This led to a number of problems. Firstly, there was more……., which meant that some elephants were……. As there was a ……..in the national park, some elephants began looking further afield. Elephants were ……around the park, which then had to ……..at a significant cost. To solve this problem, the decision was made to move dozens of elephants from Majete National Park to Nkhotakota Wildlife Park, where there were no elephants. But, obviously, ……significant numbers of elephants to a new home 300 kilometres away is quite a challenge.

So how did this translocation process work in practice?

Elephants were moved in groups of between eight and twenty,…….. Because ……..to elephants, they all had to be moved at the same time. A team of ……..flew over the park ……and targeted a group. which were rounded up and ……open plain.

The vets then used darts to immobilize <làm bất động> the elephants - this was a tricky manoeuvre, as they not only had to select the right dose of tranquiliser < thuốc an thần> for different-sized elephants but they had to dart the elephants as they were running around. This also had to be done ……..caused. As soon as the elephants began to flop onto the ground, the team moved in to take care of them.

To avoid the risk of suffocation < sự nghẹt thở>, the team had to make sure none of the elephants were ……..because their ……in this position. So all the elephants had to be……. One person stayed with each elephant while they waited for the vets to do checks. It was very important to ……..- if there were fewer than six breaths per minute, the elephant would need…….. Collars were fitted to the matriarch in each group so their movements could be tracked in their new home. ……were taken of each elephant's ……..- elephants with large tusks would be at greater risk from poachers - and also of……... The elephants were then taken to a ……..before being loaded onto trucks and transported to their new home.

The elephants translocated to Nkhotakota ……very well and the project has generally been accepted to have been a huge success- and not just for the elephants. ……have improved enormously, ……..for the whole community. Poaching is no longer an issue, as former poachers are able to find more…….. In fact, many of them volunteered to……, as they were ……to them.

More than two dozen elephants have been born at Nkhotakota since relocation. With an area of more than 1,800 square kilometres, there's plenty of space for the elephant population to continue to grow. Their presence is also helping to ……Nkhotakota's ……and providing a ……..model, which could be ……..in other parks. All this has been……., which contributes five times more than the ……..to GDP, and this is mainly because of the elephants. There's also been a dramatic rise in interest...

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