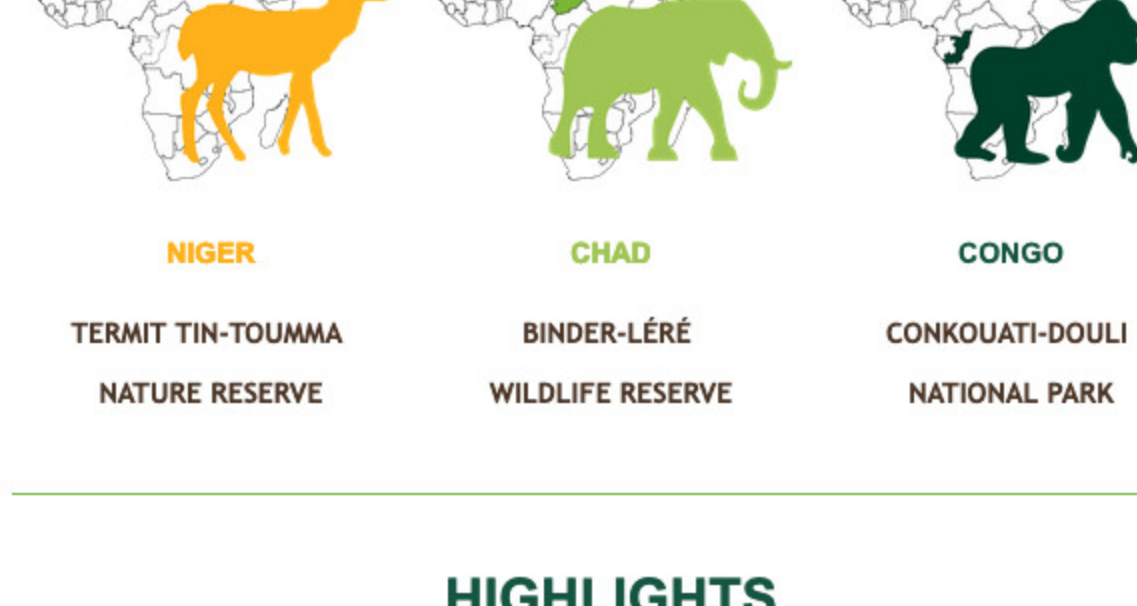


A dwarf crocodile (*Osteolaemus tetraspis*) was seized by ecoguards at a control post, and was released into the lagoon after a health check.

THE 3 PROTECTED AREAS WHERE PARCS DE NOÉ IS LOCATED :



HIGHLIGHTS

CONKOUATI-DOULI NATIONAL PARK



The ceremony to present the partnership for the management of the Conkouati-Douli National Park to authorities, which took place on October 7 in Pointe Noire, Congo, was an opportunity to formalise the appointment of Jean Mathieu Laboureur (top) as Director and Nicolas Ngoulou (bottom) as Deputy Director of the park.

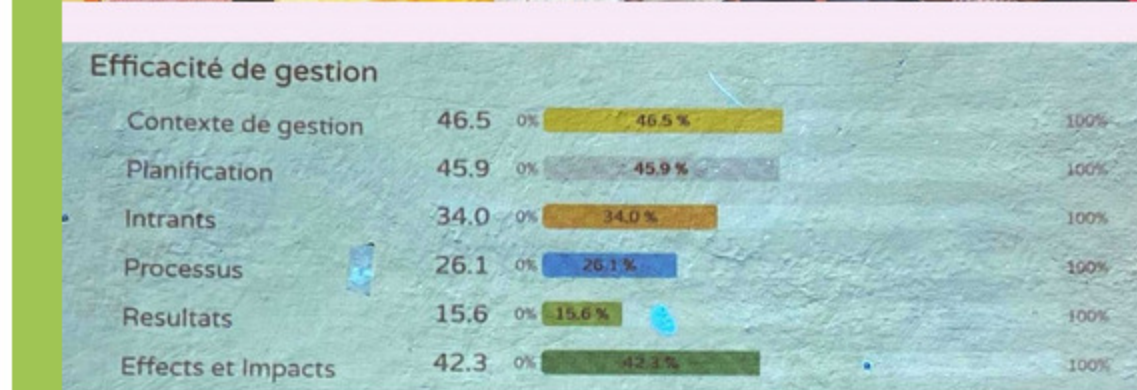


The management team of the Conkouati-Douli National Park has taken possession of the headquarters (HQ). Work has begun to restore the buildings. Part of the electrical network has been restored, an antenna and an amplifier for the internet have been installed.



