

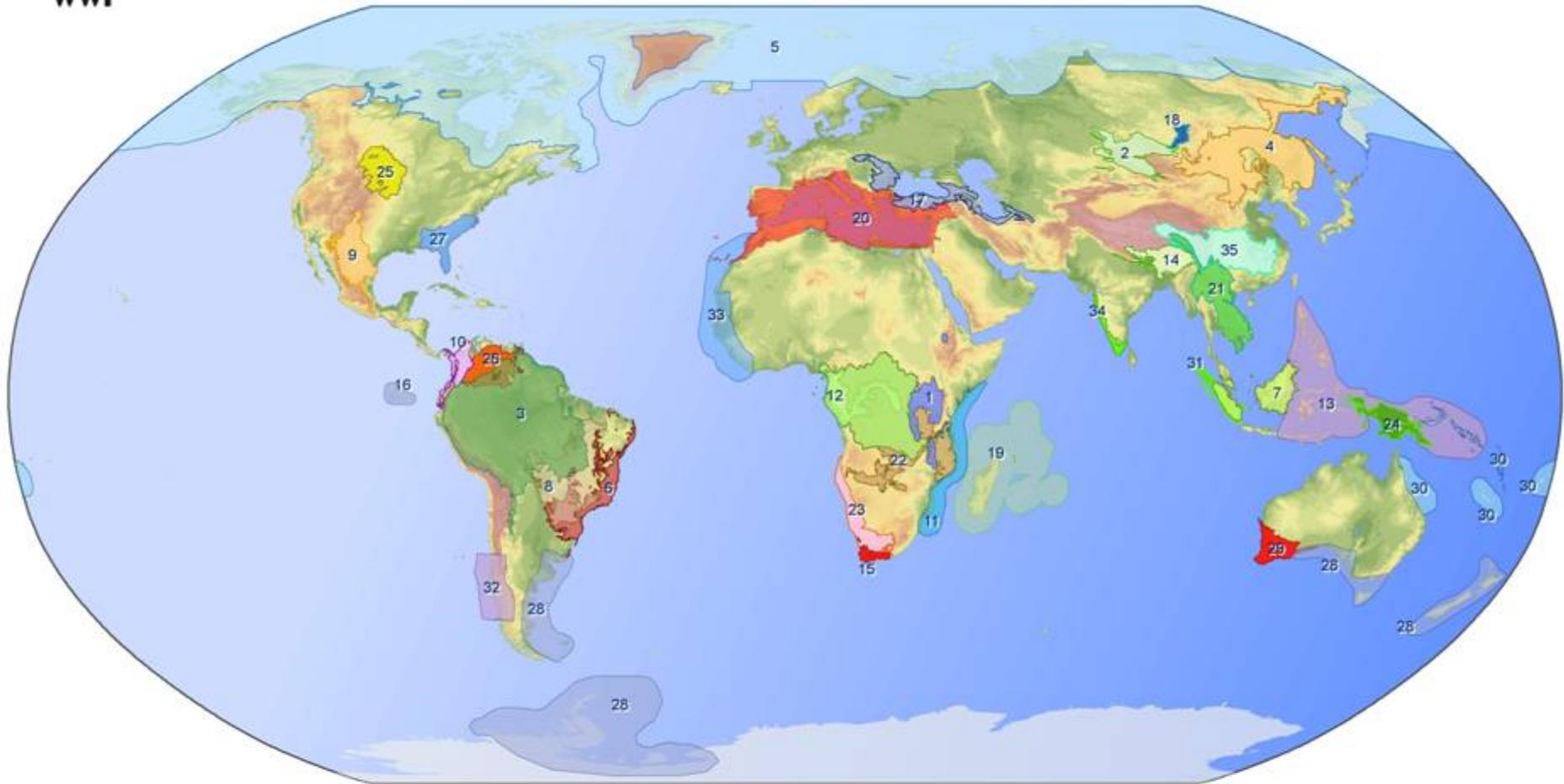


10 Years of PA Management in Gabon





WWF Network Priority Places

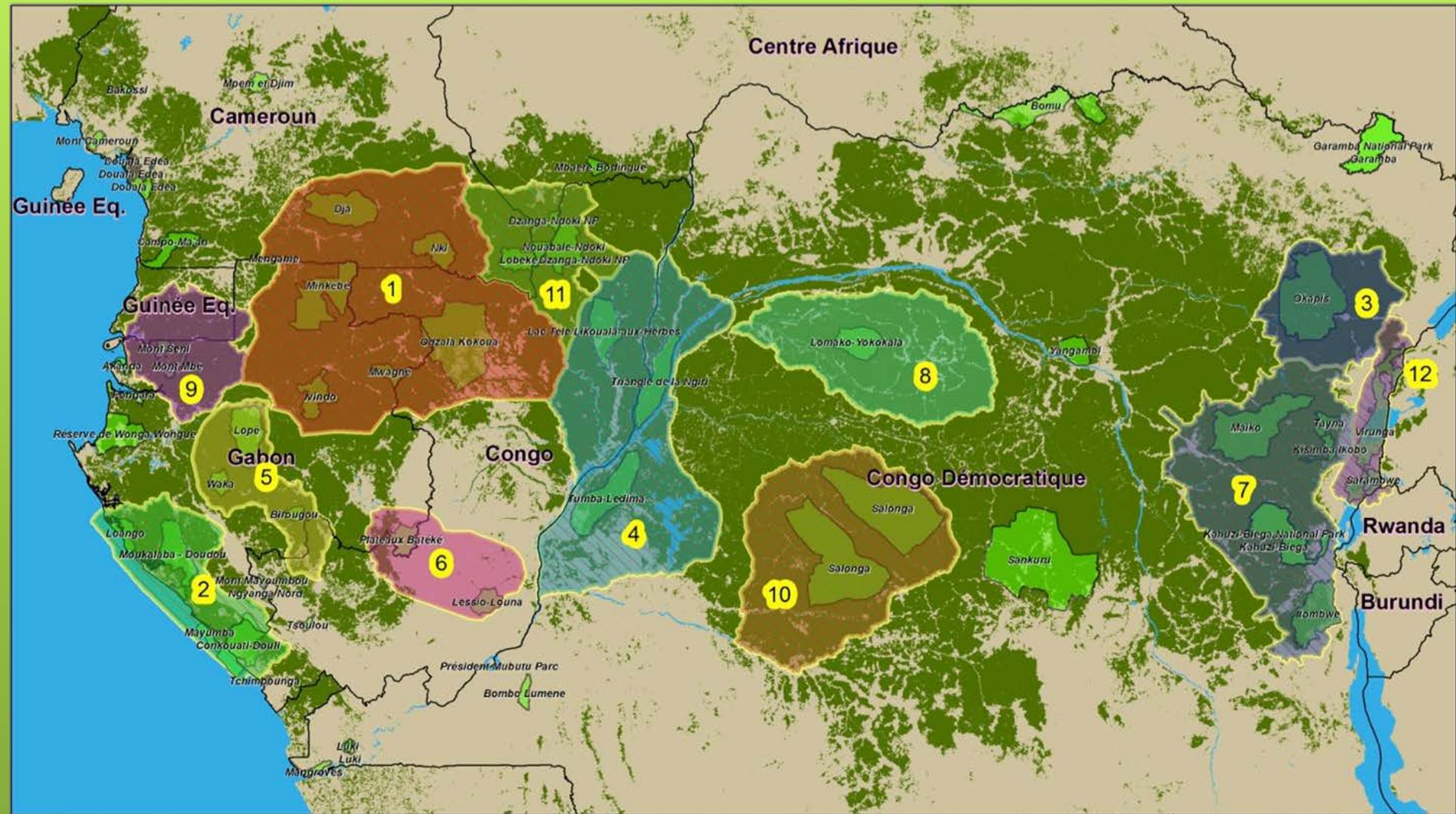


WWF Network Priority Places

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| 1, African Rift Lakes Region | 9, Chihuahuan Deserts and Freshwater | 18, Lake Baikal | 27, Southeastern Rivers and Streams |
| 2, Altai-Sayan Montane Forests | 10, Choco-Darien | 19, Madagascar | 28, Southern Ocean |
| 3, Amazon Guianas | 11, Coastal East Africa | 20, Mediterranean | 29, Southwest Australia |
| 4, Amur-Heilong | 12, Congo Basin | 21, Mekong Complex | 30, Southwest Pacific |
| 5, Arctic Seas and Associated Boreal/Tundra | 13, Coral Triangle | 22, Miombo Woodlands | 31, Sumatra |
