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A website for the programme

The PAPFor programme has created a website to introduce the Guinean forests, the regional programme and the 6 landscapes it manages, and related resources. This newsletter, which is linked with it, will appear every quarter to highlight:

- regional and local progress,
- remarkable biodiversity features,
- protected areas.

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PROGRAMME NEWS

Annual meeting of PAPFor Steering Committee

Following its first meeting in September 2021, the regional programme's steering committee held its annual meeting on Wednesday 26 October 2022 to review progress and plan for 2023. With all six landscape programmes up and running, the 40 meeting participants looked at progress made and reviewed achievements against indicators of the PAPFor funding agreement.

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PAPFor and WABILED launch a study on sustainable cocoa !

Since november, **Kinomé**, which has extensive experience on the topic, is **collecting experiences** from the different PAPFor landscapes, **compiling** a body of literature already available and **conducting**



interviews in preparation for a regional workshop to be organised in early 2023. This initiative will enable implementing agencies to be better equipped to implement their cocoa-related activities and contribute not only to stopping deforestation but also to maintaining biodiversity in the areas concerned.

A first draft of the study's report will be available by the end of February 2023. Look out for the next newsletter to find out.

LANDSCAPE NEWS



OKKPS

Community training in agroecological techniques

From 8 to 13 November 2022, WCF organised a training on agroecological practices for 133 members of agricultural cooperatives from 14 villages. The training was part of the community development activities within the future Pinselli-Soyah-Sabouyah national park. Three modules : sustainable natural resource management, agroecologicals practices, conservation and valorisation of agricultural products.

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Gola Foya

EU ROM conducted for PAPFor Gola Landscape (Liberia and Sierra Leone)

The two-week long trip involved meetings, interview with key stakeholders, government institutions, consultants and community members. A key part of the task included field visits to protected areas and community forests in Sierra Leone and Liberia. The ROM provided an opportunity to interact with project beneficiaries, and to share ideas and knowledge on efficiency, effectiveness in carrying out project activities and the crucial need for focus on sustainability.

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WWZ

Transboundary coordination restarts in WWZ landscape

A meeting to reactivate transboundary coordination in the Wologizi-Wonegizi-Ziama (WWZ) landscape was held with representatives from Liberia and Guinea on 12 October in Zorzor, Liberia. The meeting resulted in updating the draft terms of reference of the transboundary steering committee, and in the development of a detailed plan for the first joint transboundary border patrols.

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Nimba Moutains

Meeting local leaders in Guinea to discuss local development plan for communities

In November, PAPFor Guinea's communication and community mobilization officer visited the chiefs of N'Zoo and Tounkarata to document the number of active groups. The discussions focused on the priorities of the local populations regarding their community development and the establishment of long-term



Tai-Grebo-Krahn-Sapo

Tree nursery empowers women in Tai region, Côte d'Ivoire

When they began the makoray nursery in 2002, the Trantie Troti women became the first organisation to produce oil from this forest plant. With support from PAPFor, for the first time, the group made 5 million makoray seedlings available for sale in May 2022. PAPFor through GIZ is ensuring



Cross River

Improving cocoa sustainability to reduce deforestation and improved livelihoods

Over the last few months, the PAPFor project in Cross River has established 16 new nurseries in the communities surrounding Cross River National Park and plans to raise 160 000 improved cocoa seedlings. Each farmer signs a 'conservation contract' and agrees to limit cocoa expansion

income-generating activities.

these women are visible and recognised in the production market.

into new forest areas.

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The white-necked rockfowl

This exceptional bird, together with its Central African cousin, are the only two members of the Picathartidae family in the world. It is found only in certain dense forests from Guinea to Ghana. It has a very distinctive appearance, which gives the impression that it comes from the time of the dinosaurs.

Despite its bright colours, it is rarely to be seen, as it silently scours the forest floor for insects, small amphibians or any other small animal within its reach.

Photo: Nick Borrow

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ZOOM ON A PROTECTED AREA

Tiwai Island Sanctuary (Sierra Leone/Gola-Foya)

Tiwai Island is located in southern Sierra Leone and is part of the Gola-Foya Landscape. With Wildlife Sanctuary status since 1987, it is one of the best conserved protected areas in West Africa.

Tiwai's primary attraction is the high concentration and diversity of primates, many of which are globally endangered. Tiwai Island is also known for its population of pygmy hippos and its 200 birds species.

As part of the Gola-Foya landscape, Tiwai Island receives support from PAPFor for the renovation of tourism infrastructure, for the development of the management plan and for maintaining a database on the island's biodiversity and past research results.



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