

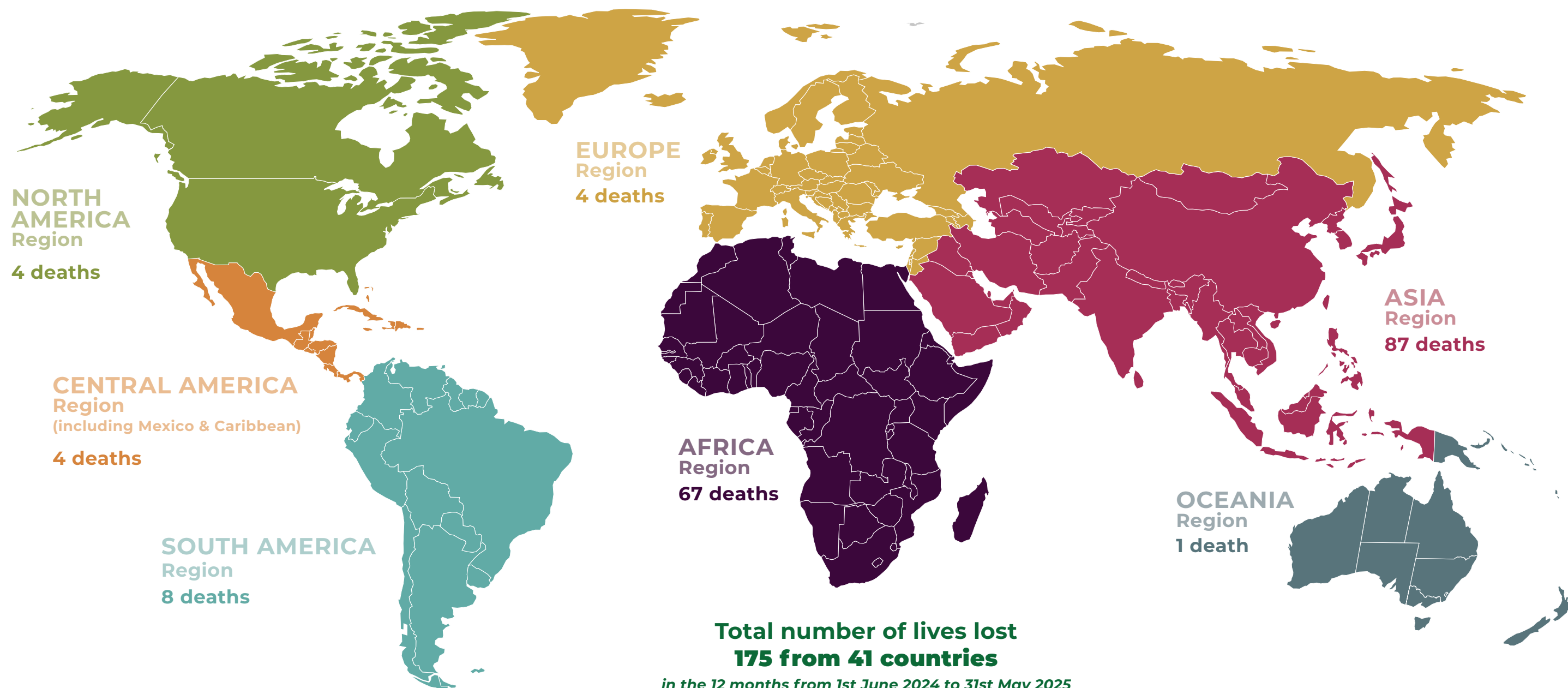


WORLD RANGER DAY 2025

ROLL OF HONOUR

Recognising Ranger Deaths in the Line of Duty

1st June 2025 to 31st May 2025



The 175 rangers from 41 countries named on this 2025 Roll of Honour are those who lost their lives in the 12 months between 1st. June 2024 and 31st. May 2025, as verified by the International Ranger Federation. Therefore, the actual number of rangers who have died in the Line of Duty is likely to be much higher. However, in acknowledging these 175 names, we also recognise those “unknown rangers” who have paid the ultimate sacrifice defending the worlds’ protected areas.

