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Termit and Tin-Toumma Nature Reserve, specifically the Termit massif, is one of the main nesting sites of lappet-faced vultures in Niger, a species classified as "endangered" in the IUCN red list. During the second mission to monitor their nests, a drone from the reserve was able to film one of them.

THE 3 PROTECTED AREAS WHERE "PARCS DE NOÉ" IS LOCATED :



HIGHLIGHTS

NIGER > TERMIT TIN-TOUMMA NATURE RESERVE



On May 20, the Minister of the Environment and the Fight against Desertification, Mrs. Garama Saratou Rabou Inoussa, visited the Nature Reserve of Termit and Tin-Toumma with local and regional authorities.



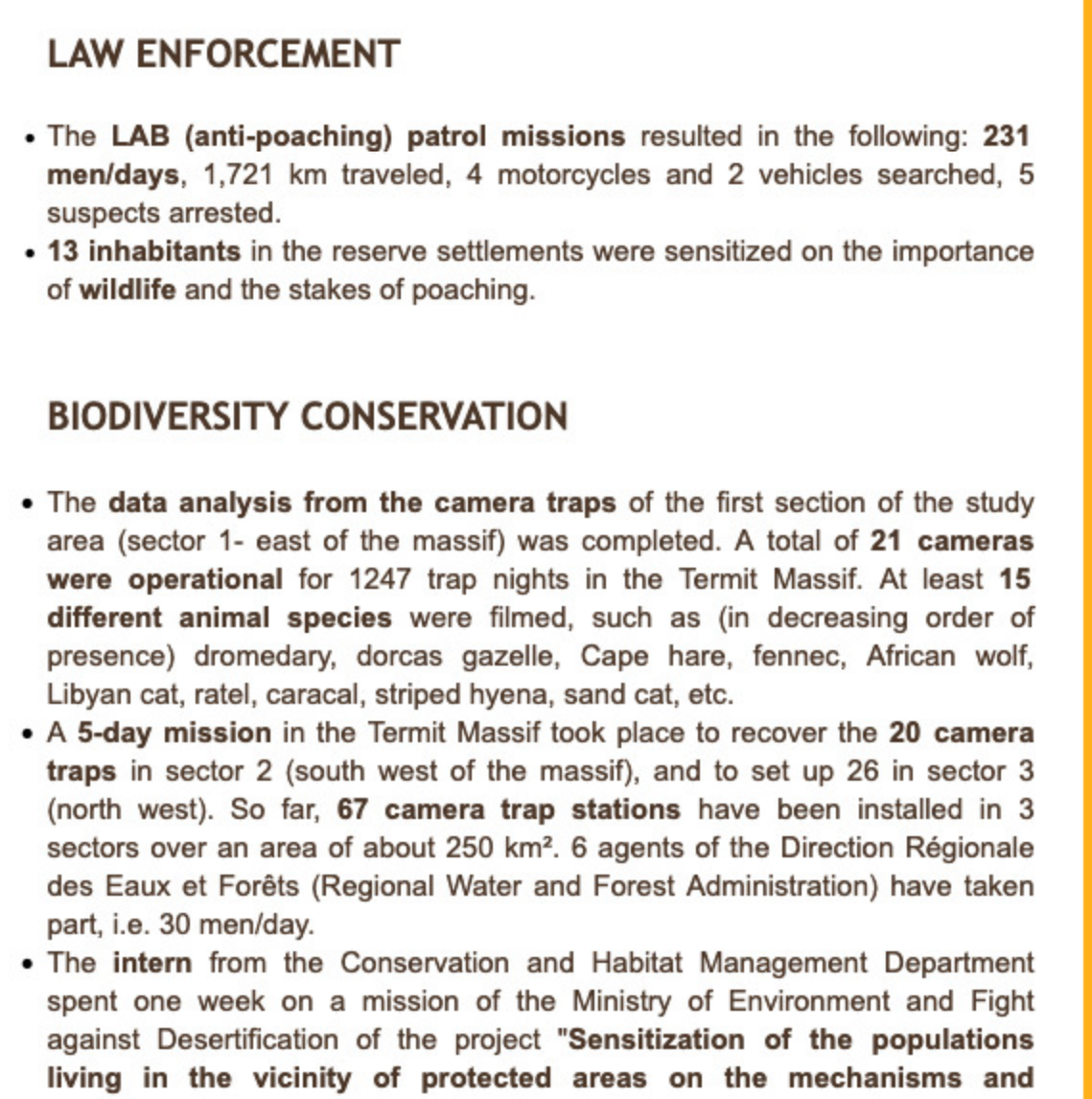
The Technical Management Unit team has finally settled into Camp Mena, the headquarters in the heart of the reserve and Tin-Toumma Reserve (above maintenance of the central square).

