PROMOTING PEACEFUL TRANSHUMANCE IN NORTHERN CAMEROON: AWF APPROACH IN FARO LANDSCAPE

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Enhancement of peaceful transhumance through a set of mechanisms & tools: A valuable legacy of ECOFAC 6 (2017 - 2022) to TEI/CaSeVe (2023 - 2027) in the Faro Landscape

Major Challenges in Faro Landscape

- Commercial poaching
- Transhumance
- Mining along Faro river
- Insecurity
- Effects of climate change

- TANGO Association (focus of this presentation)
- Stakeholders' Forum
- Transhumance and poaching alert systems
- Land Use and Development Plan
- Manual for peaceful transhumance in the Faro Landscape
TANGO: definition and membership

- Conceptual clarification
  - TANGO is a community-based association with role to contribute in promoting peaceful transhumance by acting as interface between transhumants, PA Authorities and other stakeholders
  - Formally established as legal entity since 2021

- Not everyone is accepted as a TANGO Member
  - Integrity and commitment to promote conservation goals
  - Need to reflect the diversity of Mbororo-Fulani groups (ethnicities who are fluent in the customs and language of the arriving herders)
  - Inclusive: gender and age groups
  - From 2021 till now, members have grown from 12 to 25 (including 4 Women).
TANGO Association : Role

- Sensitization on a peaceful transhumance in the Faro-Nigerian Great Block as a win-win situation,
- Informing herders of areas where grazing is prohibited, including PAs and villages that also use grazing and grow crops vulnerable to livestock,
- Collecting and sharing information on transhumant movements and their positions in and around the Faro National Park,
- Guiding herders to areas where they can go with less damage and less risk of attacks by thieves,
- Inciting herders to express their needs and concerns.
The TANGO approach has contributed to reducing conflicts and provides a peaceful means of guiding herders to areas where they can go with less damage and less risk of attacks by thieves,

Between 2017 – 2022, TANGO receives technical and logistical supports from AWF within ECOFAC 6 (funded by EU)…

…This support is continuing, thanks to the the EU-funded Green Northern Cameroon Project (CaSeVe, 2023 – 2027) under Team Europe Initiative) and implemented by AWF, Noé and Conserve Global (component 3: Resources and natural habitats are managed in a more sustainable and inclusive manner)…

…Therefore, sufficient measures have been taken to provide a long-term sustainable support to TANGO to guarantee its eventual autonomy.
Thank you for your attention!