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Prince Harry becomes President of African Parks

His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales has been appointed President of conservation non-profit African Parks. The announcement was made during this morning's BBC Radio 4 Today programme, which Prince Harry guest edited.

African Parks is a conservation NGO, founded in 2000, that manages national parks and protected areas on behalf of governments and in collaboration with local communities across Africa. With 13 parks under management, they oversee the largest area under conservation for any one NGO on the African continent.

Having visited southern Africa many times, Prince Harry has taken a deep personal interest in frontline conservation projects that work to protect Africa's natural heritage and support both wildlife and local communities. On leaving the Army in 2015, he spent three months working on number of such projects in Namibia, Tanzania, South Africa and Botswana

Prince Harry has been working with African Parks since 2016. In July 2016, Prince Harry spent time in Malawi where he served as part of the expert team and helped implement the first phase of the 500 Elephants project, one of the largest and most significant elephant translocations in conservation history where 520 elephants were moved over 350 kilometres across Malawi among three parks under the management of African Parks.

In his role as President of African Parks, Prince Harry will help advance the NGO's mission in protecting Africa's national parks and advance wildlife conservation in Africa and around the world.

Notes to Editors:

Please direct all queries about Prince Harry to Kensington Palace on 020 7930 4832.

For more information on African Parks please visit <https://www.african-parks.org/> or contact Fran Read on franr@africanparks.org or at + +27 (82) 3837558.

This morning's Today Programme is available on BBC iPlayer at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qj9z>.