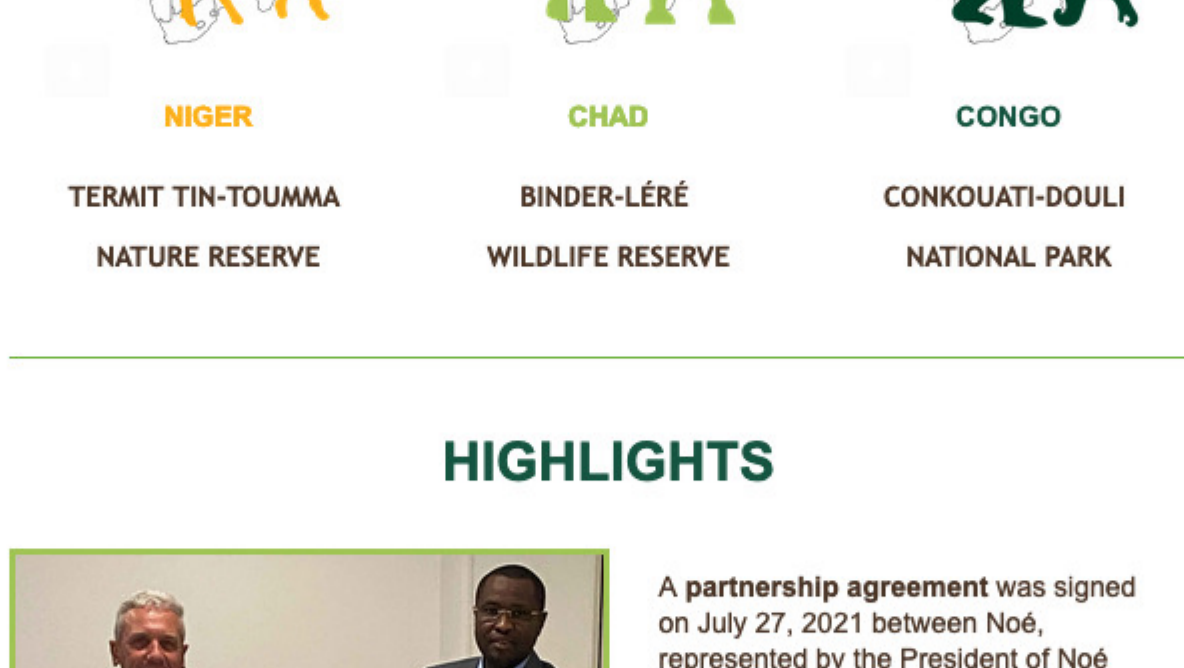
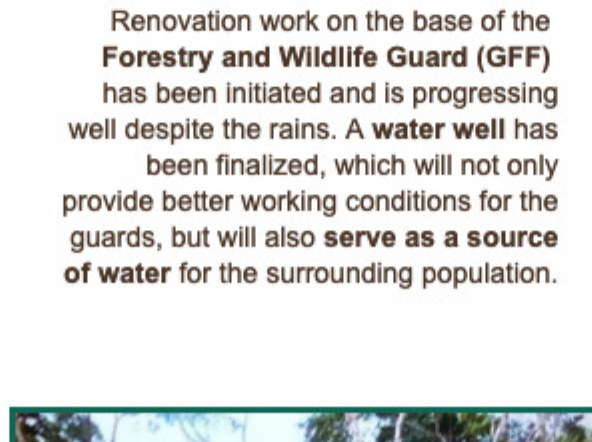




The approach of addax is strictly forbidden in Noé's operational procedures, in order to avoid any risk of disturbance, but this young addax, during a monitoring mission in the **Termit and Tin-Toumma Reserve in Niger**, approached out of curiosity, and the community agent took care to remain calm. It is extraordinarily encouraging to come across a youngster of this species threatened with extinction.



