

## GNAP Newsletter

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### Key Issues- December 2022

- A GNAP delegation consisting of the Warden and 6 members of the Community Development Department and the Law Enforcement Department had the pleasure to carry out an experience exchange visit to Chimanimani National Park, CNP (Manica Province) to improve the response in the implementation of activities in the GNAP. The journey included patrols on the field and outposts, visit to the coffee plantations of the local communities covering 50 hectares in the northern area of the park, visit to beekeeping and mushroom production program; The delegation also visited some of the CNP's tourist sites, such as the Chimanimani Gorge, the waterfall, the rock paintings and the Chimanimani Mountains;
- Thanks to *PROMOVE Biodiversidade* project, GNAP now has 2 new vehicles at its disposal;
- The head of the Community Development Department since 2016 left the GNAP on December 2022. The recruitment of his replacement is ongoing. The NTFPs (Non-Timber Forest Products) project manager is also stepping down. FFS-IGF acknowledges the quality of his work and commitment, which have greatly contributed to the development of the project in the past 4 years. Since December 2022, GNAP has a new NTFPs project. Recently GNAP also hired the new Infrastructure Department manager;
- 34 seasonal workers were recruited to support infrastructure development.





## Management and Infrastructures

Routine maintenance of the headquarters, guard post and roads was ensured.

- Musseia Headquarters: drinking water was transported, fine aggregates and cracked stone were extracted, bricks were made for the installation of toilets, grass was cut in the field and nursery, one of the staff houses was extended, cashew oil was applied for the treatment of wooden structures. A rain gauge was installed, the semi-basement water tank was cleaned and the water well was covered;
- Etaga guard post: a rain gauge was installed and the entrance have been cleaned of fallen trees;
- Lice Tourist Camp: the roof of the meeting hall was restored;
- The road section along the Nakuca River was levelled and the concrete base was completed. The road between Musseia and Malema has been cleaned of fallen trees and a bulge in the road to Musseia Headquarters was levelled. The bridge over Malema River was demolished and a temporary crossing was placed, while awaiting the full rehabilitation.



Musseia staff house ©GNAP



Road maintenance ©GNAP

## Law Enforcement

As poachers increase their incursions into the GNAP during Christmas time, the Law Enforcement Department has intensified controls and redoubled inspection efforts in December.

- The Department managed to carry out 65 patrols, 46 ambushes and 4 roadblocks. 5 poachers were arrested and sent to the relevant authorities;
- Patrols covered more than 1100 km on foot, 3115 km by car. GNAP deployed an average of 5 rangers per day;
- 28 signs of illegal activities, mainly related to poaching, were detected;
- 9 fishing nets, 7 spears, 6 gin traps, 6 machetes, 2 cable traps, 1 net and a 12-gauge shotgun have been confiscated;
- A 5-day joint patrol with AQUA (*Agência Nacional para Avaliação da Qualidade Ambiental*, National Agency for Environmental Quality Assessment) in 6 different areas of the Buffer Zone, found illegal logging activities and led to the seizure of a bicycle, a machete, 3 hand saws, 2 saws, a planer, 2 tape measures, 2 hoes, 2 axes and a wooden board. Illegal mining activity was also observed in one of the patrolled villages.



Rangers on routine patrol ©FFS-IGF

## Biodiversity Conservation

- In December, the elephants remained outside the GNAP most of the time, particularly in the western *Coutada* (Buffer Zone) and near the communities;
- Human/wildlife conflict HWC: no conflicts have been recorded in December;
- GNAP rangers have directly observed 178 waterbucks, 163 kudus, 110 sable, 88 grey duikers, 55 bushbucks, 49 wild pigs, 44 reedbucks, 16 zebras, 12 warthogs, 8 wildebeest, 4 red duikers and 1

- buffalo;
- Spoors of zebra, buffalo, wildebeest, sable, kudu, waterbuck, bushbuck, reedbuck were also recorded;
- 3 grey duikers were found dead killed by poachers: it is estimated that the death occurred on the same day that the carcasses were found and the age and sex are unknown.



African harrier hawk (*Polyboroides typus*) ©FFS-IGF

### Community Development

- CGNRs': in December, social preparation on the importance of the CGNRs (*Comités de Gestão de Recursos Naturais*, Natural Resource Management Committees), especially in the decision-making process on forest governance, was carried out. The training was extended to 13 communities of interest for the opening of new CGNRs;
- NTFPs:
  - Honey: In December, the department monitored apiaries in 5 different communities by observing the catch boxes and hives around the field in preparation for the December-January honey harvest;
  - Mushrooms: GNAP, with the help of FFS-IGF funds, provided about 470 kg of groundnut seeds, 96 kg of Boer bean seeds, 150 hoes and 75 machetes to about 32 groups of women mushroom pickers as an alternative form of family income for the mushroom picking groups;
  - Cashew: the joint sales of about 30 tonnes of cashew nuts were monitored by the joint sales groups around the buffer zone of the Park;
  - The inauguration and handover of the Honey House and Mushroom Sorting Centre are awaiting approval by the Gilé District Government. The completion of the Mujaiane Sorting Centre is underway.



During the catch boxes monitoring ©GNAP

### Forecast for January 2023

- NTFPs: honey harvesting will be carried out;
- The maintenance of roads and infrastructure will be ensured;
- Law enforcement and other core activities will be guaranteed.

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