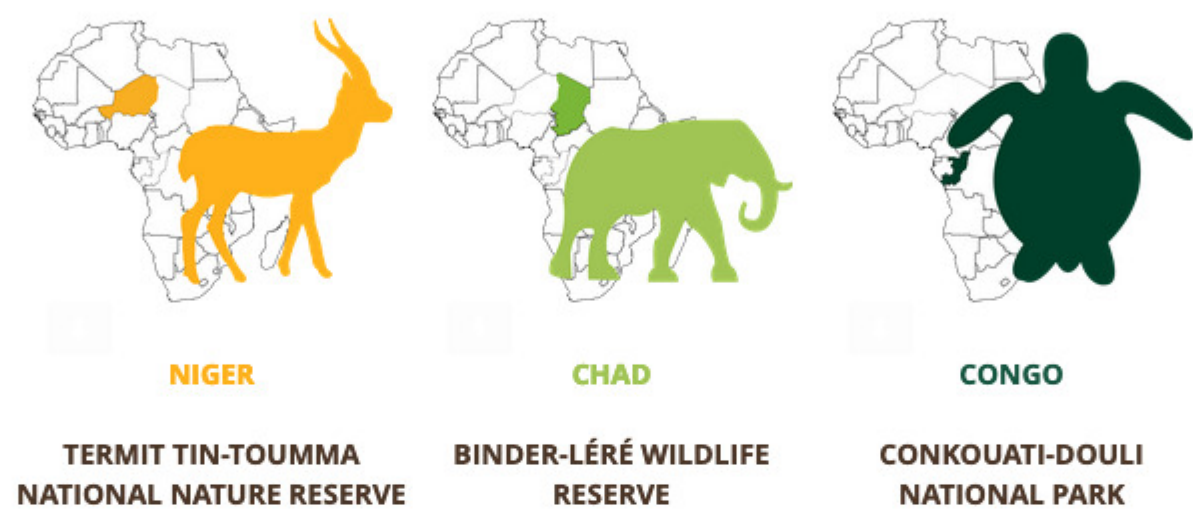




Another month full of hope for Parc de Noé, with a **new director** for the Termit & Tin Toumma Reserve in Niger, **infrastructure and logistics** that are increasing and improving in both Chad and Niger, and a **new-born** for one of the world's most endangered species.



HIGHLIGHTS

-  A **few-weeks-old addax** was observed during an Addax ecological monitoring mission. Hidden, he is waiting the return of his mother who is breastfeeding him. It is definitely a **good sign** for the addax population.
-  Work on the **construction of the HQ** in the Termit massif is progressing: after drilling and installation of a pump and a water tower to ensure self-sufficiency in water supply, **solar panels** have been installed.
-  In order to protect campsites and grazing land for livestock and wildlife from **bush fires**, **400 locals**, under the supervision of Parc de Noé and the Departmental Directorate of Environment, set up **firewalls over 250 kilometres** in one month.
-  North of the Binder Léré reserve in Chad, in the town of Binder, **new office accommodation** has been established, allowing the **new anti-poaching expert** to organize training and coordinate patrols.
-  In order to carry out awareness raising and surveillance missions west and south of the Binder-Léré Reserve, officers from the **Department of Wildlife, Hunting and Protected Areas** received motorcycles, suited for the road conditions, often difficult to access by car.

PROGRESS PER SITE

TERMIT TIN-TOUMMA NATIONAL RESERVE

MANAGEMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

- A **new Director for the Reserve, Frédéric Dumont**, has been recruited. He will travel to Niger in November to ensure a handover.
- The construction of a **water tower and the installation of pumping equipment** were carried out for the Reserve's HQ based in the Termit massif.
- A **contract** was signed with a local contractor for the **construction of the HQ**. The work is scheduled to start in early December.
- The **renovation of the Tesker base** has been completed and a **satellite internet connection** is now operational.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- A total of **210 man / days of patrols** were carried out, in close collaboration with the Regional Environment Directorate of Zinder and the Departmental Directorates of Tesker and Tānout.

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- During an **addax ecological monitoring mission** from October 13 to 20, different groups of addax were identified, including a youngster hidden in the shade


COMMUNITIES & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Prevention against bush fires** was put in place under the immediate supervision of the Departmental Directorate of Tesker and with the cooperation of **400 inhabitants** of the reserve by creating **250 km of firewalls**.
- A total of **170 man / days** of community patrols were carried out in order to ensure security, information and awareness of the populations.

FOCUS ON AN ENDANGERED SPECIES

ADDAX (*Addax Nasomaculatus*)

The **addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*)** is one of the most endangered mammals on earth. This antelope is **perfectly adapted to life in the desert**, able to spot rains at a distance of over 200 kilometres. Once distributed widely throughout the Sahara, today it is only found in the **Nigerian desert of Tin-Toumma** up till the border with Chad. Estimated at a maximum of **100 individuals** and **on the verge of extinction** in the wild, these antelopes are distributed in small groups over a territory of more than **50,000 km²**, difficult to access, where only nomadic communities and traffickers know their way around.



BINDER-LÉRE WILDLIFE RESERVE

CREATION OF THE NATIONAL PARK

- After one month, the **public consultation phase** was successfully completed on October 14.
- From October 13 to 18, a **mission of the ministerial team** was held in the Reserve to prepare the consultation reports and the minutes of the meetings.
- The minutes and registers of the **6 local commissions** were presented to the **Governor of the West Mayo-Kebbi region**.
- The final report of the **public consultation** will be consolidated by the team from the **Ministry of Environment and Fisheries**.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- The effective start of the appointment of our **anti-poaching expert** to train field agents and initiate the first patrols was postponed to November due to the Covid.
- Individual equipment for field agents** in charge of protecting the reserve is being prepared by the supplier and will be dispatched next month.
- Two motorcycles** were made available to the agents of the Department of Wildlife, Hunting and Protected Areas to enable them to carry out **awareness raising and surveillance missions**.

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- Our **aerial surveillance** program continued this month with a **20-hour overflight covering 3,010 km**. This made it possible to locate the herd of elephants in the northern part of the reserve and near the border with Cameroon, as well as a group of **3 roan antelopes**.
- 49 herds of cattle**, **38 nomadic camps**, as well as a fishing camp set up at Gauthiot Falls were observed in the heart of the Reserve.

CONKOUATI-DOULI NATIONAL PARK

- Significant progress was made on the **Partnership Agreement** for the management of the **Conkouati-Douli National Park** with the Ministry of Forest Economy

FOCUS ON A TEAM MEMBER :

ATTOUMANE ISSOUF



Responsible for the Community Development Department for the Termit and Tin-Toumma Reserve in Niger - at Noé for 7 years.

"As the image above illustrates, I especially like to carry the **conservation message** to the people on the reserve. Far from urban realities, under a large tree, on mats with the blessing of natural air and sunlight, I am convinced that such meetings in such settings are the best way to **convey our message**".

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES



A new Director of the Termit and Tin Toumma Reserve, **Frédéric Dumont**, has been recruited. He will settle in Niger during the month of November for the handover.



Mahaman Galmaye, one of our community workers lost his life this month due to a family dispute. Our condolences and hearts go out to his family.




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