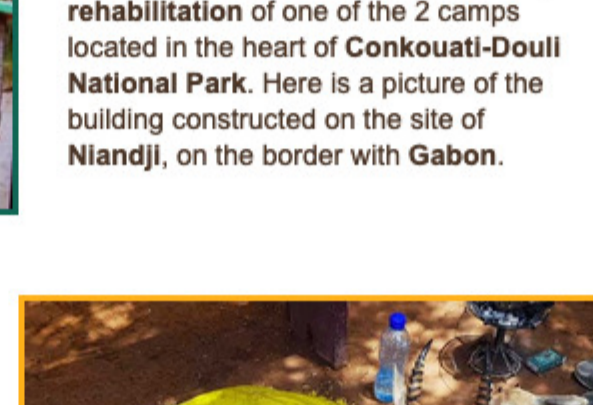
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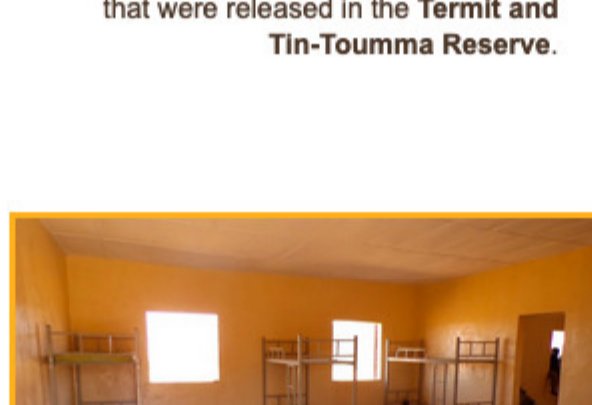
A partnership agreement was signed on July 27, 2021 between Noé, represented by the President of Noé Arnaud Greth, and the Ministry of Environment, Fisheries and Sustainable Development Mr. Mahamat Ahmad Latina, for the management of the Binder-Léré Protected Area Complex in Chad.



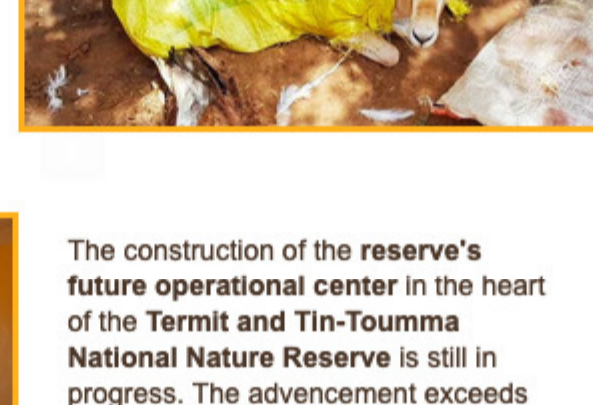
Renovation work on the base of the Forestry and Wildlife Guard (GPF) has been initiated and is progressing well despite the rains. A water well has been finalized, which will not only provide better working conditions for the guards, but will also serve as a source of water for the surrounding population.



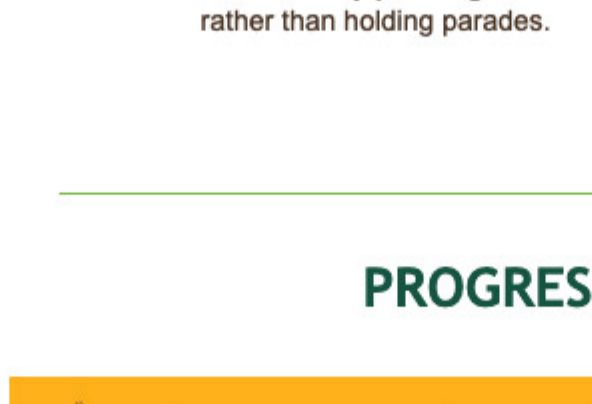
In anticipation of the upcoming sea turtle nesting season (mid-September), Noé supported partner Renatura in the rehabilitation of one of the 2 camps located in the heart of Conkouati-Douli National Park. Here is a picture of the building constructed on the site of Niandji, on the border with Gabon.



