

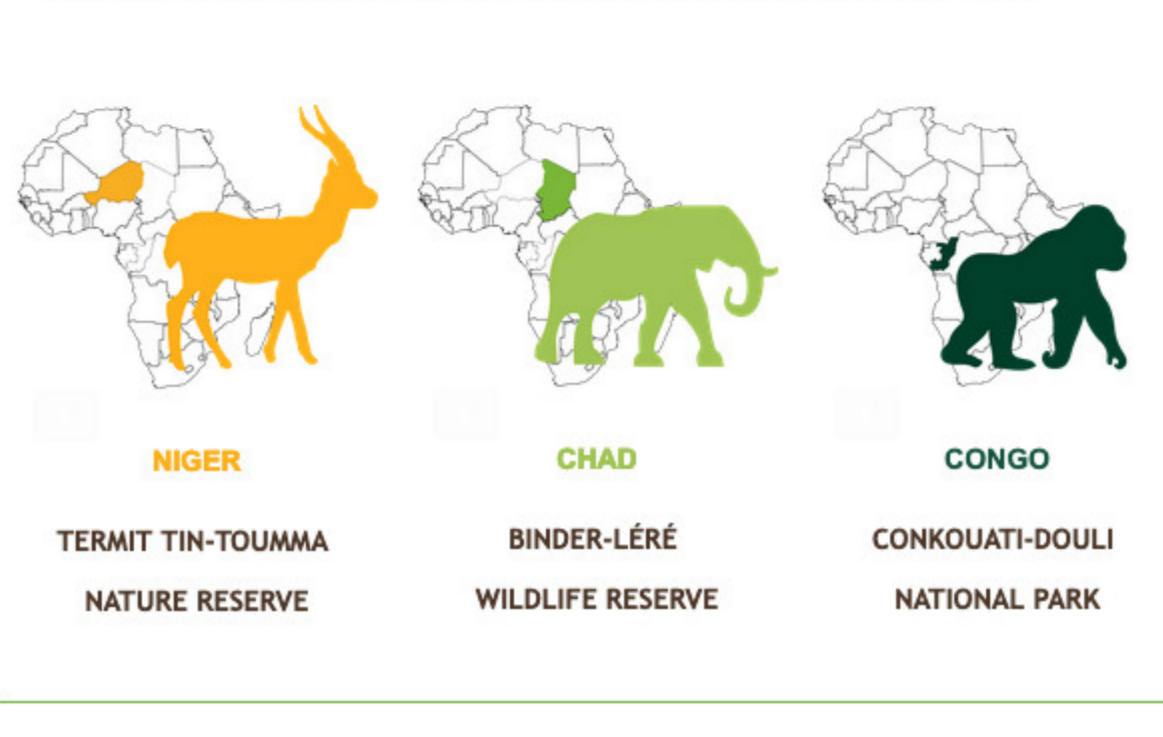


THE PRESIDENT OF NIGER SUPPORTS TERMIT AND TIN-TOUMMA RESERVE

Interview with the President of the Republic of Niger Mohamed Bazoum, sponsor of the Termit and Tin-Toumma National Nature Reserve

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THE 3 PROTECTED AREAS WHERE PARCS DE NOÉ IS LOCATED :



HIGHLIGHTS

TERMIT TIN-TOUMMA NATURE RESERVE



The first test flight of the solar drone in the Sahara have been conducted! This Sunbirds drone was acquired in March 2021 and arrived in Niger in September. In the sunlit Sahara, the device can travel up to 50km, and its flight plan is programmable, offering aerial surveillance of large areas.



38 agents originated from the Water & Forests Ministry serving the Termit & Tin-Toumma Reserve in Niger were sworn in on September 13, 2021. Congratulations to our agents, who are now fully mandated to apply the law. Above: the speech preceding the ceremony.



The Termit and Tin-Toumma Reserve in Niger was in the spotlight again on Monday, September 6, 2021 at the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Marseille. A presentation was held during a session organized by the French Development Agency (AFD), entitled "Reconciling Conservation and Development in Protected Areas in Africa".