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Deaths by Region/Country - 1st June 2025 to 31st May 2025



| AFRICA Region | | (67 deaths) |
|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Benin | Amani Soumaila | Conflict Zone homicide |
| Benin | Gado Bassith | Conflict Zone homicide |
| Benin | Guerra Kora Salomon | Conflict Zone homicide |
| Benin | Barassounon Abdoul Malik | Conflict Zone homicide |
| Benin | Okoumansou Éric | Conflict Zone homicide |
| Benin | Ibrahima Moutakirou | Conflict Zone homicide |
| Botswana | Ishmael Meswele | Elephant |
| Botswana | Tumelo Mojapane | Malaria |
| D R Congo | Mukambilwa Bunia Mustapha | Conflict Zone homicide |
| D R Congo | Egide Bilengi Lifindo | Conflict Zone homicide |
| D R Congo | Justin Akonkwa Kaderha | Conflict Zone homicide |
| D R Congo | Bulimwangu Manjara | Conflict Zone homicide |
| Eswatini | Siyabonga Magongo | Killed by Rhino |
| Kenya | Abdallah Dzabo Kitolle | Shot by rogue police officer |
| Kenya | Marion Jerono Lagat | Shot by rogue police officer |
| Kenya | Un-named Inspector | Shot by poachers |
| Kenya | Un-named Corporal | Shot by poachers |
| Kenya | Joseph Lokimathi Lochutu | Buffalo |
| Kenya | un-named KWS ranger | Elephant |
| Malawi | Thomas Chibakera | Forest office attack |
| Malawi | William Yohane | Forest office attack |
| Malawi | Lameck Tebulo | Forest office attack |
| Malawi | Louis Munyenjembe | Charcoal poachers |
| Malawi | Hardwork Chilimkhonde | Friendly fire during buffalo charge |
| Mali | 2 Un-named Gardes Forestiere | Conflict Zone homicide |
| Mozambique | Domingos Daude | Conflict Zone homicide |
| Mozambique | Fernando Paolo Wirsone | Conflict Zone homicide |
| Mozambique | Edgar Benesse Estevão | Died during training |
| Mozambique | Carlitos Cuteiua | Conflict Zone homicide |
| Mozambique | Pires Jorge | Conflict Zone homicide |
| Mozambique | Miguel Utale Nacamo | Law enforcement incident |
| Namibia | Pienaar Kasupi | Accident enroute to wildlife incident |
| Namibia | Ludwig Ganaseb | Fell in mountainous terrain |
| Niger | Un-named Forester | Conflict Zone homicide |
| Niger | 4 Agents des Eaux et Forêts | Conflict Zone homicide |
| Nigeria | Bashir M. Adamu | Killed by poachers |
| South Africa | David Kandela | Killed by elephant |
| South Sudan | Mary Marcelo Lino | Official car caught fire. |
| Tanzania | Longi Biswadi | Malaria |
| Tanzania | Joseph Katambi | Killed by poachers |
| Tanzania | Deogratias Gervas Katwana | Pneumonia |
| Tanzania | Masanja Kashindy Michael | Killed by poachers |
| Tanzania | Sixmund Jovin | Shot by elephant poachers |
| Tanzania | Nassoro R Hussein | Died from injuries |
| Tanzania | Dorcas Ngeleja | Snake bite |
| Tanzania | Isaack Nasari | Vehicle accident on patrol |
| Tanzania | Patricia Manonga | Pneumonia |
| Tanzania | Arafat Saidi Miyamba | Elephant |
| Tanzania | Julius Buhimila | Drowned in lake |
| Tanzania | Lyidia Dismas Nyenza | Malaria |
| Tanzania | Romanus Frances | Killed by poachers |
| Tanzania | Gabriel H.Gabriel | Undisclosed illness |
| Tanzania | Abel Daata | Patrol accident |
| Tunisia | Saleh bin Abdullah | Died from burns rescuing visitors |
| Uganda | Dismas Makilo | Fell off cliff chasing poacher |
| Uganda | Jonathan Olara | Shot by poachers |
| Uganda | Charles Ngabirano | Shot by poachers |
| Zambia | Landson Mumbai | Elephant attack |
| Zambia | Christopher Mwila Mvula | Elephant |
| Zambia | Victor Pulu | Hippo attack |
| Zambia | Aaron Kyela | Motorbike collided with Ox |
| Zimbabwe | Maxwell Chihalele | Unspecified animal |
| Zimbabwe | Josphat Mandishara | Elephant |