The South African fur seal (*Arctocephalus pusillus*) was observed on one of the beaches of the Conkouati Douli National Park in Congo. This species does not normally go further north than Angola. This observation is therefore very rare!

BINDER LÉRE WILDLIFE RESERVE



Efficacité de gestion	
Conception de gestion	46,5
Planification	45,9
Surveillance	34,0
Prévention	26,1
Financement	15,6
Effets et impacts	42,3

An IMET (Integrated Management Effectiveness Tool) workshop to evaluate the Binder-Léré Wildlife Reserve's management took place on October 23rd. The goal is to improve and monitor the impact of our management on a yearly basis involving the main stakeholders.

TERMIT TIN-TOUMMA NATURE RESERVE



Ten new camera traps will be installed to improve wildlife monitoring, each one being equipped with a solar panel and having a considerable autonomy in the field.

PROGRESS PER SITE

CONKOUATI-DOULI NATIONAL PARK

MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- A ceremony to present the partnership for the management of the Conkouati-Douli National Park to authorities was held in the Loango prefecture on October 7, in the presence of the Prefect of Kouilou, a delegation of the Ministry of Forest Economy (MEF), local authorities and institutions, partners, and village leaders. The occasion was used to formalise the appointment of the Park Director, Jean-Mathieu Laboureur, and the Deputy Director, Nicolas Ngoulou.
- The delegation from the Ministry of Forest Economy (MEF) and Noi met in Pointe Noire on October 8 to prefigure the Board of the Conkouati-Douli National Park, and on October 9 with the local partners (HELIP, Renatura, JCI, ESI) to discuss conservation issues.
- The Minister of Forest Economy and the partners African Parks, WCS and Noi met to discuss ways to strengthen the security conditions of ecoguards in the protected areas of Congo.
- The Park management team moved into the Conkouati headquarters, conducted an inventory of existing buildings with a contractor, and assessed the work to be done.
- Part of the electrical network of the base was rehabilitated. The offices have been equipped with a solar installation as well as an antenna and an amplifier, for a permanent internet connection on the administrative building.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- 390 man-days of missions were carried out at the Youbi and Yanika control posts, with the presence of a canine unit for 3 days, allowing the seizure of 11 bay dukers, 21 blue dukers, 6 monkeys, 13 porcupines, 3 dwarf crocodiles, 3 freshwater turtles, 1 pangolin, and 1 live dwarf crocodile.

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- The dwarf crocodile seized by the ecoguards was released into the lagoon by the park director after its health was checked.
- The South African fur seal (*Arctocephalus pusillus*) was observed on one of the park's beaches, which is rare in Conkouati as they normally only occur in southern Africa up to Angola.
- Elephants were also regularly observed (HQ, villages, fired posts), as were buffalo tracks (near the HQ), a hippopotamus in the Nounbi River, and one chimpanzee at the park entrance (Yanika post).
- The first locations for trails and observation sites have been identified, facilitating the management of the parks as well as tourism.

COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT

- Several private companies have been contacted in Pointe Noire to support actions in favor of the nearby villages (health, education, improvement of the crossing of the Nounbi River).

