



# Humanitarian Operations Protecting Elephants (H.O.P.E.)

## SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Humanitarian Operations Protecting Elephants (H.O.P.E.) delivers world class solutions to challenges at the nexus of wildlife conservation and regional security. With a century of combined experience in wildlife management, military special operations and intelligence, global business ventures, non-profit governance and international relations, our senior leadership team is uniquely positioned to respond to the ongoing crises of elephant poaching on the African Continent.

### **Steve Brignoli - Founder and Managing Director**

Steve Brignoli is a former US Army Special Operations Officer and established businessman. Steve's background as a Special Forces Detachment Commander for 10th Special Forces had a primary focus on special reconnaissance and foreign training in the Trans Sahel Region of Northern Africa. He was also a Special Operations Task Unit Commander for TF 10 in Afghanistan responsible for US/Romanian special reconnaissance and direct action missions.

Steve is also the CEO and Founder of Beyond SOF, a company providing special applications and solutions to businesses and the US Government in the national security sector.

### **J. Scott Throckmorton (Throck) - Founder and Director of Operations**

Throck is a former US Army Operations and Intelligence Master Sergeant with multiple deployments and field experience. Throck's background in operations includes intelligence gathering/collection techniques, long range and special reconnaissance, information operations planning, integration and application as well as intelligence and planning support to Special Operations.

Throck also serves as the President of Throck Corp, providing executive management and consulting services to global industry and the US Government.

### **Catherine E. Semcer - Senior Policy Advisor**

Catherine is an established wildlife conservation professional and experienced non-profit leader. Catherine's previous service included a 12 year career with Sierra Club as a Senior Washington, DC Representative where she led grassroots and top-down campaigns to expand and leverage organizational influence on national politics and public policy. Projects she managed achieved new constituency access, expanded available funding, developed and strengthened internal and external teams and networks. Prior to her Sierra Club tenure Catherine worked in the New York City office of McKinsey & Company.

Catherine is also the Founder and CEO of Artemis Strategic Advisors, providing public policy engagement and management consulting services to a variety of private sector clients.

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