| 6, Atlantic Forests | 14, Eastern Himalayas | 23, Namib-Karoo-Kaokoveld | 32, Valdivia |
| 7, Borneo | 15, Fynbos | 24, New Guinea and Offshore Islands | 33, West Africa Marine |
| 8, Cerrado-Pantanal | 16, Galapagos | 25, Northern Great Plains | 34, Western Ghats |
| | 17, Greater Black Sea Basin | 26, Orinoco River and Flooded Forests | 35, Yangtze Basin |

Regional Priority Places: Alps, Baltic, Gulf of California, Indus Delta, Mesoamerican Reef, Yellow Sea.

The Congo Basin – Green Heart of Africa



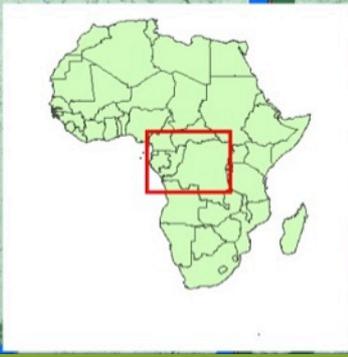
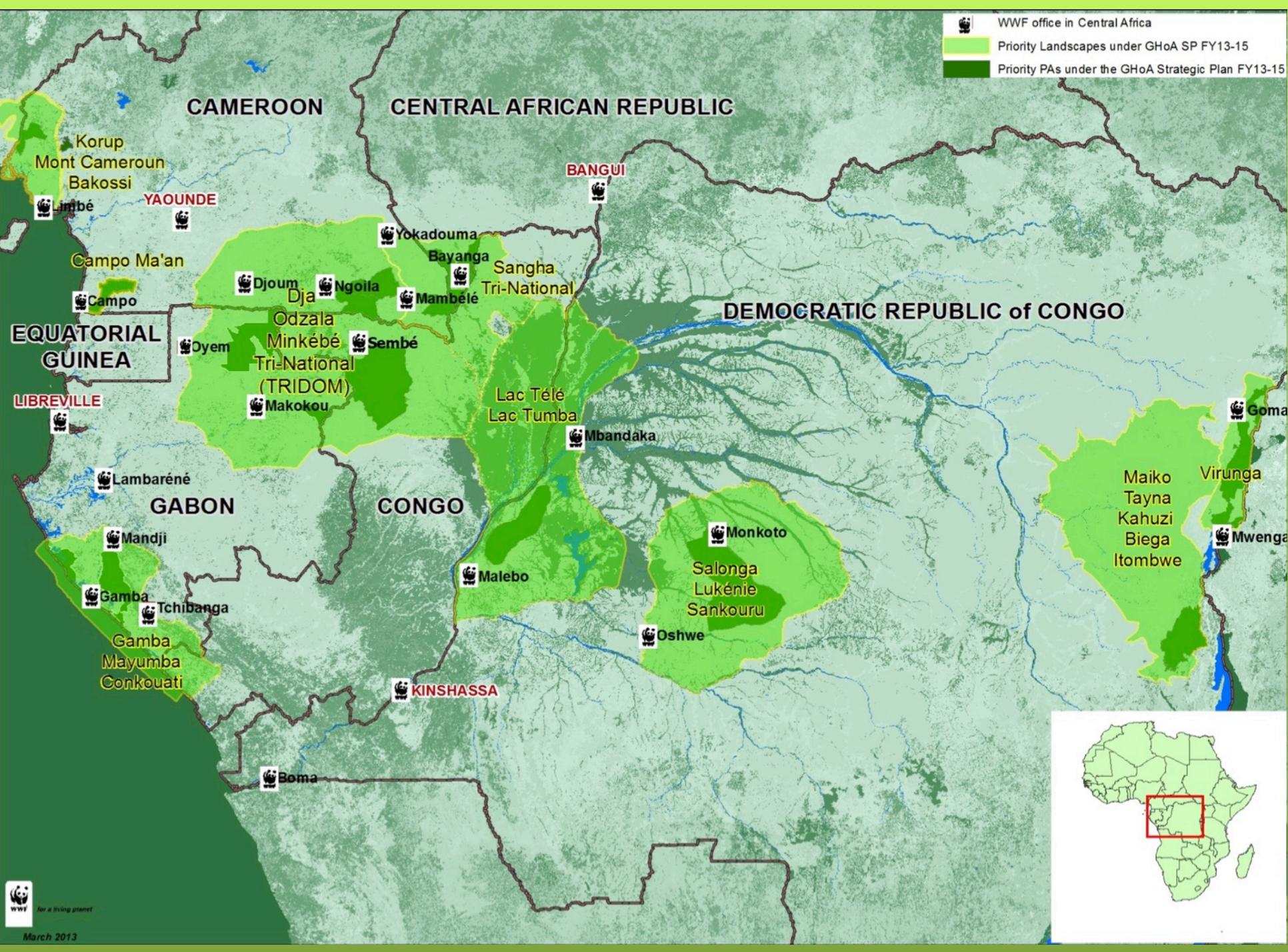
	Frontières Pays
	Aires Protégées
	Limites Landscapes CARPE
	Limites Landscapes Prioritaires CARPE

