

NOUABALE NDOKI NATIONAL PARK AUGUST 2017



Loya, silverback of the habituated gorilla group in Goualougo. ©Juan Ortega/WCS

SUMMARY

- Workshop delivered by the Wildlife Crime Unit on human rights and judicial aspects of law enforcement.
- An international film crew spent 3 weeks at Mbeli Bai and Mondika capturing footage of the Park's megafauna for a natural history series.
- Orphaned baby elephant discovered by rangers on a logging road on park periphery. The elephant passed away a few days later despite team's efforts to care for it, highlighting the sad reality of elephant poaching.

CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY

PNNN arrests:



*all arrested suspects transferred to courts.

Hunting camp monitoring:

9 camps visited **4** camps destroyed

Seizures:

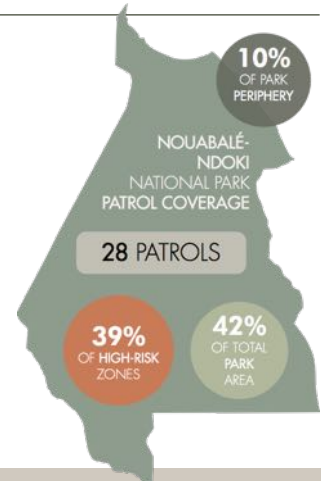
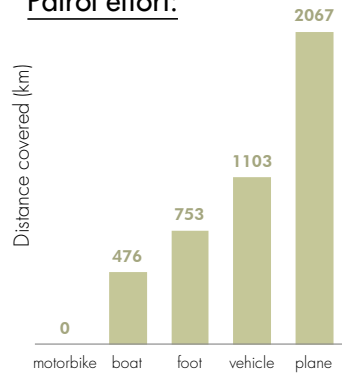


Illegally killed elephants:



*all carcasses found beyond Park boundaries.

Patrol effort:



Anti-poaching development & support: Start of real time patrol and operations tracking from advance base of Makao. Archiving of legal statements from 2015 to present. Garmin InReach devices installed in two park vehicles for improved tracking and communications. Extended training session carried out with the eastern sector on patrol planning procedures.

HUNTING QUOTA FOR **BONGO** REDUCED FROM **15 TO 3** PER ANNUM FOLLOWING RESULTS OF **BONGO SURVEY**

WILDLIFE CRIME UNIT

Nine traffickers identified, **four** trafficking networks monitored, one follow-up on hearings, **19** prisoners currently pursuing sentences for wildlife crime.

Human Rights training workshop carried in Bomassa with PNNN rangers.

WCU operations:



six operations, of which **three** successful leading to arrest of **four** suspects.

WCU seizures:



PHOTO OF THE MONTH



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The park celebrated World Elephant Day in Bomassa with a day of fun and learning with tomorrow's elephant protectors. [Read more in our latest blog post.](#)





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A magnificent range of colours in the Ndoki forest viewed from the air during aerial surveillance patrol.



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Workshop delivered by the Wildlife Crime Unit on human rights and good practice during law enforcement operations.



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An orphaned baby elephant was found by rangers on a logging road in the park periphery - the sad reality of poaching. Despite the team's efforts the young baby died a few days later.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- o Mission carried out to inform communities in park periphery on steps to be taken in event of human rights abuses during law enforcement interventions.
- o Implementation of signage to demarcate no fishing/no hunting zones on Ndoki River.
- o Celebration of World Elephant Day with 16 children from Bomassa village, including seven boys (all Bantu) and nine girls (seven Bantu, one indigenous and one expatriate).

RESEARCH AND MONITORING

Bongo Survey: The Congolese Ministry of Environment took the decision to reduce bongo and buffalo hunting quotas from 15 to 3 and 5 respectively per annum, following the results and recommendations of the Bongo survey in the Safari zone.

Wildlife Health Program: Three members of the WCS Bronx Zoo team visited Congo to provide training for the WHP staff on African grey parrot care, including comprehensive coaching on safe parrot handling, triage and first aid, and the set-up of facilities to maximize exercise and rehabilitation of the parrots.

NNNP RESEARCH SITES



Mondika: New baby in Buka's group identified as male and named Nabone (the gentle one). Long term WCS employee Gaston Abea joined the Mondika team as a research assistant.



Mbeli Bai Study: Cameratrapp deployment around the bai has proven a useful tool to determine group composition of shy gorilla groups. One Mbeli publication accepted for oral and written publication.



Goulougo Triangle Ape Project: Impressive tool making activity observed in Moto chimpanzee group. Black-back Eteko is becoming very peripheral, and silverback Loya less tolerant of Eteko.

AVIATION PROGRAM

Surveillance flights: 7 (19 hours and 57 minutes). Logistics flights: 0. Three illegal fishing/hunting camps were detected from the air and ranger teams deployed to inspect these sites. Organisation of Civil Aviation inspection visit to Kabo and Makao airstrips. FAA engineer travelled from Nairobi to do plane maintenance and technical training with WCS pilot in Ouessou.

TOURISM

Five visitors hosted in the Park including an international film crew.
Bed nights: **Bomassa: 7;**
Mondika: 32; Mbeli: 48.
Willy Safou-Makaya attended a tourism training in the USA.



LOGISTICS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Revision of the power balance in Makao and Bomassa and realisation of the electrical scheme of the new distribution network in preparation for ordering and installing the new generators.

NDOKI MEDIA:

New video on World Elephant Day celebrations.

