



WORLD RANGER DAY 2023

ROLL OF HONOUR

Recognising Ranger Deaths in the Line of Duty Deaths by Region/Country - June 2022 to May 2023



AFRICA Region (65 deaths)

Benin	Nestor Naka	Car crash on duty
Botswana	un-named	Vehicle overturned
Burkina Faso	Alidou Alexis Kiy	Went missing on patrol
Burkina Faso	Idrissa Belemouisgou	Went missing on patrol
Burundi	Niyonzima Schadrack	Hippo attack
Cameroon	Blaise Saoulhou	Shot by poachers
Cameroon	Enyang Julius Ayuk	Killed by timber traffickers
Central African Republic	Éric Rama Doungous	Ambushed by insurgents
Cote d'Ivoire	Ballo Vanoumahan	Died from head injury
D R Congo	Mahomet Meddy Kengu	Killed by Mai Mai
D R Congo	Benoit Hakizimana Ndamira	Killed by Mai Mai
D R Congo	Pascal Fatakanwe Tulinabo	Killed by Mai Mai
D R Congo	Alain Lukinga	Attacked by illegal miners
D R Congo	Paluku Mahamba Ovide	Hippo poaching firefight
D R Congo	Musubao Mubulya Justin	Hippo poaching firefight
D R Congo	Muhindo Kasay Nickson	Hippo poaching firefight
D R Congo	Kakule Nzonda Djiku	Convoy ambush by Mai Mai
D R Congo	Ngerageze Kamuzungu Daniel	Convoy ambush by Mai Mai
D R Congo	Paluku Kiyana	Died in Mai Mai attack
D R Congo	Jean-Luc Sekibibi Munyekuri	Accident during duty mission
D R Congo	Théophile Janvier Sebutama	Accident during duty mission
D R Congo	Papy Akilimali Kwabo	On-duty crash
D R Congo	Ushindi Banyungu Jean	Vehicle overturned
Ethiopia	Ayta Torsi	Shot in the park
Ethiopia	Atnafu Isho	Shot by poachers
Kenya	Aron Onyapindi Osere	Drowned chasing illegal loggers
Kenya	Geoffrey Matanya Tabu	Drowned chasing illegal loggers
Kenya	Daniel Ebozo Ambale	Drowned chasing illegal loggers
Kenya	Ali Hamza Kimango	Killed by Al Shabaab IED
Kenya	Lodiye Ngathiki Kukmi	Killed by livestock rustlers
Kenya	Mark Jenkins	Died piloting patrol plane
Kenya	Peter Jenkins	Died in above plane crash
Kenya	Amos Mutisia Rukia	Vehicle crash during firefighting
Kenya	Peter Kisilu	Work related accident
Malawi	Pemphero Tambala	Killed by elephant
Malawi	Isaac Katunga	Trampled by elephants
Malawi	Ivano Banda	Killed by buffalo
Malawi	Bendius Amasi	Hacked to death by poachers
Mali	Mamadou Seyba	Killed in jihadist attack
Mali	Youssef Diarra	Killed in jihadist attack
Mali	Ousmane Tall	Killed in armed attack
Mali	Un Agent Eaux et Forets	Suspected jihadist attack
Mali	Un Garde du Forets	Suspected jihadist attack
Mozambique	Fernando Mavunbi Salimo	Cerebral malaria
Niger	Seyni Mamoudou	Killed by armed individuals
Niger	Mamoudou Hombo	Terrorists attacked his post
Nigeria	Yahya Halidu Balarabe	Shot dead on duty
Nigeria	Muraina Ayoola	Killed by kidnappers
Senegal	Kéba Guèye	Motorcycle collision
Senegal	Safiatou Sané	Motorcycle collision
South Africa	Kabelo Mashao	Gored by elephant
South Africa	Anton Mzimba	Assassinated
South Sudan	Mario Akayak Haworu	Shot during attack
Tanzania	Taiko Olesalei Marau	Buffalo attack
Tanzania	Mathias Abraham Mgongolwa	Drowned pursuing a poacher
Tanzania	James Chacha Kalomba	Attacked by cattle herders
Tanzania	Shinini Simel Mayang'ui	Died from injuries
Tanzania	Bernard Shayo	Patrol plane crash
Tanzania	Aman Mgogollo	Patrol plane crash
Tanzania	TANAPA Ranger	Patrol plane crash
Uganda	Samuel Loware	Collapsed on duty
Uganda	Charles Okawa	Died in firefight with poachers
Zambia	Langson Mapulanga	Attacked by elephants
Zambia	Happy Kasonde	Attacked by elephant
Zambia	Stanley Ng'andwe	Shot by poachers

ASIA Region (70 deaths)