CONKOUATI-DOULI NATIONAL PARK

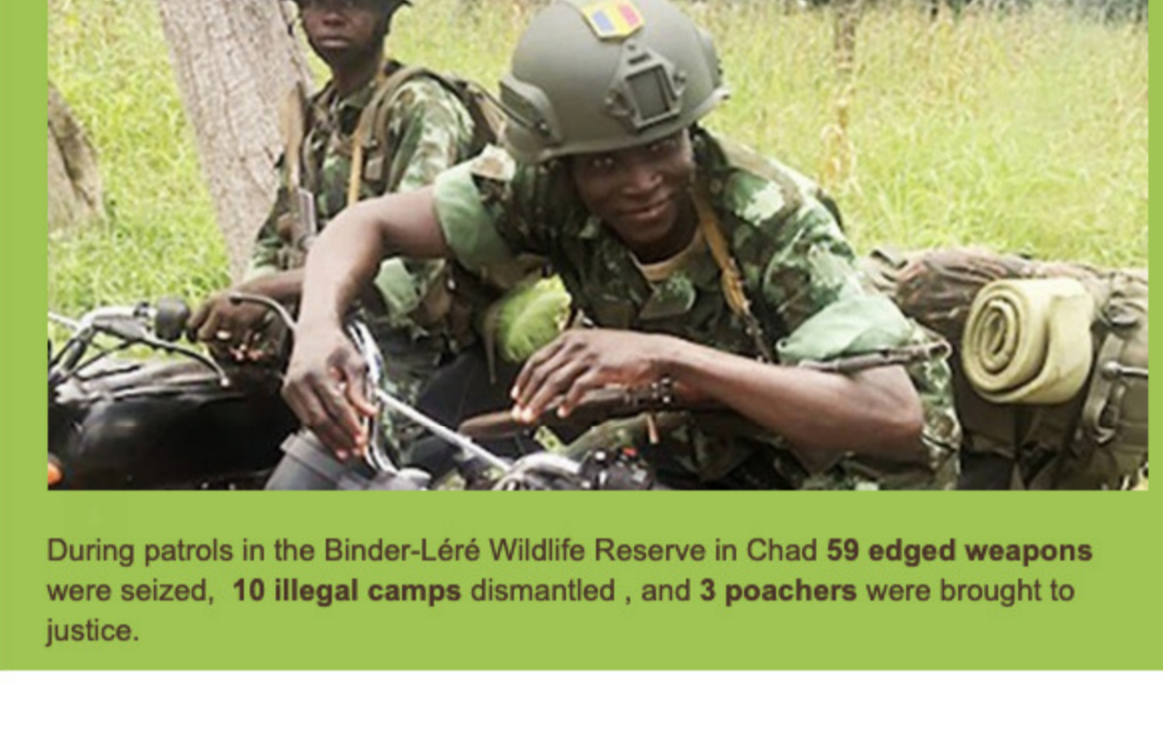


In the Konkouati-Douli Park, illegal camps of cassiterite miners were dismantled. Cassiterite is a mineral used in the electronics industry.

BINDER LÉRÉ WILDLIFE RESERVE



A hippo foraging in the eastern part of the Binder-Léré Wildlife Reserve was caught on one of the camera traps, confirming the extent of their range.



During patrols in the Binder-Léré Wildlife Reserve in Chad 58 edged weapons were seized, 10 illegal camps dismantled, and 3 poachers were brought to justice.

PROGRESS PER SITE

BINDER LÉRÉ WILDLIFE RESERVE

MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- The reserve's office buildings have been improved (plastering, installation of doors, sanitary facilities, etc.)
- A new office location has been identified in capital, N'Djamena.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- 17 patrols were carried out in September, totalling 409 man/days for 1,605 km covered.
- 13 harders and 3 poachers were arrested during the patrols, 15 fines were issued, 1 warning was given.
- 59 edge weapons were seized, 10 illegal camps were dismantled.
- 3 poachers were brought to justice.
- Security conditions were reinforced for motorcycle patrols (helmets, insurance, etc.) and for officers (uniforms, shoes, GPS, ammunition, etc.).

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- The collared elephants remained in the reserve this month.

COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT

- A meeting with the President of the Binder henders was held to limit the impact of regional transhumance in the reserve.
- Several regional meetings were held with the Lamido of Binder and the new Prefect of Lagon.
- The recruitment of a Community Development Officer has been launched.

CONKOUATI-DOULI NATIONAL PARK

MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- The management team (park director, deputy park director, programme assistant) met with a contractor in Konkouati to assess the existing buildings and determine what renovations would be needed for the future Head Quarters.
- A second-hand boat engine was purchased to be adapted to an existing boat, ensuring surveillance using the many rivers of the park.
- 2 turtle monitoring camps were rehabilitated by the NGO Renatura.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- The fixed patrol posts in Youbi and Yanika were manned by 12 ecoguards contributing to :
1. Intervention in cases of human/elephant conflict
 2. Integration of sniffer dogs in surveillance activities for 3 days
 3. Seizure of poached wildlife (13 duikers, 2 monkeys, 7 porcupines)

TERMIT TIN-TOUMMA NATURE RESERVE

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- 150 man-days of patrol were carried out by our anti-poaching teams in the reserve.
- The 38 young Water and Forestry agents, out of the 53 agents seconded to the reserve, were sworn in on September 13, 2021, at the Zinder Court. They are now authorized to issue official statements of offence, and arrest people violating the law.

