

GNAP Newsletter - June 24 -

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GNAP's view from above ©FFS-IGF

Dear Friend of Gilé National Park,

We are thrilled to share with you the latest news about our activities.

GNAP wants to thank:

RADEZA, Universidade Lúrio (UniLúrio), Universidade Católica de Moçambique (UCM), Dr. Brower - responsible for the PLCM program Liderança na Conservação de Moçambique (Leadership Program for Conservation in Mozambique- Biofund) and the warden of Pebane district for their visits.

Key Issues

- Law Enforcement chief Mr. Zavale attended the 3rd national meeting for the supervision of conservation areas in Nampula, held by ANAC *Administração Nacional das Áreas de Conservação* (National Administration for the Conservation Areas)
- NTFPs project coordinator, Mrs. Lupaka, was invited by the Faculty of Natural Sciences of Lúrio University to share her experiences in community engagement during a webinar for biodiversity conservation;
- GNAP participated in the biannual coordination meeting in Gilé as part of the second phase of the ACAMAZ 2 project, financed by AFD *Agence Française de Développement* (French Development Agency), in collaboration with *Nitidæ* and *Instituto das Amêndoas* (Cashew Institute). SDAE *Serviço Distrital de Actividades Económicas* (District Economic Activities Services) and the cashew producers were also present;
- The 5th of June, GNAP's staff celebrated the **World Environment Day** together with the authorities of Naburi Administrative Post, the Musseia Basic School Management Council, the Musseia Environmental Club, the CGRNs *Comités de Gestão de Recursos Naturais* (Natural Resources Management Committee) and the communities of the GNAP Buffer Zone;
- Recently 176 kudus, 163 sables and 111 waterbucks have been observed in the miombo forest;
- 4 collared elephants have been monitored daily.

Find out more details here below.

Grateful for your interest,

GNAP Management

Management and Infrastructures

- Etaga guard post: the construction of a new water hole is underway;
- Malema Mujaiane mushroom house: the door and window finishing are completed. Sheets were applied to the dryer;
- Lice tourist camp: conservation of the infrastructures was checked and all damaged structures were removed;

- Daily maintenance activities were guaranteed in Musseia Headquarters; Cutting of grass, treetops and fallen logs was completed on 109 km of roads in key locations. The bridge platform over the Malema River was filled with gravel. Critical points were detected on the road from Mocubela to Mulela guard post;
- 33 seasonal workers were recruited monthly to support the infrastructure development.



Malema Mujaiane mushroom house ©FFS-IGF

Conservation and Science

- 58 common duikers, 57 bush pigs, 47 reedbucks, 32 bushbucks, 16 buffaloes, 14 warthogs, 4 reed duikers, one wildebeest and one klipspringer have been directly observed;
- Elephant and zebra spoors were also recorded;



GNAP's poster for World Environment Day ©FFS-IGF

Law Enforcement

- 61 patrols, 35 ambushes, 3 road-blocks were carried out, covering a total of 915 km on foot and more than 3,700 by car;
- 15 illegal activities mainly related to poaching have been detected and 23 tools have been confiscated, including a weapon. One illegal logger has been arrested;
- The department participated in the regional meeting against biodiversity crimes held in Cabo Delgado province.



Chief Zavale during the ANAC meeting © GNAP/ FFS-IGF

Community Development and Sustainable Livelihoods

- *Projecto XADREZ* (Chess program): 63 girls from 9 schools attended the program. 11 training sessions in schools were held involving 39 participants;
- Agriculture campaign: 53 gardens were monitored. 120 kg of Nhemba beans were distributed in 3 communities. As part of the Development project with *RADEZA*, 63 agricultural tools and seeds were distributed in one of the communities involved;
- Nursery: 16 new nurseries have been implemented in the Buffer Zone. 9,3 hectares of degraded area

were subject to reforestation activities. 20 kg of bananas and 5 kg of pumpkin have been produced in Musseia nursery;

- NTFPs project:
 - Honey: 28 hives were monitored, 15 kg of honey has been sold, almost 7 kg of raw wax was produced;
 - Mushrooms: 37 collection groups were monitored. Collected mushrooms were subjected to quality control;
 - Snails: 450 snails were sold. 3 community snail farms were monitored;
 - Peanuts: 7.5 kg of peanut butter has been packaged and commercial testing will follow.



A ranger is planting a tree with a community member during the World Environment Day ©GNAP

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