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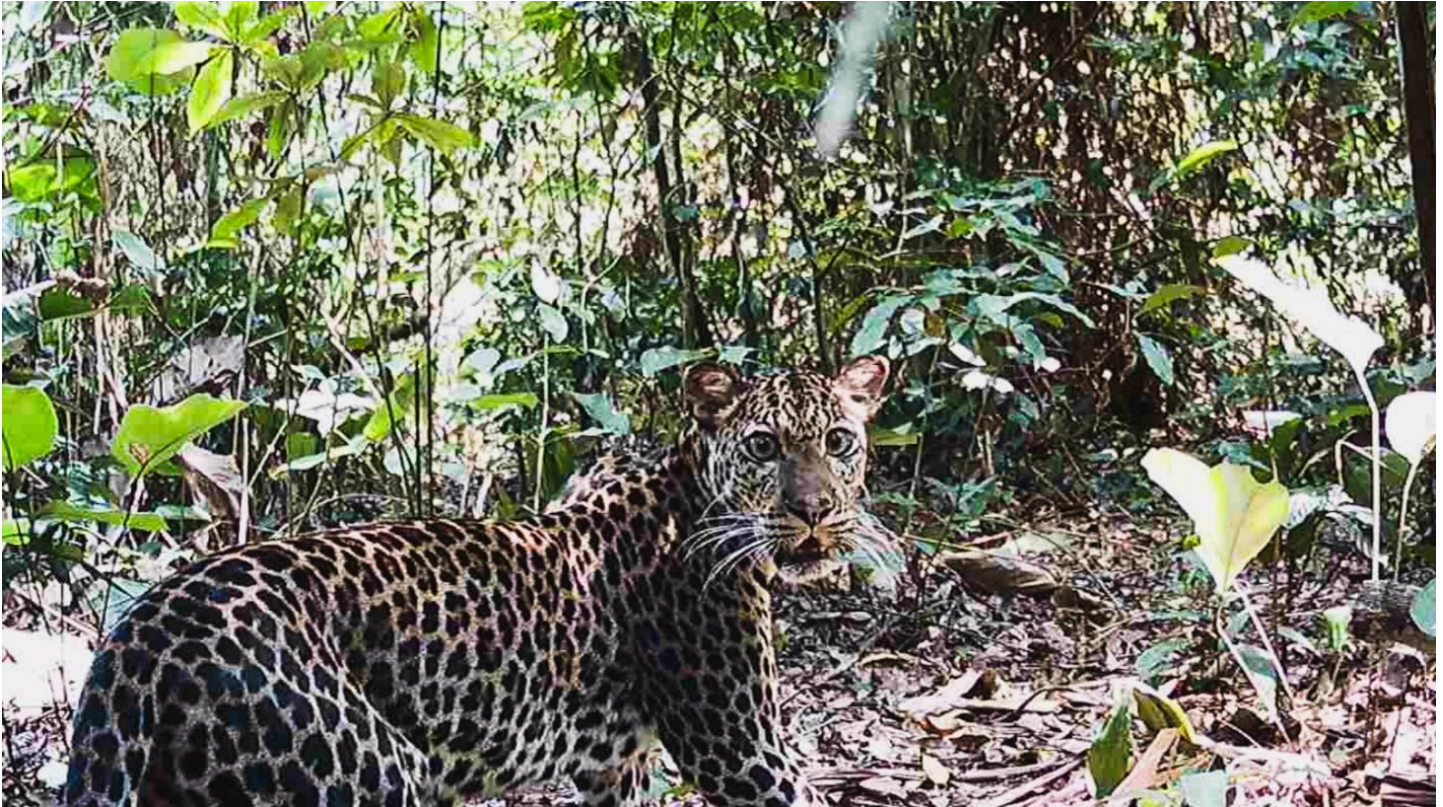


Photo captured by a camera trap showing a leopard, followed by a photo of one of the inventory team



Since February, our teams have been working in the field to carry out a major wildlife inventory, and we are already halfway through! With camera traps set up in the protected areas, we are starting to collect some fascinating footage, like this incredible leopard. The video data is now being analyzed, and the first results are starting to emerge. Take a behind-the-scenes look at the hard work and some early highlights in our new YouTube video: [Watch the video.](#)

Adult female Perdita III

Perdita III is an adult female who was re-identified in 2022 with both tusks intact. Since that first sighting, she has been a regular visitor to the bai. On May 22, 2025, she was observed with the tip of her right tusk broken, though the cause remains unknown.

It's worth noting that tusk damage or loss in forest elephants usually occurs due to fights or interactions with dense vegetation.






Perdita III with the tip of her right tusk broken at Dzanga Bai, observed on May 22, 2025, ©ELP for the Yang Center/WWF.



Perdita III with her right tusk intact at Dzanga Bai, observed in Dec 2024 ©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 60 minutes from 11:00 to 16:00 each day of the month.

Species	Minimum	Average	Maximum
	23	66	141
	0	11	34
	0	7	11

Discover the biodiversity of DSPA



©Moritz Jochum

Common name : Common Hippopotamus
Scientific Name : *Hippopotamus amphibius*

Although less frequently seen than forest elephants or gorillas, hippos inhabit the Sangha River and its tributaries. These animals share the river with the Sangha-Sangha communities, who know these waters very well. Some of our visitors may even be lucky enough to spot them during some river excursions.



