

**Tracking Animals for Conservation
Elephant Tracking Report No. 12: May 2012**

We bring you an update of the movements of 23 collared elephants in the Associated Private Nature Reserves (APNR), Kruger National Park (KNP) and the Limpopo Transfrontier Park (LTP) in Mozambique.

The positions of seven elephants that were collared within the Pafuri - Makuleke Concession of the KNP are shown with the exception of Zingi, who is still in Gonarezhou National Park (Zimbabwe). The majority are staying within the northern section of KNP whilst Nwambi made his way north, reaching the Luvuvhu River before heading back south to the Punda Maria area. Mondli is now back on Google Earth after being fitted with a new collar at the beginning of the month. Sponsored by SABS and Wildcon. Thank you again!

Mac has made his annual trek south from Shingwedzi to the APNR whilst in musth. At the end of the month, Mac was in Klaserie PNR. Tussle has stayed within central KNP ending this month slightly further south. Wessa has been utilising his area of choice between the Letaba and Olifants Rivers.

Soshangane has moved back into Balule, whilst Charlise has continued to travel between Balule and Klaserie PNR's. Joan spent the month in the PMC and northern section of Klaserie PNR not far from Lapajuma. Classic, Gower and Umbabat also ended the month in Klaserie PNR. Irving has made his way north from the Timbavati River, with Summer and Yvonne also in central Timbavati. Matambu, Proud and Diney have stayed in the Umbabat area.

To help you understand the elephants and their movements the first position of the month is indicated with a diamond and the last position of the month is indicated with an elephant. Cows point to the left and bulls point to the right.

We hope you enjoy this latest report.
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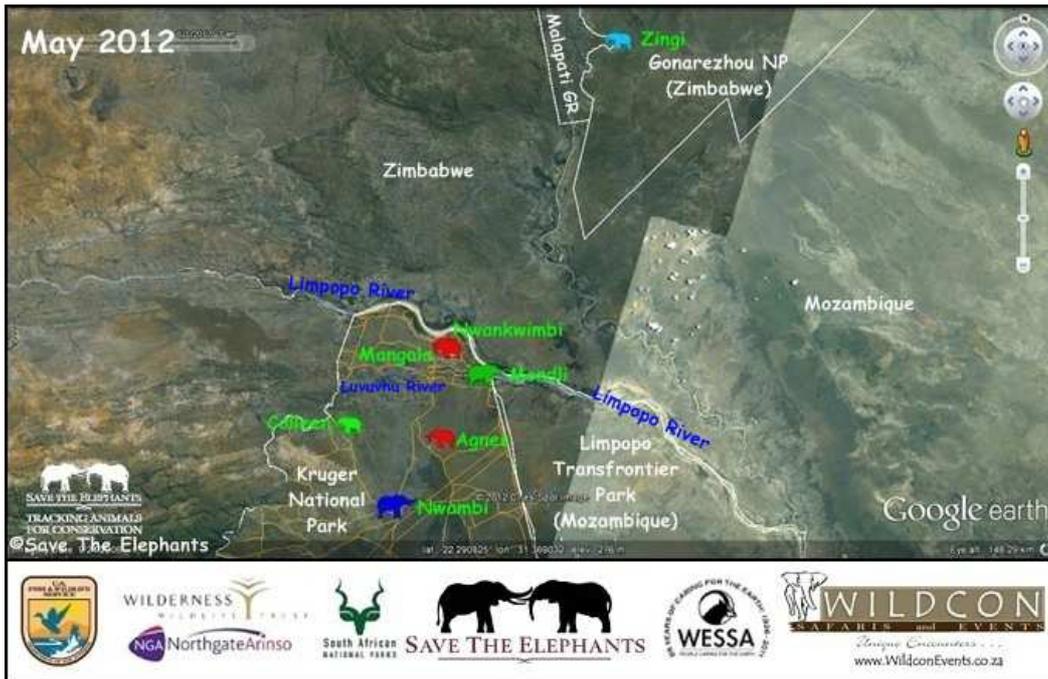


Figure 1: Positions of the Elephants in northern Kruger National Park (Pafuri-Makuleke Concession)

