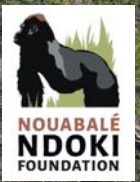


NOUABALE-NDOKI NATIONAL PARK JUNE 2018



The beautiful Wali Bai, a tourist attraction half an hour's walk from Bomassa.
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SUMMARY

- Following the completion of the paramilitary ranger training course, 23 new recruits successfully completed the course and were offered contracts to take up service as Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park rangers.
- Launch of the inception phase of the Sustainable Wildlife Management (SWiM) in Congo, funded by the European Union and implemented by a consortium including FAO, CIRAD, CIFOR and WCS.
- A great ape parasitology workshop led by renowned primate parasitologist Tom Gillespie (Emory University, USA), and organised by Goulougo Triangle Ape project took place in Bomassa.

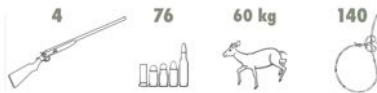
CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY

PNNN arrests:



*none of whom were transferred to the courts.

Seizures:



Illegally killed elephants:

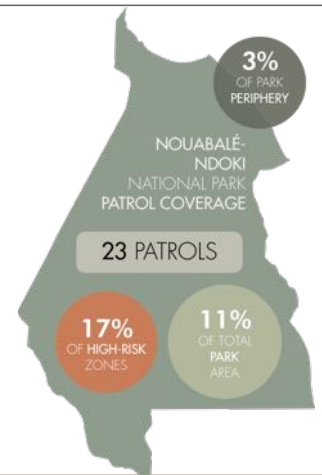
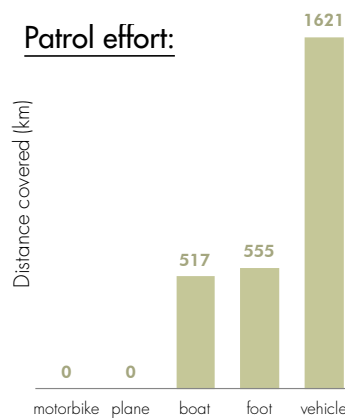


*red indicates carcasses found within the Park boundaries.

Hunting camp monitoring:

2 camp visited **2** camp destroyed

Patrol effort:



Operations & Information Fusion Centre: Following the completion of the ranger training course the Nouabalé-Ndoki ranger force units were re-structured. Distribution of field kit to all new ranger recruits before deployment into the field. Additional training given to all new ranger recruits on the NNNP communication protocol and the use of Garmin™ InReach devices.

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

WILDLIFE CRIME UNIT

The WCU collaborated with the Lusaka Task Force to carry out a joint investigation into pangolin scale smuggling in Brazzaville. 20 trafficking/poaching networks monitored and 38 traffickers/poachers identified.

AVIATION PROGRAM



Surveillance flights: 0
Logistics flights: 5 (5 h 18 m)

No surveillance flights took place this month as the use of the Maka-Linganga and Kabo airstrips was put on hold until the Civil Aviation Authority issued the necessary permissions.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



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Aimee one of the infants in the Kingo group of habituated gorillas at the Mondika Gorilla Project, feeds on Placodiscus fruit.





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The new housing for the two new Caterpillar™ generators in Bomassa.



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Trainees preparing parasite cultures from fresh gorilla dung from Mondika, during the parasite training workshop in Bomassa.



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Presentation of prizes, sponsored by the Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park, to the best students at the Bomassa Primary School.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



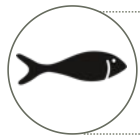
Allocation of eleven pensions to senior citizens in Makao and Bomassa

8 3
*including 5 indigenous people



Two sessions of English lessons completed in Bomassa

0 5
*including 1 indigenous people



Meeting held to validate the regulations of the Makao Fishing Association

0 25
*including 0 indigenous people

- The Park Management Unit validated and paid study fees of eight scholarship holders from Makao for this quarter.
- Attendance of a WCS-Congo training workshop by a socio-economic assistant in Brazzaville for capacity building in Basic Necessity Survey (BNS) data management on the Kobo application and monitoring the result chains of socio-economic activities.
- Sixty fishermen from the Motaba Basin received training on the use of Chorkor ovens, a new technique for smoking fish that produces a higher quality product, that lasts longer and gives fishermen better prices for their smoked fish.

RESEARCH AND MONITORING

Elephant Listening Project (ELP): The team completed a 21-day mission in the NNNP in the East Goulougo River zone and 9 days in the Bonio area to change the batteries and SD cards in 31 acoustic units.

Wildlife Health Program (WHP): The African Fish Eagle (*Haliaeetus vocifer*) at the Bomassa Rehabilitation Centre was released, but continues to stay in the vicinity of the cages and be supported by the parrot care team. Dr Alain Ondzie attended two weeks of practical veterinary training under the guidance of Dr Thierry Petit DVM at the Palmyre Zoo, France. The aim was to learn the techniques of catching wild animals by darting rifle.

NNNP RESEARCH SITES



Mondika: Habituation: Direct observations of new gorilla individuals have been recorded on 7 occasions, 5 of which were the targeted group for habituation and 2 of other groups, one identified as the group of female Emilie (with Kingo until 2016) emigrated to.



Mbali Bai Study: 20 days of observation during which 27 gorilla visits were made by 11 groups and 4 solitary males. Reparation work of the Mbali mirador and the walkway to the Mbali river were advanced.



Goulougo Triangle Ape Project (GTAP): A female chimpanzee orphan has been observed with adult female Elo and her infant Emma. Twelve episodes of tool use observed in the Moto chimpanzee community this month.

TOURISM

A total of 15 visitors were received this month (5 tourists, 10 Non-WCS collaborators). Number of bed nights: Bomassa: 49, Mondika: 11.



LOGISTICS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Completion of the housing for the two new 13 KVA Caterpillar™ generators in Bomassa. Two week visit to Bomassa from Logistics consultant Charlie McQueen to assess functioning of logistics systems.

NDOKI MEDIA:

Father's day tribute to Kingo on WCS Wildcards blog.