Antipoaching

The Guardians : Our Ranger in the Spotlight



We are proud to share that Modiki Claver, one of Dzanga-Sangha's devoted eco-guards, is featured in episode one of *The Guardians*, a powerful new documentary series created by Prince William and United for Wildlife. Claver was selected following his recognition as Best Field Ranger 2024 by GRAA. His story represents the strength, dedication, and daily challenges faced by rangers worldwide.

Watch the episode here: [YouTube – The Guardians, Ep. 1](#)

The selection process for future eco-guards has now been completed. Those selected have officially begun the three month basic ranger training course, where they will learn the essential skills and responsibilities of the profession.



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40 regular patrols were conducted involving 76 rangers. In total 1.436 rangers/days. 2.064 km were traveled on foot.

This resulted in the seizure of 2 manufactured and 24-gauge firearms and 86 Homemade weapons.

2.489 metal snares were dismantled

2 elephants carcasses were found in the Ndoki NP, southern part of DSPA.



Community Conservation

In May, 387 children from 12 Ba'aka villages in the DSPA took part in cultural workshops led by Ndima Kali. They learned how to weave hunting nets, use traditional fishing tools made from plant vines called nasses, build traditional huts, and climb trees using natural ropes.



Elders teaching children how to climb a tree using a rope. © Arnold Moindi

Organized from April 24 to May 22, 2024, in the town of Bayanga, the football tournament featured 12 exciting matches. The grand final was held on May 22 to celebrate International Biodiversity Day, between the local entrepreneurs of Bayanga against the fishermen from the DSPA. The fishermen won 3-2 on penalties ; so like last year the trophy stayed happily in the village.



A stadium atmosphere worthy of a big champions league final : Bayanga style! © Amandine Toumbou



From May 25 to June 1, 2025, the DSPA facilitated the transport of 154 students and 29 teachers from primary schools in both the northern and southern zones of the protected area to the town of Bayanga. This support enabled the students to sit for their national exams: the Common Entrance Exam to 6th Grade and the Primary School Certificate.

AVADAR One Health Project

As part of the AVADAR One Health Project, 21 community informants from 12 villages within the Dzanga-Sangha Protected Areas were trained and sent back to their communities to carry out electronic-based epidemiological surveillance.

This initiative follows the One Health approach, which links human health, animal health, and environmental health, ensuring early detection and response to potential disease threats in these remote areas.



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Annual Health Check-Up for DSPA Staff

DSPA staff recently took part in the annual health check-up, organized in collaboration with the Bayanga Secondary Hospital. A total of 211 staff members were examined and received care from the medical team as part of this important preventive health initiative.



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Main DSPA Health Data Number of patients

Structure	Number of patients
Monasao Health Post	
Belemboke Health Post	606
Total	606



Park Administration

Visit from the National Assembly's Natural Resources Committee

We were pleased and honored to welcome the Natural Resources Committee of the Central African Republic's National Assembly to the Dzanga-Sangha Protected Areas. The delegation was led by Honorable André Nalke Dorogo, President of the Committee, and their visit focused on the sustainable management of natural resources, conservation challenges, and opportunities for stronger collaboration between government institutions and local conservation actors.



Members of the Delegation Natural Resources from the National Assembly © Nuria Ortega

Tourism and marketing

Dzanga-Sangha continued to receive visitors in May, including conservation-minded tourists and colleagues from other Protected Areas. These visits are always valuable opportunities to share ideas, and exchange experiences.



Tourists and conservationists © Nuria Ortega



The Odyssey Collection, a new tour operator led by passionate guides and conservationists. Their focus on ethical and nature-based travel makes them a great match for Dzanga-Sangha. © Alice Peretie



Technology is Transforming Conservation in Dzanga-Sangha = Read this great article on EARTHRANGER about how new tools are helping protect nature.

<https://www.earthranger.com/success-stories/dzanga-sangha>

A Shield for the World – One Health in Dzanga-Sangha

We are happy to share a beautiful short documentary about the **One Health** approach in Dzanga-Sangha. With great images, it shows the important connection between human, animal, and environmental health.

Watch the english version here : <https://dzanga-sangha.org/stories/one-health-in-the-congo-basin/>



As we are reconnecting with newly habituated gorilla groups in DSPA, Shelly Masi, primatologist at the “Museum national d’histoire naturelle de Paris” has just published a compelling new book, drawing on 25 years of research on gorillas in Dzanga-Sangha.

<https://www.albin-michel.fr/queen-kong-9782226494337>

Arrivals and departures



A team from Sabine Plattner African Charities (SPAC) recently visited to share experiences and explore collaboration opportunities with DSPA.



Ella Le Borgne volunteering at Dzanga-Sangha to help us with the EarthRanger platform and staff training.



Nathalie Maisonneuve, Jacques Mboligassie, and Norbert Bogbeyate visited DSPA as part of a mission to assess the ecotourism potential of the Ngotto Forest, and to exchange with the DSPA team on existing tourism experiences.

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