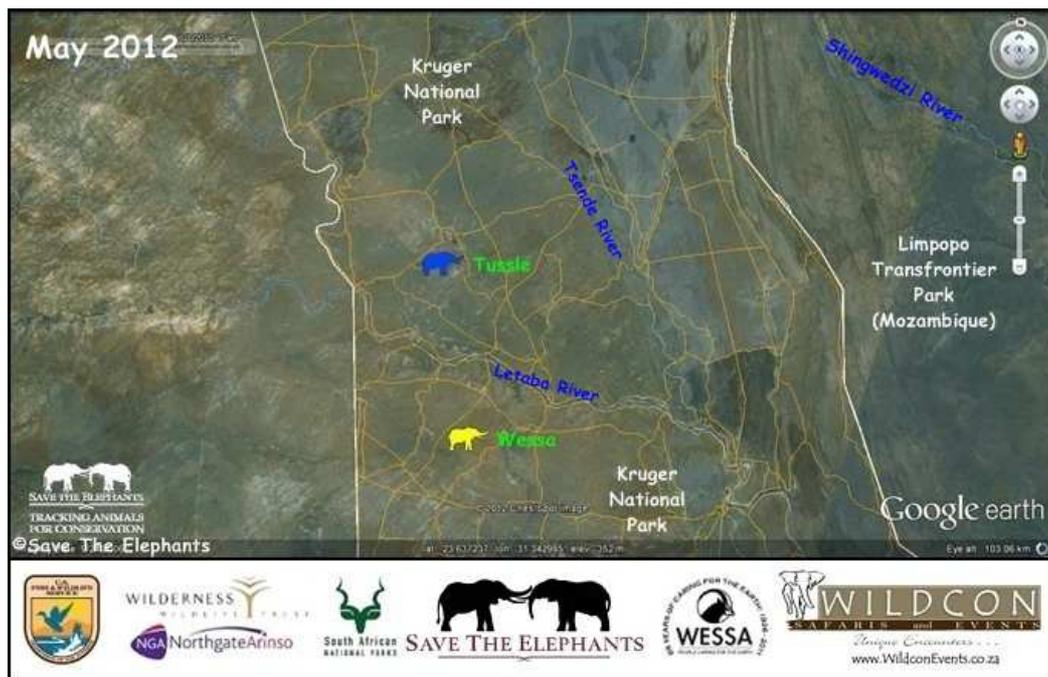


Figure 2: Positions of the Elephants in central Kruger National Park

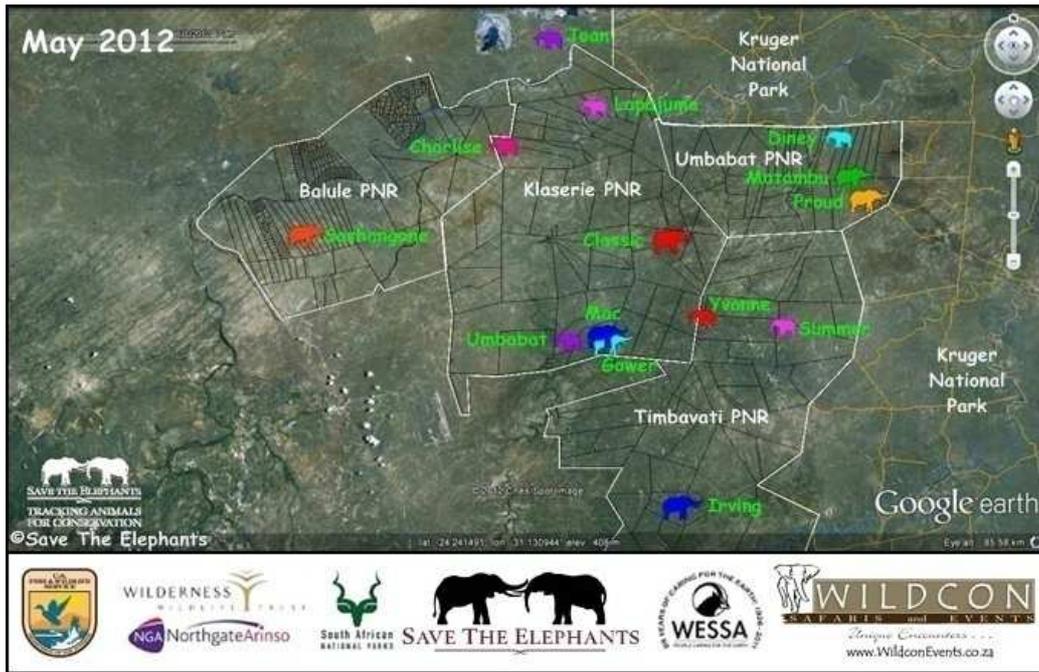


Figure 3: Positions of the elephants in the APNR

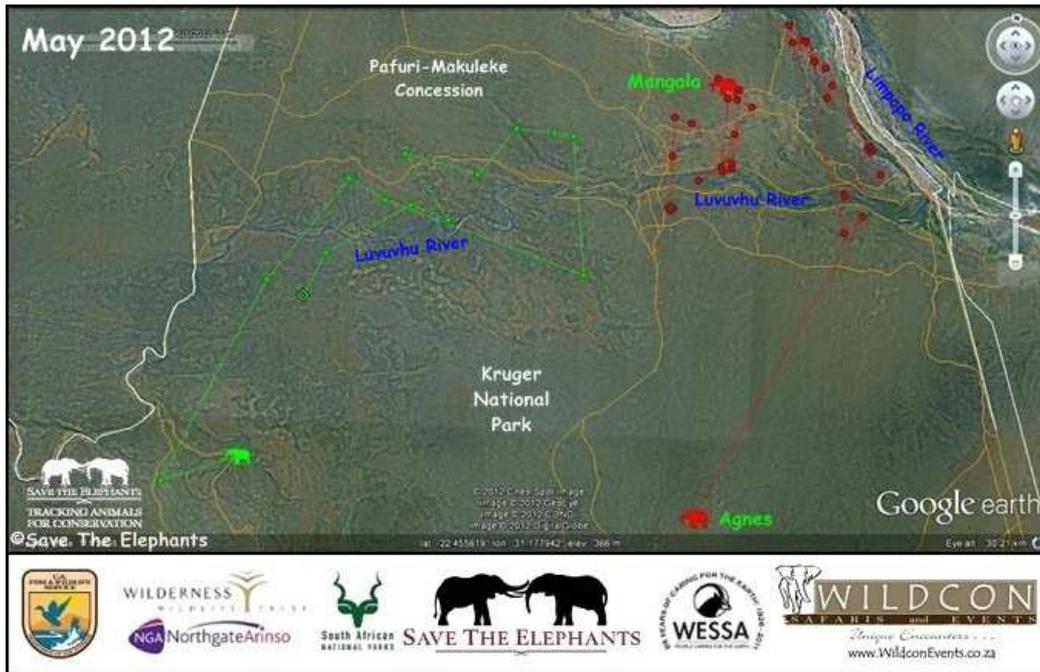


Figure 4: Colleen (Green), Agnes & Mangala (Red)

Colleen, Agnes and Mangala have all moved away from the Luvuvhu River. Colleen and Agnes both moved south away from the Luvuvhu, whilst Mangala moved north of the river.

