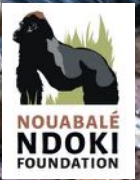


NOUABALE-NDOKI NATIONAL PARK, JANUARY 2020



A juvenile giant pangolin released after seizure from traffickers. ©E.Richards/WCS

SUMMARY

- Unveiling of the TNS World Heritage of Humanity monument, carried out by UNESCO with the support of WCS and thanks to funding from the European Union. The ceremony took place in the presence of the Minister of Tourism and Environment, the Minister of Culture and Arts, the Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Forest Economy, the UNESCO representative, and the Chargé d'affaires of the Ambassadors of Cameroon and CAR in Congo.
- A final evaluation mission took place in the TNS as part of the EU-funded CAWFHI project to strengthen the protection of the outstanding biodiversity of the region through the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.
- The start of work to repair access roads to the NNNP forest camps. In total 80 km of roads will be repaired providing easier access to the Park and its various research sites.

CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY

NNNP arrests:

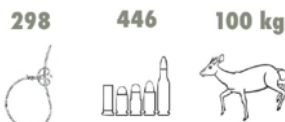


*five of whom were transferred to local courts

Hunting camp monitoring:

16 camps visited **13** camps destroyed

Seizures:

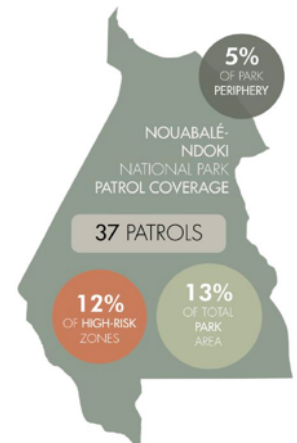
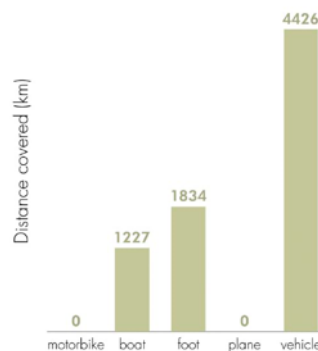


Illegally killed elephants:



*red indicates carcasses found within the park boundaries

Patrol effort:



Anti-poaching Development and Support: Implementation of a new deployment schedule for ecoguard units. Working visits to Ndoki 2 and Makao bases prior to the installations of their new control rooms.

THREE POACHERS ARRESTED IN THE FOREST AND BROUGHT TO JUSTICE FOLLOWING ELEPHANT POACHING IN THE PARK.

WILDLIFE CRIME UNIT

- Monitoring of 17 poaching and trafficking networks



- A new schedule was put in place to better coordinate survey activities, improving the unit's follow up of investigations.

AVIATION PROGRAM



Surveillance flights: 0

Logistics flights: 0

The process of recruiting a new pilot is underway. One candidate has been selected.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Unveiling ceremony of the TNS World Heritage Site plaque in Kabo.



An extremely rare sighting of a bongo (Tragelaphus euryceros) at Mbéli Bai.



The newly completed accommodation block is ready to receive ecoguards.



A CIB grader repaired the roads on the periphery of the NNNP.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Facilitation of paediatric and prenatal consultations for pregnant women in Bomassa.

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* all are Bantu



The necessary documentation for 16 Bomassa and Makao students receiving education scholarships were finalized. The students received scholarships for the first two quarters.

8 students in Bomassa
8 students in Makao



Creation of the Youth Association for the Development of Bomassa with the assistance of the community development team.

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* all are Bantu

- A mission by the Head of the Community Development Department to Makao, to decide on the roadmap for 2020 with particular focus on the creation of a community pharmacy initiated by the Integrated Health Center.

- A cultural exchange took place between students from Bomassa School and Lauren Montessori School in the Netherlands during an environmental education session. Letters and short videos were exchanged between the children of the two schools that are 6,000 km apart.

- Celebration of World Education Day in Makao and Bomassa. In Makao, primary and middle school students attended the raising flag ceremony, which was followed by a parade and a theatre play.

RESEARCH AND MONITORING

Elephant Listening Project (ELP) :

Analysis of the acoustic data from recording units placed in the forest continues to provide information on the occurrence of shots fired in the southern zone of the Park and its periphery.

Wildlife Health Program (WHP):

Two days of hands-on training in wildlife carcass sampling techniques was provided to six staff members at the Goulougo site. Four African grey parrots were successfully released from the Bomassa Rehabilitation Centre. There are currently eight parrots remaining.

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SITES



Mondika: The adult female Camara, daughter of Kingo, was observed one last time at the beginning of the month, suggesting that she has left the group for good. She regularly stayed away from the group before her departure.



Mbéli Bai Study: For the first time in years, a bongo (Tragelaphus euryceros) was observed at Mbéli bai. A research note was published on an exciting behaviour observed among the gorillas of Mbéli: the intervention of a third party.



Goulougo Triangle Ape Project (GTAP) : Another example of tool use in chimpanzees was observed when Oz used two sticks to collect honey. The baby of female chimpanzee Eeva, born last month, is a female.

TOURISM

A total of 27 visitors were hosted this month (1 international tourist, 3 resident tourist, 2 donors and VIPs, 21 employees).

Number of bed nights:
Bomassa: 76, Mondika: 2.



LOGISTICS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Rehabilitation work on 80 km of tracks. Resurfacing of the aviation hangar in Kabo. Construction of the new eight-room building for the accommodation of ecoguards in Bomassa.

NDOKI MEDIA:

Une stèle pour la conservation de la biodiversité à Sangha

