



To see the full video of this African wolf (*Canis lupaster*) filmed in the Natural Reserve of Termit and Tin-Toumma by one of our camera traps.

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HIGHLIGHTS



The first phase of the move of the Tesker site in the periphery of the reserve to the park's newly built HQ in the heart of the reserve was initiated. The HQ will be called "Camp Mensa", Mensa meaning in Hausa (most use language in Niger) gazelle dam.

A new Contrat Terroir between the reserve and the local communities of Aderbissinat has been signed. The Contracts govern the interaction between the reserve's support to the communities and their efforts to preserve their biodiversity.



To counter a measles epidemic in the region of the Termit and Tin-Toumma Nature Reserve, a 6-day health mission allowed the vaccination of about 1000 people, including many children. It was initiated by the local health authorities of Niger, and logistically supported by Parcs de Noé.

The draft law creating the Zah So National Park in Chad was validated by the Ministers. Also, a partnership agreement for the management of the Binder-Léré Protected Area Complex was written with the Technical Support Team of the Ministry of the Environment.



The first patrol since 2017 within the integrally protected area of the park consisted of 12 ecoguards during 11 days, reported 18 illegal mining camps in the park, totaling 251 persons. People were made aware of their illegality and the necessity to move.

PROGRESS PER SITE

TERMIT TIN-TOUMMA NATURE RESERVE

MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- The move was initiated from the Tesker site, in the periphery of the reserve, to the new camp under construction, in the heart of the reserve in the Termit massif.
- The name of the future base located in the reserve will be "Camp Mensa". Mensa is the name, in Hausa (the most widely spoken language in Niger), of the dama gazelle. The majority of the local population would like the future name to evoke this antelope, which is emblematic for Niger (national football team emblem) and of the area where the camp will be built.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- 308 man-days of patrolling carried out by the reserve's team in the Termit & Tin-Toumma massif.

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- The two ecological monitoring missions planned for May in the eastern part of the reserve (addax monitoring and barbary sheep monitoring) were postponed. Following the events in Chad, Chadian opponents as well as elements of the Chadian army in pursuit of them were present in the sector and made it too dangerous.

COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT

- Nearly 1,000 emergency measles vaccinations were ensured following the report of an outbreak. This mission benefited from the support of the Nigerian health authorities, in the form of vaccines and health personnel. Parcs de Noé was responsible for the organization and logistics of the operation.
- A new Contrat Terroir between the reserve and the local communities of Aderbissinat has been signed. The Land Contracts govern the interaction between the reserve's support to the communities within it, and the efforts to preserve their biodiversity.
- Different companies were consulted for the rehabilitation of two wells in the reserve, respectively Dongoumi and Kallouma. As these wells are no longer functional, the camps that used to use them must now travel excessive distances to obtain drinking water.



Above: 1,000 measles vaccinations were given during a six-day health mission this month to counter an outbreak in the Termit and Tin-Toumma Nature Reserve in Niger.

BINDER LÉRE WILDLIFE RESERVE

MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Due to the events in Chad last month, operations were slowed down and senior staff took the opportunity to take time off.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- The anti-poaching staff continued their patrols. Data will be available next month with the return of the expert Daniel Bost from his vacation.

Below: Anti-poaching agents continued patrols this month in the Binder-Léré Wildlife Reserve in Chad, despite the events that have shaken the country.



BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- The draft law creating the Zah So National Park was validated in consultation with the Ministers of the Government prior to the events that Chad experienced. It will be submitted to the National Transitional Council, which replaces the dissolved National Assembly, once it is in place.
- The four collared elephants are monitored daily. Still within the reserve, the main herd has remained in the gallery forests, while the 2 lone bulls frequent the northern part.

COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT

- The interim report of the gender study to improve our community development interventions has been provided. A consolidation is underway.

