

Gilé National Park

Newsletter December 2020



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Key Issues- December 2020

- In December GNAP hired a total of 34 new Rangers. The new employers will increase the workforce in terms of law enforcement and conservation activities;
- On December 4th, GNAP celebrated the World Wildlife Conservation Day. To renew its commitment to raising awareness on poaching among the communities, GNAP, in collaboration with its partners, has posted posters in the offices of the Secretariat of State in Mocuba, Pebane and Gilé Districts and in some CGRNs, Comités de Gestão de Recursos Naturais (Natural Resource Management Committees);
- 34 seasonal workers were recruited to support infrastructure development.



Poster "Say NO to poaching" promoted by GNAP and its partners

Law Enforcement

- A total of 33 patrols were undertaken in December covering a total of 355 km on foot, 260 km by bike and more than 2000 km by car;
- In December 64 signs of illegal activities were detected;



©FFS-IGF, Rangers at work in the field

Community Development

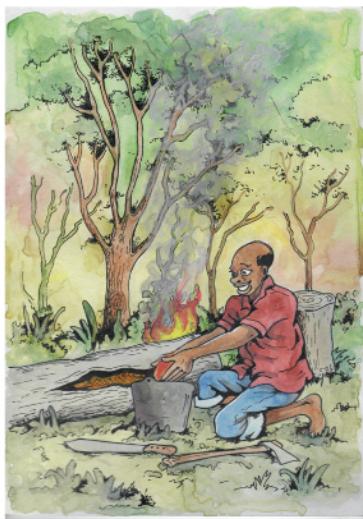
- Following the guidelines of the Director General of ANAC Administração Nacional das Áreas de Conservaçā (National Conservation Areas Administration), a first draft of a code of conduct, aimed at improving the coordination of community institution surrounding the GNAP, has been written;
- A Memorandum of Understanding on Health between the districts of Pebane, Gilé and GNAP has been signed. This agreement aims to implement a programme in partnership with the districts government with the goal in reducing early marriage;
- In order to strengthen the professional skills, mutual trust and understanding of the Community Development Department's technicians, training courses have been held in two communities of the Buffer Zone:



A moment of the training in one of the communities

Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) Project:

- The NTFPs project underwent its end-of-year evaluation;
- A first version of the good practice guide for the collection of non-timber forest products has been finalised. The guide, enriched with 28 drawings by a local artist, will be translated into Lomwe, the most widely used language in the area. PFNMs team technicians will receive specific training to share guidelines:



Não é sustentável cortar árvores para ~~colher~~ mel.



Usar uma colmeia moderna para fazer apicultura permite proteger as abelhas e a flora.

- Honey:
 - Exchanges of experience on beekeeping, with the aim of organising a methodical honey collection, involving members of 7 apiaries from the Buffer Zone, have been carried out. The meeting was an opportunity for cooperation and a first step towards the creation of a proper association of beekeepers.
 - 4 hives have been placed in one of the Buffer Zone's villages: 2 of these are traditional hives placed in clay pots. Given the satisfactory results, 4 more traditional apiaries will be installed in 2021. The aim is to develop a group of "model beekeepers" aimed to increase the project.
- GNAP participated in the Cashew Fair that took place in the Pebane district led by His Excellency the Secretary of the State of Zambezia Iudite Mussacula;

Forecast for January 2021

- The building of new infrastructures and maintenance of the existing one, will carrying on;
- Law enforcement and other core activities will be guaranteed.



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