Bhutan	Pema Tshering	Fatal fall
India	Budhram Rotiya	Killed by elephant
India	Jasbin Salkar Aind	Trampled by elephant
India	Kishore Kumar	Elephant attack
India	M. Murugan	Trampled by elephant
India	T. Kalpur Hussain	Elephant attack
India	Sarat Ghadei	Trampled by elephant
India	Mahadeva Swamy	Trampled by elephant
India	Shakthivel	Trampled/gored by elephant
India	Noushad	Trampled by elephant
India	Pradip Borah	Wild elephant attack
India	Lakshmi Naryana	Trampled by elephant
India	Jaroop Singh Saini	Snake bite
India	Bomma	Trampled by elephant

India	Taniu Dupit	Unexplained on-duty death
India	Subramanian	Collapsed on duty
India	Rambabu Verma	Discovered collapsed
India	Anand	Epileptic attack on patrol
India	Prabin Boro	Died from respiratory problem
India	Tarun Kumar	Found in river
India	M.H.Chinnappa	Fell into lake
India	Mofij Ali	Drowning while on patrol
India	S.J.Sundares	Died 80% burns
India	Bidya Singh Lehte	Killed by timber mafia truck
India	Srinivasa Rao	Stabbed to death by tribals
India	Bimal Kumar Jena	Shot by poacher
India	Nandu Rawat	Slipped and fell into gorge
India	Dharmeswar Basumatari	Fall at anti-poaching camp
India	Jhooja Siddhi	Electrocuted
India	Babu	Slipped and fell
India	Manoj Kumar Srivastava	Road traffic accident
India	Naren Rabha	Railway accident
India	Bhuvan Chandra	Road traffic accident
India	Sambit Das	Knocked down
India	Jagdish Maru	On duty-Car crash
India	Himanshu Verma	On duty-Car crash
India	Muhammad Ashraf	Car fell into gorge
India	Kishore Lal Bahuguna	Bus overturned at checkpoint
India	Suryakant Mehra	On duty-Car crash
India	Narendra Kumar	Motorbike accident while on duty
India	Cyaneshwar	Patrol M/cycle crash.
India	Shankar Anand Bhatt	Official vehicle crashed
Indonesia	Gunawan Saifullah	Struck by falling tree
Indonesia	Pak Sudirman	Struck by falling tree
Iran	Mohammad Farahmand	Shot by illegal hunters
Iran	Reza Bahrapour	Shot by illegal hunters
Iran	Boroumand Najafi	Shot dead outside court
Iran	Mohammad Asadi	On-duty accident
Malaysia	Joe Fred Lansou	Gored by pygmy elephant
Malaysia	Fadil al Sah	Died from malaria
Malaysia	Muhammad Nazli bin Ajis	Line of duty death
Malaysia	Rainbow bin Taboi	Sepsis from forest infection
Pakistan	Muhammad Dar	Heart attack on duty
Pakistan	Mushtaq Ahmad Shaheed	Shot by timber smugglers
Pakistan	Mohammad Adnan Khan	Slipped and fell into gorge
Pakistan	Ijaz Ahmed	Motorbike accident while on duty
Sri Lanka	Ishara Madusanka Wanasooriya	Trampled by elephant
Sri Lanka	Thushara Meththananda	Trampled by elephant
Sri Lanka	Praboda Wijekoon	Trampled by elephant
Thailand	Arthit Phiewngam	Elephant attack
Thailand	Somphop Sri-Ngam	Elephant attack
Thailand	Aphinan Kongket	Cold water shock
Thailand	Thanongdej Sunthornworachan	Shot by poacher
Thailand	Suwan Muenthong	Shot by vehicle smugglers
Thailand	Anantasak Seethon	Killed in ranger station
Thailand	Pongsuwan Chalona	Vehicle accident
Thailand	Parinya Boonpanya	Motorcycle collision
Thailand	Aknarin Kongkae	Motorbike accident
Vietnam	Ha Dinh Phuong	Swept away in river
Vietnam	Le Viet Huong	Stabbed to death by intruder

CENTRAL AMERICA Region (2 deaths)

Belize	Norman Williams	ATV rollover on duty
Costa Rica	Roberto Molina Ugalde	Died following patrol

EUROPE Region (5 deaths)

Spain	Juan Pedro de la Cruz Sagredo	Car swept away in floods
Turkey	Mehmet Ali Koşar	Shot by snake eagle poachers
Ukraine	Serhii Salivonik	Car ran over a mine
Ukraine	Sergei Piev	Car hit with small arms fire
Ukraine	Vladimir Dmitrenko	Killed by shrapnel

NORTH AMERICA Region (2 deaths)

USA	Louis (Phil) Navarro	Heart attack at work
USA	Collin Hagan	Killed by falling tree

OCEANIA Region No Ranger Line of Duty Deaths

SOUTH AMERICA Region (4 deaths)

Brazil	Janildo Oliveira Guajajara	Ambushed
Brazil	Jael Carlos Miranda	Deliberately run over
Chile	Jorge Salvo Vergara	Cardiac arrest
Peru	Eddenson Yomar Tume Negrón	Lost control of vehicle

The Unknown Ranger

Total number of lives lost - 148 from 39 countries
(June 2022 to May 2023)



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ANIMAL ATTACKS

(27 deaths)

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

Burundi	Niyonzima Schadrack	Hippo attack
Malawi	Pemphero Tambala	Killed by elephant
Malawi	Isaac Katunga	Trampled by elephants
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DEATH IN SERVICE

(17 deaths)

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

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Costa Rica	Roberto Molina Ugalde	Died following patrol
USA	Louis (Phil) Navarro	Heart attack at work
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HOMICIDE

(48 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.