Libresde, 16/03/2015

Source données : Aires protégées Gabon de WWF / IEDG de CrowdCover (IUCN), OIG (Bain, Weipplentz) / Cameroun et Congo de WIPA (World Data Protected Areas), Frontières pays et limites Landscapes CARPE de RD WWF Gabon.

Fond de carte : Cartographie Inédite du Bassin du Congo

1-Dja-Odzala-Minkébé Tri-National (Tridom)	7-Maiko-Tayna-Kahuzi-Biega
2-Gamba-Mayumba-Conkouati	8-Maringa-Lopori-Wamba
3-Ituri-Epulu-Aru	9-Monte Alén-Monts de Cristal
4-Lac Télé-Lac Tumba	10-Salonga-Lukenie-Sankuru
5-Lopé-Chaillu-Louesse	11-Sangha Tri-National
6-Léconi-Batéké-Léfini	12-Virunga





GABON



- Land surface: 267,667 km² (state of Colorado), Water surface: 10,000 km²
- Total Population: 1.672.597 (1/4 of Colorado)
- 6.3 habitants/km² = 10th least densely populated country in the world
- Urban population: 86.2%
- Natural resources: **petroleum**, natural gas, diamond, niobium, **manganese**, **uranium**, gold, **timber**, iron ore, hydropower, fisheries

Conservation in Gabon

Assets

- One of the three political pillars of economic development is "Green Gabon »
- Exceptional biodiversity: 85% forest cover
- 11% of the national territory in National Parks (13)
- 23% of EEZ announced to be Marine Protected Area

Major challenges:

- Economic Development: expansion of oil palm, mining, oil and infrastructure development
- Ivory poaching
- Weak wildlife law
- Lack of enforcement and management capacity
- Corruption





