

# Anti-Poaching Strategy

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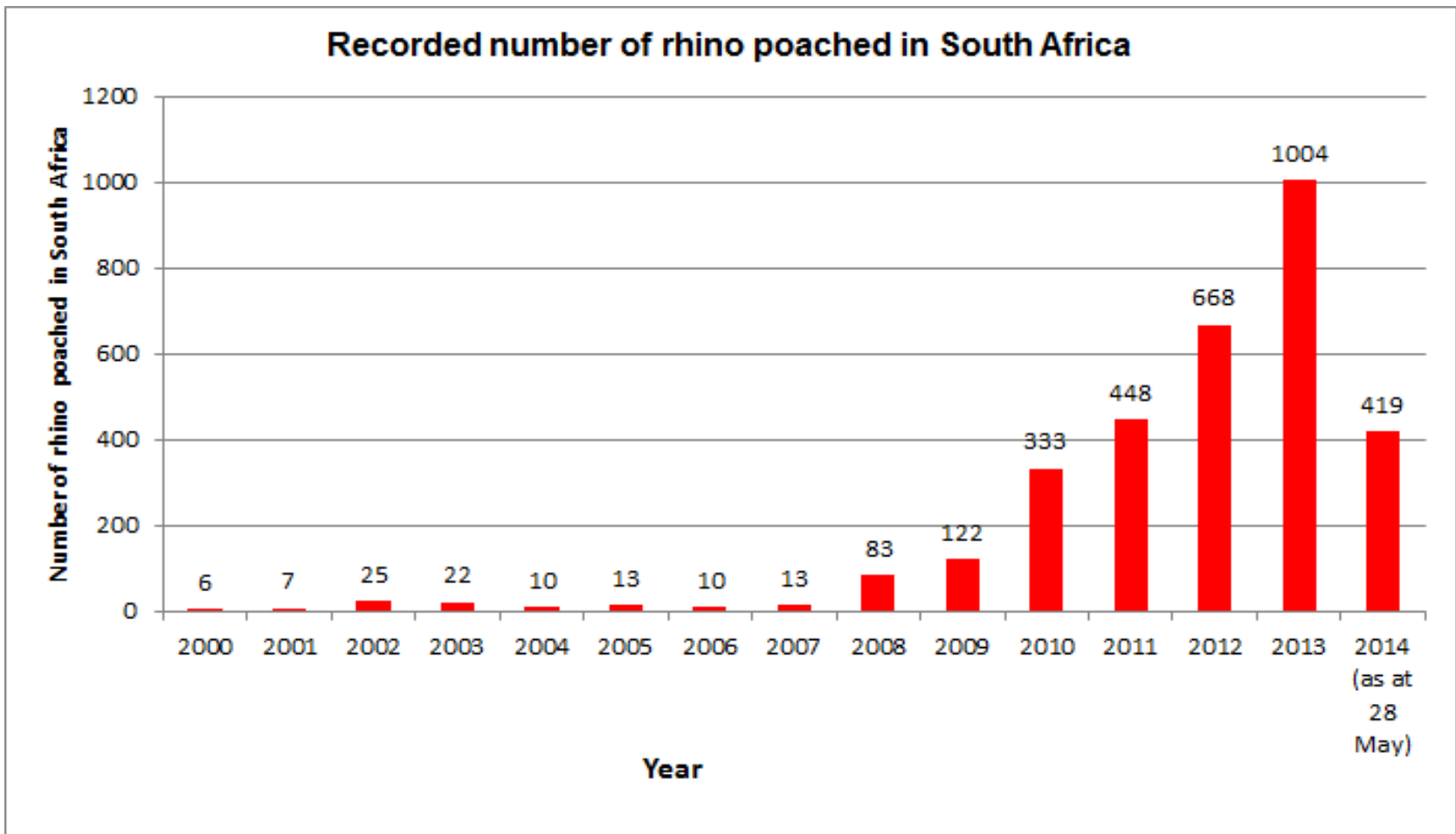
- Met in Maputo in October 2013 and noted the following:
  - The main challenge facing wildlife sector is the increasing poaching of elephants and rhinos for financial gain.
  - The trend for poaching has accelerated due to the high value of these resources on the black market as highlighted below

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- Rhino poaching is increasing in the region with high incidences in Kruger National Park.
- 1004 in 2003 and in 2014 there were killed more than 400 rhinos were illegally killed

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South African Department of Environmental Affairs (2014)

