Evaluating effectiveness of Public-Private Partnerships for Protected Areas in Central Africa – example of Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park

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• Why a PPP?
• What was needed to put this in place
• Is it working?
• Opportunities and challenges
Long history of PA management

- 1991 – WCS conducted wildlife surveys in Ndoki forests
- 1993 – Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park created
- 1994 – WCS signed a co-management agreement for NNNP with the Government of Congo
- 1999 – PROGEPP buffer zone management project created between GOC, WCS and CIB
- 2008 – Financial crisis – boom and bust
- 2010 – Elephant poaching crisis
New Public-Private Partnership agreements signed in 2013-2014
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Key ingredients

- Law enforcement capacity
- Management systems
- Business planning
- Performance monitoring
- Strengthening of judiciary
- Community development
Law enforcement strategy

1. Expansion of ecoguard force and SMART patrols
2. Creation of Rapid Reaction Unit
3. Creation of Control Room (HQ)
4. Establish Wildlife Crime Unit
5. Establish community associations for fishing and hunting
6. Working with logging companies to monitor/enforce best practices
- 7-fold increase in ranger-force
- 85% increase in patrol coverage between 2013-2015
- 89% of ‘critical area’ now patrolled
Wildlife Crime Unit
Since its creation in January 2016, the WCU has arrested 15 traffickers and poachers, of which 7 have been sent to prison.
Proportion of dead elephants illegally killed is decreasing

- # Poached Carcasses NNNP
- # Poached Carcasses Landscape
- # Total Carcasses Landscape
- PIKE

Target PIKE

Financial benefits

• $2.5 million new revenue annually
  – $1 mil FTNS
  – $1 mil Private
  – $0.5 mil EU
Next steps

1. Implement aerial surveillance program
2. Increase coordination between WCU, RRU and Bomassa control center in order to intercept wildlife crimes
3. Support strengthening of judiciary
4. Continue major tourism facility and base infrastructure upgrades
Conclusion

Since the creation of the Nouable Ndoki Foundation in 2015, NNNP has focused on increasing capacity, infrastructure and management systems.

The greatest impact of the NNF has been our ability to substantially increase law enforcement efforts through the increase of the patrol force (7 fold), installation of new advanced posts, the creation of a RRU, WCU and control room, and more sophisticated training in investigations, operations, and intelligence gathering.

Future work will focus on ensuring proper application of the law in the courts.
Thank You.
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