More than 50% of all forest elephants
on the planet are in Gabon

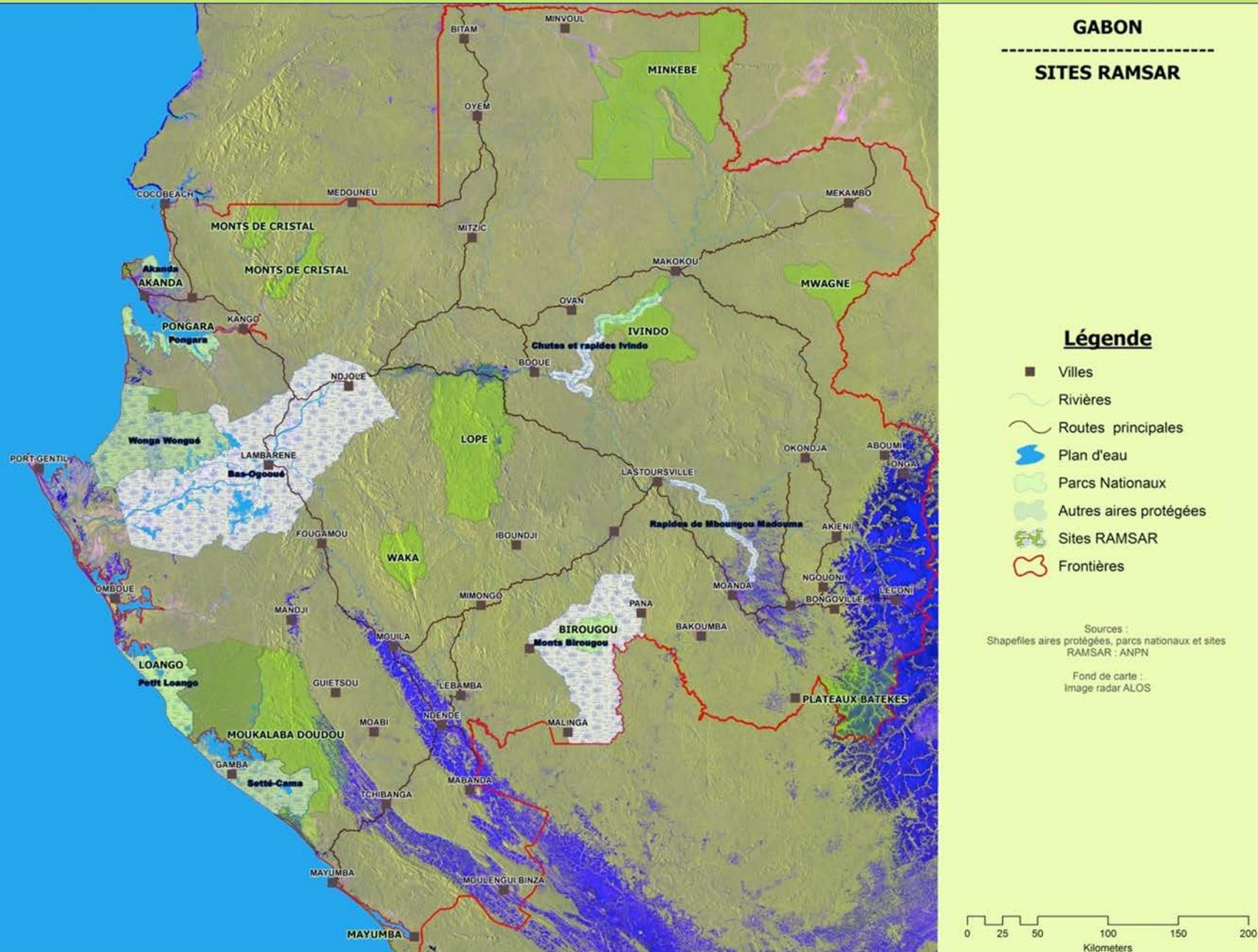


**One of the last strongholds for
gorillas and chimpanzees**



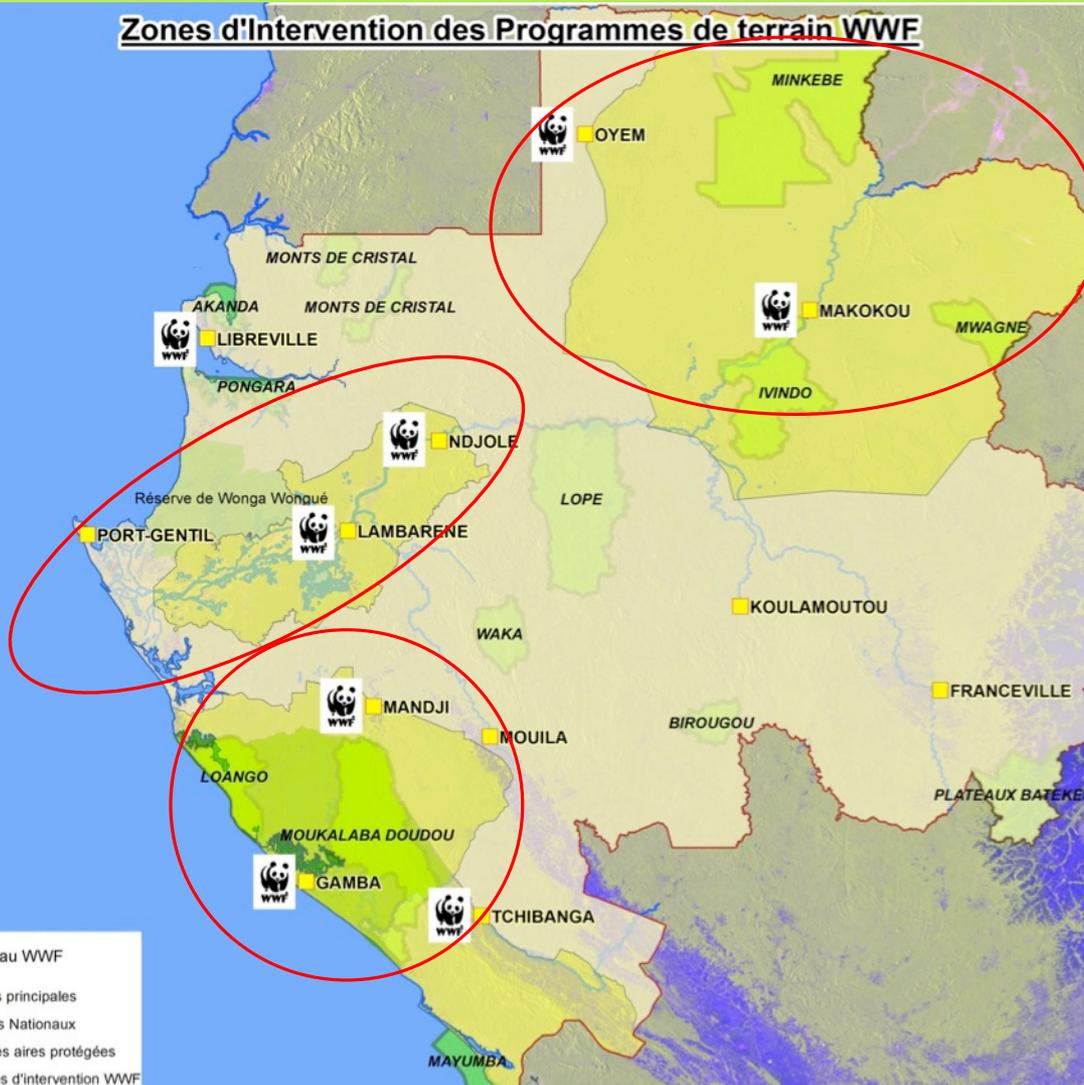
Holds the worlds largest nesting
-leatherback population
(15,000-40,000 females)

