Conservation is changing

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Partners in...

Partnering with PMCs, UNPKOs, private defence contractors (Northrop Grumman, Paramount)

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Wildlife crime as serious crime

• UN Resolution 2015, Production of the idea of wildlife crime as global threat
2017 US Presidential Order

Transnational criminal organizations and subsidiary organizations, including transnational drug cartels, have spread throughout the Nation, threatening the safety of the United States and its citizens. These organizations derive revenue through widespread illegal conduct, including acts of violence and abuse that exhibit a wanton disregard for human life. They, for example, have been known to commit brutal murders, rapes, and other barbaric acts
Examples

• Concern from GRAA about ‘foreign militaries’
• VETPAW – addressing PTSD in veterans
Political Ecologies of Conflict

- Joan Martinez Alier (2003); Paul Robbins, 2004
- Environmental struggles reveal inequalities in access and control
UK army deployed in:

• Gabon – narrative of fighting Boko Haram
• Malawi – exchange anti poaching expertise for bush skills for warfare
The everyday

• Not always the spectacular, or armed
• Use of tech, eg drones, robotic sniffers, Realtime Platform
Colonial and Racial politics

- Bocarejo and Ojeda (2016) Conservation as a means and reason for violence
- Neumann (2004) poorer communities in Africa dehumanised via racial and colonial stereotypes
- Stereotyped Asian Consumer
Save the last X

• Sense of urgency, fears of extinction invoked to justify more militarised and forceful forms of protection
• War for Biodiversity of War by Conservation?
• Intersects with forms of accumulation and extension of market logics
Towards a Political Ecology of Security

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Production of Wildlife Crime

- Map ways key actors co-produce wildlife crime as major security threat
- What does this do to conservation
- What does this do to security
WIDOW & ORPHAN SUPPORT

Widow support – South East Asia

In 2014, The Thin Green Line Foundation partnered with the Freeland Foundation to provide financial support to the families of rangers in South East Asia who have been killed in the line of duty.

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Mrs Koe Sai – Cambodia

Support was given to Mrs Koe Sai after the death of her husband who was a Cambodian park ranger.

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Widow’s of Virunga National Park, Democratic Republic of Congo

Virunga National Park is a World Heritage listed area located in the Democratic Republic of Congo, bordering Rwanda and Uganda.

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Esnart’s Story

September 14 2010 was a supposed to be a normal working day for Esnart.

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