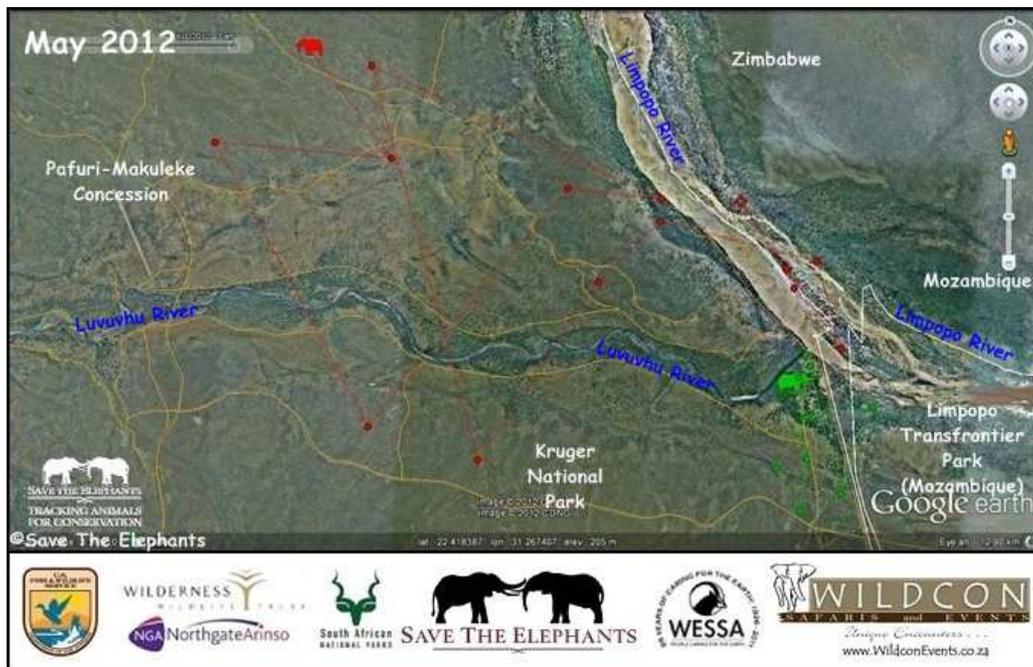


Figure 5: Nwankwimbi (Red) & Mondli (Green)

Nwankwimbi travelled a little farther this last month, but still not moving far from the Pafuri - Makuleke Concession. Mondli, since being fitted with his new collar hasn't moved far at all, staying close to the Luvuvhu River and Crooks Corner area.

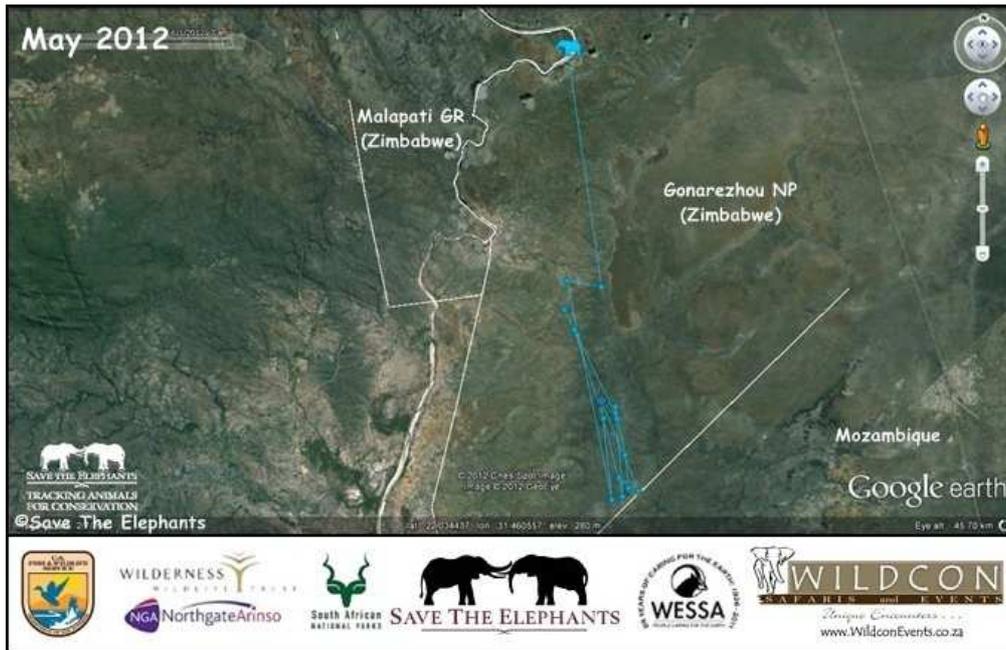


Figure 6: Zingi

Zingi continues to utilise the Gonarezhou NP ending the month close to the Malapati Game Reserve Boarder.