Protected Areas in Gabon



WWF in Gabon

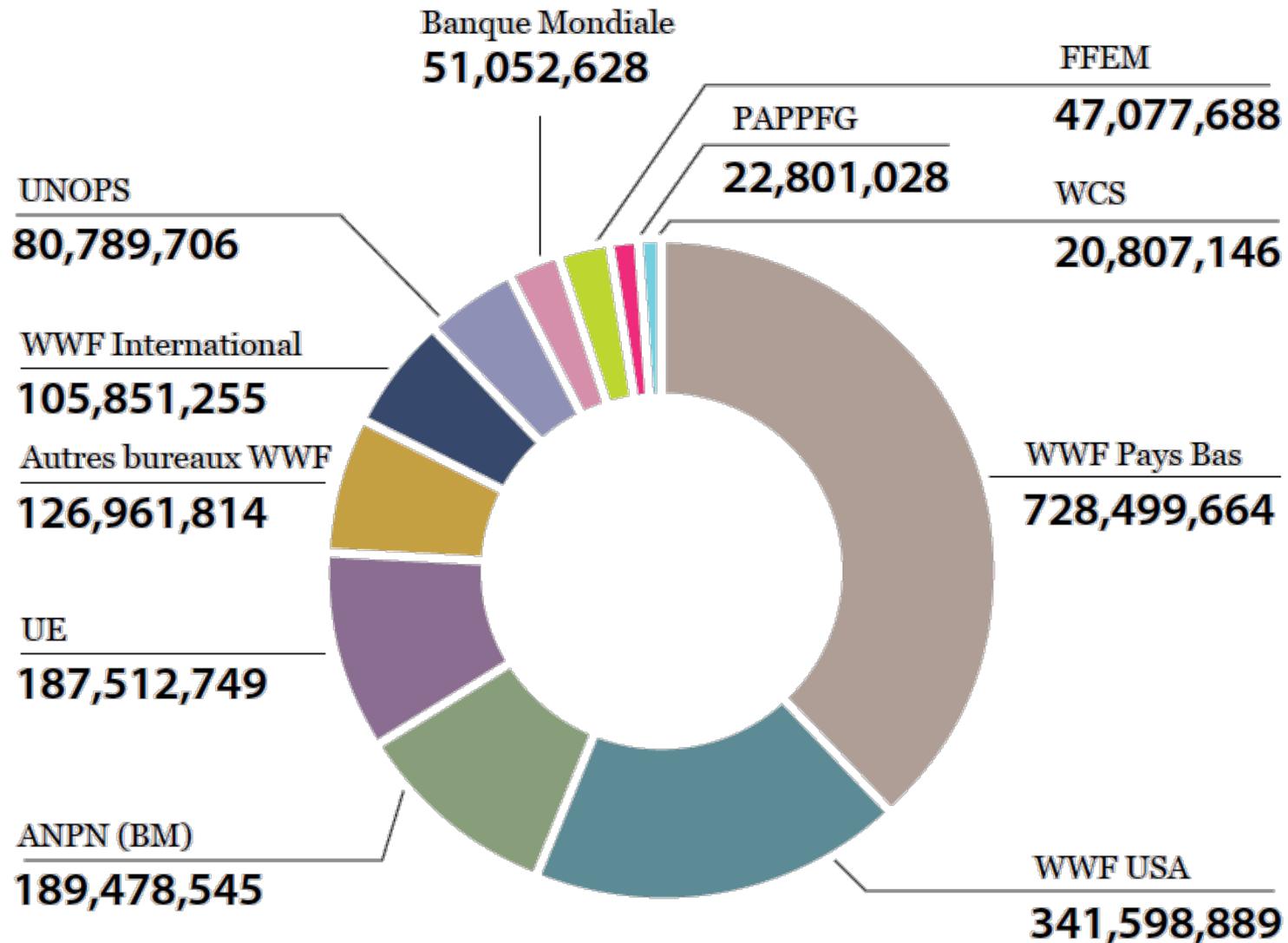
Zones d'Intervention des Programmes de terrain WWF



- 30 projects
- 70 staff
- 7 Field Offices & 1 HQ
- **3 Field Programmes**
 - Northern (TRIDOM)
 - Southern & Marine (Gamba)
 - Central (Freshwater/Bas Ogooué)
- **Thematic Programmes (Cross-cutting)**
 - Extractives Industries
 - Forest
 - GIS/LUP



WWF Gabon donors (2012)





