

NOUABALE-NDOKI NATIONAL PARK, NOVEMBER 2019



A group of colobus guereza feeding at the Park Headquarters. A.Mouele/WCS

SUMMARY

- o The closing ceremony of the ecoguards training took place at Ndoki Formation under the high patronage of the DG of ACFAP, Mr BOCKANDZA-PACO, and the authorities of Kabo District.
- o The monument that will host UNESCO's commemorative plate honouring the status of the Tri-National Sangha as World Heritage Site has been completed.
- o Clearing work has begun on the future site of the Bomassa Community Centre in partnership with Sabine Plattner African Charities (SPAC).

CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY

NNNP arrests:

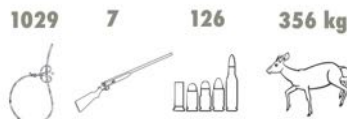


* 33 suspects apprehended and 01 arrested.

Hunting camp monitoring:

24 camps visited **23** camps destroyed

Seizures:

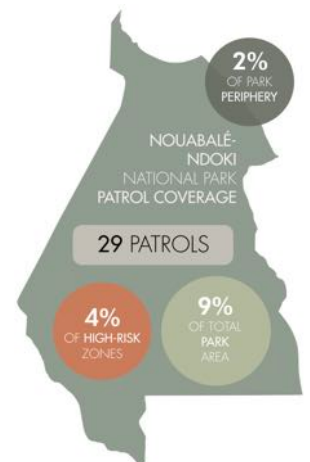
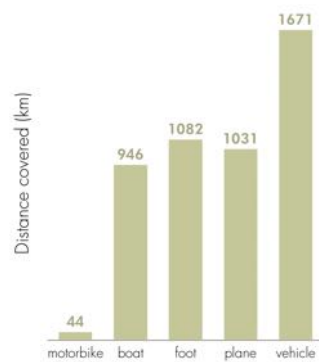


Illegally killed elephants:



* one carcasse found inside the park boundaries.

Patrol effort:



Operation & Information Fusion Centre: Immersion tour of the control room by the new WCS Regional Analyst. Thanks to the continuous support of our donors, we were able to fully equip new recruits.

NEW RECRUITS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE SIX-WEEK TRAINING COURSE AND JOINED THE PARK'S RANGER FORCE

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Self-defense demo at the closing ceremony of the ecoguard training.

WILDLIFE CRIME UNIT

- 13 traffickers/poachers identified
- 4 follow-up on court audiences (2 in Ouesso and 2 in Impfondo)
- Assistance provided to the Impfondo penitentiary to manage health care for poachers detained.

AVIATION PROGRAM



Surveillance flights: 2 (05h51m)
Logistics flights: 8 (11h28m)

The aircraft was grounded due to an electrical failure. Both airfields' licenses, Kabo and Makao-Thany were renewed by civil aviation for an additional six-month period.



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Female gorilla Gentille and Fabrice in Mététélé's group.



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Construction of six community long-drop toilets in Bomassa and Bon-Coin.



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An adult female elephant and her youngest infant visited the bai after 2 years of absence.

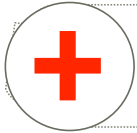
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Assistance provided to pregnant ladies and young patients to attend prenatal consultations and vaccinations program at Kabo hospital **11** * pregnant



Allocation of 10 allowances to the elderly in Bomassa and Makao in food and cash. **7** **3** * including 4 indigenous people



A total of 185 patients were treated at the Bomassa and Makao's Health Centres. **111** **75** * including 55 indigenous people

- Exchange meeting between Community Development Dept.'s agents and the health personnel of the Bomassa Health Centre, to improve its operations, including the management of the community pharmacy.

- Six community long-drops toilets were built, four in Bomassa and two in Bon-coin, in the indigenous quarters. This is part of a partnership between the community of Bomassa, the Park and CIB-Olam.

- Two agents of the Community Development's team carried out a mission to Ouesso to supply the Bomassa community pharmacy.

RESEARCH AND MONITORING

Elephant Listening Project (ELP) :
Data recovery from the Mombongo ARU. No shots recorded at the site for the last month.

Wildlife Health Program (WHP):
Practical training on the necropsy of chimpanzee brains in Bomassa given by Dr Livia PATRONO of the Robert Kock Institute in Berlin (Germany) and Dr Alain ONDZIE.

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Mondika : A second new female has been observed 3 times in Kingo's group. With the two new females, Kingo's group now numbers 10 individuals. Metetele's group numbers 16 individuals.



Mbeli Bai Study: A female Situngas Naomie died presumably from snakebite in the bai. A new study was launched by research assistant Jess BAHAMBOULA using camera traps to better evaluate the composition of the forest elephant population in the forest surrounding Mbeli Bai.



Goulougo Triangle Ape Project (GTAP) :
An incredible observation of 'bridging' was made when female chimpanzee Vanessa broke a branch that enabled her infant Abel to re-enter the canopy.

TOURISM

A total of 58 visitors were hosted this month (8 international tourists, 5 national tourists, 45 collaborators).

Number of bed nights:
Bomassa: 58, Mondika: 13.



LOGISTICS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Visit to the site of the future school of Bomassa by 8 bidding contractors. Completion of rebuilding work at the Mokala outpost camp.

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