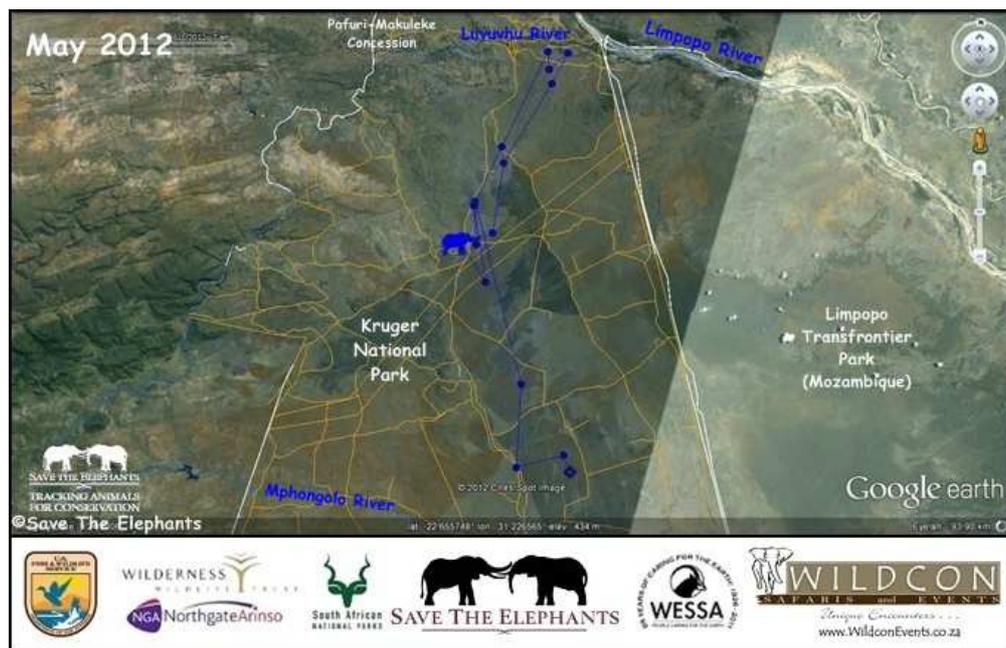


Figure 7: Nwambi

Nwambi continued to travel further north after our last report reaching the Luvuvhu River where he stayed for only three days before heading south again and ending the month in the Punda Maria area.

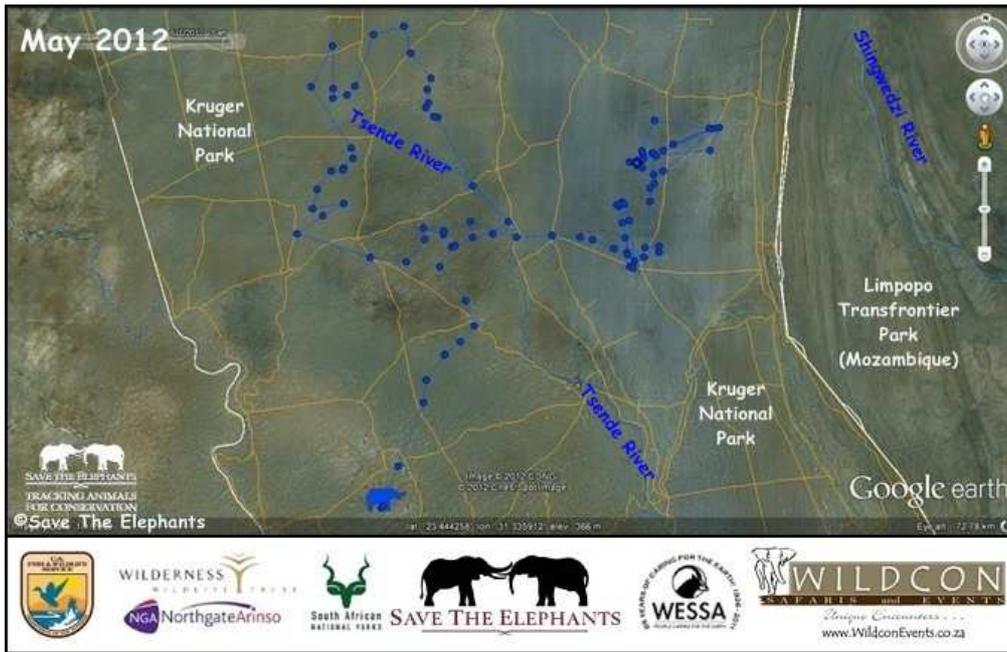


Figure 8: Tussle

Tussle has stayed within Central Kruger near the Tsende River, crossing to the western side of the river then travelling a loop north before starting to head south at the end of the month.

