



## CHAD'S 3RD ELEPHANT POPULATION SAFE AND SOUND

This group of elephants was filmed in the Binder-Léré Wildlife Reserve, which houses the 3rd largest elephants population in Chad.

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THE 3 PROTECTED AREAS WHERE PARCS DE NOÉ IS LOCATED :



## HIGHLIGHTS

### CONKOUATI-DOULI NATIONAL PARK



A partnership has been established between the Conkouati-Douli National Park and the Pointe Noire Flying Club to conduct ULM (ultra-light motorized aircraft) flights over the park in 2022. The location of the airstrip has been identified near the HQ, and a first provisional landing strip for microlights has been developed and tested.

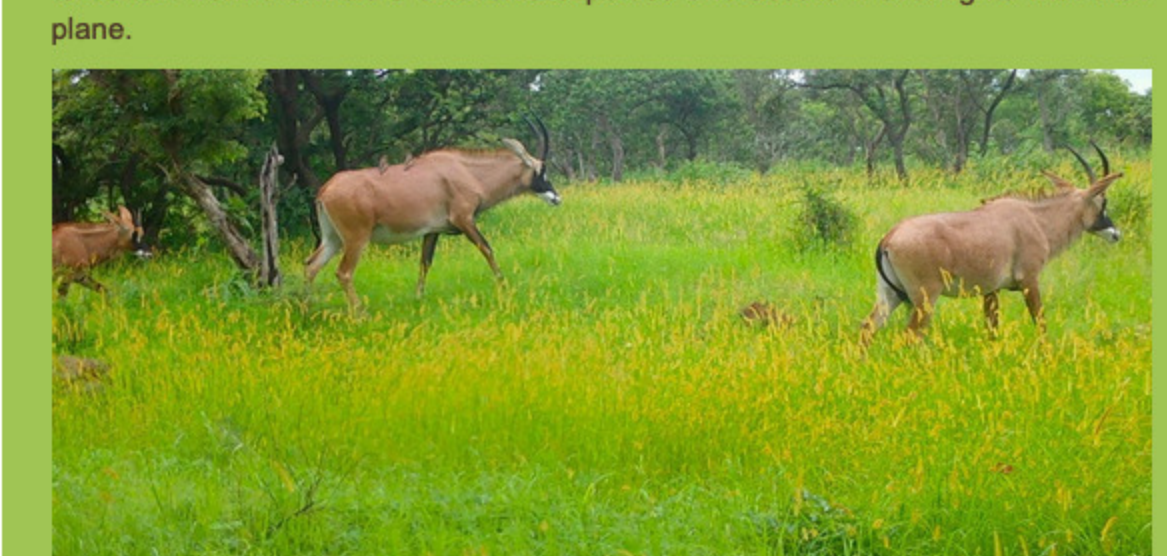


The impact of artisanal mining in Congo is devastating. This month, 19 illegal mining camps with 367 people were identified in the Conkouati-Douli National Park, of which 3 camps have already been dismantled.

### BINDER LÉRÉ WILDLIFE RESERVE



A 3-day mission by African Parks' Regional Director in Chad and the Incubator Program Manager to the Binder-Léré Wildlife Reserve allowed the protected area to benefit from the NGO's extensive expertise and assure 4 overflights with their plane.



A herd of about 25 Roan antelopes, including many juveniles and subadults, was observed in the Binder-Léré Wildlife Reserve. This is the second largest antelope in the reserve after the Derby eland.

### TERMIT TIN-TOUMMA NATURE RESERVE



In preparation for the Board meeting, the Advisory Committee for the Management of the Termit and Tin-Toumma Reserve met on November 10 in Zinder, bringing together all the local stakeholders, providing recommendations and advice to the Board.

