



Combating impunity for transborder crime in the Virunga National park of greater Virunga landscape: existing mechanisms and on-going efforts

Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration - GVTC

Three Countries, One landscape

Conservation-based conflict resolution

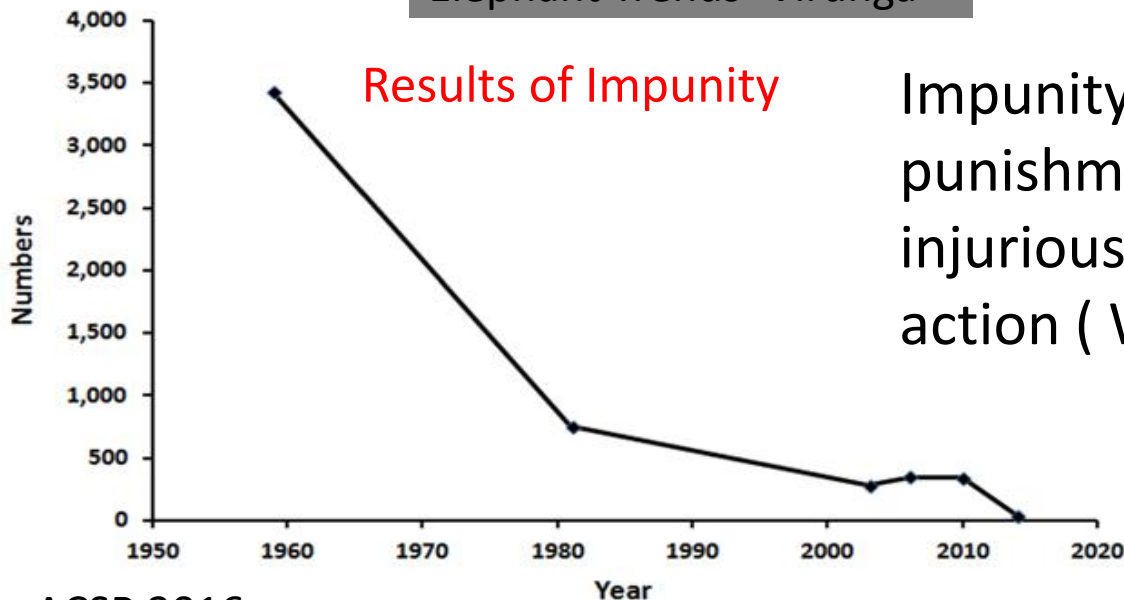
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Impunity & its Effects in Virunga NP



Elephant Trends -Virunga



Impunity = Exemption from punishment or freedom from the injurious consequences of an action (Webster & Oxford)