WWF's Support to Protected Area
management

Infrastructure

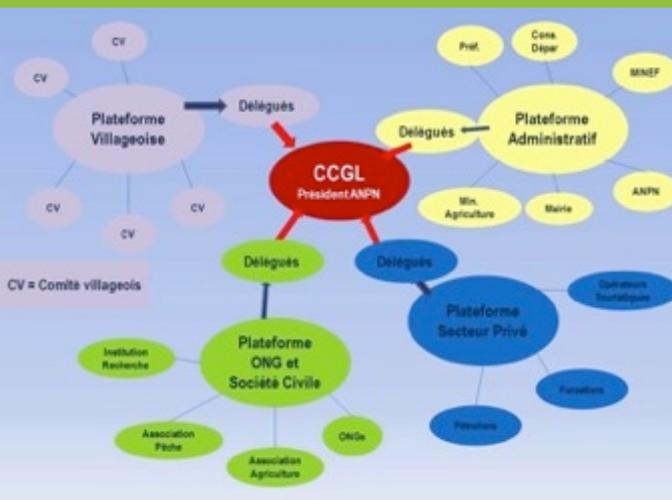
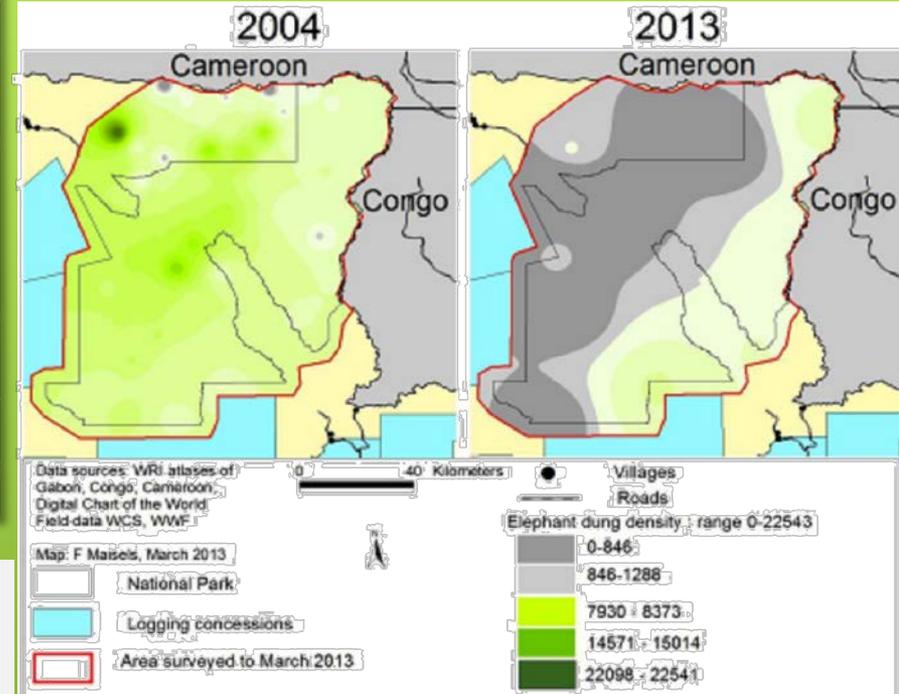
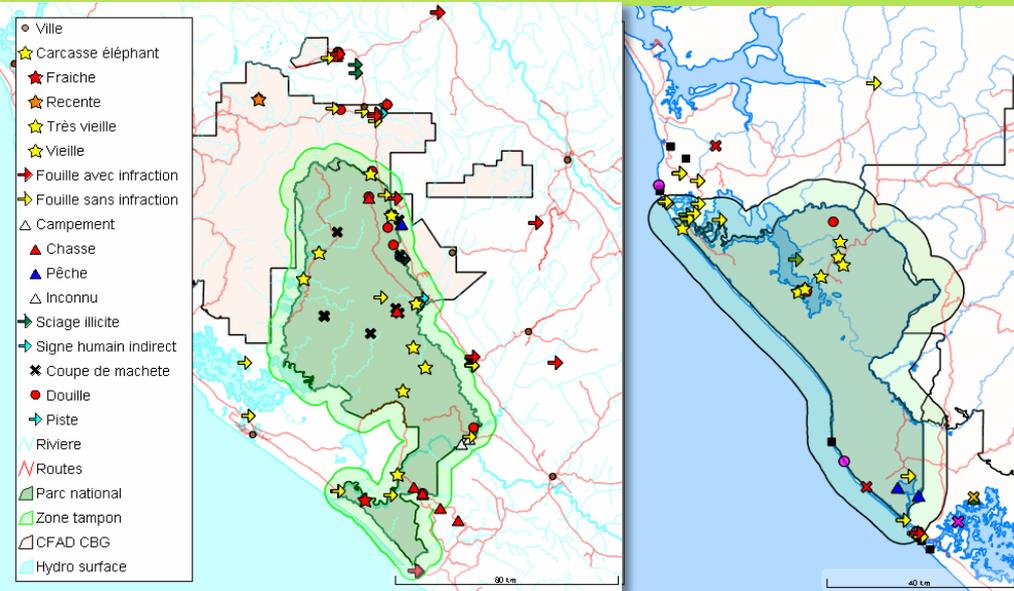






Logistics (Film: The logistical challenge of WWF Gamba)

Technical expertise



Plan de gestion du Parc National de Loango

"Les Gabonais peuvent légitimement être fiers de leur beau pays"
Omar Bongo Ondimba, 2007



Promoting Sustainable Tourism

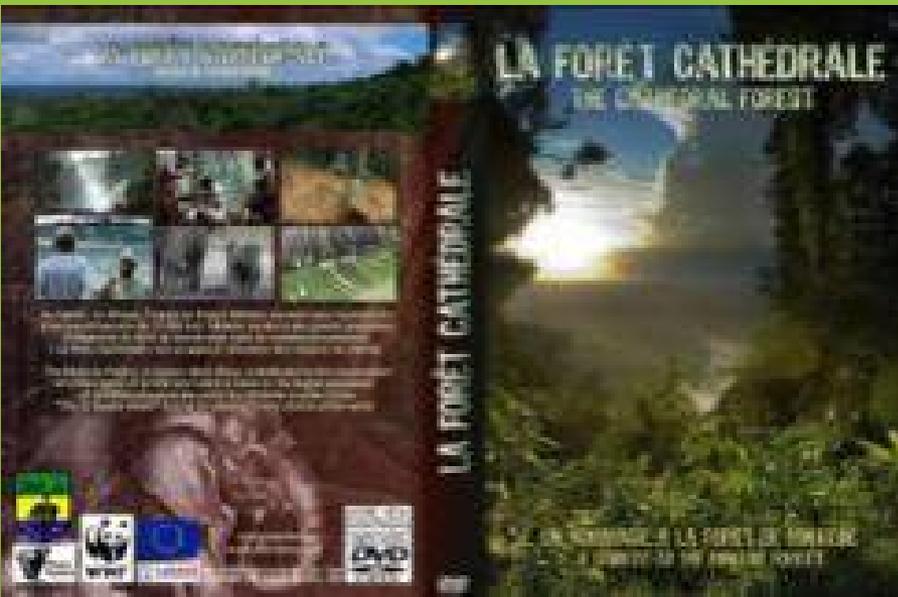




Communications & Awareness Raising



- Films
- TV spots
- Wall paintings
- Brochures, posters
- Environmental Education
- Conservation Roadshows



And outside of Protected Areas?

