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PROGRAMME NEWS

The PAPFor website is getting richer

After putting around 100 reference documents online at the end of last year, organised country-by-country, the Regional Coordination has collected and uploaded around 60 new reports, studies and other resources, this time specific to the six landscapes supported by PAPFor. These are available via a small search engine of drop-down menus on the "Documents" page of the www.papfor.org website.

During the capitalisation phase of the PAPFor programme, an additional effort will be made to collect other key documents. These will be put online between March and May. They will then be uploaded and made available via the "NaturAfrica West Africa" programme, which will develop a large database of relevant documents on all 11 landscapes supported by this new European Union programme in West Africa. Ultimately, these documents will also be accessible via sites such as those of OBAPAO and UEMOA.

LANDSCAPE NEWS



Taï - Grebo-Krahn - Sapo

Support for income-generating activities around Taï NP

In response to an evaluation of socio-economic needs in 6 communities around Taï national park in Côte d'Ivoire, the project has been working with a local NGO to develop economic activities including the breeding of cane rats ('agoutis'), achatina snails and farmed fish. During the course of the project, the communities put an end to practices including illegal poaching, gold mining and felling of trees within the park.

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Gola Foya

Community engagement and awareness-raising leads to improved forest protection

Madam Kata Sannoh, a farmer and current chairlady of the Gola Community Development Committee, recalls how a talk from the project team about the need to protect the forest from harmful practices made a powerful impression on her. "My husband stopped setting snares, and I relocated my farming activities to another area close to the community,"

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WWZ

Strengthening local governance structures for better management of Zياما reserve

The 'One landscape, one vision' project aims to improve local governance in 31 villages located in 5 rural communes on the periphery of the Zياما Biosphere Reserve. It employs a collaborative approach that aims to preserve and manage the area's natural resources and biodiversity through participatory and sustainable land-use planning at local level by the Community Management Committees.

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Cross River

Engaging stakeholders for the protection of Cross River National Park, Nigeria



OKKPS

EU PAPFor supports the training of environmental education facilitators in Guinea



Mount Nimba

Major renovation for the conservators' base camp at Mount Nimba, Guinea

In collaboration with the National Park Service of Nigeria, the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) brought together 200 stakeholders for a day's meeting to discuss the status of the Cross River National Park and identify ways to strengthen its management, as well as the economic development of communities in and around the national park.

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Community educators have received training in the future Pinselli-Soyah-Sabouyah National Park. As part of its environmental education and awareness-raising activities, the WCF and its partners organised a workshop for supervisors, headmasters and teachers from six target schools in the localities of Diandian, Ouré-Kaba, Farenta, Saférin, Soyah and Sabouyah. The training was structured around theoretical and practical sessions.

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With support from the PAPFor programme, the base for conservators and rangers of Mount Nimba in Gbakoré, Guinea, has been refurbished. The work involved refurbishing the sanitary block, the generator shelter, the administrative office, accommodation for the chief conservation officer and the deputy chief conservation officer, and the complete installation of the electricity and sewerage systems.

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BIODIVERSITY FOCUS



Sooty mangabey

The sooty mangabey (*Cercocebus atys*) is a small monkey with an entirely grey coat, which is slightly lighter on the belly. Unlike most other species of monkey found in Guinean forests, this mangabey often feeds on the ground. It is a very sociable species, living in groups of up to a hundred individuals, with several breeding males and females.

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ZOOM ON A PROTECTED AREA

The Ziama Biosphere Reserve

The Ziama Biosphere Reserve is home to one of the last remaining primary forests in West Africa and is renowned for its exceptional biodiversity. Its vegetation is rich in trees, herbaceous plants, lianas and ferns. Among its animals are primates such as chimpanzees and colobus monkeys, antelopes, bushpigs, forest elephants, pangolins and civets, and numerous birds, reptiles and amphibians.

Ziama faces a number of threats that jeopardise its fragile ecosystem. These include poaching and agricultural encroachment, the latter combined with the use of pesticides, and worsening human-wildlife conflicts.



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