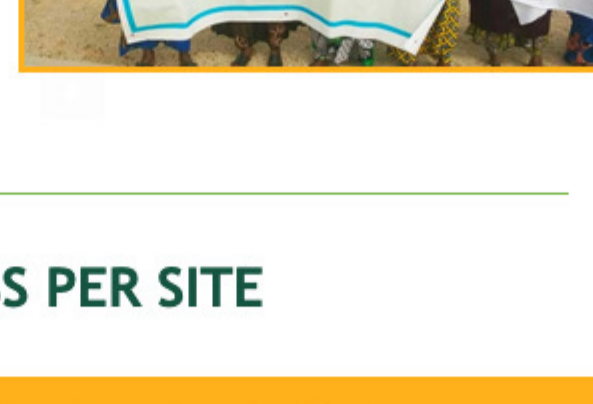
Two poachers were caught in July by our anti-poaching teams and brought to justice in Niger. They were in possession of several dead bustards, as well as some live dorcas gazelles that were released in the Termit and Tin-Toumma Reserve.



The construction of the reserve's future operational center in the heart of the Termit and Tin-Toumma National Nature Reserve is still in progress. The advancement exceeds 60%, distribution of water and electricity still needing to be finalized.



Noé took part in the National Tree Festival on August 3, which was held this year in Zinder (August 3, 1960 being the date of Niger's independence). For several years the Nigerian authorities have chosen to celebrate the event by planting trees rather than holding parades.



PROGRESS PER SITE

TERMIT TIN-TOUMMA NATURE RESERVE

MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- The construction of the new "Mena" camp, destined to become the operational center of the reserve located in the heart of the reserve, is still underway.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Heavy rains in July and August limited anti-poaching patrols. 110 man-days of patrols were carried out by the anti-poaching teams in Termit & Tin-Toumma during this period.
- In July, during one of the patrols, 2 poachers, in possession of bustards and dorcas gazelles, were caught and brought to justice in Niger.
- In August, 320 man-days of patrolling were funded by Noé and carried out by the Direction Régionale des Eaux & Forêts de Zinder, on the periphery of the reserve.
- Anti-poaching mentor Elberne initiated shooting training for our anti-poaching teams.

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- A bustard monitoring mission was organized in early August. This 8-day mission observed 13 adult Arabian bustards plus a few chicks, 4 Nubian bustards and unhatched eggs in nests, as well as 37 dorcas gazelles and numerous fennecs.
- Another ten-day mission took place in mid-August to monitor addax during the rainy season. Many fresh tracks were detected and several addax were seen, including a very young one that came to observe our team closely (see header). Note that this mission consisted of 4 all-terrain vehicles and included many men because the dunes of the Tin-Toumma desert, where the last addaxes of the Sahara remain, are particularly difficult to cross and sailing is common.

COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT

- Rehabilitation of the Dongoumi and Kaltouma community wells is underway.
- Students returned to the reserve for a short summer vacation. They had been in town until now to take their exams. Their education is supported by Noé at the GRYK boarding school in Zinder.
- Our teams participated in the National Trees Festival, on August 3, which was held this year in Zinder (August 3, 1960 being the date of the independence of Niger). Each year a city is chosen to organize festivities on this occasion, during which thousands of trees are planted throughout the nation.

