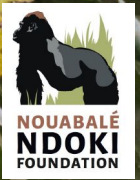


NOUABALE-NDOKI NATIONAL PARK, FEBRUARY 2020



A pirogue on the Sangha river. ©F.Monteau/WCS

SUMMARY

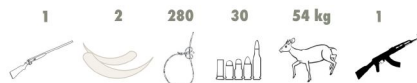
- o The 11th Meeting of the Nouabalé-Ndoki Foundation (FNN) Board of Administrators was held on 14 February 2020 in Brazzaville. The Board acknowledged that the 2019 Annual Work Plan had been fully implemented and approved the Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2020.
- o The results of the evaluation of the Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park using IMET (Integrated Management Effectiveness Tool) were presented to the Congolese Agency for Wildlife and Protected Areas (ACFAP) in the presence of numerous partners.
- o Training on the principles of natural resource governance by community-based organizations was delivered to Park Community Development staff by the NGO Well Grounded.

CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY

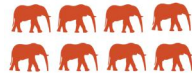
NNNP arrests:



Seizures:



Illegally killed elephants:

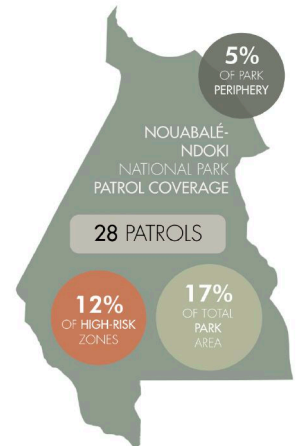
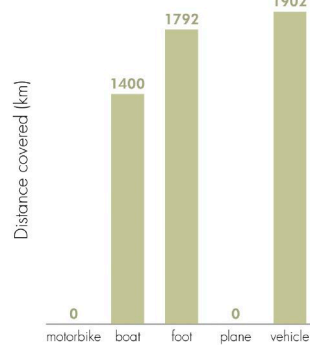


* red indicates carcasses found within the park boundaries

Hunting camp monitoring:

33 camps visited **31** camps destroyed

Patrol effort:



Anti-poaching Development and Support: 22 Park ecoguards took part in an anthrax awareness raising meeting run by the WHP. The Park Warden took part in a 'train-the-trainers' session on intelligence and judicial procedures, organized by ACFAP. Refresher training of three ecoguard units.

AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SMALL HUNTING CAMPS WAS DISCOVERED IN THE WEST OF THE PARK. 24 ILLEGAL CAMPS WERE DESTROYED.

WILDLIFE CRIME UNIT

- 14 poaching and wildlife trafficking networks under surveillance.



- Identification of 10 traffickers/poachers not yet listed in the database.

AVIATION PROGRAM



Surveillance flights: 0

Logistics flights: 0

A new pilot has been recruited, however the COVID-19 crisis is delaying his arrival in Congo.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Mondika's site manager taking a sample from a bushpig carcass. ©F.Monteau/WCS



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Saik, the one year old male gorilla, is moving further and further away from his mother and shows curiosity about the Mondika research team.



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Three parrots seized from poachers were received and ringed at the Bomassa Rehabilitation Centre.



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Female gorillas observed in the middle of conflict at Mbeli Bai.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



The Salongo session, which promote communal cleaning of public spaces, brought together 20 people and the children of Bomassa's primary school.

32 50
*including 17 indigenous children



Awareness raising sessions for the Indigenous People of Bomassa and Bon-Coin on hygiene best-practice was held.

42 23
*all indigenous



The health centres recorded 151 patient consultations in Bomassa and 58 in Makao.

98 111
*including 48 indigenous

- Training by the NGO Well Grounded to improve the governance of natural resources by community-based organizations.

- A Community Officer was recruited and joined the Community Development team.

- Arrival at the Makao Integrated Health Centre of a new Head of Centre assigned by the Likouala Departmental Health Directorate.

- The construction of a craft market and an ecomuseum began, to enable the community of Bomassa to better display and sell handicrafts and art objects.

RESEARCH AND MONITORING

Elephant Listening Project (ELP) :

A mission to collect field data began this month.

Wildlife Health Program (WHP):

Hands-on training of Mondika site staff in the collection of wildlife carcass samples. Awareness raising and training on antropo-zoonotic diseases provided to 22 ecoguards in NNNP.

NNNP
RESEARCH
SITES



Mondika: The dry season caused the 3 gorillas groups to drink more often from the river. Some individuals lost weight due to the lack of available food. The number of interactions with elephants has doubled compared to last month.



Mbeli Bai Study: Adult females of the largest group of Jacamo gorillas were observed during physical interactions. Distinct groups formed during the conflict, while the silverback showed very little interest.



Goulougo Triangle Ape Project (GTAP) : Observations were made of Massaka, a silverback male, as the team tracked the female gorilla Jeanne more frequently. Loya and Massaka were seen feeding in close proximity to each other.

TOURISM

A total of 27 visitors were hosted this month (3 international tourists, 1 resident tourist, 1 donor and VIPs, 13 employees).

Number of bed nights:
Bomassa: 116, Mondika: 25.



LOGISTICS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Completion of the ground surfacing of the Kabo aviation hangar. Beginning of the construction of the Bomassa handicraft market and a four-bedroom VIP accommodation in the NNNP base.

NDOKI MEDIA:

Rare giant pangolin rescue