| ASIA Region | | (87 deaths) |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| China (Hong Kong) | Lam Kin-wai | Heat stroke |
| India | Atul Kalita | Elephant |
| India | Pawan Kumar | Tiger |
| India | Rambhau Hanwate | Tiger |
| India | Rajesh Patel | Collapsed on duty |
| India | Trilok Singh Mehta | Firefighting |
| India | Karan Arya | Firefighting |
| India | Puran Singh Mahara | Firefighting |
| India | Dewan Ram | Firefighting |
| India | Deep Chanda Upreti | Found with fatal injuries |
| India | Krishna Kumar | Firefighting/septic shock |
| India | Rajendra Rai | Elephant |
| India | "Madanna" Chikkamadaiah | Elephant |
| India | D. Thangaraj | Head injury |
| India | Dhanmani Deka | Tiger attack |
| India | Prakash Mishra | Collapsed/heart attack |
| India | Basant Mohanty | Elephant |
| India | Mangal Pandey | Heart attack in forest office |
| India | P.C.Shashank | Elephant |
| India | Chandan Maiti | Found dead on patrol vessel |
| India | V.R.Ramasamy | On duty traffic accident |
| India | Jayaram Moolya | Cardiac arrest |
| India | Rupesh Chhatria | Elephant |
| India | Abdul Gaffar Sohil | Fell into gorge |
| India | Sadashiva Gowda | Collapsed/heart attack |
| India | Lalit Mohan Joshi | On-duty bike collision |
| India | Arvind Kumar | On-duty bike collision |
| India | Madan Kumar Dewan | Elephant |
| India | Kuinda Bhumij | Elephant |