CHAD > ZAH SOO NATIONAL PARK

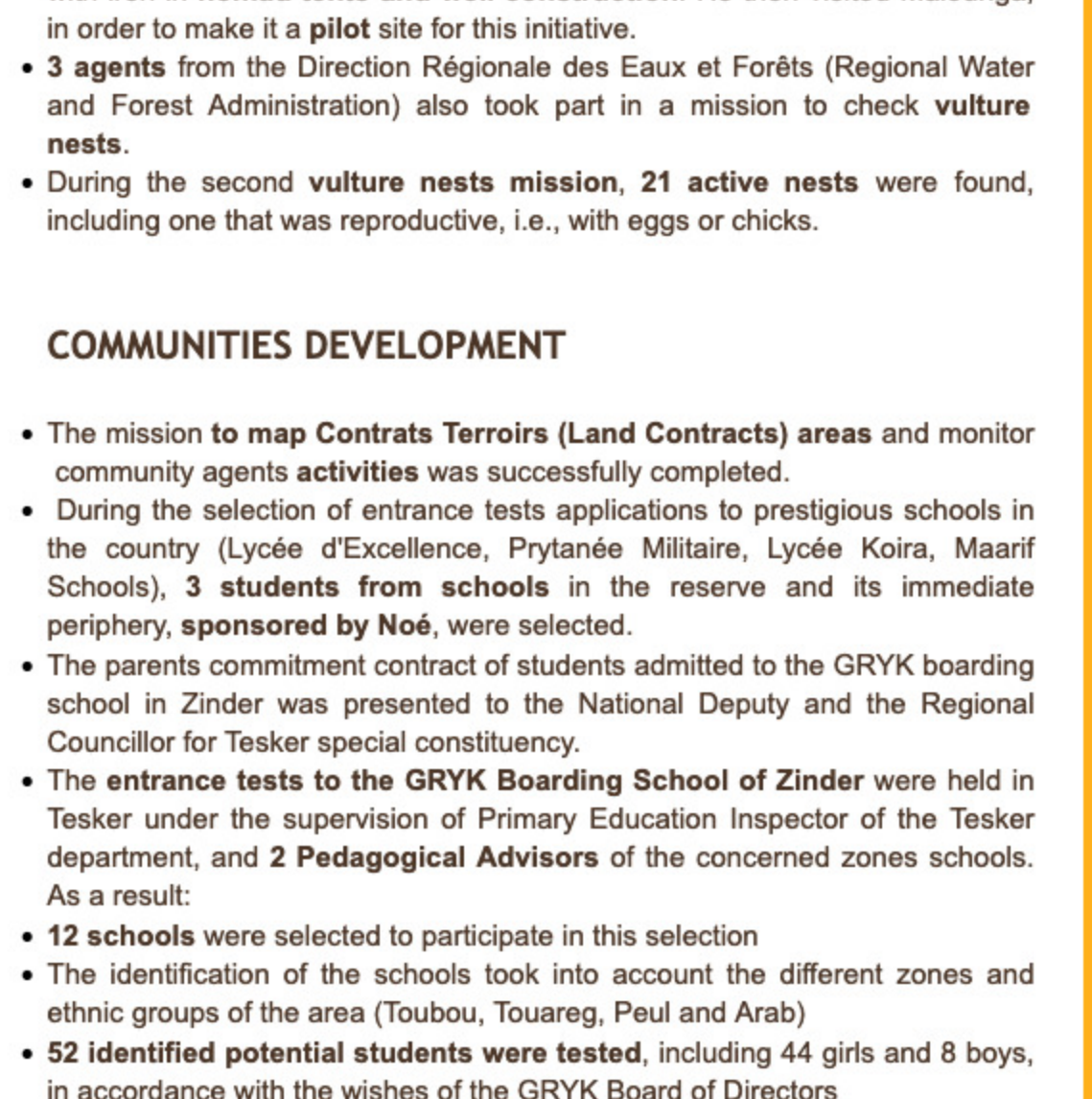


Work on the road marking the perimeter of Zah Soo National Park has begun with the bulldozer purchased by Noé (above).

CONGO > KONKOUATI-DOULI NATIONAL PARK



Holding of the 1st ordinary session of the Board of Directors of the Konkouati-Douli National Park on April 12, 2022, in Pointe Noire.



The tourist reception kiosk is now operational at the Yanka post, with two tourism agents recruited (1 man and 1 woman), to welcome visitors to the park and collect entrance fees.