BINDER LÉRE WILDLIFE RESERVE

MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- In Pala, the Integrated Management Effectiveness Tool (IMET) workshop was held to evaluate the management effectiveness of the RFLB in 2020. The Ministry of Environment and local community representatives participated in this assessment. The aim is to improve and monitor the impact of our management on an annual basis, with key stakeholders.
- Andreas O'Riugh, representative of the APEF (Protected Areas Fragile Ecosystems - EU program) visited the future park, and evaluated a site identified as suitable for the future headquarters.
- A field mission to lakes Léré and Trénié provided a better understanding of artisanal fishing activities and the problem of the water hyacinth, an introduced and invasive species.
- An exchange with the team of the Reconnect project (implemented by the International Union for Conservation of Nature - IUCN), whose goal is to establish corridors between the different protected areas of the region, allowed to sketch out avenues of collaboration.
- A VSAT communication system was installed at the Binder base to have an internet connection.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- A review of staffing levels, achievements (ongoing renovation of the GFF base - Wildlife and Forestry Guard) and results obtained in the fight against poaching was conducted by APEF and Noi headquarters.
- 11 patrols were carried out in October, totaling 329 man/day for 741 km covered.
- 12 herders were arrested during the patrols and 12 fines were issued, 2 camps were dismantled, and 4 herds were escorted outside the future national park.
- 85 edged weapons and 2 motorcycles were seized.

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- The 4 elephants equipped with collars are monitored daily. They are still stationed in the northern part of the future park.
- The field mission to the lakes Léré and Trénié allowed us to observe about 50 Nippes. A precise count will be made in 2022.

COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT

- Several meetings took place: the first with the "Club des amis de Berlang" group, which specialises in beekeeping and reforestation with fruit trees and karite trees (muriery), a second with the Berlang women's pottery association to appreciate their know-how (improved clay hearts, handmade pottery, etc.) and to discuss their problems, a third with community representatives, including the ICD coordinator, to discuss the main environmental issues in the reserve and the management of fishery resources.

TERMIT TIN-TOUMMA NATURE RESERVE

MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- A vehicle and a driver have been assigned to each department. Maintenance, vehicle and inventory reviews were also set up.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- 300 man-days of patrolling within the Termit & Tin-Toumma were carried out.
- The new anti-poaching expert Franck BERRY went to Zindor to meet with the Water and Forestry authorities. Back in Nanyei, Franck developed a security plan with the director of the reserve, taking into account the security instructions of the French consulate.

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- The arrival of the new head of the Conservation and Habitat Management Department, Torsten Bohm, provided an opportunity to revise the 2022-2028 Five-Year Business Plan, so that its goals and activities are consistent with the Long-Term Sustainability Strategy (LTS).

COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT

- The Kafouma and Doungoumi wells were finalised, and three Communal Development Plans (Tabanic, Aderehabat and Teaker) were developed.
- The evaluation report on the land contracts (contracts term) for the management of the reserve's natural resources shows, among other things, the return of wildlife to the inter-tribal people thanks to the respect of these agreements. The report emphasises that the contracts term remains a tool to be maintained, adapted if necessary and expanded to promote conservation in the reserve.
- The content of the consultation workshop with all pastoral and livestock stakeholders in the reserve resulted in an action plan ensuring sustainable resources use. The local actors all agreed on the action plan that they themselves have developed.

FOCUS ON A PRIORITY SPECIES

CHIMPANZEE

STATUS : Endangered

POPULATION : 72 700 - 229 700

SCIENTIFIC NAME : Pan troglodytes

HABITATS : Forests, wooded savannas and grassland-forest mosaic

According to the last count (2013) about 7000 individuals of the central chimpanzee subspecies, or bushy (Pan troglodytes troglodytes) are present in Conkouati-Douli National Park. The park is thus of crucial importance for this species. In addition, the park is home to a sanctuary for orphaned chimpanzees, victims of poaching, managed by the NGO HELP Congo, recently taken over by Inseparc Nature.

