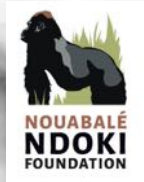


NOUABALE-NDOKI NATIONAL PARK OCTOBER 2017



One of the numerous Bangombe ladies, working on the construction of the parrot cage this month @Z.Labuschagne/WCS

SUMMARY

- The Executive Director of Finance for WCS Global, Janine van Staden, visited the Park for a weeklong fact finding and training mission with highly positive results.
- The WCS regional Law Enforcement Advisor, Georges Nunes, visited the Park to evaluate anti-poaching operations and advise on best practices.
- Construction of the future Parrot Rehabilitation Centre of Bomassa and new staff housing for the Goulougo Triangle Ape Project is underway.

CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY

PNNN arrests:

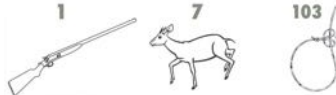


*two suspects transferred to the courts.

Hunting camp monitoring:

12 camps visited **9** camps destroyed

Seizures:

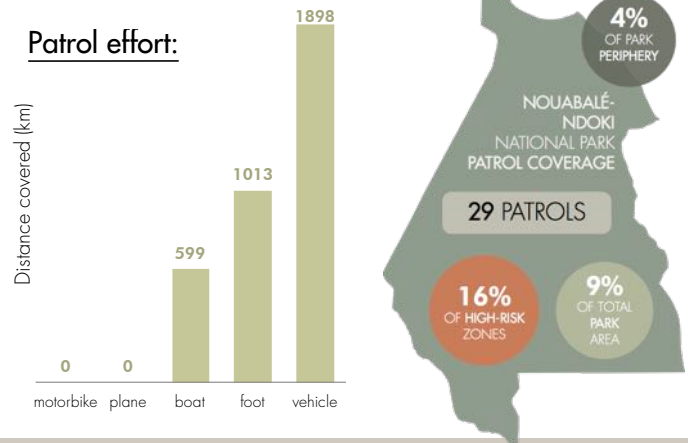


Illegally killed elephants:



*red indicates carcasses found within Park boundaries.

Patrol effort:



Anti-poaching development & support: Georges Nunes assisted the team to review existing patrolling procedures and compile Standard Operating Procedures for anti-poaching interventions. Participation in a technology and communications conference at Akagera National Park. Team members received training on collection, analyses and exploitation of information from poaching networks.

115 INDIVIDUALS TRAINED TO CONSTRUCT AND USE CHORKOR OVENS IN CAMPS ALONG THE SANGHA, AMONGST WHICH 89 MEN AND 27 WOMEN.

WILDLIFE CRIME UNIT

WCU operations:



two operations conducted leading to the arrest of two suspect.

One new analyst recruited; WCU capacity building on collection, analyses and exploitation of information from poaching networks provided by New Century; Liaise with Director of Ouesso Prison following two prison breaks.



A De Brazza's monkey (*Cercopithecus neglectus*) visits the Mbeli bai.





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Botanist Dr Dave Harris next to a 54 metre tall Sapelli (*Entandrophragma cylindricum*) in one of the pilot plots.



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Fishermen along the Sangha River receive training on how to use one of 9 newly constructed smoking ovens to optimize the conservation of fish.



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Construction of new cages for the future African Grey Parrot Rehabilitation Centre that will have the capacity to hold 400 parrots.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Provision of school supplies for teachers at the Bomassa school for the school year 2017-2018.
- Medical visits to Kabo for 13 women, amongst which 12 for baby vaccinations (9 Bantu and 3 indigenous) and one pregnant woman (indigenous) for an antenatal consultation.
- Fishermen in villages and settlements along the Sangha River between Bomassa and Lémé were trained on the construction of smoking ovens and their use. A total of 115 people participated in this training, including 89 men (73 Bantu, 16 indigenous) and 27 women (18 Bantu, 9 indigenous).

RESEARCH AND MONITORING

Big Trees Project: Dr David Harris arrived in PNNN to launch the project and two new research assistants were hired on short-term contracts to complete the pilot study until March 2018, Ferré Mboussa and Noé Madingou. Except for some commercial timber species, very little is known about the abundance, density, and diversity of big trees and lianas in African rainforests.

Wildlife Health Program: The construction of the new parrot cages at Bomassa commenced. The new cages will be able to house 400 parrots and are on track to be completed before the busiest parrot capture season.

NNNP RESEARCH SITES



Mondika: Another leopard attack is suspected to have occurred in Kingo's group; honey pounding by a wild chimp observed near Kingo's group; research assistants trained on dung sample collection and preparation.



Mbeli Bai Study: Fighting observed between old dominant male buffalo, Jupiter, and new male, Aris. Jupiter has not been seen since and it appears that Aris has taken over the herd.



Goulougo Triangle Ape Project: Observation of one of the female chimpanzees in the Moto group feeding on a baby chimpanzee that she is suspected to have killed.

AVIATION PROGRAM

Surveillance flights: 0. Logistics flights: 0. (Pilot on annual leave). Sixty barrels of Aviation Gas was ordered. Authorisation obtained from Congolese Civil Aviation Authorities allowing the WCS plane to use the Makao/Thanry aerodrome until May 2018.

TOURISM

Ten visitors were hosted in the Park.
Bed nights: **Bomassa:** 31; **Mondika:** 1.
Purchase of new equipment for the kitchen and tourism house.



LOGISTICS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Construction of new staff housing for Goulougo Triangle Ape Project employees commenced in Bomassa village. Refurbishment of the nurse house in Bomassa was completed. Land was cleared for the construction of the parrot cage.

NDOKI MEDIA:

New video about life as a Research Assistant at Mondika