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

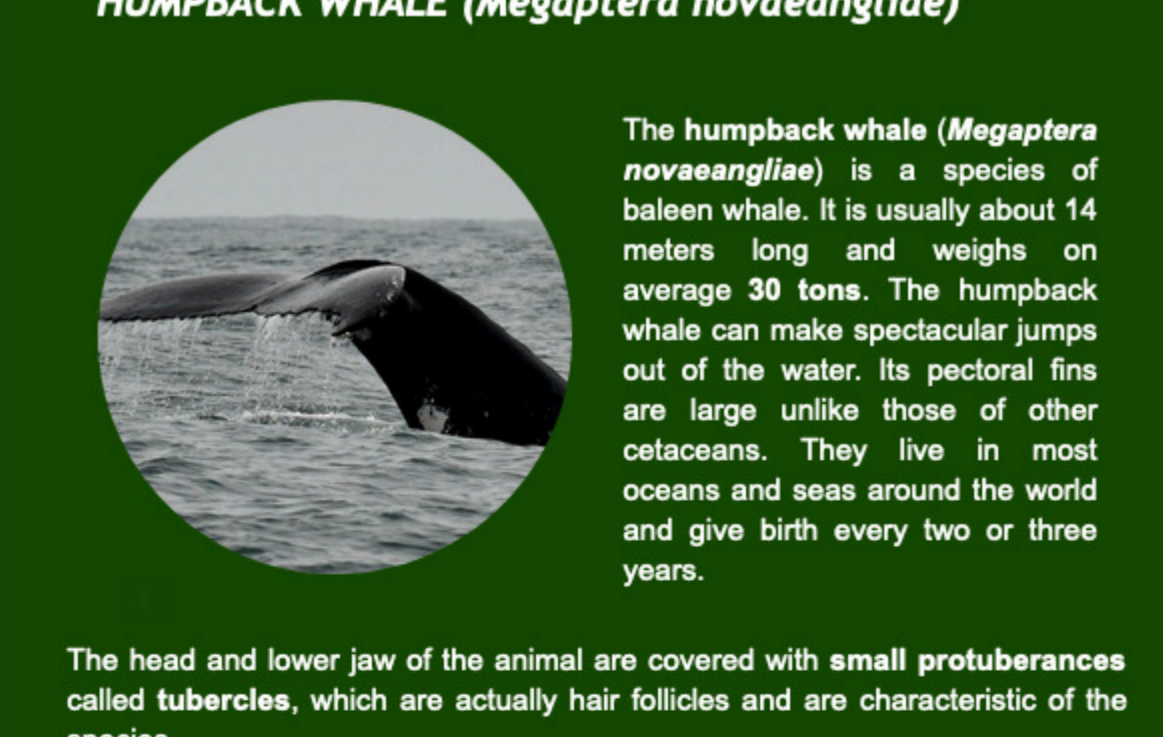
- A first mission was organized to test the solar drone in the field, and to train the users. This drone, capable of flying continuously as long as there is sunshine (of which the region is undeniably very endowed), will allow filming areas in detail. This surveillance will improve the knowledge of the terrain, including its wildlife and will facilitate the ecological mapping of the reserve.

COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT

- It's time to go back to school in Niger. The students on vacation with their families in the reserve have been transported by our teams to the boarding school in Zinder, where they will be accommodated for the entire school year, with financial support from the reserve.
- The rehabilitation of the Dongoumi and Kaltouma wells is still in progress. A follow-up mission was organized to evaluate the progress and quality of the work done by the company of the Hydraulic Office of the Tesker department. The work is advancing according to plan.

FOCUS ON A PRIORITY SPECIES

HUMPBACK WHALE (*Megaptera novaeangliae*)



The humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) is a species of baleen whale. It is usually about 14 meters long and weighs on average 30 tons. The humpback whale can make spectacular jumps out of the water. Its pectoral fins are large unlike those of other cetaceans. They live in most oceans and seas around the world and give birth every two or three years.

The head and lower jaw of the animal are covered with small protuberances called tubercles, which are actually hair follicles and are characteristic of the species.