AFFECTATION DES DOMAINES MINIER, PETROLIER, FORESTIER, AGRO-INDUSTRIEL ET DE LA CONSERVATION DE LA BIODIVERSITE

Situation en décembre 2013

LEGENDE

- Forêts communautaires
- Principaux sites d'orpaillage
- Capitale administrative
- Chef lieu province
- Chef lieu département
- Route principale
- Route secondaire
- Chemin de fer
- Concessions Pétrolières
- Concessions huile de palme
- Concessions hévéa
- Concessions minières
- Zones Tampons Parc Nationaux
- Sites RAMSAR
- Plan d'eau
- Réserve
- Concession SUCAF
- Concessions agro-pastorales
- Site Patrimoine Mondial
- Concessions Forestières sous Aménagement Durable
- Conventions Provisaires d'Aménagement, d'Exploitation et de Transformation
- Permis hors aménagement
- Domaine de chasse
- Parc National
- Site historique

Sources des données :

Les données sur les permis forestiers (CFAD, CPAET et PHA), celles sur les aires protégées et autres zones de protection (parc national, réserve, site de patrimoine mondial et site historique), celles sur les domaines de chasse, site RAMSAR et zones tampons des parcs nationaux proviennent de l'Atlas Forestier 2013 (WRI & MEP).

Les données sur les permis miniers ont été obtenues par numérisation d'une carte présentant la "Situation des titres miniers au 12/03/2013" téléchargée sur le Net.

Les autres données proviennent de l'Atlas Forestier 2013, y compris les limites des permis pétroliers.

Les données des concessions agro-industrielles proviennent des différents opérateurs privés (OLAM, SUCAF, SIAT, ...)

Fond de carte :

Images Radar ALOS Palsar obtenues de WWF Allemagne

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Sphéroïde/Datum : WGS 84



Wildlife Management outside PA's (Private concessions & Communities)

1. Improve forest management (wildlife)
2. Improve EIA Monitoring
3. RSPO Certification
4. Structure Artisanal Gold mining
5. Test community forestry



Challenges

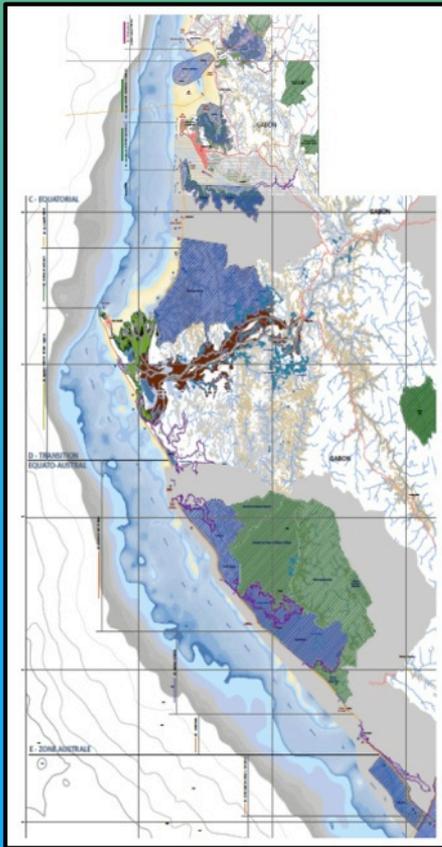
- 2003-2009: WWF in control of parks budget for surveillance missions including eco-guard salaries, logistics, mission costs, surveillance strategy, reporting
- 2009, New Elected President → Lee White takes over National Park Agency
- 2011, Mike Fay lobbies for USAID (CARPE) money for Gabon to be given to USFWS
- 2011, USAID-NGO money drastically reduced. Funding for surveillance no longer through NGO's
- 2014, NP Agency receives only a small part of state budget promised. Surveillance activities on stand by → NGO's no longer a mandate and budget to jump in → most parks not adequately protected

Solutions

An aerial photograph of a river flowing through a dense, lush green forest. The river has several waterfalls and rapids, with white water cascading over rocks. The forest is thick and extends to the horizon under a clear blue sky.

- Sustainable funding mechanisms
- Formal Implication of NGO's in park management (different models)
- Long term engagement of government

The Forgotten Blue Lung next to the Green Heart



Marine Conservation in Gabon till 2013

- 2009, WCS Congo Basin Coastal Program
- 2011, Partnership IUCN, WCS, WWF (3-CoMAC)
- 2011, WWF Recruits Marine Coordinator
- October 2012, Waite Institute/National Geographic/WCS marine exploration in Gabon

An underwater scene with a diver swimming through a coral reef. The water is a deep blue, and the coral is dark and silhouetted against the light. The diver is in the center, moving towards the right. The coral branches are thick and textured, with many small fish swimming around. The overall atmosphere is serene and mysterious.

(film)