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|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| India | Kishor Kumar Meghwal | Killed by mining mafia |
| India | Phunchok Tashi | Fell whilst tracking snow leopard |
| India | R. Ashok Kumar | Died after Gaur attack |
| India | Nagendra Singh | Elephant |
| India | Awadhesh Pal Singh | Accident enroute to court |
| India | Devendra Chaudhary | Tiger attack |
| India | M.Dhivakar | On-duty motorcycle crash |
| India | T.K.Dinesh | Heart attack |
| India | Shameem Mohammed Mir | Drowned in Nallah |
| India | Surendra Choudhary | Responding to poaching incident |
| India | Radheshyam Pemani | Responding to poaching incident |
| India | Prahlad Pradhan | Shot by poachers |
| India | Kundan Singh | Firefighting |
| India | Prashant Kumar | Motorcycle accident while on duty |
| India | Kalam Singh Markram | Drowning |
| India | Devballi Vithoba Borkar | Firefighting |
| India | Jirsong Engti | Motorcycle accident on duty |
| India | Zeherul Islam | Attacked by Indian bison |
| Indonesia | Haryanto | Exhaustion during incident |
| Indonesia | Rizal | Died of exhaustion |
| Indonesia | Serasi | Sepsis following patrol injury |
| Iran | Hamid Fallah | Collapsed in patrol post |
| Iran | Mustafa Abdullahi | Died firefighting |
| Iran | Hassan Danansab | Carbon monoxide poisoning |
| Iran | Sajjad Mandani | Suspicious death |
| Iran | Kazem Mosadegh | Shot by poachers |
| Iran | Seyyed Hossein Hosseini | Responding to incident |
| Iran | Ismail Karimi | Firefighting |
| Nepal | Man Mohan Chaudhary | Rhino attack |
| Nepal | Hare Ram Mandal | On-duty motorcycle accident |
| Pakistan | Abdul Qadeer | Hypothermia |
| Pakistan | Syed Ghulam Murtaza Shah | Hypothermia |
| Pakistan | Hijab Ahmed | Conflict Zone homicide |
| Pakistan | Babar Mushtaq | Cardiac arrest during patrol |
| Pakistan | Raja Fiaz | Heart attack |
| Pakistan | Tal Amand Khan | Died firefighting |
| Pakistan | Ghulam Mustafa | Cardiac arrest during patrol |
| Pakistan | Hafiz Jameel Ahmed | Killed by loggers |
| Pakistan | Sardar Majid Hussain | Cardiac arrest |
| Philippines | Armie Tuparan | Conflict Zone homicide |
| Sri Lanka | K. W. Indika Kumara | Elephant |
| Thailand | Palawat Chanaboon | Illegal timber incident |
| Thailand | Mongkol Rakthakan | Falling tree |
| Thailand | Warawan Anchuen | Exhaustion on patrol |
| Thailand | Hadilod Hayali | Motorcycle accident |
| Thailand | Anek Srisuphan | Bacterial infection |
| Thailand | Nuchit Jangsangiri | Elephant |
| Thailand | Phitsanu Boonkeow | Heart attack while on patrol |
| Thailand | Witthawat Konmek | Heart attack while on patrol |
| Thailand | Mahamarostee Panoh | Heart attack while on patrol |
| Thailand | Aekkacchai Chaimongkhon | Collapsed firefighting |
| Thailand | Suriya Sukapan | Car accident |
| Thailand | Changsak Wongsawat | Collapsed on field duty |
| Thailand | Pongdanai Jaipik | Collapsed firefighting |
| Thailand | Paisarn Waenphet | Drowned in cave |
| Thailand | Kritsiri Pinprayun | Shot by hunter |
| Thailand | Manit Sawansu | Vehicle accident firefighting |
| Vietnam | Ding Wenjian | Gaur attack |

| CENTRAL AMERICA Region | | (4 deaths) |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Mexico | Miriam Aidé Grijalva | Jeep rollover |
| Nicaragua | Serato Juwith Charly | Armed settler attack |
| Panama | Raúl Alonso | Fell from patrol boat |
| Panama | Marcos García | Struck by lightning |

| EUROPE Region | | (4 deaths) |
|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Greece | Pavlos Vourtsas | Cardiac arrest |
| Spain | Baltasar Benavente Catalan | Heat stroke/cardiac arrest |
| Turkey | Ahmet Ercan | Heart attack |
| Turkey | Ümit Durğut | On duty incident |

| NORTH AMERICA Region | | (4 deaths) |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| USA | Tom Lorig | Accidental fall |
| USA | Kevin Grossheim | Drowned in rescue incident |
| USA | Dariel Vasquez | Firefighting |
| USA | Alec Campbell | Drowned on patrol |

| OCEANIA Region | | (1 death) |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Australia | Neil O'Shaughnessy | Medical episode |

| SOUTH AMERICA Region | | (8 deaths) |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Argentina | Rodrigo Ocaranza | Drowned in river |
| Brazil | Jorge da Silva Campos | Found dead after psychotic outburst |
| Colombia | Carlos Andres Ascue Tumbo | Shot by armed assailants |
| Colombia | Hernan Felipe Latorre Castellanos | Motorcycle accident |
| Colombia | Juan Pongutá | Struck by lightning |
| Peru | Ruben Dominquez Ramos | Heart attack |
| Venezuela | José David Pérez Almeida | Heart attack while on duty |
| Venezuela | Wisbert Guillermo García García | Stroke while on duty |

