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| 00:00:00:00 |  | Establishing shots of forest & pangolin. |
| 00:00:05:07 | ELIAS: Here in Africa, the pangolin is very important to communities. In my community, for example, spotting a pangolin means there’ll be abundant rainfall and a bountiful harvest with no famine. And the person who sees it will be blessed with longevity. So, it has an extremely important meaning in my tradition.  |  |
| 00:00:42:02 | NARRATOR:The Pangolin is the only scaled mammal on earth. This unique feature is both their protection and their curse.  |  |
| 00:00:55:13 | ELIASUnfortunately, the pangolin has now become the most trafficked wild animal in the world. How people continue to traffic a creature like this? I hope that my work will lead to an increase in the pangolin population. |  |
| 00:01:21:03 | GRAPHIC: **OPENING TITLE** |  |
| 00:01:41:14 | ELIASDuring my childhood, the idea appeared, out of nowhere: how about working one day at the National Park of Gorongosa? Because people used to talk a lot about *"Gorongosa National Park, Gorongosa National Park".*  |   |
| 00:01:53:01 | NARRATOR:LIKE MANY YOUNG BOYS ELIAS MUBOBO WANTED TO BECOME A PILOT. BUT WHEN HIS LOVE OF PLANES EVOLVED INTO A LOVE OF ANIMALS, HE DECIDED TO BECOME A VET. |  |
| 00:02:07:02 | ELIASAfter finishing the university, there were some vacancies for an internship.I joined~~,~~ started my internship, and finally they hired me.It’s amazing. [LOWER THIRD] |  |
| 00:02:29:08 | NARRATOR:*Gorongosa National Park* lies in the heart of central mozambique. it’s one of the most ecologically diverse regions ON EARTH.the more than 4,000 square kilometer park is A biodiversity hotspot, where animals, plants and people interact in a complex web. ELIAS GREW UP NEAR THE PARK, BUT HAD NEVER SEEN ONE OF ITS MOST ELUSIVE CREATURES…THE PANGOLIN.  |  |
| 00:03:13:06 | ELIAS:The first time I encountered a pangolin I was in the university.It was housed in a laboratory as a specimen. But when I saw one alive in Gorongosa National Park, I was filled with awe and wonder.I was like, wow!! This is what a pangolin looks like! |   |
| 00:03:31:11 | NARRATOR:Beside being cute, pangolins feed on ants. healthy populations help regulate ant numbers in the ecosystem. |  |
| 00:03:43:22 | NARRATOR:PANGOLINS were once plentiful across much of africa, but tHEY have become INCREASINGLY SCARCE. |  |
| 00:03:54:17 | ELIAS:Among the threats that pangolins are facing in the world, the biggest is the human being.Because in recent years, the illegal trade of pangolins has increased exponentially.  |  |
| 00:04:13:11 | NARRATOR:IT’S ESTIMATED THAT Up to 200,000 PANGOLINS are taken from the wild every year across Africa and Asia. THEY’RE POACHED for their scales, which are used in traditional medicine. THIS VERY ARMOR THAT HELPS PROTECT THEM FROM PREDATORS LIKE LEOPARDS, HYENAS AND lions MAKES THEM A PRIME TARGET FOR POACHERS. | Photo text |
| 00:04:40:08 | ELIAS:I feel particularly sad because I wonder how a human being can do this type of activity.In addition to being extremely important for the environment, they also have the right to live, just like us. |  |
| 00:04:56:22 | NARRATOR:THAT‘s why elias spends much of his time here, at gorongosa’s pangolin rehabilitation center.at this unique facility—the only one of its kind in mozambique—the team cares FOR ANIMALS RESCUED FROM THE ILLEGAL MARKET. |  |
| 00:05:16:21 | ELIAS:We receive pangolins with a range of problems. We’re talking about pangolins that are weak because of mistreatment.And when these pangolins arrive at the center, they arrive in a very difficult state for us to help the animals recover.We put the animal in intensive care until it recovers.  |  |
| 00:05:50:19 | NARRATOR:THE TEAM works tirelessly every day to nurse the PANGOLINS back to health~~.~~ |  |
| 00:06:00:17 | ELIAS:We take them out every day for feeding, typically for a period of two to four hours.We work with the help of rangers, who help us to control the animals during the feeding period.They also help us open trees so that the animals can find their food easily, and open holes if they are difficult to access. |  |
| 00:06:28:17 | NARRATOR:NOT THAT THEY NEED MUCH HELP. ELIAS AND HIS TEAM JUST ENSURE THAT THEY GET ENOUGH FOOD, AND that their natural instincts remain intact FOR WHEN THEY ARE RELEASED BACK TO THE WILD.THIS IS CRUCIAL FOR THEIR SURVIVAL. |  |
| 00:06:44:13 | ELIAS:Upon arrival at the designated area, they scour the logs. That’s a natural behavior that pressures the ants. And the ants get agitated down there. They try to run away and collect their eggs. |  |
| 00:07:27:07 | NARRATOR:IT’S ESTIMATED THAT A SINGLE PANGOLIN CAN CONSUME UP TO 70 MILLION ANTS EVERY YEAR. THAT VORACIOUS APPETITE HELPS to regulate insect populations and KEEP THE ecosystem balance.THEIR DIGGING ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO THE CYCLING OF NUTRIENTS IN THE SOIL, AND PROVIDES SHELTER THAT OTHER CREATURES RELY ON. |  |
| 00:07:58:11 | ELIAS:It is an extremely important animal for the environment. And if we don't have the pangolin to regulate the quantity of these species in the environment, we are losing in a way. |  |
| 00:08:17:23 | NARRATOR:ELIAS KNOWS THAT THE COMMUNITIES WHO LIVE BESIDE THESE CREATURES ARE THE KEY TO PROTECTING THEM.they’re the ones who can alert park authorities when they FIND a pangolin outside its natural habitat, or even a person who is illegally trafficking them.  |  |
| 00:08:46:16 | ***Kids singing***  |  |
| 00:08:59:03 | ELIAS:We invite special guests, the children from the buffer zone.They play a crucial role in disseminating information within the community.As such, we offer them a firsthand experience of our activities at the pangolin rehabilitation center. |  |
| 00:09:20:16 | ***Kids singing and leaving the center****“Let's all protect, let's all protect the pangolin.”* |  |
| 00:09:25:08 | NARRATOR:THE EFFORT TO WIN HEARTS AND MINDS APPEARS TO BE working. |  |
| 00:09:31:11 | ELIAS:People are now aware that when they see a pangolin, they should hand it over to the rehabilitation centerSo far, the Pangolin Rehabilitation Center has received 101 pangolins, 80 of which came from the illegal poaching market, and 21 that we received voluntarily from the people who live around Gorongosa National Park. |  |
| 00:10:08:07 | I feel happy because this is the result of the work that I'm doing to save this species. |  |
| 00:10:32:12 | ELIAS:It is always a gratifying experience to release a pangolin because in that moment I feel that my mission is completed. |  |
| 00:10:50:17 | I hope that in the future illegal pangolin trafficking will come to an end, because by ending this trafficking market, our pangolin population will grow and our ecological balance will stabilize.Then, our communities will have the privilege of more frequent sightings of these creatures, bringing forth increased blessing for all.  |  |