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NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTING UNDER THE GDSA

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WATER ACCOUNTING AND ITS
POLICY
USES IN AFRICA

2016 WATERNET SYMPOSIUM

AFRICAN LED + GROWING



LIBERIA

GHANA

GABON

UGANDA

KENYA

RWANDA

TANZANIA

MOZAMBIQUE

MADAGASCAR

NAMIBIA

BOTSWANA

SOUTH AFRICA

ATLANTIC OCEAN

INDIAN OCEAN



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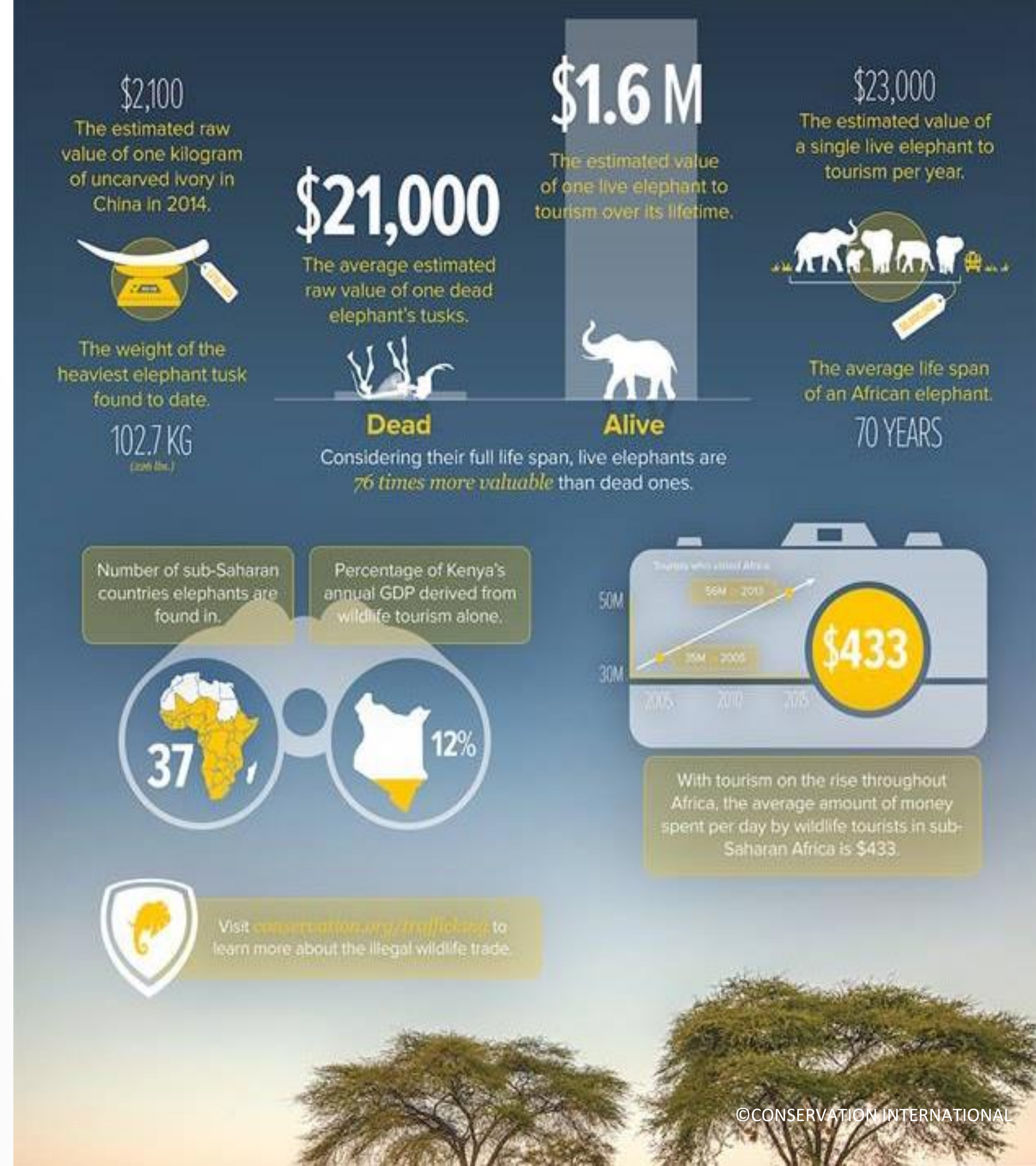


COMMITMENTS

1. Incorporating the value of natural capital in public and private policies and decision-making
2. Pursuing sustainable development and sustainable production – agriculture, fisheries, and extractive industries - while maintaining natural capital
3. Generating data and build capacity to support policy networks.

NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTING

- Measure + value of the amount of natural capital (stocks) in an area and the ecosystem services this provides (flows)
- Can capture tradeoffs associated with development at the cost of nature
- Developed in 70+ countries but hurdles remain in mainstreaming results
- Identified as a way to measure progress towards the SDGs





NCA ACTIVITIES UNDER THE GDSDA

Regional collaboration & in-country
assistance

AIMED AT BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

- Lack of awareness regarding NCA
- Lack of data (non-existent, inadequate quality, irregularly collected)
- Lack of long-term funding
- Lack of capacity and resources (technical and non-technical)
- Limited communication between government agencies and with decision-makers; lack of skills on how to communicate with decision-makers
- Limited regional communication and collaboration



AWARENESS RAISING

- Publication of desktop scoping on public sector NCA for 12 African countries
- Commissioning scoping of the incorporation of natural capital into private sector planning across the GDSA
- Publication of an NCA workshop report, with readiness scoping info from 7 GDSA and non-GDSA countries
- Side events highlighting NCA at UNEA-2 and awareness raising with AMCEN, AU, and the ACP



COUNTRY-LEVEL ASSISTANCE

- Liberia
 - Demonstration Ecosystem Accounts
- Exploring work at the country-level with other GDSA countries

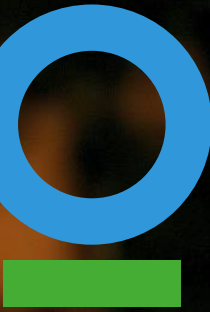




REGIONAL COLLABORATION

- NCA workshop (June 2016) co-organized with the World Bank led WAVES partnership
- Sponsorship of key government officials to participate in environmental accounting short courses





THE FUTURE OF NCA UNDER THE GDOSA

Next steps in expansion of programming

TARGETS AND BENCHMARKS

- Clear activities over next three years within the GDSA
- Activities aim to:
 - Increase support for NCA regionally/nationally
 - Enhance success in account implementation
 - Increase quality/quantity of accounts
 - Mainstream NCA outputs into policy



REGIONAL COLLABORATION

- Launch of the **GDSA NCA Community of Practice** (GDSA NCA Statement).
 - Annual Meetings
 - Account training, workshops, south-south exchange
 - NCA roadmaps
 - Small grants program
 - Technical working groups





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