The Unknown Ranger

Total number of lives lost - 175 from 41 countries



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Causes of Death - 1st June 2025 to 31st May 2025



ANIMAL ATTACKS

(32 deaths)

Any death of a ranger due to attack from wild animals.

| | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Kenya | Joseph Lokimathi Lochutu | Buffalo |
| South Africa | David Kandela | Elephant |
| Zambia | Christopher Mwila Mvula | Elephant |
| Tanzania | Arafat Saidi Miyamba | Elephant |
| Botswana | Ishmael Meswele | Elephant |
| Zimbabwe | Josphat Mandishara | Elephant |
| Kenya | Un-named | Elephant |
| India | Atul Kalita | Elephant |
| Sri Lanka | K. W. Indika Kumara | Elephant |
| India | Rajendra Rai | Elephant |
| India | "Madanna" Chikkamadaiah | Elephant |
| India | Basant Mohanty | Elephant |
| India | P.C.Shashank | Elephant |
| India | Rupesh Chhatra | Elephant |
| India | Madan Kumar Dewan | Elephant |
| India | Kuinda Bhumij | Elephant |
| Thailand | Nuchit Jangsangiri | Elephant |
| India | Nagendra Singh | Elephant |
| Zambia | Landson Mumbai | Elephant |
| Vietnam | Ding Wenjian | Gaur |
| India | R. Ashok Kumar | Gaur |
| India | Zeherul Islam | Gaur |
| Zambia | Victor Pulu | Hippo |
| Zambia | Aaron Kyela | Ox |
| Nepal | Man Mohan Chaudhary | Rhino |
| Eswatini | Sgt Siyabonga Magongo | Rhino |
| Tanzania | Dorcas Ngeleja | Snake |
| India | Rambhau Hanwate | Tiger |
| India | Devendra Chaudhary | Tiger |
| India | Pawan Kumar | Tiger |
| India | Dhanmani Deka | Tiger |
| Zimbabwe | Maxwell Chahahele | Wildlife incident |



DEATH IN SERVICE

(37 deaths)

Any line-of-duty incident or illness resulting in death related to working conditions.

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|------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Thailand | Anek Srisuphan | Bacterial infection |
| India | Rajesh Patel | Collapsed & died on-duty |
| Iran | Hamid Fallah | Collapsed & died in patrol post |
| Mozambique | Edgar Benesse Estevão | Died during training |
| Indonesia | Rizal | Died from exhaustion |
| Indonesia | Haryanto | Exhaustion during chase |
| Thailand | Warawan Anchuen | Exhaustion on patrol |
| Brazil | Jorge da Silva Campos | Found dead after psychotic outburst |
| India | Chandan Maiti | Found dead on patrol vessel |
| India | D. Thangaraj | Head injury |
| India | Prakash Mishra | Heart attack |
| India | Sadashiva Gowda | Heart attack |
| Pakistan | Raja Fiaz | Heart attack |
| Turkey | Ahmet Ercan | Heart attack |
| Peru | Ruben Dominguez Ramos | Heart attack |
| India | T.K.Dinesh | Heart attack |
| Venezuela | José David Pérez Almeida | Heart attack while on duty |
| Thailand | Phitsanu Boonkeow | Heart attack while on patrol |
| Thailand | Witthawat Konmek | Heart attack while on patrol |
| India | Mangal Pandey | Heart attack in forest office |
| Pakistan | Ghulam Mustafa | Heart/Cardiac arrest on patrol |
| Pakistan | Sardar Majid Hussain | Heart/Cardiac arrest on duty |
| Greece | Pavlos Vourtsas | Heart/Cardiac arrest |
| India | Jayaram Moolya | Heart/Cardiac arrest |
| Pakistan | Babar Mushtaq | Heart/Cardiac arrest during patrol |
| Spain | Baltasar Benavente Catalan | Heat stroke/cardiac arrest |
| Tanzania | Longi Biswadi | Malaria |
| Tanzania | Lyidia Dismas Nyenza | Malaria |
| Botswana | Tumelo Mojapane | Malaria |
| Tanzania | Gabriel H.Gabriel | Malaria suspected |
| Australia | Neil O'Shaughnessy | Medical episode |
| Tanzania | Deogratias Gervas Katwana | Pneumonia |
| Tanzania | Patricia Manonga | Pneumonia |
| Venezuela | Wisbert Guillermo García García | Stroke while on duty |
| Indonesia | Serasi | Sepsis following patrol injury |
| Thailand | Mahamarostee Panoh | Collapsed on patrol |
| Thailand | Changsak Wongsawat | Collapsed on field duty |



