NOUABALÉ-NDOKI NATIONAL PARK, OCTOBER 2021

Goualougo's female gorilla, Jeanne, checking the ripeness of fruit © S.Brogan/WCS

SUMMARY

• A successful vaccination campaign for rangers and key frontline staff was successfully launched, ensuring protection against a range of transmissable diseases such as rabies and tuberculosis.

• Sabine Plattner's African Charities opened an early learning and maternal education centre in Bomassa village, the opening of which was assisted by NNNP staff. The school will work with the Park on environmental education.

• 5 rangers received advanced first aid training in Brazzaville. They will now act as medics for the Park's rangers.

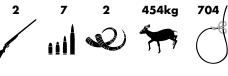## CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY

NNNP arrests:

* in red, suspects transferred to local courts
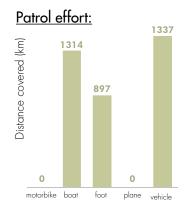
Hunting camp monitoring:

16 camps visited **16** camps destroyed
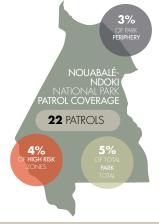
Seizures:

2   7   2   454kg   704

Illegally killed elephants:

* red indicates carcasses found within the park boundaries.

Patrol effort:

Distance covered (km)

motorbike	boat	foot	plane	vehicle
0	1314	897	0	1337

3% OF PARK PERIPHERY

NOUABALÉ-NDOKI NATIONAL PARK PATROL COVERAGE

22 PATROLS

4% OF HIGH RISK ZONES

5% OF TOTAL PARK TOTAL

Operations & Information Fusion Centre: Construction work was finalised on a new control room in Makao, which will support operations in the east of the Park. This room will be staffed 24/7 following its furnishing and connection to the internet.

THREE POACHERS WERE SUCCESSFULLY SENTENCED IN COURTS IN OUESSO AND IMPFONDO FOR TRAFFICKING PROTECTED SPECIES

INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION

- Rehabilitation of the ecological center at Bomassa's base
- Conversion of the dormitory into offices and control room in Makao
- Rehabilitation of the Park warden's house

AVIATION PROGRAM

Surveillance flights: 0
Logistics flights: 0

The aircraft's engine, which has technical problems caused by the long downtime during COVID-19, is being repaired in South Africa.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

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Mondika's silverback Balema, reaching for Ngombe leaves (*Celtis mildbraedii*)

Completion of the works at Makao base, including the installation of a new gate.

Delivery of teaching materials for the Bomassa adult literacy project.

Aristide, Mbeli Research Assistant, during his visit to Dzanga Baï to discuss data collection methods.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Allocation of eleven (11) pensions to elderly people in Bomassa and Makao

7 🚺 **4** 🚹
* including **5** indigenous

The health centers of Bomassa and Makao received a total of 177 patients.

87 🚺 **90** 🚹
* including **33** indigenous

Exchanges between a community development officer and the community of Makao.

10 🚺 **48** 🚹
* including **4** indigenous

• Wind, rain, and temperature measurement tools have been acquired to introduce Bomassa Primary School students to scientific data collection.

• Finalization of the BNS study report that assesses the impact of conservation projects on the well-being of local communities. The attitude and knowledge of the local population about the Park has improved since the previous survey.

• Delivery of educational materials to elementary school in Makao and Bomassa.

RESEARCH AND MONITORING

Elephant Listening Project (ELP):

Shots were recorded as part of a new research protocol to develop a tool to automatically detect suspicious recordings and identify poaching cases.

Wildlife Health Program (WHP):

Working session with the National Public Health Laboratory in Brazzaville for the proper management of carcass samples collected by the field teams.

NNNP RESEARCH SITES

Mondika: The Mététété and Kingo groups were again observed together. Aime and Ike played with the older children in the Mététété group, supervised by the mothers of the older children.

Mbeli Baï Study: Two unidentified young male elephants visited the Bai. They could be new members to the already registered population.

Goualougo Triangle Ape Project: The carcass of the alpha male chimpanzee Finn was found. He probably died of starvation, given his condition. Finn was injured and had difficulty feeding.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

A two-year plan for building capacities in local communities, in tourism-related skills, was developed and agreed. The plan covers five broad skills areas and 20 proposed training activities, including hospitality, culinary and guiding skills.

MEDIA
Visit of Rene Ebersole, National Geographic journalist, following and complementing the visit of photographer Brent Stirton