

GNAP Newsletter - April 24 -

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Miombo forest, GNAP ©T. Prin/FFS-IGF

- Key Issues -

- The GNAP Administration and Finance Department (*DAF*) has updated all employees on legislation and policies concerning the protected area working group;
- 28 seasonal workers were recruited in March to support the infrastructure development and maintenance;
- PLCM (Leadership Program for Conservation in Mozambique- *Programa de Liderança para Conservação de Moçambique*): the interns of the project presented the activities carried out at GNAP during the 6 months of internship. The GNAP staff wishes the best to Vanessa and Ivodia!



PLCM interns with GNAP staff ©GNAP

- Management and Infrastructures -

- In Musseia Headquarters routine maintenance activities and technical supervision in the creation of furniture for honey and mushroom processing houses were carried out;
- Radio antennas (digital VF radio with GPS tracking) at 3 guard posts have received maintenance;
- Malema Mujaiane mushroom processing house is being rehabilitated;
- Roads and bridges:
 - 87 km of roads were cleared of tall grass and trees along the route;
 - the grass on the helicopter landing pad was cut;
 - muddy soils in the critical area above Muarriga wetland section have been reinforced;
 - work on the bridge over the Malema River, with a total length of 13 meters and width of 4 meters, is underway.



Malema Mujaiane mushroom house ©GNAP

- Law Enforcement -

- In March the Law Enforcement Department, carrying out a total of 47 patrols on foot and 25 patrols by car covering respectively almost 1,000 km and around 4,000 km deploying an average of 5 rangers per day. 40 ambushes and 3 roadblocks were carried out leading to the arrest of 5 poachers, opening 4 court cases;
- The department detected 14 signs of illegal activities, mainly related to poaching;
- 24 traps, 5 fishing tools, 5 machetes, 5 spears, 4 poaching nets, 3 gin traps, 3 bicycles and one shotgun have been confiscated;
- Human-wildlife conflict: in March, 19 cases of elephants approaching were recorded in 3 different communities and mitigation rockets were used to drive animals away. 2 episodes of approaching hippos were also recorded.



Poachers' bicycles seized ©GNAP

- Conservation and Science -

- 156 sables, 138 kudus, 73 waterbucks, 71 bush pigs, 58 common duikers, 37 reedbucks, 17 buffaloes, 17 warthogs, 16 bushbucks, 6 klipspringers, 5 red duikers and 2 wildebeests have been directly observed;
- Zebra, buffalo, kudu, waterbuck, sable, bushbuck and reedbuck tracks were also recorded;
- There were no recorded cases of wildlife deaths in March;
- Human-wildlife conflict: see at "Law Enforcement" paragraph.



Monitor lizard (*Varanus niloticus*) ©T.C.Buruwate/FFS-IGF

- Community Development and Sustainable Livelihoods -

- The NTFPs project coordinator visited 20 CGRNs *Comitês de Gestão de Recursos Naturais* (Natural Resources Management Committees) and 24 mushroom picking groups to assess their health, be informed about ongoing activities, challenges faced and to motivate members in carrying out their tasks;
- The 7th of April, GNAP celebrated the *Dia da Mulher Moçambicana* (Mozambican Woman's Day):



Dia da Mulher Moçambicana GNAP poster © C.Lupaka/GNAP

- Agriculture campaign: 53 new *machambas* (cultivated fields) implemented by harvesting groups, beekeepers and CGRNs have been created;
- Nursery: 16 nurseries, implemented in GNAP Buffer Zone (BZ), were monitored. 111 seedlings of native species were planted in the nursery of Musseia Headquarters;
- NTFPs: 46 meetings with a total of 1,530 participants (72% of women) were held in March with the aim of raising awareness on NTFPs good collection practices;
 - Honey: the rains limited visits to the apiaries and the opening of the 53 hives present in the BZ. 2,58 kg of raw honey was harvested in March;
 - Mushrooms: 36 picking groups, involving 900 women, were trained in good mushroom picking practices and the visual material to support the implementation of the NTFPs project activities has been distributed. 70 dryers have been built. A 1.3 kg sample of *Eyukuli* mushroom (*Canthellarius sp.*) was sent to Maputo to be presented to new potential customers;
 - Snails: monitoring of snail farms was carried out in 3 communities;
- *Projecto Xadrex* (Chess program): 3 new schools joined the project involving other 18 girls. The program currently has involved 9 schools and 62 girls. 15 chess training sessions were held at 6 schools in March. 22 girls were trained on NTFPs good collecting practices:



Playing chess ©GNAP

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