ACSR 2016

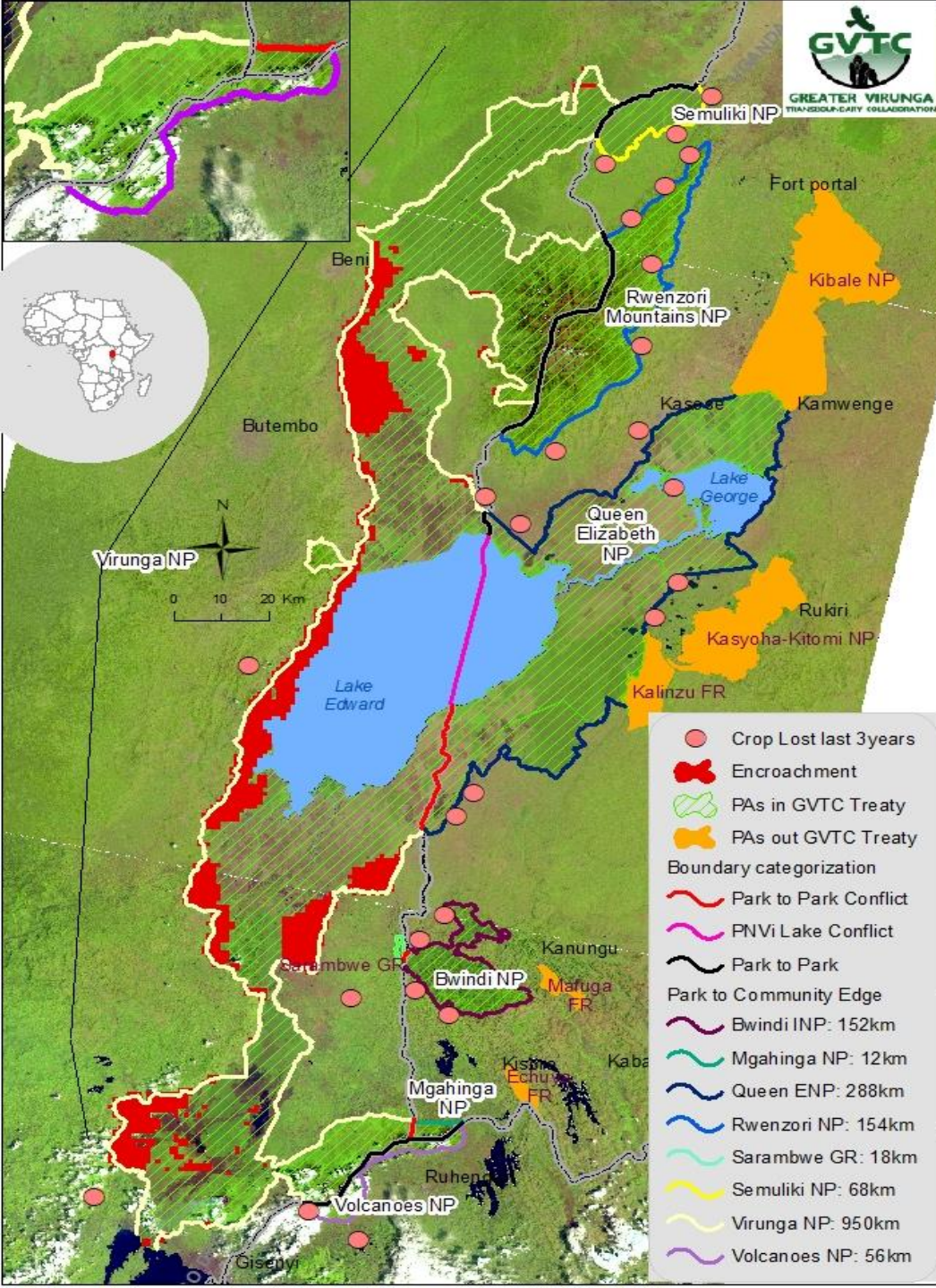
Underlying Causes

Insecurity (armed, food, historical)

Very poor communities (Desperate)

Illegal occupation (subsistence and illicit trade)

Porous Borders



Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration (GVTC) Treaty (2015)

Policy level

Article 8: The organs of the collaboration framework

Council of Ministers

Executive level

The Board

Implementation level

GVTC Executive Secretariat / GVTC-ES

Regional Technical Committees (advisory level)

Landscape Management

Tourism Development

Community Conservation

Law Enforcement

Regional Forums on Transboundary Collaboration

Obj. 6: To enhance and harmonise the generation and sharing of knowledge, experience and best practices for evidence based decision making

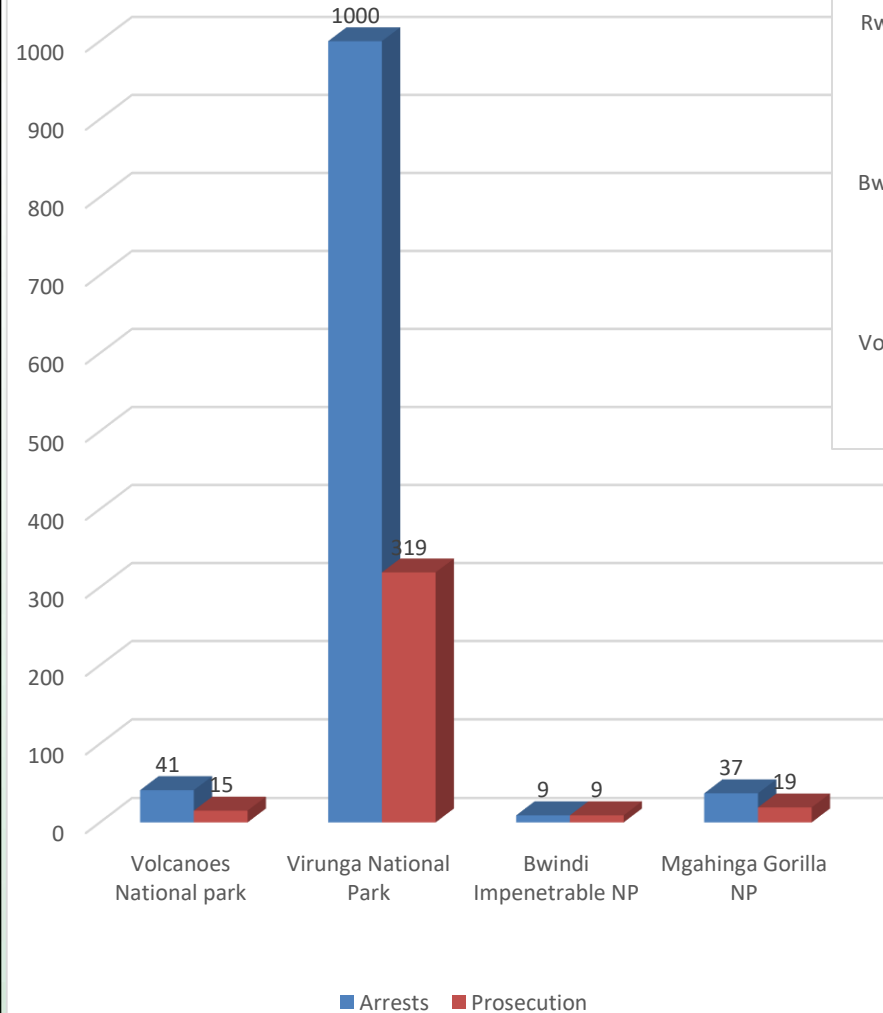
Obj. 7: To Promote and support safety and security of wildlife resources and tourists within GVL