CONSERVATION ACTORS

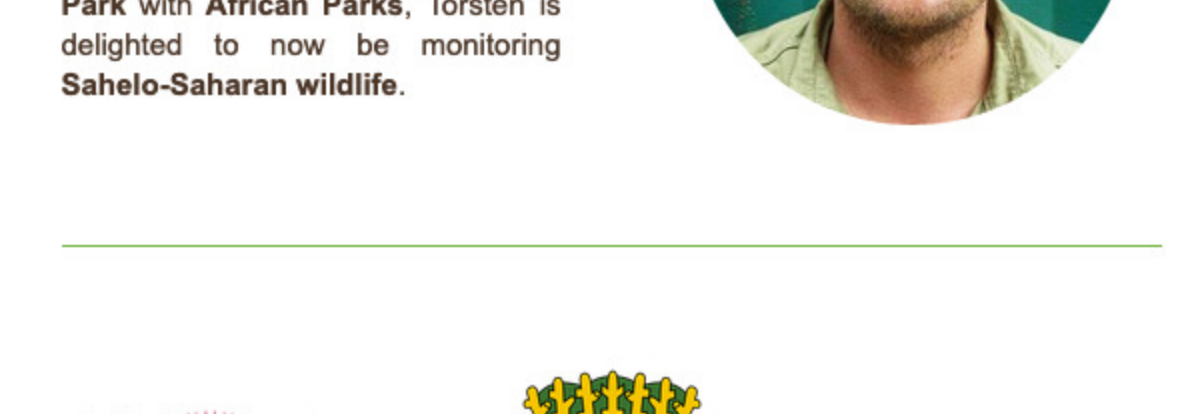
BRILLANTINE DJIGBE

Brillantine Djigbe works as a legal officer in the Binder-Léré Wildlife Reserve in Chad. She improves the monitoring of law enforcement, and teaches field staff on human rights. She ensures the application of environmental laws, the respect of human rights in case of arrests, and the judicial follow-up of cases related to the fight against poaching.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Franck Berry has been recruited as Law Enforcement Mentor in the Termit and Tin-Toumma Nature Reserve in Niger. Former military officer, specialised in the field of security, previously worked in the Wundag National Park in DRC. He will train, advise and support the anti-poaching teams in place.

Torsten Bohm has been recruited as Head of the Conservation and Habitat Management Department of the Termit and Tin-Toumma Nature Reserve in Niger. He is a biologist with a long standing experience in the Oudab-Kafouma Park with African Parks. Torsten is delighted to now be monitoring Sahelo-Saharan wildlife.

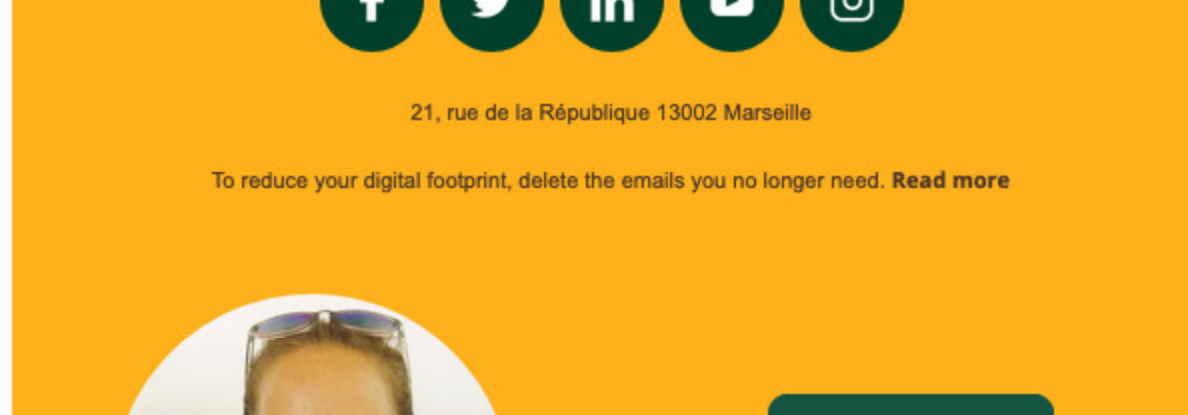


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