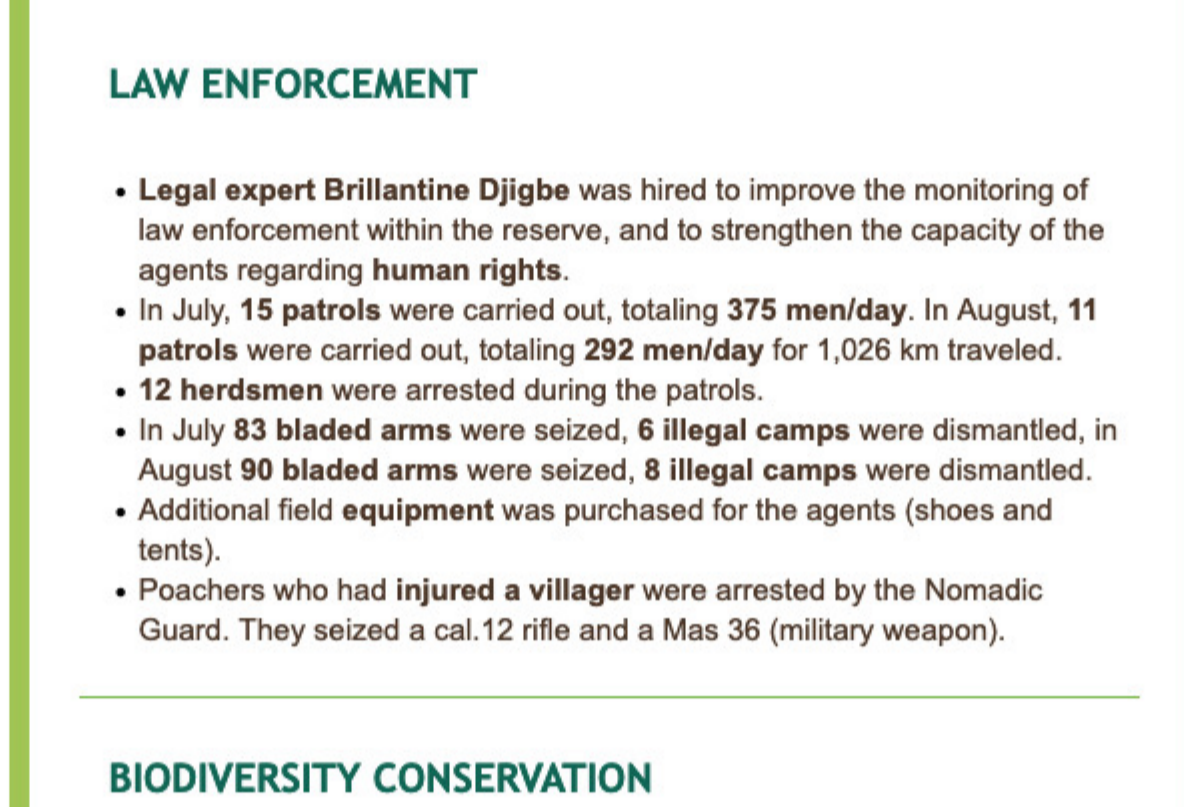


Above: This bustard chick was photographed during a bustard monitoring mission in early August. During this mission, 13 adult Arabian bustards and some chicks, 4 Nubian bustards and unhatched eggs in the nests were observed, as well as 37 dorcas gazelles and many fennecs.

BINDER LÉRE WILDLIFE RESERVE

MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- A ceremony was held in N'Djamena on July 26 to sign a 15-year partnership agreement between the Ministry of the Environment and Noé for the management of the Binder-Léré Protected Area Complex (Binder-Léré CAPBL), which is composed of the Binder-Léré Wildlife Reserve (RFLB) and the National Park, which is in the process of being enacted.
- Renovation work on the Forestry and Wildlife Guard (GPF) base has been initiated and is progressing well despite the rains. In particular, a water well has been finalized.
- A garage for the motorcycles used in the fight against poaching has been built.
- Sanitary facilities for the staff of the base in Binder have been built.
- The evaluation of two priority sites for the implementation of the headquarters of the future National Park continues in order to determine its configuration during the rainy season and the consequences in terms of development and accessibility.



Above: After the signing ceremony, the new 15-year partnership agreement between the Ministry of the Environment and Noé for the management of the Binder-Léré Protected Area Complex.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Legal expert Brillantine Djigbe was hired to improve the monitoring of law enforcement within the reserve, and to strengthen the capacity of the agents regarding human rights.
- In July, 15 patrols were carried out, totaling 375 men/day. In August, 11 patrols were carried out, totaling 292 men/day for 1,026 km traveled.
- 12 herdsmen were arrested during the patrols.
- In July 83 bladed arms were seized, 6 illegal camps were dismantled, in August 90 bladed arms were seized, 8 illegal camps were dismantled.
- Additional field equipment was purchased for the agents (shoes and tents).
- Poachers who had injured a villager were arrested by the Nomadic Guard. They seized a cal.12 rifle and a Mas 36 (military weapon).

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- A motorcycle patrol was able to observe 3 ostriches directly in the area of the future National Park.
- Forestry officers were also able to observe traces of Lord Derby eland.
- 4 collared elephants are monitored daily, and remain in the northern part of the future park. Patrols are being reorganized to monitor the elephant herds.