PROGRESS PER SITE

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MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- EarthRanger platform is now operational in the reserve. It is a system that allows monitoring and communication with teams in the field.
- The construction of the surrounding wall of Camp Mena continues and has exceeded 50% of the total area.
- The Minister of the Environment and her delegation visited Camp Mena in the heart of the reserve.
- Camp Mena was finalized and officially opened by the staff, despite the weather. 8 concrete squares are unveiled with the flag pole for colours and standards. Rendering of the external facades will follow to shield the roofs and walls from the high temperatures (46°C at the hottest, and an average of 42°C in May).

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- The LAB (anti-poaching) patrol missions resulted in the following: 231 man/days, 1,721 km traveled, 4 motorcycles and 2 vehicles searched, 5 suspects arrested.
- 13 inhabitants in the reserve settlements were sensitized on the importance of wildlife and the stakes of poaching.

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

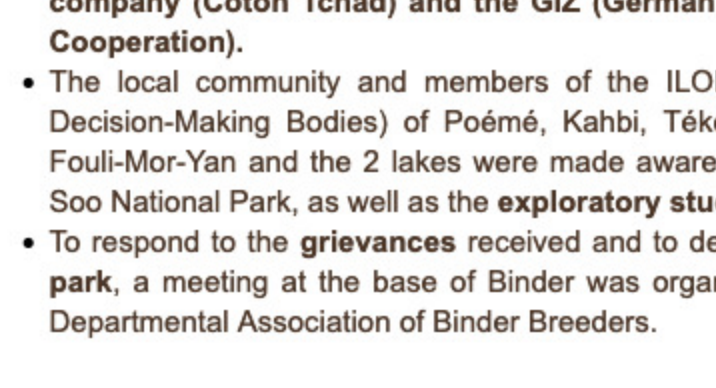
- The data analysis from the camera traps of the first section of the study area (sector 1: east of the massif) was completed. A total of 21 cameras were operational for 1247 trap nights in the Termit Massif. At least 15 different animal species were filmed, such as (in decreasing order of presence) dromedary, dorcas gazelle, Cape hare, fennec, African wolf, Libyan cat, ratel, caracal, striped hyena, sand cat, etc.
- A 5-day mission in the Termit Massif took place to recover the 20 camera traps in sector 2 (south west of the massif), and to set up 26 in sector 3 (north west). So far, 67 camera trap stations have been installed in 3 sectors over an area of about 250 km<sup>2</sup>. 6 agents of the Direction Régionale des Eaux et Forêts (Regional Water and Forest Administration) have taken part, i.e. 30 man/day.
- The intern from the Conservation and Habitat Management Department spent one week on a mission of the Ministry of Environment and Fight against Desertification of the project "Sensitization of the populations living in the vicinity of protected areas on the mechanisms and objectives of the environmental surveillance of wildlife". In total, 7 villages were visited in the reserve and its periphery, and sensitized to the dangers of zoonoses.
- The intern also went on a two-day mission to Gouni, to contact a manufacturer of metal products to be used in a project of replacing wood with iron in nomad tents and well construction. He then visited Maloungou, in order to make a pilot site for this initiative.
- 3 agents from the Direction Régionale des Eaux et Forêts (Regional Water and Forest Administration) also took part in a mission to check culture nests.
- During the second vulture nests mission, 21 active nests were found, including one that was reproductive, i.e., with eggs or chicks.

COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT

- The mission to map Contrats Territoriaux (Land Contracts) areas and monitor community agents activities was successfully completed.
- During the selection of entrance tests applications to prestigious schools in the country (Lycée d'Excellence, Polytechnique Militaire, Lycée Koina, Maarif Schools), 3 students from schools in the reserve and its immediate periphery, sponsored by Noé, were selected.
- The parents' commitment contract of students admitted to the GRYK boarding school in Zinder was presented to the National Deputy and the Regional Councilor for Tesker special constituency.
- The entrance tests to the GRYK Boarding School of Zinder were held in Tesker under the supervision of Primary Education Inspector of the Tesker department, and 2 Pedagogical Advisors of the concerned zones schools. As a result:
  - 12 schools were selected to participate in this selection
  - The identification of the schools took into account the different zones and ethnic groups of the area (Toubou, Touareg, Peul and Arab)
  - 52 identified potential students were tested, including 41 girls and 8 boys, in accordance with the wishes of the GRYK Board of Directors
  - Noé provided transportation to and from the test and catering for the candidates and supervisors.



Good news for the reserve, which sponsored Mahaman Malam Moussa (a student from a family in the protected area): the young boy won the Physics prize in the competition that has been held during Energy Day (photo opposite)



A sand cat in the trap camera : Observations of this type of feline are extremely rare, and this is the first photo of a sand cat taken in the reserve. The pointed ears, the tip of the tail and the two black bands on the legs are typical of this species.

