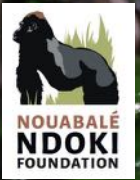


NOUABALE-NDOKI NATIONAL PARK, AUGUST 2019



A young male gorilla seen at Mondika ©FMonteau/WCS

SUMMARY

- o A USAid delegation and representatives of the U.S. Congress visited to witness the result of two decades of U.S. government investments in the management of Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park.
- o Visit of a delegation from the PFDE/ World Bank to prepare environmental & social safeguard measures for the rehabilitation of the peripheral road network in the south-east of NNNP that will take place at the end of this year.
- o The Director General of the Congolese Agency for Wildlife and Protected Areas and President of the Nouabalé-Ndoki Foundation, Mr Bockandza-Paco, honoured us with his presence during a mission to monitor the implementation of the Park's Annual Work Plan

CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY

NNNP arrests:

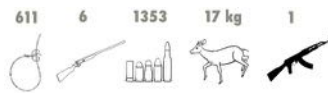


*three of them were transferred to local courts.

Hunting camp monitoring:

34 camps visited **31** camps destroyed

Seizures:

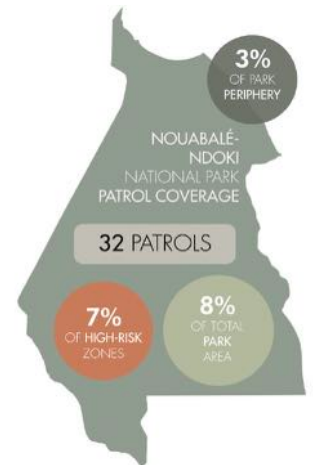
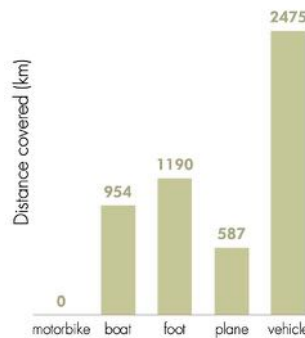


Illegally killed elephants:



*all carcasses found outside the park boundaries.

Patrol effort:



Operation & Information Fusion Centre: Showcasing operations at the control room to a USAid delegation, the ECOFAC6 Technical Assistant and the Director General of ACFAP on a follow-up mission. Follow-up of cases against four wildlife offenders who were sentenced to jail time ranging from 18 months to 5 years for capturing African grey parrots and trafficking trophies of integrally protected species.

A MIXED MISSION BETWEEN THE NNNP AND LAKE TÉLÉ COMMUNITY RESERVE TEAMS WAS ORGANIZED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE INTERZONE BETWEEN BOTH PROTECTED AREAS.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



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A rare visitor was observed in Mbeli Bai, a bull elephant in musth who previously visited the bai only 4 times in 2 years.

WILDLIFE CRIME UNIT



- 9 poaching networks were monitored and 9 new traffickers/poachers were identified.
- 29 prisoners are currently in prison.

AVIATION PROGRAM



Surveillance flights: 2 (03h05m)
Logistics flights: 5 (09h45m)

500 hours engine check on the aircraft done. Procedure for the removal of trees in the approach area of the Kabo airstrip.



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Construction work on the new lodging facility to accommodate ecoguards has started in Bomassa.



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Salongo' session for public health led by the administrative authorities of Kabo District, assisted by NNNP agents and residents of Bomassa.



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Meeting between USAid's delegation and the actors of the Bomassa community ecotourism project.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Health checks, vaccination program and prenatal consultations for infants and pregnant mothers.

9 0
* including 4 indigenous people



Meeting to validate the document formalizing the areas allocated to the Park by the Bomassa community.

5 17
* including 4 autochtones



A total of 207 patients were treated at the Bomassa Health Center

104 103
* including 43 indigenous people

- Preparation of the so-called CAP surveys, the purpose of which is to assess the Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (CAP, in French) of local communities with regard to conservation initiatives.
- WCS and African Park's socio-economic teams attended a training workshop to learn about the tools to assess the governance and impacts of conservation projects on the livelihoods of local communities.
- Participation of the Bomassa health worker in a training workshop about the treatment of lymphatic filariasis.

RESEARCH AND MONITORING

Elephant Listening Project (ELP) :

Research assistant Frelcia Bambsi facilitated a training workshop on bioacoustics in Douala organized by Cornell University.

Wildlife Health Program (WHP): All staff of the WHP Ouessou veterinary program were vaccinated against HepB. Eight parrots were released from the Bomassa Rehabilitation Centre. Training completed for two assistants on the new wildlife carcass sampling protocol.

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Mondika : Alice Zambarda, the new site manager, arrived in the field for a month of handover with Ivonne Kienast. The focal videos show for the first time a young gorilla male named Aimé feeding on insects on rotten seeds of Gilbertiodendron.



Mbeli Bai Study: A large elephant bull in musth visited the bai. He had been spotted only 4 times in the past 2 years. Most gorilla groups were exceptionally playful and social during the encounters at the bai this month.



Goulougo Triangle Ape Project (GTAP) : The new site manager, Sean Brogan, has arrived to replace Juan Ortega. Gorilla Jeanne's surviving infant (from the recent birth of twins) is active and healthy.

TOURISM

A total of 13 visitors were received this month (3 international tourists, 2 employees, 2 resident tourists and 6 donors).

Number of bed nights:
Bomassa: 29, Mondika:



LOGISTICS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Construction work begins in the village of Bomassa for the ecoguards housing facility. Construction of the site manager's new house in Mbeli has also begun.

NDOKI MEDIA:

Le Parc National de Nouabalé-Ndoki bénéficie d'un financement important de l'Union Européenne (p.80)