## PROGRESS PER SITE

### CONKOUATI-DOULI NATIONAL PARK

#### MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

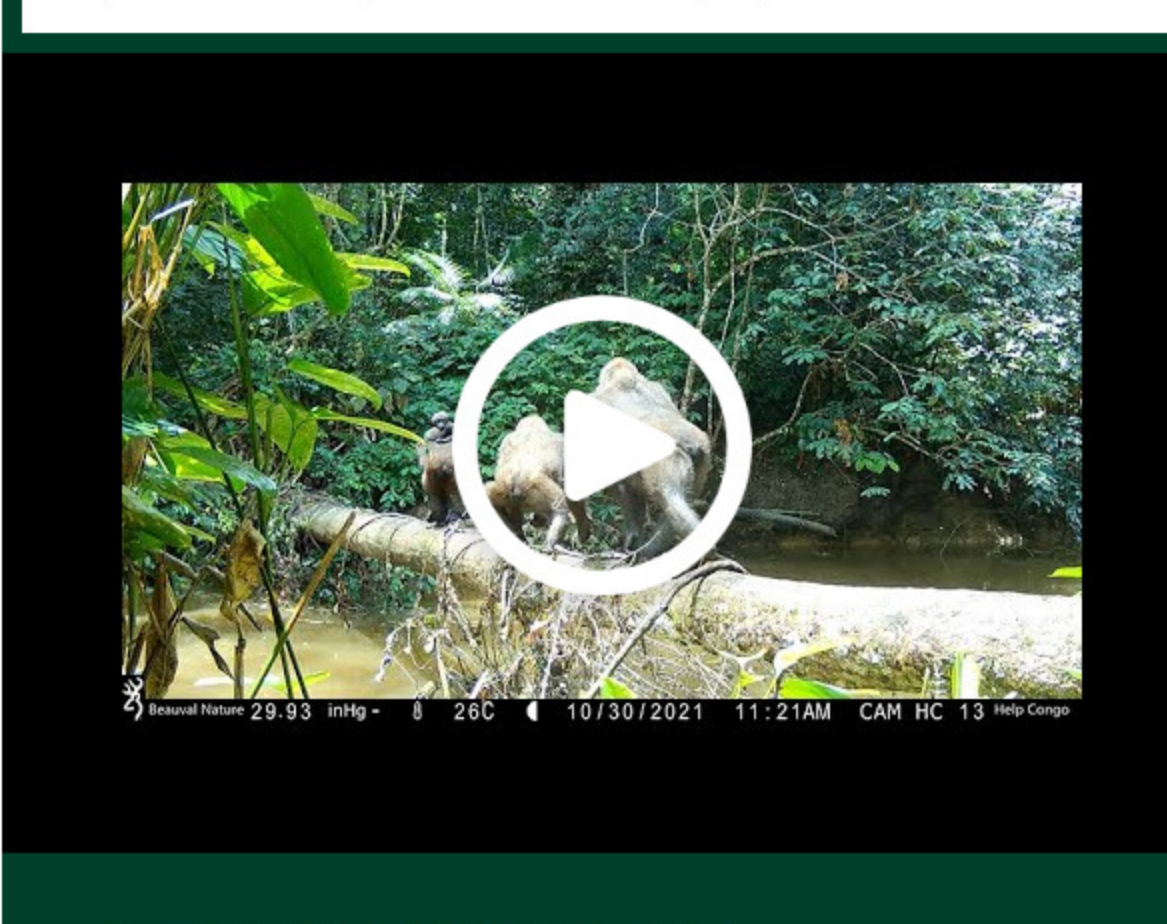
- A partnership has been set up between the Conkouati-Douli National Park and the Pointe Noire Flying Club to carry out aerial surveillance of the park using ULM (ultra-light motorized aircraft) in 2022.
- The location of the airfield in the vicinity of the HQ was identified, and a first temporary landing strip for microlights was built.
- With regard to terrestrial logistics, two new vehicles have arrived in Pointe Noire awaiting customs clearance.
- For the renovation of the HQ, a workforce was recruited from the local communities.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT

- A total of 546 man-days of anti-poaching missions were conducted, 52% of which were at the Youbi and Yanika fixed posts, and 48% on foot and river patrol.
- The anti-poaching missions resulted in the seizure of 26 poached animals (10 bay duikers, 9 blue duikers, 7 cercopitheque monkeys) and 15 munitions.
- During these missions 19 illegal mining camps were identified in the fully protected area of the park, with a total of 367 persons. Already 3 cassiterite mining camps have been dismantled and the offenders have been ordered to leave the park.
- The National Navy supported the Conkouati Park by carrying out surveillance patrols on the lagoon, inventorying the fishermen.

#### BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- The sea turtle nesting season has started, and the NGO Renatura is deployed on the beaches of the park to monitor and protect the nests, mainly of leatherback and olive ridley turtles.
- The patrols in the park have allowed us to discover natural salt pans and regular observations of elephants, buffalos, wild chimpanzees, gorillas, large groups of mandrills, as well as bushbuck and jackals. The camera traps installed by HELIP Congo/Beaumont Nature also demonstrated the presence of these species in the heart of the park. [CLICK BELOW.](#)



#### INTO THE EYE OF A CAMERA TRAP

Since its creation about a century ago, camera traps have become a widely used technology. It basically is a digital camera connected to an infrared sensor detecting warm moving objects, causing the camera to fire (photo or video). Today networked camera traps are capable of sending images over phone or satellite networks in near real-time, providing a new tool in the fight against poaching.

