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It's not the only time we've turned to technology to help fight poachers. Earlier this year, realistic robots were used as traps, and of course there're always drones. But now, researchers are using A.I. applications that incorporate a game theory model for wildlife protection. The app is called PAWS (which stands for the Protection Assistant for Wildlife Security). It was developed in 2013, and tested in Malaysia and Uganda.

PAWS analyzes the terrain and topography of an area, incorporating the paths where animals most often travel--which means poachers will be more likely to travel them as well. In addition, the app can prescribe randomized patrols, which can keep poachers from learning a pattern and predicting when a wildlife officer may be nearby. Similar technology has been used by the Coast Guard and the Transportation Security Administration.

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