Prosecutors,
Interpol,
Customs/Migrati
on
Twice a Year
Action plan

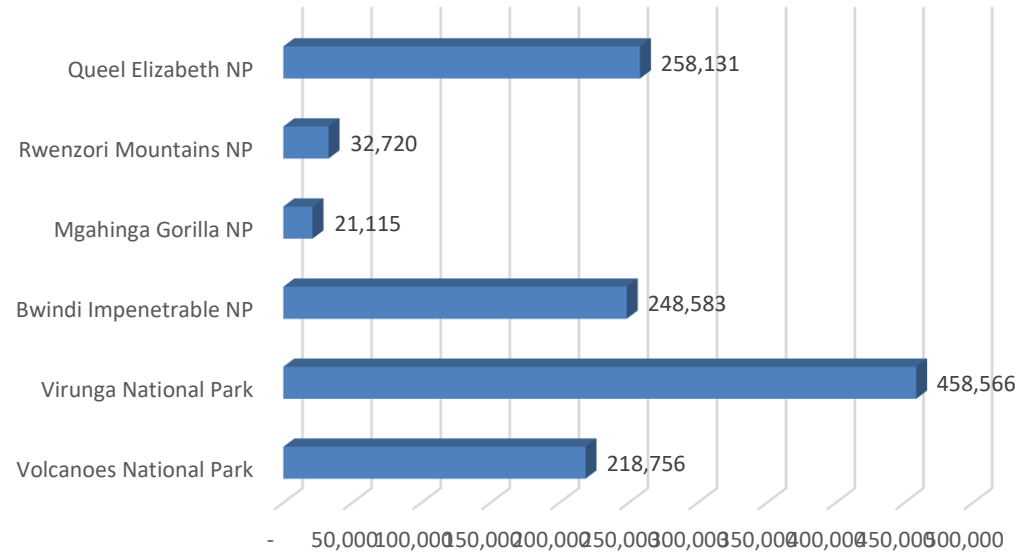


On going Efforts

Number of Persons arrested in protected areas and prosecuted



Amount of Revenue Shared with local communities in USD in 2016-2017 financial period



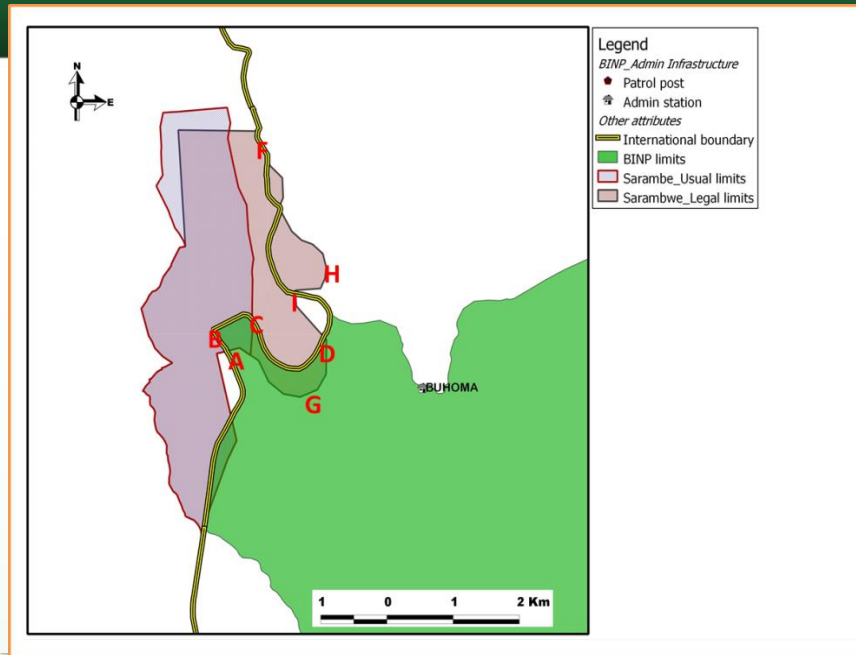
Collaboration (coordinated patrols etc)

Capacity –Regional Law enforcement committee

Harmonisation – Polices & Area based rules

Information Sharing

MoU with ICGLR





Way Forward : Sustainability

- **Strengthen Existing Synergies** with AU & UN, ICGLR, civil society and development partners
- Support **sustainable** GVTC institutional capacity
- Bring the GVTC experience beyond Greater Virunga, **engaging in African and Global networks**