Also new software tools (algorithms that can recognize species) and statistical models are making it much easier and faster to obtain high quality information from the thousands of images that camera traps can generate. This can help obtain population estimates and human-wildlife interactions, helping managers make better decisions at both small and large scales.

### BINDER LÉRÉ WILDLIFE RESERVE

#### MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- The Binder Léré airstrip was extended by 150 meters, by clearing one end of the airstrip, in preparation of the arrival of the African Parks' aircraft.
- A 3-day mission by African Parks to Binder-Léré was conducted by Pierre-Amard Roulet (Responsible for Chad) and Charlotte Maran (Incubator Program Manager) to appreciate the reserve management challenges, and to share their expertise.
- The presence of African Parks' plane allowed to make 4 overflights, permitting amongst others the identification of a potential new site for the installation of the headquarters.
- In order to develop a transboundary collaboration, a meeting was organized with the neighbouring protected area of Binder-Léré in Cameroon, the Ma Mbéd Mbéd National Park. The meeting took place in Kaélé in Cameroon, with the head of the Wildlife Department of Mayo Kari and the Park Director.
- To prepare for the arrival of the future Director of the Binder Léré Protected Area Complex, the offices have been refurbished.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT

- This month 23 anti-poaching missions were conducted, totalling 481 mission-days covering 1727 kilometres.
- These missions led to the dismantling of 2 camps, the expulsion of 6 herds of cattle, and the seizure of 58 edged weapons. In addition, 8 gold miners were arrested while prospecting, equipped with 7 metal detectors and a motorbike.

#### BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- A herd of about 20 roan antelopes was observed, including many juveniles and subadults.
- The group of elephants that was observed at the eastern limits, near Cameroon, returned to the centre of the reserve (Mayo Bagala). Another group of 9 elephants, 2 of which were wearing GPS collars, remained near Binder. This made it possible to take video footage with a drone, providing unique images of this herd (SEE ABOVE).

### TERMIT TIN-TOUMMA NATURE RESERVE

#### MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- In preparation for the Board meeting, the Advisory Committee for the Management of the Termit and Tin-Toumma Reserve met on November 10 in Zinder, regrouping all of the reserve's stakeholders, developing recommendations for the Board.
- The Board meeting took place on November 30 in Niamey. On this occasion, the management documents for 2022 were validated, and notably integrated into the 2022-2028 business plan.
- Financial partners of the Niger government were invited to a Round Table organized by the Minister in charge of the Environment, Mrs. Garama Saradou Rabou Inoussa, to present the Termit Reserve to new potential donors.
- A reinforced security protocol has been put in place to meet the current security requirements in Niger for travel and the security of the various sites in the reserve.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT

- A surveillance mission was carried out in the Dougoulé pass. The progress was made in such a way as to cover the entire width of the pass and observe all potential suspicious tracks.

#### BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- A total of 20 camera traps are currently operational in the Termit Massif. Several species have been identified, such as the African (golden) wolf, the caracal, the African wildcat and the common genet.
- In order to increase the camera trap monitoring scheme, 19 new camera traps and additional equipment such as solar panels and metal safety boxes were purchased.
- The SMART (Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool) software is now operational for the storage and collection of ecological data. This allows the visualization of all collected data directly on a map, and the generation of automatic data analysis.

#### COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT

- A total of 18 community agents (CA) carried out awareness-raising missions. The CA's travelled more than 750 km and met and sensitized approximately 150 people on the presence of the reserve and the importance of sustainable natural resource management.
- With the support of the reserve, the Communal Development Plans for each commune (Tesker, Aderbalsinat and Tabellet) have been finalized and handed over to the mayors. These plans are aligned with the community development priorities of the reserve, as outlined in the Sustainable Pastoralism Plan and its related action plan, validated during the Consultative Management Committee of the Termit and Tin-Toumma Reserve (see above).

## CONSERVATION ACTORS



I had an unusual career path, starting at the Lesio Luna Gorilla Sanctuary in Congo in 1985 as a mechanical builder where I discovered my passion for nature conservation. Soon after I joined the civil service and became expert in intelligence gathering for the Forestry Ministry. Appreciated by African Parks, I benefited from trainings in South Africa, Zambia, Malawi, Botswana and in the United States to become a real expert in protected areas management.

In August 2020, the Congolese government entrusted me with the management of the Conkouati-Douli National Park, which had not received any support for 2 years (abandoned HQ, staff without salary).

I was delighted when Noé arrived in April 2021. Today surveillance missions have resumed, the logistics and infrastructure are back on track, and the park is finding back to its former glory.

My role as Deputy Director is now focused on the implementation of a protection strategy, setting up an intelligence network and the integration of communities in the management of the park, while I also ensure the institutional relations such as with the local authorities.



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