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Ukraine	Vladimir Dmitrenko	Killed by shrapnel
Turkey	Mehmet Ali Koşar	Shot by snake eagle poachers
Brazil	Janildo Oliveira Guajajara	Ambushed
Brazil	Jael Carlos Miranda	Deliberately run over



OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS

(20 deaths)

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

Bhutan	Pema Tshering	Fatal fall
India	Tarun Kumar	Drowned in river
India	M.H.Chinnappa	Fell into lake
India	Mofij Ali	Drowned whilst on patrol
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USA	Collin Hagan	Killed by falling tree
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VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

(36 deaths)

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

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Botswana	un-named	Vehicle overturned
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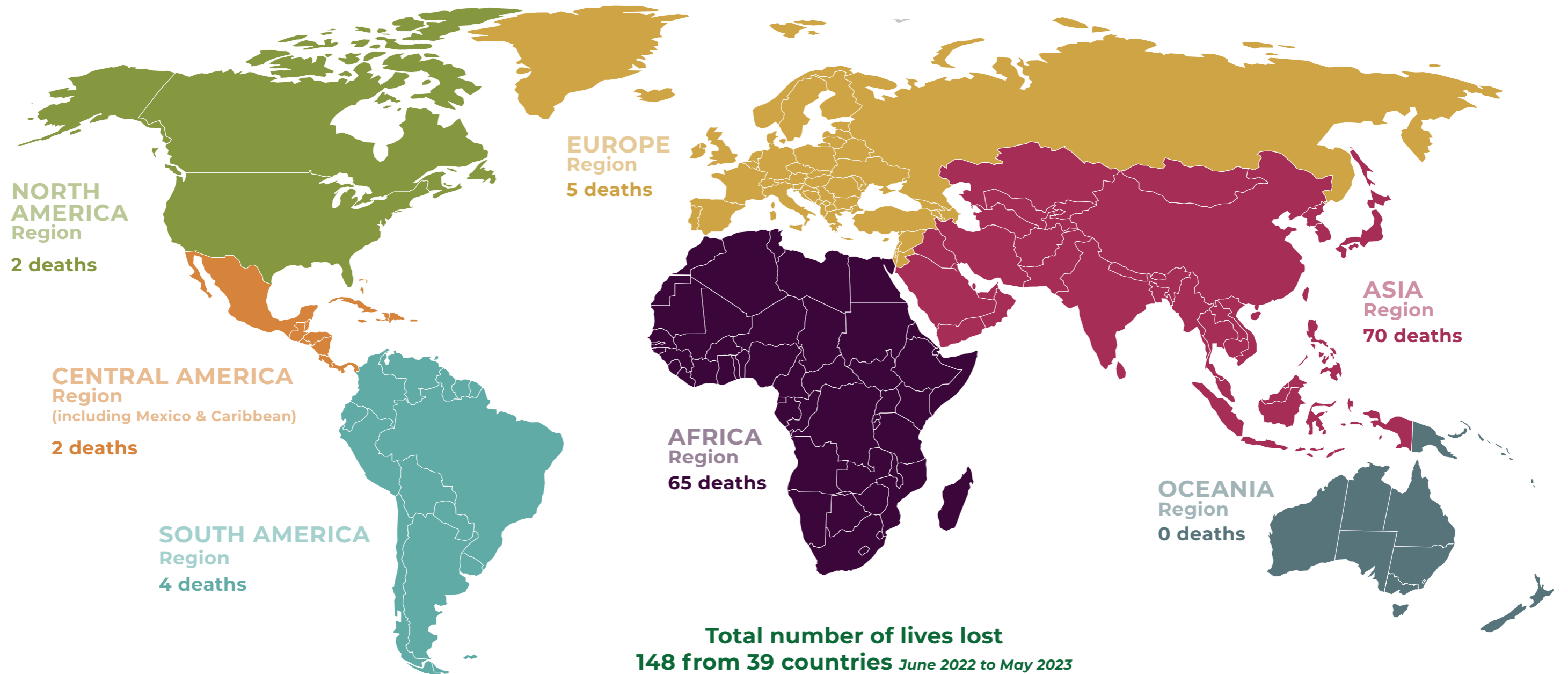


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The 148 rangers from 39 countries named on this 2023 Roll of Honour are only those who have been reported to and verified by the IRF. This is not the global picture of Line-of-Duty ranger deaths as there are many countries where it is difficult to access reliable information. In acknowledging these 148 names, we also recognise those unknown rangers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice defending the worlds' protected areas.

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