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Using infrared cameras and GPS, they're able to track both animals and poachers from above. This allows analysts to develop coordinated plans for capturing and stopping poachers within a region.

Air Shepherd is in the process of raising funds to extend their efforts and send 45-50 teams into Africa (their mid-range goal). At least seven African nations have asked for help, and the Air Shepherd team believes they can really make a change for these countries (and humanity!) with their UAV technology solutions. Though their Indiegogo campaign has ended, you can still support this work by making a donation to AirShepherd here.



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