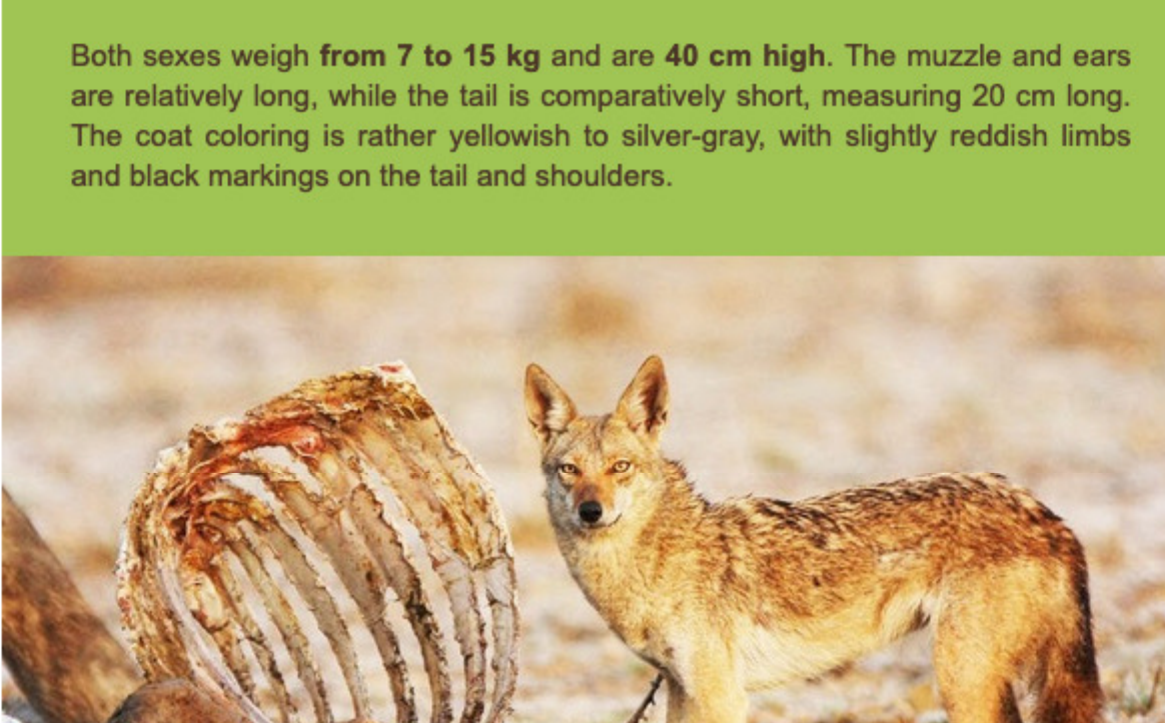
FOCUS ON AN ENDANGERED SPECIES

AFRICAN WOLF (*Canis anthus* ou *Canis lupaster*)



The african wolf (*Canis anthus* or *Canis lupaster*), also known as the African golden wolf, is a species of canid of the genus *Canis* found in North and Northwest Africa. It is a canid adapted to desert areas. This species is present in the Termit and Tin-Toumma Nature Reserve in Niger.

Both sexes weigh from 7 to 15 kg and are 40 cm high. The muzzle and ears are relatively long, while the tail is comparatively short, measuring 20 cm long. The coat coloring is rather yellowish to silver-gray, with slightly reddish limbs and black markings on the tail and shoulders.



Above: the African wolf should not be confused with the golden jackal, which lives in Asia, Europe and the Middle East. A 2015 study showed that they are actually from two completely different species.

The african Wolf feeds on invertebrates and mammals up to the size of a gazelle fawn, although larger and/or heavier prey may occasionally be taken (sheep, goats, small antelopes, wild boars or warthogs). The species is known to be monogamous and territorial. As with many other canids, once weaned, the young of the year can be expected to remain with their family of origin for one or more seasons and help raise the next litter.

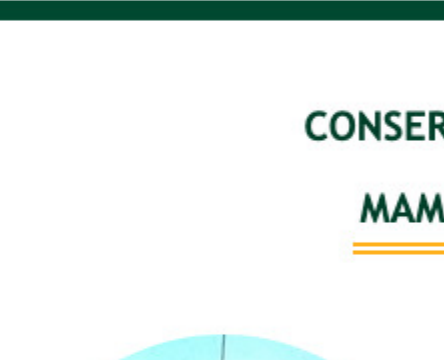
In 2020, the species has the conservation status "Least Concern" on the IUCN red list.

CONKOUATI-DOULI NATIONAL PARK

- The first patrol takes stock of the situation in the Park, without support for its management since 2017: 18 illegal camps in the park, 251 people counted, 2 crocodiles and 1 mandrill seized, 356 planks of wood found.

CONSERVATION ACTORS

MAMAN HAMIDOU



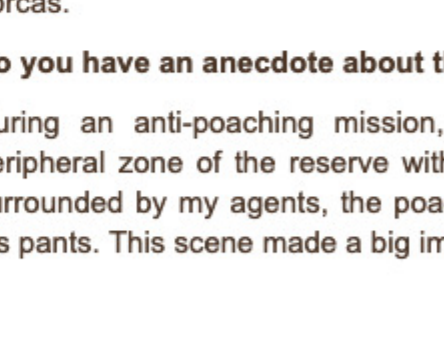
Maman Hamidou is the Regional Director of the Environment and the Fight against Desertification in Zinder, Niger. In other words, his role is to ensure the monitoring and protection of environmental resources in this region. Having a common goal, the collaboration of this Regional Direction with the Reserve of Termit and Tin-Toumma, was thus born naturally.

What is your vision for the future of the reserve?
It is very positive, because the reserve is in the process of being reconstituted and playing its full role thanks to the multiple interventions of the NGO.

Favorite fauna and flora in the reserve?
The african gazelle because it was the subject of my thesis for the end of my studies. For the plant species *Salvadora persica*. It was the only plant that gave us shade during several days of research for the ecological monitoring around the dorcas.

Do you have an anecdote about the reserve?
During an anti-poaching mission, a poacher was caught red-handed in the peripheral zone of the reserve with a pair of dorcas gazelles in a basket. Once surrounded by my agents, the poacher immediately started to leak urine through his pants. This scene made a big impression on me!

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES



Arrival of Etienne Bembé as anti-poaching Mentor of the Termit and Tin-Toumma Nature Reserve in Niger.

Former military, specialized in the field of security, he will advise and support the surveillance teams in place.

WELCOME, ETIENNE !



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