



# Dzanga Sangha Protected Areas

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## Wildlife

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Limo's group is doing wonderful with many hours resting, as is common in the dry season, when fruit is scarce and movement decreases. The four babies in the group are growing, spending more and more time away from their mothers, and learning to climb the surrounding shrubs. After Ekombe (Indolia's child) and Ebuka (Wusa's child), it was the turn of Mopatapata's child to be baptized. Our trackers have chosen the name Edutu, which like Ekombe refers to a vine whose young leaves gorillas often eat.



*Limo is every day is calmer in our presence © Nuria Ortega*



At this time of the year, Dzanga Bai, in addition to its fauna, impresses by the colors of the trees that surround it.



*Colors at Dznaga Bai © Nuria Ortega*

Cisneros, an adult male that visits the clearing sporadically has been observed with an open flesh wound close to his right tusk. This injury could be consequence of a fight with another bull. Males with injuries have been observed to throw water and put mud on the wound, which probably calms the pain.



*Cisneros with the open flesh wound at the beginning of his tusk. He spent the day putting mud on the wound (and also on the rest of his body).*

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Some months ago, we reported about the Anemone II family. The particularity of this group is the presence of a set of twins and an adopted third offspring the same age as the twins. On top of that, in 2023 they welcomed the birth of a new baby sister (they will surely have a discount on transportation as a large family). This picture show how they look now.






2023: the arrival of the newborn female into the family. From left to right: mom Anemone II, the newborn girl, the twin girls, and the adopted female offspring. ©ELP for the Yang Center/WWF



2025: the family in the clearing. From left to right: mom Anemone II, the one-year old female, the twin girls, and the adopted female offspring. ©ELP for the Yang Center/WWF

Dzanga Bai data collected in collaboration with the Elephant Listening Project: presence of mammals at the clearing based on the number of individuals counted every 30 minutes from 11:00 to 16:30 each day of the month.

| Species   | Minimum | Average | Maximum |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
|  | 69      | 112     | 197     |
|  | 0       | 1       | 14      |
|  | 0       | 5       | 10      |



## Antipoaching

We have increased the number of patrols in the area, as we have seen that the poaching has also increasing.



*Rangers in DSPA © Elia Brizzi*

36 regular patrols were conducted involving 83 rangers. In total 1.663 rangers/days. 2.563 km were traveled on foot.

This resulted in the seizure of 2 manufactured 12-gauge firearms, 10 homemade firearms, 1 war gun AK 47 and 35 ammunitions.

1.062 metal snares were dismantled and 300 kilograms of bush meat seized.

4 elephants were killed.

1 suspect was arrested and judged for hunting in the National Park, and for illegal use of a war firearm AK 47.

He was convicted to imprisonment for six years.

## Community Conservation

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Léonie and Robert, the two new BaAka students at the University of Bangui, have integrated very well into their host families (religious congregations in Bangui) with their new classmates. They seem to enjoy this new stage at university, and the start of their training has been positive.



*Léonie visited Robert in the SMA mission in Bangui where she met some Robert friends © Michele Farina*

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As it seems, it cannot all be good news. After an evaluation of the 10 Baaka students who visit Bayanga high school, the grades obtained by all of them have been below average.

We have held a meeting with the students, their parents, their teachers and the host families to discuss the matter and see how the situation can be changed with the effort of all. For APDS, this education program for BaAka students is a priority.

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Two technicians from RFI Planete Radio came to Bayanga to continue the partnership with DSPA and Radio Ndjoku. They assist the community radio station with new material, training sessions on visual reporting, and checking the overall functioning of the station. Max Bale, who created the radio station, has been coming for more than 15 years to Dzanga Sangha.





We finished the construction work of community barn at the Ba'aka village Kundapapaye



Frontview ....©Frederic Ndoubabe



And interior of the barn © Frederic Ndoubabe



In order to support Ba'aka farmers in the proper conservation of their peanut and seed harvests, missions were carried for collection and gathering. A total quantity of 217 Ngawi peanuts has already been stored for the next agricultural campaign.

This short video shows the work we are doing in the area <https://youtu.be/YL3L08O3V4k>

The APDS doctor continued to provide support to the Bayanga Secondary Hospital (HSB) during this month of January. In January we noted that some patients from Monasao migrated and came to the HSB for treatment.

Due to the launch of the recruitment of eco-guards within the APDS, many medical certificates were issued to young people at the health center.



*The health program is helping the population in the area © A. Colombe Irahali*

**Main DSPA Health Data Number of patients**

| Structure             | Number of patients |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Monasao Health Post   | 358                |
| Belemboke Health Post | 609                |
| Unité Mobile          | 260                |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>1.227</b>       |



## Park Administration

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The new European Union Project has started. This is a fundamental help, especially after the cancellation, for the moment provisionally, of the projects financed by USAID and USFWS.

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The FTNS has also approved our budget for the year 2025.

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The container with all the material for the solar material system for Bayanga has already arrived at the Port of Douala, and we hope to begin its installation soon.

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We have begun the rehabilitation / construction of the rangers training center of Kongana.



*New building in the Kongana training center © Elia Brizzi*



## Tourism and marketing

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Tourist continue to come as well a new tour operator Cookson Adventures, specialized in Luxury travels <https://cooksonadventures.com/>



*Cookson Adventures team © Nuria Ortega*



*During the dry season, beach tourism is also possible in DSPA © Nuria Ortega*



## Arrivals and departures

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Max Bale and Gaël Flaugere, from RFI Planete have come to Bayanga in support of radio Ndjoku

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