Protection Initiative (EPI) is an alliance of African countries working to ensure the harmonious coexistence of people and elephants. The EPI articulates Africa's views and needs on elephant conservation, and most African elephant range states are EPI members. Over the next three years we want to maintain our outstanding work in these countries but also expand. We want to help more countries to secure their ivory stockpiles, launch human-elephant conflict (HEC) mitigation projects supporting local communities and develop their National Elephant Action Plans (NEAPs).



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EPI Member States

The Elephant Protection Initiative Foundation (EPIF) is the EPI's secretariat. We have unique access to our member states and work with them to maintain the ban on domestic and international ivory trade, secure ivory stockpiles, develop NEAPs, and address HEC.

The EPIF has a Leadership Council of eminent African conservationists and politicians. We are a small, dynamic team of a dozen staff and consultants, working on a tight budget. We are proud of our achievements.

The moratorium on the international commercial ivory trade is still firmly in place, and many countries have closed domestic ivory markets. The EPIF is the continent's leader in securing ivory stockpiles:

- At least 446,000 kgs of ivory inventoried (more than half of all the ivory that is stockpiled in Africa which has been reported to CITES)
- 16 countries use our Stockpile Management System (SMS), a digital tool which brings enhanced accountability to stockpile management and more countries are in the process of adopting it
- More than 1,000 wildlife officials have been through our training courses
- 87 wildlife product storerooms have been reinforced in 11 countries



Since 2015, we have also supported 11 African countries to develop their National Elephant Action Plans (NEAPs). These are comprehensive strategies designed to ensure elephant conservation and improved welfare for rural populations.



In 2020, the EPIF put a new strategic importance on mitigating and managing human-elephant conflict (HEC), a critical issue in elephant conservation. Since then we have:

- Worked with the authorities in Ethiopia on the installation of watch-towers for communities badly affected by HEC outside a key national park
- Supported journalists in Angola, Liberia and Nigeria to report on HEC
- Implemented a HEC monitoring system for wildlife officials in Angola, Ethiopia, and Malawi



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“The EPI represents hope. Hope that our children and future generations will have the opportunity to observe elephants in the wild, coexisting with local communities who have a vested interest in protecting them and their habitats.”

HRH Prince William, Prince of Wales

“The EPI is instrumental in our efforts to stamp out wildlife crime because it provides us, as Africans – responsible for some of the world's richest reserves of wildlife – a platform to engage in a joint effort to protect elephant populations.”

Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Former President of Liberia