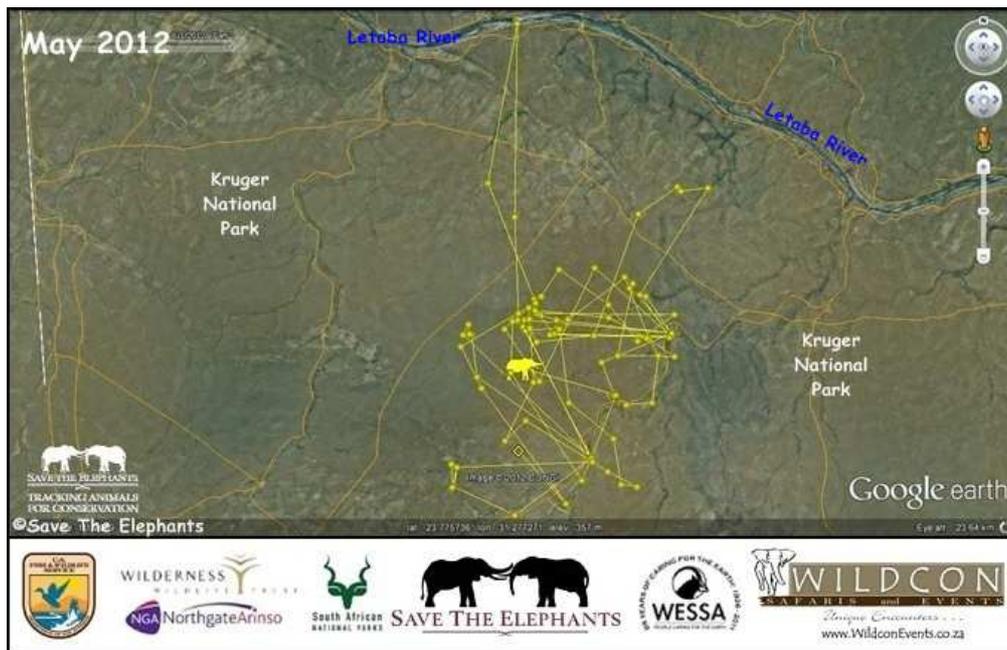


Figure 9: Wessa

Wessa stayed within his area of choice this month, only venturing further north to the Letaba River for a day.

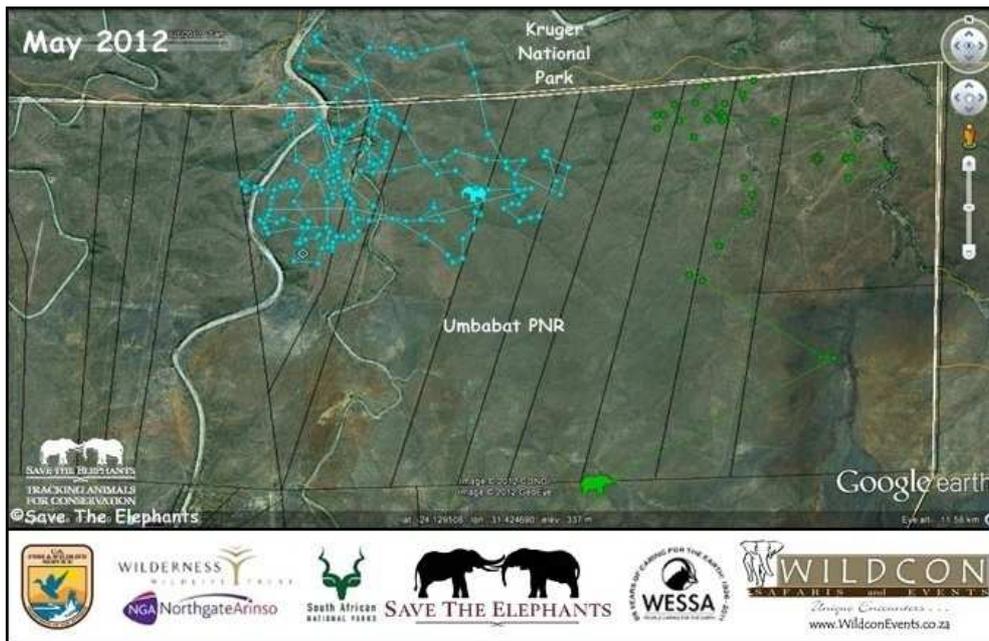


Figure 10: Matambu (Green) & Diney (Blue)

Matambu has continued to make his way slowly further south, but continued to stay within the Umbabat PNR. Diney has also continued to traverse Umbabat PNR, showing us a lot more points than usual, possibly due to coming into an area with better reception.