HOMICIDE

(49 deaths)

Any death at the hand of another person or persons with intent. This also includes cases if the deceased was off-duty but killed because of their ranger work.

| | | |
|-----------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Colombia | Carlos Andres Ascue Tumbo | Armed assailants |
| Nicaragua | Serato Juwith Charly | Armed settlers |
| Malawi | Thomas Chibakera | Attacked in office |
| Malawi | William Yohane | Attacked in office |
| Malawi | Lameck Tebulo | Attacked in office |
| Niger | Un-named forester | Conflict Zone death |
| Niger | 2 Un-named Forest guards | Conflict Zone death |
| Mali | 2 Un-named Gardes Forestiere | Conflict Zone death |
| D R Congo | Mukambiliwa Bunia Mustapha | Conflict Zone death |
| D R Congo | Egide Bilengi Lifindo | Conflict Zone death |
| D R Congo | Justin Akonkwa Kaderha | Conflict Zone death |
| Benin | Amani Soumaïla | Conflict Zone death |
| Benin | Gado Bassith | Conflict Zone death |
| Benin | Guerra Kora Salomon | Conflict Zone death |
| Benin | Barassounon Abdoul Malik | Conflict Zone death |
| Benin | Okoumansou Éric | Conflict Zone death |

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| Benin | Ibrahima Moutakirou | Conflict Zone death |
| Niger | 2 Agents des Eaux et Forêts | Conflict Zone death |
| D R Congo | Bulimwangu Manjara | Conflict Zone death |
| Mozambique | Domingos Daude | Conflict Zone death |
| Mozambique | Fernando Paolo Wirson | Conflict Zone death |
| Mozambique | Miguel Utale Nacamo | Conflict Zone death |
| Mozambique | Carlitos Cuteiua | CZ attack, missing assume dead |
| Mozambique | Pires Jorge | CZ attack, missing assume dead |
| Pakistan | Hijab Ahmed | Conflict Zone death |
| Philippines | Armie Tuparan | Conflict Zone death |
| Tanzania | Nassoro R Hussein | Died from injuries |
| India | Deep Chanda Upreti | Found with fatal injuries |
| India | Kishor Kumar Meghwal | Killed by mining mafia |
| Kenya | Abdallah Dzabo Kitolle | Killed by rogue police officer |
| Kenya | Marion Jerono Lagat | Killed by rogue police officer |
| Thailand | Kritsiri Pinprayun | Shot by hunter |
| Tanzania | Joseph Katambi | Shot by poachers |
| Tanzania | Sixmund Jovin | Killed by elephant poachers |
| Pakistan | Hafiz Jameel Ahmed | Killed by loggers |
| Malawi | Louis Munyenyembe | Shot by poachers |
| Kenya | Un named Inspector | Shot by poachers |
| Kenya | Un- named Corporal | Shot by poachers |
| Nigeria | Bashir M. Adamu | Shot by poachers |
| Tanzania | Masanja Kashindye Michael | Shot by poachers |
| Uganda | Jonathan Olara | Shot by poachers |
| Uganda | Charles Ngabirano | Shot by poachers |
| Tanzania | Romanus Frances | Shot by poachers |
| Iran | Kazem Mosadegh | Shot by poachers |
| India | Prahlad Pradhan | Shot by poachers |
| Iran | Sajjad Mandani | Suspicious death |



OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS

(36 deaths)

Any death recorded due to occupational hazards such as firefighting; drownings; falls; equipment failure and other such incidents

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Iran | Hassan Danansab | Carbon monoxide poisoning |
| Tunisia | Saleh bin Abdullah | Died from burns rescuing visitors |
| Thailand | Paisarn Waenphet | Drowned in cave |
| Tanzania | Julius Buhimila | Drowned in lake |
| India | Shameem Mohammed Mir | Drowned in Nallah |
| USA | Kevin Grossheim, | Drowned in rescue incident |
| Argentina | Rodrigo Ocaranza | Drowned in river |
| USA | Alec Campbell | Drowned on patrol |
| India | Kalam Singh Markram | Drowned |
| Thailand | Mongkol Rakthakan | Falling tree |
| Panama | Raúl Alonso | Fell from patrol boat |
| USA | Tom Lorig | Fell in accident |
| Namibia | Ludwig Ganaseb | Fell in mountainous terrain |
| India | Abdul Gaffar Sohil | Fell into gorge |
| Uganda | Dismas Makilo | Fell off cliff chasing poacher |
| India | Phunchok Tashi | Fell whilst tracking snow leopard |
| India | Trilok Singh Mehta | Firefighting |
| India | Karan Arya | Firefighting |
| India | Puran Singh Mahara | Firefighting |
| India | Dewan Ram | Firefighting |
| India | Kundan Singh | Firefighting |
| India | Devballi Vithoba Borkar | Firefighting |
| Iran | Ismail Karimi | Firefighting |
| Iran | Mustafa Abdullahi | Firefighting |
| Pakistan | Tal Amand Khan | Firefighting |
| USA | Daniel Vasquez | Firefighting |
| Thailand | Pongdanai Jaipik | Firefighting |
| Thailand | Aekkacchai Chaimongkhon | Firefighting (collapsed) |
| India | Krishna Kumar | Firefighting/septic shock |
| Malawi | Hardwork Chilimkhonde | Friendly fire during buffalo charge |
| China (Hong Kong) | Lam Kin-wai | Heat stroke during field survey |
| Pakistan | Abdul Qadeer | Hypothermia in high elevation |
| Pakistan | Syed Ghulam Murtaza Shah | Hypothermia in high elevation |
| Tanzania | Abel Daata | Serious accident on patrol |
| Panama | Marcos Garcia | Struck by lightning |
| Colombia | Juan Pongutá | Struck by lightning |



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

(21 deaths)

Any on-duty death due to vehicle accidents or involving other forms of transportation.

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| Namibia | Pienaar Kasupi | Accident enroute to wildlife incident |
| India | V.R.Ramasamy | Accident on duty |
| Tanzania | Isaack Nasari | Accident on patrol |
| Iran | Seyyed Hossein Hosseini | Accident responding to incident |
| India | Surendra Choudhary | Accident responding to incident |
| India | Radheshyam Pemani | Accident responding to incident |
| Thailand | Palawat Chanaboon | Accident with illegal timber truck |
| South Sudan | Mary Marcelo Lino | Accident & car caught fire |
| India | Awadhesh Pal Singh | Bike accident on duty |
| Mexico | Miriam Aidé Grijalva | Jeep rollover |
| India | Lalit Mohan Joshi | Motorcycle accident |
| Colombia | Hernan Felipe Latorre Castellanos | Motorcycle accident |
| Thailand | Hadilod Hayali | Motorcycle accident |
| India | Prashant Kumar | Motorcycle accident |
| India | Jirsong Engti | Motorcycle accident |
| Turkey | Ümit Durğut | On duty incident |
| Nepal | Hare Ram Mandal | Motorcycle accident |
| India | M.Dhivakar | Motorcycle accident |
| India | Arvind Kumar | Suspicious bike collision |
| Thailand | Suriya Sukapan | Accident during logging incident |
| Thailand | Manit Sawansu | Accident during firefighting |

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