

Sunset over Konkouati



Editorial

Ah yes the 2016 Gazette, best wishes for the new year that's just began.

So you don't have to wait any longer!

HELP is always changing and we have seen the arrival of Clarisse, the type of person we have been missing. Coordinator, administrator, organiser, communicator, **she is just the person we need.**

Frédéric, with his camera trap, ready to capture images of panthers instead captured film of poachers who are now behind bars.

We have continued with the premier objective of the Association, to monitor the health and well-being of the chimpanzees.

Objective 2017: to receive students of biology, sustainable development, etc... all of the CVs are being read now. Don't hesitate, send yours now!

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In Brief

- Refurbishment work in the sanctuary, the Triangle and Bivouac.
- The water supply problems will be resolved by January 2017. Finally, the water is good to go!
- Frédéric Dind, loves the bees and already has five hives in place and a further fifteen under construction. We are waiting for the arrival of a colony.
- The sanctuary is now protected against elephant damage.
- There is now solar lighting at the Triangle, in the worker's bungalows and researcher's office.
- Road improvements to maintain access to the park and keep the lagoon open.
- The Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA) meeting took place in Uganda but HELP was unable to attend.
- Youbi and Dolly have discovered a welcoming forest, full of fruit and leaves. **They need you.**
- Help Louzolo, our male who has adopted Nguemba, the daughter of Perlette, who disappeared. An interesting case for students as it has never been seen before.

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Our friends of the forest



Snuggled in the fur of her adopted father Louzolo, Nguemba, daughter of Perlette, who disappeared in July 2016.

It is believed to be the first time a male has taken on the role of a disappeared mother.

A lovely subject for researchers and students to follow for a long time.



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Dr Oko, Minister Koyo and Roy Hagen.

A new year with extra comfort



A new terrace for the house and three new bungalows on the hill.



New amenities.



The Triangle team toast the New Year.

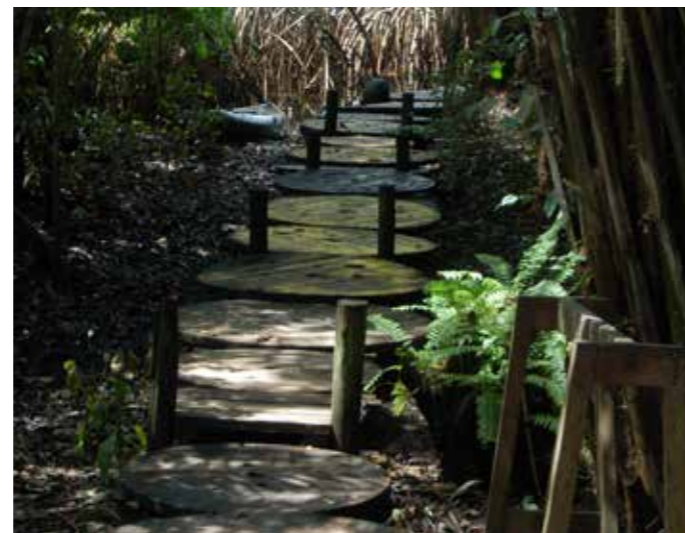


Onward into 2017!

The grand plan to open the lagoon



Once again the mouth of the river has closed. We have to use canoes to get to the boats and Alette is reminded of Venice. The round decking floats in the mangrove and it's impossible to use the jetty. Philippe, with his assistant come up with a grand plan. A digger, some fuel and the many hands of the locals and little by little a channel is cut. The waters of the sea and lagoon are rejoined. The landscape is now very different and changes day-by-day. The big fish have returned to the lagoon and the fishermen think it's amazing.



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Youbi was released into the forest but, at first wasn't very confident, she got to know the canopy and suddenly recognised... Dolly arrives and there is lots of hugging and obligatory grooming.



In the forest of Conkouati, photos are taken by the camera trap donated by the **Brigitte Bardot Foundation**:

- A wild chimpanzee comes to a stop when it is caught by the flash of the camera
- Gorillas
- Morgane, the female leopard adored by Frédéric Dind
- The poachers who never saw the camera trap are surprised now come to investigate.



Our neighbours the bees



Frédéric Dind, loves the bees, has built a Kenyan-style hive... placed close to the bees that occupy the trunk of a nearby tree, we await the migration of the new queen to populate our new hive.

Grass cutting and elephant protection



A Vuitton bag to carry dry grass is the norm here... we have prepared the ground for a new enclosure and plantation, we hope to discourage the elephants with the help of peppers and engine oil.



Six years after the terrible fire of 2010, once again we are victims in 2016. This accidental blaze will remain imprinted for a long time in the minds of HELP workers and the memories of the habitants of the area.

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Wooden Park



We have discovered many uses for bamboo. We use it for all sorts of things, the paths, the barriers, etc. We have now started to plant it to stabilise the roads. What's more, the elephants eat it.

The workshop, a new domain for Gaston



Gaston isn't bothered by the rain. He now has an area of 80 sq m but the new workshop seems too small. We have a lot of things to protect...

Canteen



The roof was constructed in 1991 and has been the same for 25 hard years. It was time to replace it as there was a number of signs that the termites were resident. With a new drop of paint, donated by a society, there is now a freshness to the woodwork.

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