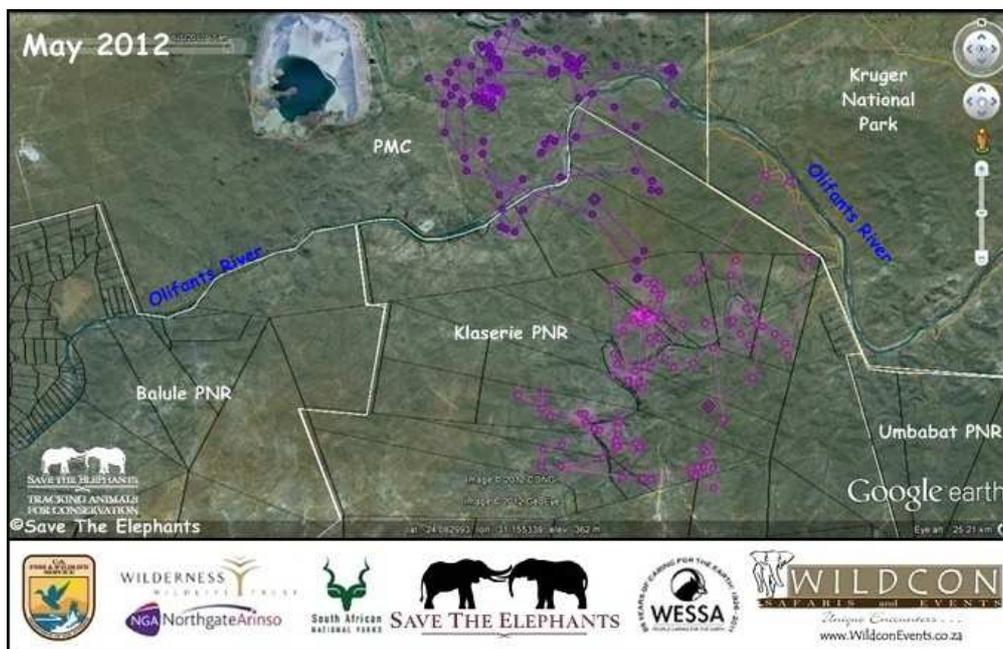


Figure 11: Joan (Purple) & Lapajuma (Pink)

Joan has spent most of her time within the Phalaborwa Mining Company and along the Olifants River; whilst Lapajuma spent the majority of her time within the vicinity of the Klaserie River.

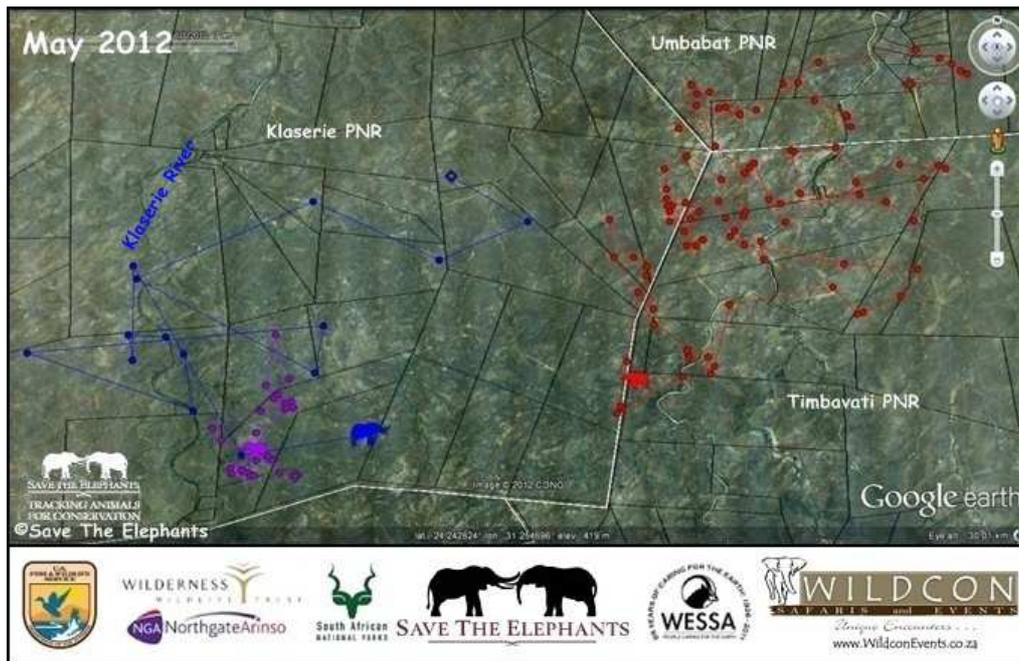


Figure 12: Yvonne (Red), Umbabat (Purple) & Mac (Blue)

Yvonne moved south through Timbavati PNR this month, Umbabat has spent the month within the southern parts of Klerie PNR crossing paths with Mac for day before both going their separate ways. Mac, after travelling approximately another 85km since our last report has spent the majority of his time within Klerie PNR moving from east to west and back again on the lookout for females in oestrus.

