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## IMPLEMENTING THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT ACTION PLAN



### Central Africa Projects

#### Chad

#### Reducing the Impacts of Covid-19 on Key Elephant Protection Activities (2022)

The AEF project aimed to circumvent the containment measures put in place due to Covid-19 to strengthen remote communication between elephant protection teams in the field, and between these teams and the central administration and regional teams.

#### Elephant Collaring Operation in Zakouma National Park (2021)

The overall objective of this project was to strengthen elephant conservation and management through enhancing monitoring of elephants. Through the project, seventeen elephants were fitted with GPS collars enabling 24/7 monitoring of elephants and their movements. Use of collars has significantly reduced poaching incidences and has also provided invaluable data to Park management to understand the drivers of elephant movements so that future migratory patterns can be predicted, hence management and law enforcement can quickly adapt.

## Republic of the Congo, Cameroon and Central African Republic

### Strengthening Law Enforcement Capacity to Combat Elephant Poaching and Ivory Trafficking in Central Africa (2016)

This project sought to strengthen law enforcement by enhancing regional and international cooperation among range States working to address elephant poaching and illegal ivory trade. This was done by undertaking 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.

## Republic of the Congo

### Reinforcement of Operational Capacities in the Fight against the Illegal Trafficking of Elephant Products and Sub-Products (2021)

This project aimed to 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

### Elephant Inventory in Gamba Protected Area Complex (2021)

Through this project, a survey was undertaken in the Gamba Protected Area Complex to establish the population of elephants and other large mammals and their distribution. The study also aimed to estimate the intensity of human activities and identify areas of high pressure.

### Military Training for Gabon's Park Rangers (2018)

This project aimed 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 was 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.

### Developing a Quadcopter and Infrared Camera System to Monitor and Track the African Forest Elephant (2017)

The project aimed 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 was 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 Lopé National Park in Gabon.

### Genetic Traceability of Ivory for Law Enforcement in Gabon (2016)

The aim of the project was 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.