"The signing of this partnership agreement is of paramount importance and is in line with the government's policy on environmental protection which places particular emphasis on the involvement of the private sector through partnerships as a mode of environmental governance".
Mr. Mahamat Ahmad Latina, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Chad

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FOCUS ON A PRIORITY SPECIES

GAZELLE DORCAS (Gazella Dorcas)



The dorcas gazelle (*Gazella dorcas*) is the smallest of the Saharan bovids. A Saharan-Arabic species, it is active during the day, apart from the hot hours when it likes to rest in the shade of an acacia or a *Mesquit* *Prosopis juliflora*. Dorcas gazelles live in small groups of a few individuals in wadis, dunes and rocky areas.

Dorcas gazelles can run as fast as 75 km/h. Only the cheetah can outrun them. They measure 53 to 67 cm at the withers for a weight of 12 to 25 kg. The horns of the males are lyre-shaped. Those of the females are shorter, thicker and almost straight. They are herbivores, they eat grasses, various low plants and also the leaves of trees like acacias. They can do without water for a long time, being able to extract it from the plants.



Above: A Dorcas gazelle immortalized in one of the many camera traps scattered in the Termit and Tin-Toumma Nature Reserve.

Mating takes place over a period of about 3 months. Gestation lasts 5.5 to 6 months. There is only one baby per litter. This one is deposited by its mother alone in the shade of a tree. She comes to feed it several times a day.

The species, classified as "vulnerable" in the red list of the IUCN, is present in the Reserve of Termit and Tin-Toumma in Niger.

CONKOUATI-DOULI NATIONAL PARK

MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- The recruitment process for the Park Director was completed with the selection and appointment of Mr. Jean Mathieu Labourour.
- The position of Program Assistant has also been filled by Françoise Labourour.
- They were both invited for an induction course at Odzala-Kokoua National Park from August 1 to 9.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- 141 patrol days (mobile and fixed) were carried out in July and August, totaling 809 man-days.
- These anti-poaching efforts resulted in the seizure of 202 wildlife species, intended for trade in urban centers.
- 4 live pangolins were seized during the patrols and released in the Tchimpounga sanctuary supported by Jane Goodall Institute Congo.

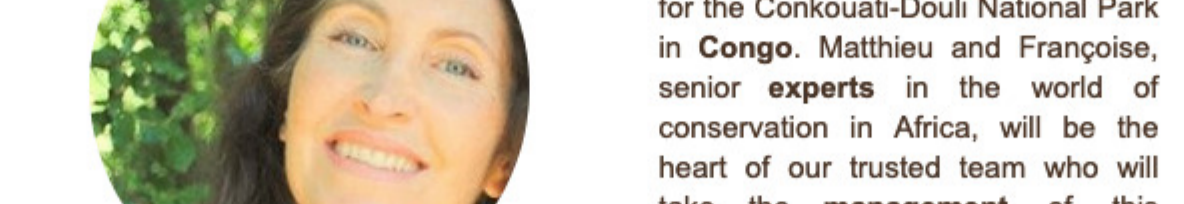
BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- The first of the park's two turtle camps, the Niandji camp, was rehabilitated by our partner Renatura Congo in charge of monitoring nesting and protection of marine turtles.



Above: Working on rehabilitation of the Niandji camp, in the heart of the Conkouati-Douli National Park, for the benefit of our partner Renatura, specialized in the protection of marine turtles of the Congolese coast.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES



We welcome Brillantine Djigbe, a legal expert, to improve the monitoring of law enforcement in the Binder-Léré Wildlife Reserve, and to strengthen the capacity of agents in human rights.

WELCOME, BRILLANTINE!



Jean-Mathieu Labourour, has joined Noé as Director of Conkouati-Douli National Park in Congo.

WELCOME, JEAN-MATTHIEU!



We also welcome Françoise Labourour as Program Assistant for the Conkouati-Douli National Park in Congo. Mathieu and Françoise, senior experts in the world of conservation in Africa, will be the heart of our trusted team who will take the management of this magnificent park to the next level.

WELCOME, FRANÇOISE!