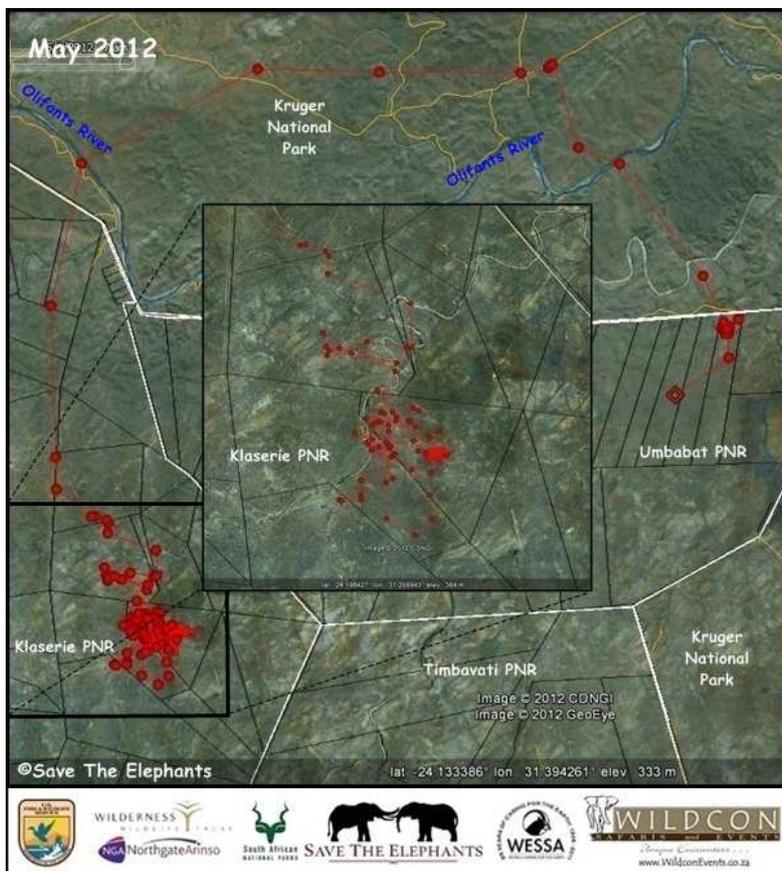


Figure 13: Classic

Classic left the Umbabat PNR since our last report heading north into Kruger National Park, looping round to the west before entering the APNR again via Klerie's northern border with KNP. He has spent the last two weeks within the same area of Klerie PNR.

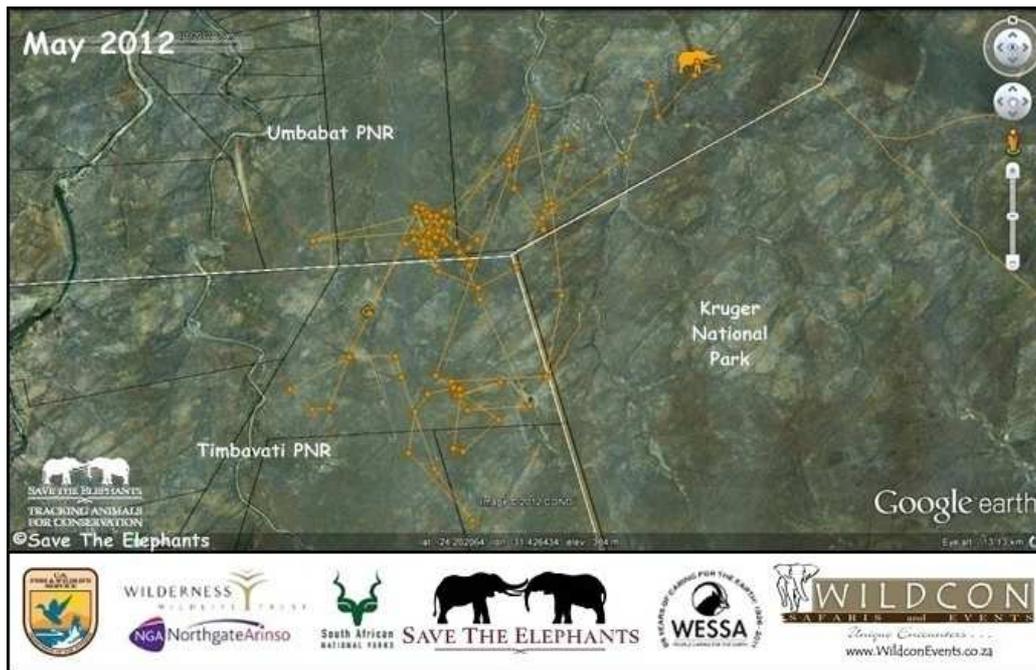


Figure 14: Proud

Since our last report Proud spent some time in the north eastern corner of Timbavati PNR before heading back to Umbabat PNR.

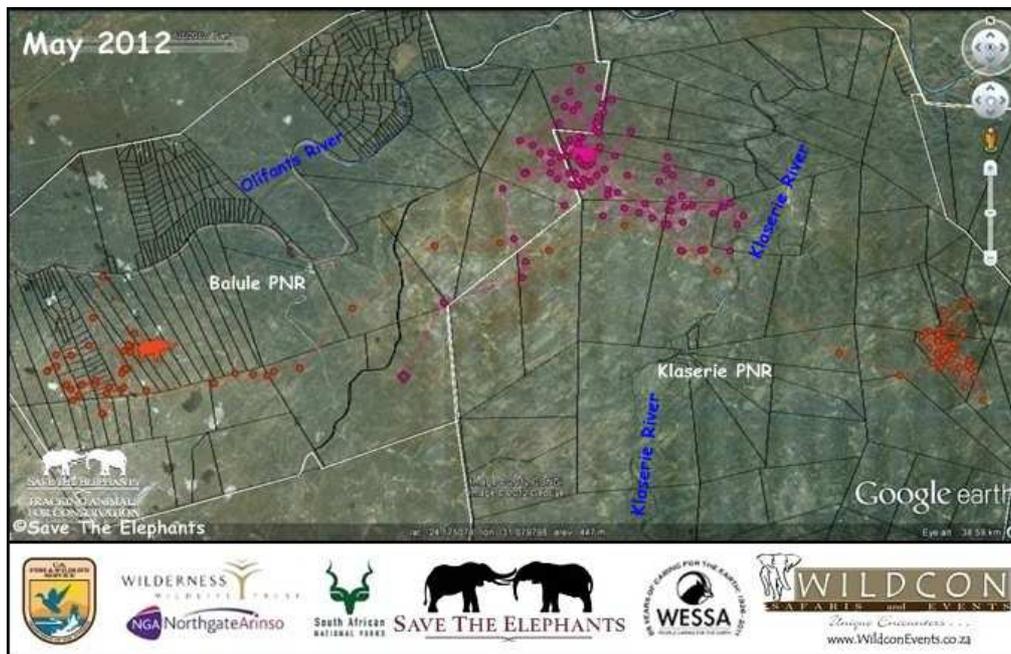


Figure 15: Soshangane (Orange) & Charlise (Pink)

Soshangane has left Klaserie PNR and moved west into Balule PNR. Our recently collared cow, Charlise, has consistently crossed between the Klaserie River and the eastern section of Balule PNR.