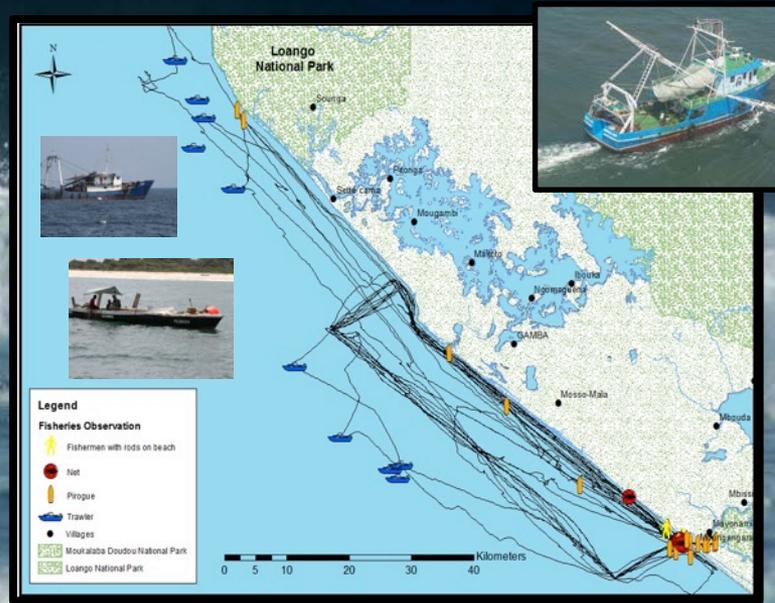
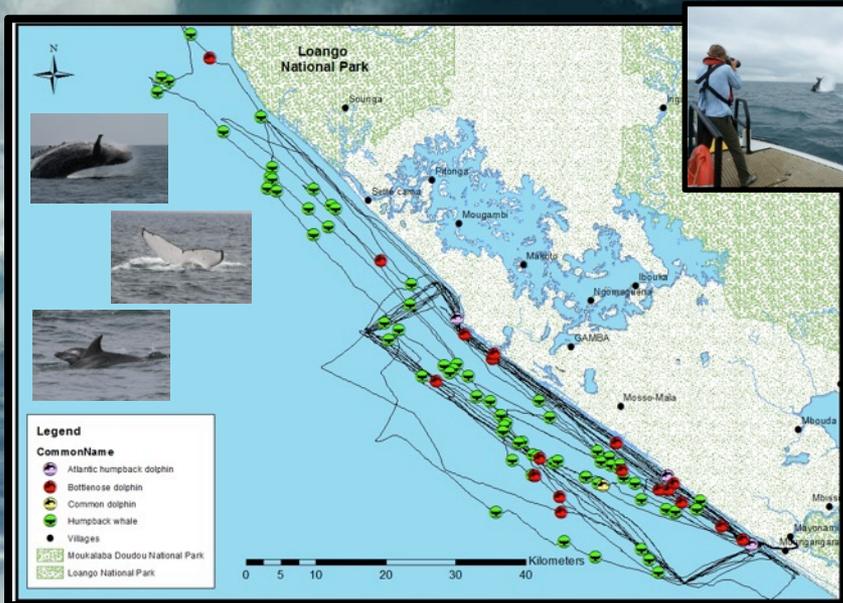
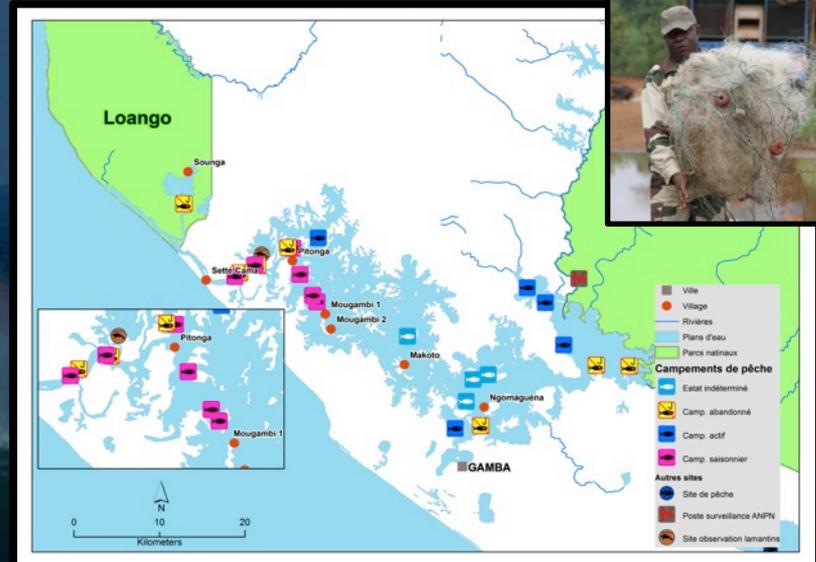
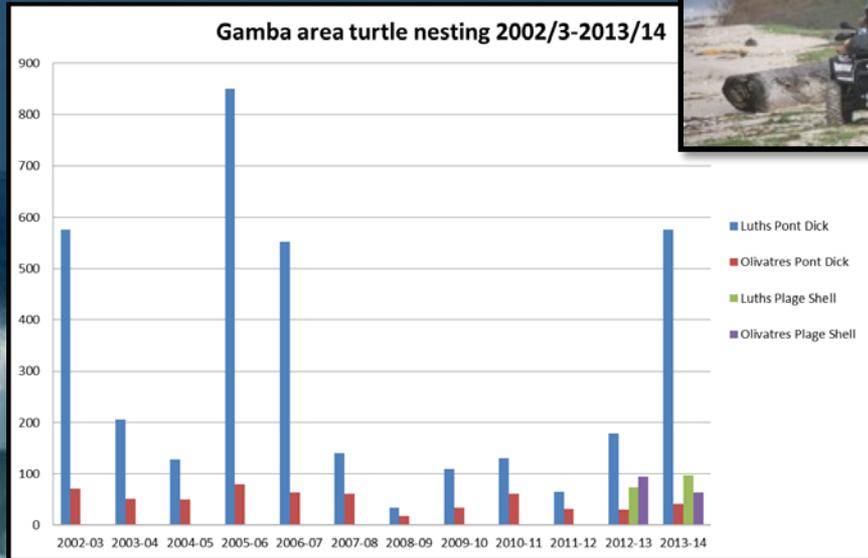
Gabon Blue Initiative

- 27 December 2012, Mike Fay appointed “Gabon Blue advisor” for the President of Gabon
- 8 February 2014, Agreement between Gabon and IBL Mauritian conglomerate Ireland Blyth Limited to restructure industries and develop local fishing sector
- April 24 2014, New treaty EU and Gabon on Tuna fishing (€ 1,350,000 fee, € 65 per ton Tuna, Access Rights € 13,750 p/y, max 20,000 tons/ year)
- September 19 2014, creation of National Marine Council (Conseil National de la Mer (CNM))
- 10 October 2014, Creation of the National Fisheries (and Aquaculture) Agency

- November 12th 2014, Announcement World Parks Congress of 23% of EEZ under protected areas

23% of Gabon's
territorial waters and
EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone)
= 46,000 km²

WWF's Marine & Coastal Programme



WWF's role in setting up of MPA network

- Increase capacity to control the Gabonese maritime space
- Set up MPA Management
- Ensure sustainable fishing practices (SFI)
- Seek sustainable funding model
- Involve private (oil) sector management of marine environment

Merci