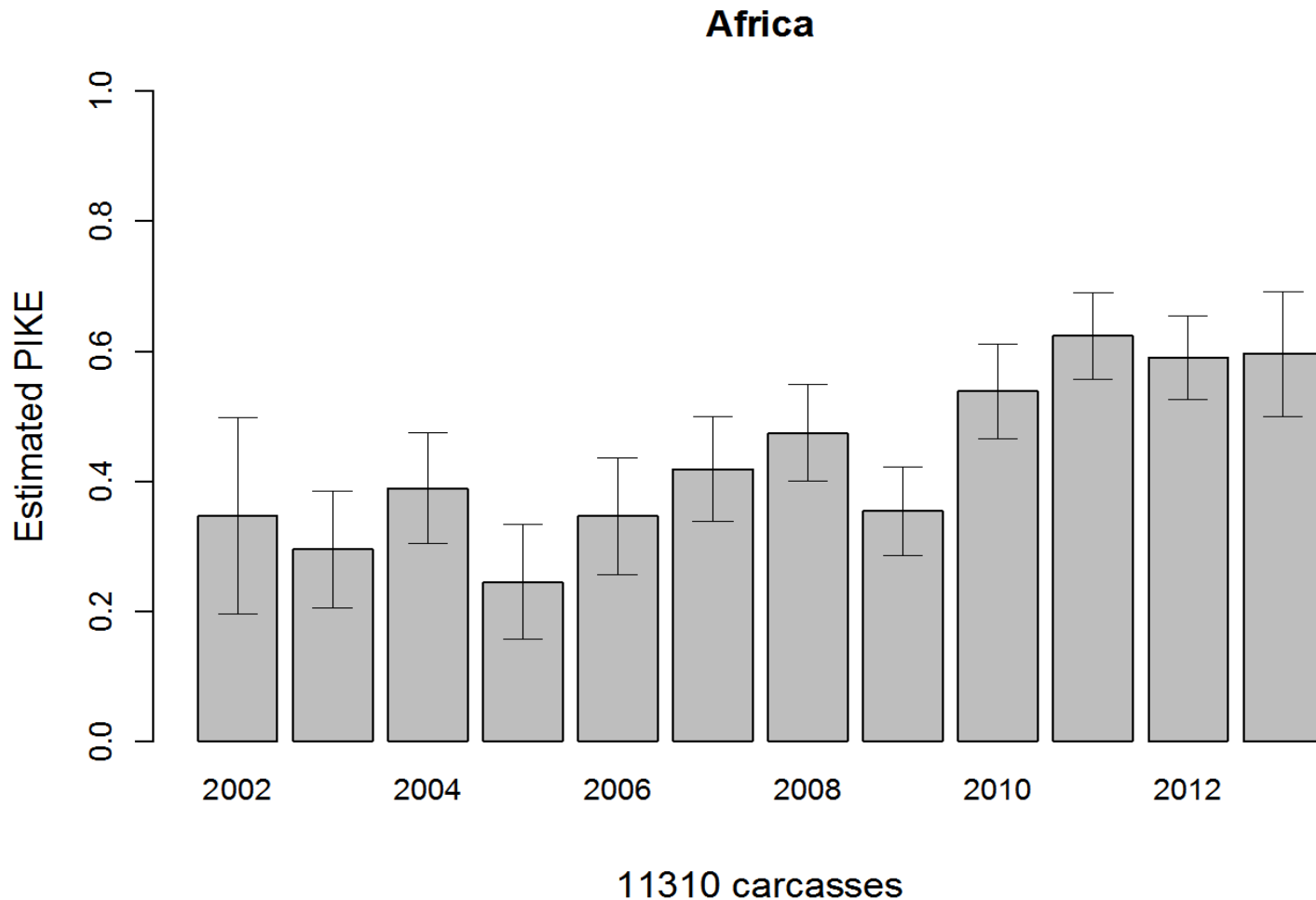


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- There has been an increasing trend in the poaching of elephants in Africa since 2006, with the highest levels of poaching occurring in 2011;
- Currently the rate of poaching is leading to a decline in the African elephant population.

# Increase of Elephant Killing in Africa

- Proportion of Illegally Killed Elephants (PIKE), which is calculated as the number of illegally killed elephants found divided by the total number of elephant carcasses encountered by patrols or other means, aggregated by year for each site.



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- An estimated 25,000 elephants were illegally killed in 2011 in the African continent.
- There is a need for SADC to collectively engage consumer States of ivory and rhino horns, in order to enlist their support to combat the illegal harvesting of wildlife



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- Ministers Resolved to:
  - Develop and adopt a comprehensive anti-poaching strategy;
  - establish a co-ordination Unit, within the Secretariat, whose primary role will be to coordinate natural resources related law enforcement and monitoring illegal harvesting of the resources;
  - invest in a robust education and communication program in view of engaging communities effectively to participate in national and cross-border efforts to fight poaching;
  - strengthen the institutional capacity at national levels for efficient and effective enforcement; and
  - take advantage of existing opportunities through Transfrontier Conservation Areas and national action plans for relevant agreements.



# Preparing a Regional anti-Poaching Strategy



# The Road map to anti-poaching Strategy

- The GIZ/SADC Project Transboundary Use and Protection of Natural Resources will support the strategy development;
- Two consultants, an Anti- Poaching Strategy Expert and Institutional Development Expert will be hired to work as a team, under the supervision of the FANR Directorate;
- SADC Secretariat will form a Steering Group, consisting of representatives of Secretariat's Directorates to guide the strategy development.

# The Road map to anti-poaching Strategy

- The Draft Anti-Poaching Strategy will be presented to Member States at a regional workshop proposed for 10-12 September 2014
- Stakeholders including representatives of Customs, Defense Forces etc. will be invited to interrogate the draft Strategy and provide inputs
- A validation workshop to be attended by one participant from each Member State to finalize the draft Strategy
- The final Strategy will be presented to the TFCAs Network at one of their meetings

# The Road Map to Anti-Poaching Strategy

- An activity Plan has been developed and the tender to identify consultants will be launched beginning of July;
- The Budget is 150.00 Euro
- MS are invited to support the process

# Thank You