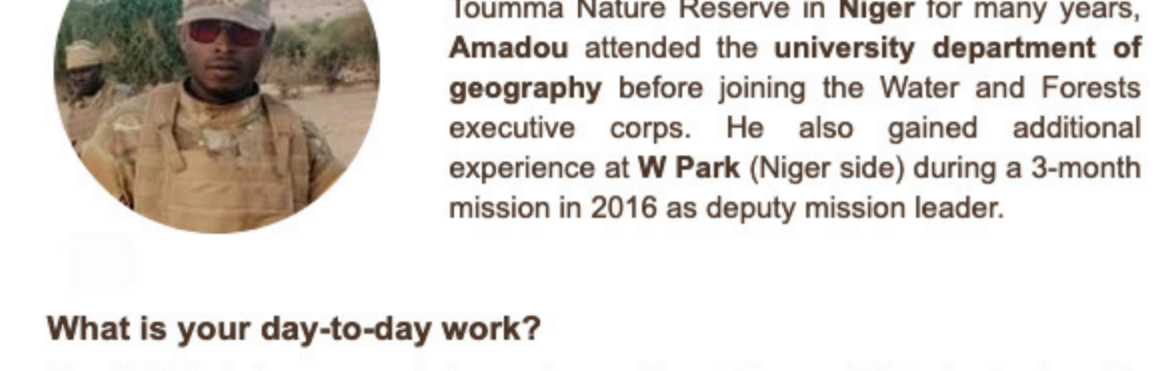


Humpback whales are migratory animals. With distances commonly traveled of over 25,000 km per year, the species holds the record among mammals.

Thanks to the notable resilience of this species it classified as "Least Concern" on the IUCN red list. The humpback whale is present several months a year off the coast in the Konkouati-Douli Park in Congo, to mate in these warmer waters.

CONSERVATION ACTORS

AMADOU BOUBACAR SAMBO



Actually a community agent in the Termit and Tin-Toumma Nature Reserve in Niger for many years, Amadou attended the university department of geography before joining the Water and Forests executive corps. He also gained additional experience at W Park (Niger side) during a 3-month mission in 2016 as deputy mission leader.

What is your day-to-day work?

My daily life in the reserve is focused on anti-poaching work ! Each of us has the opportunity to be team leader during the patrols, because we take turns in leading the patrols, so that each of us learns how to conduct a mission.

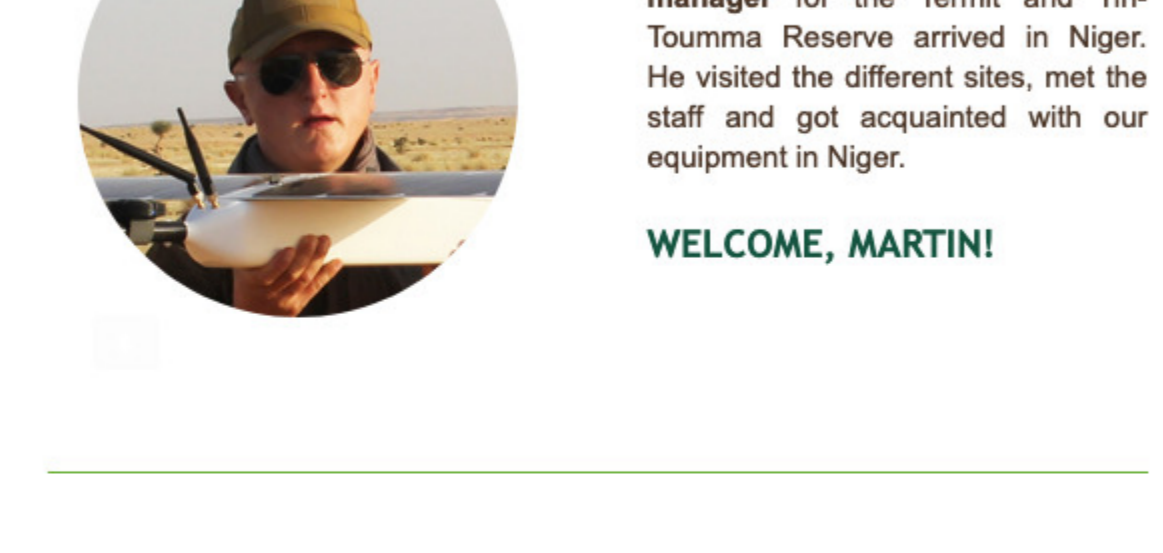
What is your favorite animal on the reserve?

The Addax nasomaculatus, because it is the last of these species living in the wild in the whole world. I am very sensitive to the fact that it is in danger of extinction, because it is a world heritage with a biological uniqueness.

Do you have a significant story to tell about your work?

The story I'm about to tell is funny! When we were little, we played soccer, and there was a child of a forestry officer who was made fun of. We used to tell him that his father prevented the farmers from cutting down trees and killing gazelles, even though God had created them for us. To my great surprise, fate wanted me to become a forestry officer! Today, my greatest wish is that everyone becomes aware of the need to better protect our national heritage.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES



Martin Hochart, the new operations manager for the Termit and Tin-Toumma Reserve arrived in Niger. He visited the different sites, met the staff and got acquainted with our equipment in Niger.

WELCOME, MARTIN!

