



# Dzanga Sangha Protected Areas

Special Edition Newsletter:

Dzanga Sangha Day, 18-20 November 2025 !

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## Celebrating the First Dzanga-Sangha Protected Areas Day

From November 18 to 20, the Central African Republic marked a major milestone with the inaugural Dzanga-Sangha Protected Areas Day. President Faustin Archange Touadéra led the celebrations, highlighting this UNESCO World Heritage site within the Sangha Trinational.

Organized in partnership with WWF and the Helmholtz Institute for One Health, the event celebrated conservation, sustainable development, and the well-being of local communities. New social infrastructure and a center for Indigenous peoples were also inaugurated, reinforcing Dzanga-Sangha's role as a national and global model for biodiversity protection and the "One Health" approach.

## Reconciling Nature, Health & Development: A Historic Day in Bangui



*The WWF Regional Director Laurent Magloire Some shakes hands with the President following his speech, highlighting more than 40 years of exemplary collaboration between the Government of the Central African Republic and WWF in the Dzanga-Sangha Protected Areas.*

*The WWF CAR Country Director Stephane Youfeïna presents the President with a portrait of Makumba, the legendary Dzanga-Sangha gorilla and emblem of decades of successful conservation efforts.*





## Greeting the Teams & BaAka Trackers

*The President meets with the APDS management team, acknowledging their leadership and long-term commitment to protecting the Dzanga-Sangha landscape.*



*The President greets the BaAka trackers, whose exceptional forest expertise is essential to the success of research and ecotourism activities across Dzanga-Sangha*





*During the visit to Dzanga Bai, the delegation enjoyed an exceptional wildlife viewing session from the observation platform, using binoculars to take in the unique spectacle of forest elephants gathering at the saline.*

*At the foot of the platform, the President was photographed with the Dzanga Bai researchers and partners from the Elephant Listening Project, who shared insights into their long-term monitoring work.*

*During the visit the President said : “We will take all necessary measures to develop this site and to protect the elephants that live here, in close collaboration with local communities. We must show the world that there is a unique natural heritage here in the Central African Republic.”*





## Stay at Doli Lodge & Launch of the Solar Power Plant

*Warm hospitality awaits the delegation at Doli Lodge, where the presidential team spent the night during the mission.*



*The ceremonial placement of the first solar panel marks the official start of Bayanga's Solar Power Plant project*





*Partners from the Helmholtz Institute for One Health and the Institut Pasteur Bangui join APDS staff to open the new One Health Laboratory, reinforcing local research and disease-surveillance capacity.*

*Bayanga Medical teams showcase the upgraded pediatric and neonatology services designed to improve care for mothers and children.*





# Inauguration of the Indigenous Peoples' Cultural Center & Radio Ndjoku Interview



*The ribbon is cut at the Indigenous Peoples' Cultural Center, a vibrant space dedicated to the preservation and promotion of BaAka and Sangha-Sangha cultural heritage.*



*Local residents tune in as the President speaks on Radio Ndjoku, sharing key messages about community development, conservation, and inclusive participation.*





### *APDS Vibrates to the Rhythms of Kingo Ya Ndimba*



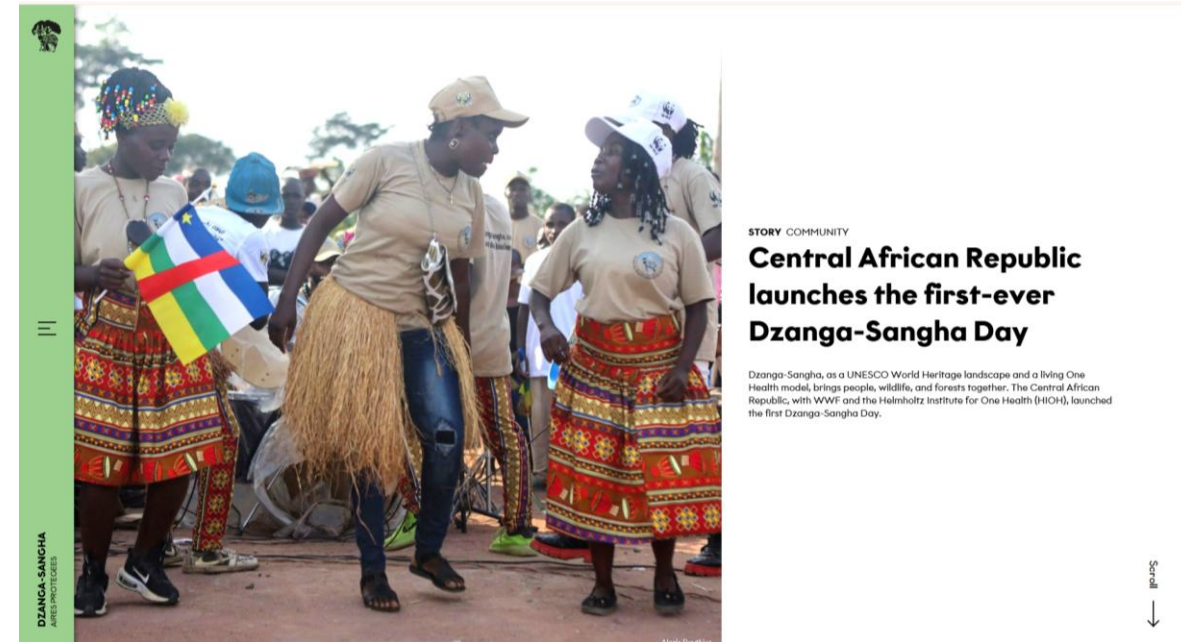


*Learn more about Dzanga-Sangha Day by exploring some articles on our websites :*

<https://africa.panda.org/?56842/Central-African-Republic-launches-the-first-ever-Dzanga-Sangha-Day>

<https://dzanga-sangha.org/stories/first-ever-dzanga-sangha-day/>

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