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MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- The Park Manager, the LAB (anti-poaching) Mentor and the Head of the park's control room carried out an exchange mission to Zakouma National Park, managed by NGO African Parks in Chad.
- The Coordinator and the APEF Technical Assistant (Protected Areas and Fragile Systems - EU Program) conducted a monitoring mission in the park.
- Training for Noé staff in financial procedures was undertaken at the Binder base.
- Recruitment continues, with a logistics manager in N'Djamena, a light vehicle driver, a bulldozer driver and a warehouse/logistician in Binder.
- The bulldozer has been delivered, and work has begun on opening the northern perimeter road.
- A Toyota Hilux double cab vehicle was purchased for the offices in N'Djamena, as well as 3 motorcycles for the Binder base.
- 3 Toyota Land Cruisers have been bought and will be delivered in mid-August, and 6 motorcycles have been purchased.
- Work on the extension of the Binder base (3 rooms, a living room, a kitchen and an additional guest house) has been completed.
- The bulldozer opened up the perimeter road to the northeast by 32 km, and marked 63 km to the northeast.
- 3 potential sites were identified for the future HQ in the park (two in the center and one in the north).

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- 49 surveillance missions were carried out, totaling 948 man/days of effort for 1448 kilometers on foot and 2103 kilometers by motorcycle, by the anti-poaching patrols (LAB).
- 37 people were arrested, including 19 herders, 9 poachers, 7 woodcutters and 2 illegal occupants. Among them, 12 herders and 1 poacher were fined a total of 3,070,000 CFA francs, which was sent to the Binder Tax Office. 4 poachers, 2 woodcutters, and 1 herder were referred to Court. The other offenders received a warning.
- Seizures of the month: 63 edged weapons, 7 bows and quivers, 4 fishing nets, 2 bird nets, 300 poached birds representing 70% of meat, then distributed to the hospital.
- A joint patrol of the Binder-Léré Protected Area Complex, the GUNT (National and Nomadic Guard of Chad), and the police was launched to reinforce the presence in the east of the protected area.
- EarthRanger platform is now operational. Developed using a data model from African Parks, it allows for real-time tracking of teams and other GPS sensors in the park. The 6 operators recruited for the control room will benefit from a 3 week training course in June with an expert from the South African NGO.

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- An aerial wildlife survey was conducted in the park with partner Wings For Conservation, providing an overview of wildlife populations at the establishment of Zah Soo National Park.
- A pilot study for a wildlife inventory using camera traps was also realized: 25 cameras were deployed in a 120km<sup>2</sup> area in the heart of the park. Two complete surveys were carried out in 10 days of fieldwork, and a categorization of the data is underway. Over 26 species have been identified.
- Another exploratory study aimed at counting and monitoring manatees in Lake Léré, with tests of acoustic sensors and sonar. More than 350 vocalizations were recorded in 2 days, and feces were collected for genetic diversity analysis. These data are currently being analyzed.
- For the manatee study, an intern based in Léré has been recruited. He will be followed by other hires such as a Livestock Officer and 4 community workers.
- The drone allowed a count of a significant portion of the Binder-Léré elephant group (110 individuals). The rest of the herd remained hidden under the forest canopy.
- Initial work is underway on the feasibility of reintroducing antelope, buffalo and ostrich into the protected area.

COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT

- An information and consultancy meeting was held with 8 village chiefs and 2 neighborhood chiefs of the southern sector of the park, to inform on activities and goals for the community development of the protected area. It was an opportunity to discuss local problems (reduction of fisheries resources, human/wildlife conflicts, etc.) and prospects for support for income-generating activities.
- A visit to the infrastructure of the village association Agedurene for community ecotourism took place, and logistic support was provided for the expansion of their building in the village of Ngumbi.
- A trip by the Deputy Director to the villages in the sector addressed the issue of illegal logging in the park (5 villages are targeted: Youbi, Koutou, Sirinou, KMA and Nkole).
- A trip by the park management unit to the village of Mvandji also provided an opportunity to discuss human/wildlife conflicts (elephants, bush pigs), as well as projects presented by the population for the development of artisanal fishing, agroforestry and livestock.
- Human/wildlife conflicts that degrade crops are a major concern of the park communities. The team experimented with natural repellent solutions in the fields of several villages: rags soaked with bee pheromones or a mixture of oil and highly concentrated crushed peppers.



Parcs de Noé is a program of the NGO Noé, which is a non-profit public nature protection organization in the protected nature, created in 2001. Noé has programs in France and around the globe to safeguard biodiversity for the benefit of all living, including the human species.

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