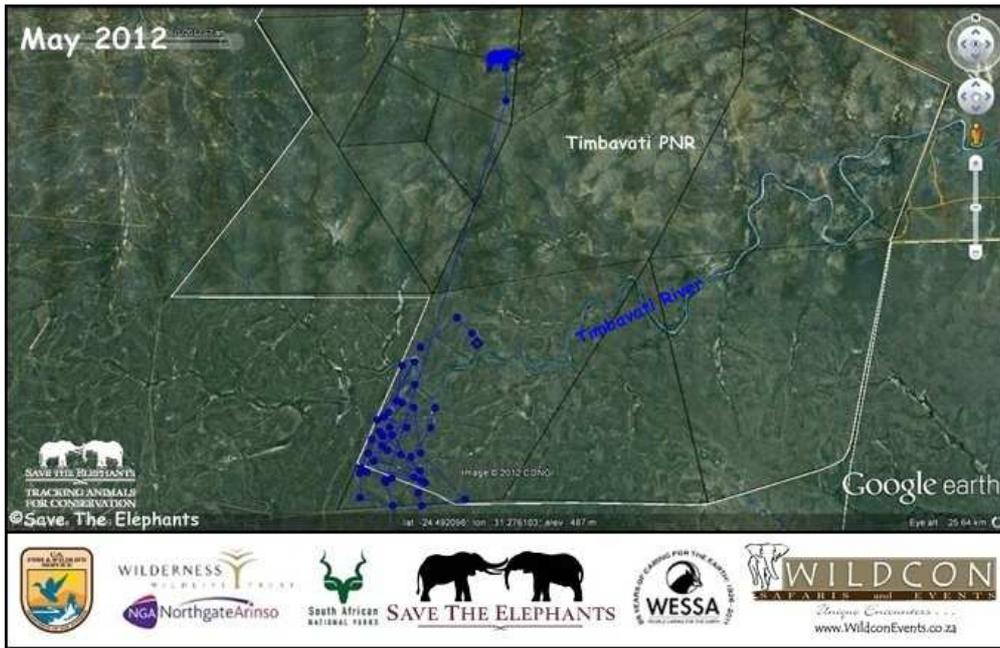


Figure 16: Irving

Irving has begun to move north after spending the last two month around the Timbavati River

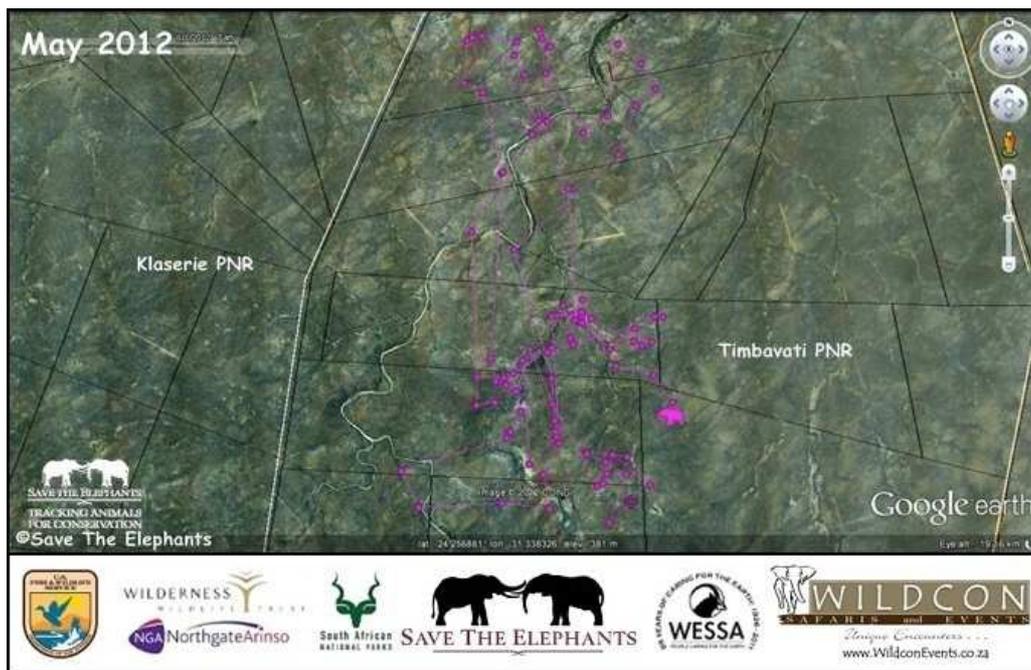


Figure 17: Summer

Summer has spent this last month covering a large area within the northern section of the Timbavati PNR



Figure 18: Gower

Gower has continued to stay within Klaserie PNR with the exception of a couple of days where he travelled south into Timbavati PNR, turning west to the Klaserie River before following almost the same route back in Klaserie PNR.

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