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## IMPLEMENTING THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT ACTION PLAN



### Central Africa Projects

#### Cameroon

#### Support of Law Reinforcement and the Protection of African Elephants at the Dja Conservation Complex

This project seeks to promote and encourage a platform for dialogue at the level of local communities in and around the Dja Conservation Complex on matters related to elephant poaching and ivory trade, encourage and support strategic partnerships between local communities, non-governmental organizations and government, establish and strengthen the capacity of village-based rapid early warning systems for poaching of elephants and ivory trade and raise awareness using the recent advances in information and communication technology

#### Central African Republic

#### Contributing to the protection of elephant populations' victims of political and military crisis in Central African Republic

The overall objectives of this project are to strengthen the operational capacity of the anti-poaching teams, to strengthen the capacity of staff and local people to manage the human-elephant conflict, and to raise awareness on the political and social factors contributing to wildlife crime and poaching of elephants.

## **Congo, Cameroon and Central African Republic**

### **Strengthening Law Enforcement Capacity to Combat Elephant Poaching and Ivory Trafficking in Central Africa**

This project seeks to strengthen law enforcement by enhancing regional and international cooperation among range states working to address elephant poaching and illegal ivory trade. This will be done by establishing a regional training workshop for wildlife law enforcement officers in the Sangha Trinational Site (TNS,) a transboundary conservation ecosystem in the North- western Congo Basin for Cameroon, the Central African Republic and the Republic of Congo.

#### **Congo Brazzaville**

### **Reinforcement of Operational Capacities in the Fight against the Illegal Trafficking of Elephant Products and Sub- Products**

This project aims at establishing an intelligence network to combat illegal trade in ivory in Congo (Brazzaville) and organizing meetings for local communities and stakeholders to increase awareness on elephant conservation and management.

#### **Gabon**

### **Genetic Traceability of Ivory for Law Enforcement in Gabon**

The aim of the project is to reduce illegal trade in ivory by working to establish autonomy for Gabon on traceability analysis of ivory, to determine the geographical origin of the ivories of the Gabonese national stock, and to develop an operational database to compare seized ivory and carcasses discovered in Gabon.

### **Developing a Quadcopter and Infrared Camera System to Monitor and Track the African Forest Elephant**

The project aims to develop new techniques for field monitoring of elephants, and to train and equip wildlife officers and local communities on appropriate human elephant conflict management approaches. The goal is to improve monitoring systems and to strengthen law enforcement capacity in combating poaching and illegal trade in ivory and mitigate human elephant conflict in Wonga Woungou National Park and Lopè National Park in Gabon.

### **Military Training for Gabon's Park Rangers**

This project aims to assist the Gabon's Nation Parks Agency (ANPN) with provision for rations, equipment and cover training costs for rangers while they undertake training from British military personnel. This is aimed at enhancing their patrolling, tracking, first aid, military tactics, firing range and mission planning techniques to strengthen their capacity to combat poaching and illegal trade in ivory.

