

Parcs de Noé - Newsletter August 2020

Parc de Noé has created its own window into the virtual world via www.parcscene.org ! Although still under development, this gives a major boost to the visibility of Parcs de Noé, and more is still to come. On the ground in the Protected Areas, protection and community support activities continued in Niger and have fully resumed in Chad despite the COVID-19 restrictions still in place

Main results

Niger / Termit and Tin-Toumma

- A total of 300 man-days of anti-poaching patrols have been executed in coordination with the Departmental and Regional Directorates of the Environment Ministry as well as 150 man-days of community surveillance
- Annual monitoring of the management of the Reserve was ensured by a delegation of the Environment Ministry
- Five new students (3 girls, 2 boys) from the Reserve started schooling in the Zinder boarding school supported by Parcs de Noé
- Ecological monitoring of the basins of the Termit massif revealed that all currently contain water, indicator of high level of rainfall
- Six double cabin pick-up vehicles have been ordered

Chad / Binder-Lere

- Resumption of aerial overflights made it possible to locate the elephant herd in the Reserve
- Launch of the recruitment of a law enforcement expert to train guards and coordinate patrols
- Orders have been placed for field equipment to reinforce law enforcement capacity



Support for access to education for children in the Termit Reserve, Termit and Tin-Toumma National Nature Reserve, Niger

Main activities

Operations

Termit and Tin-Toumma

Management & Infrastructure

- Drilling of a well for the HQ of the Reserve in progress
- Six (6) double cabin pick-up vehicles have been ordered
- Tender for the construction of the Reserve HQ published
- Contract signed for the renovation of the Tesker base
- Order placed for communications and surveillance equipment to be delivered and installed in August and September (solar drone, radios, V-SAT, camera traps, etc.)

Law enforcement

- 4 anti-poaching patrols, or 300 man-days of patrols executed, including 3 by the Regional Environment Directorate and the Tesker and Tânout Departmental Directorates.
- Provision of IT and office equipment, as well as logistical means for the Department of Wildlife, Hunting and Protected Areas and the Regional and Departmental Directorates of Tânout and Tesker (computers, 10 250CC motorcycles, furniture)

Biodiversity conservation

- Ecological monitoring of the basins of the Termit massif showed all are containing water thanks to the important level of rainfall, which is highly important for wildlife and livestock distribution in the region

Communities & Sustainable Development

- 150 men-days of community patrols were executed to sensitize, ensure the security of the populations and gather intelligence
- Schooling started for 5 children (3 girls, 2 boys) from the Reserve within the GRYK boarding school in Zinder supported by Parcs de Noé
- Launch of the consultancy to develop a plan for sustainable pastoralism in the Reserve by a team of experts from the University of Diiffa

Prospection & Development

Chad / Binder-Lere

National Park creation

- The file on the creation of the National Park, based on the national legal framework, was finalized and validated by the Environment Ministry
- The public consultation process for the creation of the National Park was defined by the ministerial team. The process will take one month and it will be initiated in September

Law enforcement

- The recruitment of an Anti-Poaching Expert was initiated with the publication of the job offer and the receipt of the first applications
- A first part of the ordered field equipment was received at the headquarters in France
- The purchase of more individual surveillance equipment continued with 2 identified suppliers

Biodiversity conservation

- Aerial surveillance resumed this month with 20 hours of overflight covering 2,970 km. This permitted to locate:
- The elephant herd and a sable antelope in the northern part of the Reserve as well as 4 Kordofan giraffes in the southern forest.
- 52 herds of cattle and 29 nomadic camps inside the Reserve, mainly in its northern part
- 20 camera traps were received at headquarters and will be sent to Chad to be deployed in the field to better understand the wildlife composition of the Reserve

Congo / Konkouati-Douli

- Regular contacts have taken place with the Ministry of Forest Economy regarding the draft Partnership Agreement submitted last June



The Binder-Léré elephant herd, Binder-Léré Wildlife Reserve, Chad

Main activities scheduled for September 2020

Operations - Termit and Tin-Toumma

- Contracting the company in charge of the construction of the Reserve HQ
- Finalizing of drilling of a water source for HQ within the Reserve
- Renovation of the Tesker base
- Continuous anti-poaching patrols combined with community
- Preparation of Law Enforcement training scheduled for October 2020
- Ecological monitoring missions in Tin-Toumma dedicated to distribution of the Addax population

Prospection & Development

- Continuation of the aerial surveillance of the Binder-Léré Wildlife Reserve allowing to localize and secure the elephants
- Purchase and reception of field equipment for the Binder-Léré Wildlife Reserve
- Selection of the candidate for the job of Law Enforcement Coordinator for the Binder-Léré Wildlife Reserve
- Launch of the public consultation phase for the creation of the National Park by the Chadian Ministry of the Environment and Fisheries
- Continuation of discussions with the Ministry of Forest Economy of the Republic of Congo for the definition of partnership arrangements for the management of the Konkouati-Douli National Park

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