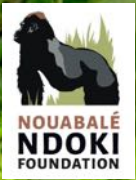


# NOUABALE-NDOKI NATIONAL PARK, OCTOBER 2019



Female Sitatunga Naomie introduced her fourth known offspring to the Bai. A.Mouele/WCS

## SUMMARY

- o The 10th Nouabalé-Ndoki Foundation board meeting was held in Ouesso on October 24th. The board of administrators congratulated the park for the progress made on the implementation of the 2019 Annual Park Work Plan.
- o The new Director of WCS-Congo, Mr Richard MALONGA, toured WCS projects in North Congo. The former Park Management Unit (PMU) Director visited NNNP's headquarters for the first time as WCS-Congo Director.
- o Call for tenders to construct the new primary school in Bomassa, funded by FTNS, were published.

## CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY

### NNNP arrests:



\*two of them were transferred to local courts.

### Hunting camp monitoring:

**38** camps visited **31** camps destroyed

### Seizures:

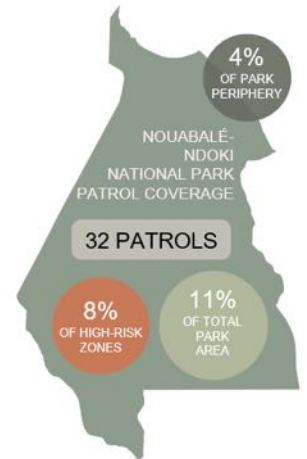
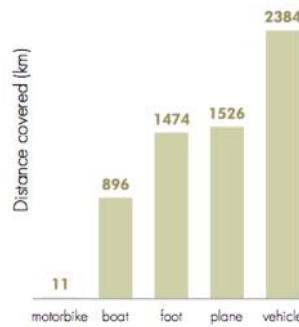


### Illegally killed elephants:



\*nine carcasses found outside the park boundaries.

### Patrol effort:



**Operation & Information Fusion Centre:** Arrival on site of the new LAB's Technical Advisor, Mr Olivier POLDERMANS. Visit to the control room by ACFAP's Monitoring & Evaluation Officer.

LAUNCH OF THE PARAMILITARY TRAINING FOR 25 NNNP ECOGUARDS CANDIDATES AND 15 PROGEPP-KABO ECOGUARDS. THE TRAINING MODULES INCLUDE IN-DEPTH COURSES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEDURES.

## WILDLIFE CRIME UNIT



- 40 wildlife crime networks regularly monitored.
- In anticipation of the next parrot season, analyses informed development of next year's strategy.

## AVIATION PROGRAM



Surveillance flights: 3 (08h47m)  
Logistics flights: 9 (16h25m)

A more pronounced rainy season this year has slowed down the activities of the Aviation Programme. No spotting of illegal activities has been made during surveillance flights.

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Aerial monitoring of the Ndoki river. ©JP. Sagette/WCS



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Extension of the mechanical workshop completed.



A school animation session at Bomassa Primary School with the support of the Montessori Lauren School (LMS) of the Netherlands.



Female gorilla Ndebele with young silverback Custer in Mbeli Bai.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



2 meetings to renew the list of Makao scholarship beneficiaries for the 2019-2020 school year.

19 ♀ 70 ♂  
\* including 5 indigenous people



Allocation of 10 allowances to the elderly in Bomassa and Makao in food and cash.

7 ♀ 3 ♂  
\* including 5 indigenous people



A total of 138 patients were treated at the Bomassa Health Centre. Makao's centre has registered 27 patients.

65 ♀ 100 ♂  
\* including 14 indigenous people

- Bomassa and Makao primary schools received a donation of supplies (books, chalk, etc.), equipment (shovels, machetes), maintenance equipment and office equipment. This is part of the PMU's support for education in the two villages.
- The health center in Bomassa received a donation of bedding and working equipment.
- Two (2) household food supply movements were organized in Pokola this month.

## RESEARCH AND MONITORING

### Elephant Listening Project (ELP) :

Two field teams went for the 7th deployment of the ARUs. Elephant Listening Project's 3 research assistants continue working on their individual scientific projects.

### Wildlife Health Program (WHP): A

total of 8 parrots are currently under care of the Bomassa Rehabilitation Centre. This month an epidemic broke out killing 4 parrots and 2 news seized parrots arrived at the Centre

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**Mondika** :Confirmed presence of a new female and her baby in Mététélé's group. An interaction between Kingo and an unknown silverback was observed. A new female joined Kingo's group the next day.



**Mbeli Bai Study**: A young silverback named Custer attacked a female that had not been observed for the past 4 years, Ndebele. This demonstration of dominance is a typical behavior of male gorillas towards the new females in their group.



**Goulougo Triangle Ape Project (GTAP) :** Two chimpanzee newcomers, Terry and Rose, have joined the Moto community with infants. Loya's group had a total of 23 intergroup encounters.

## TOURISM

A total of 20 visitors were hosted this month (3 international tourists, 7 donors and VIP, 10 collaborators).

Number of bed nights:  
Bomassa: 60, Mondika: 18.



## LOGISTICS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Extension of the mechanical workshop completed. Reconstruction work started on the Mokala outpost. Renovation work on the Bomassa Health Centre completed.

## NDOKI MEDIA:

Scientific research, an essential tool for the conservation of forest elephants

