

WCS bases its actions on protecting wildlife and the natural environment through science, conservation actions, education, and inspiring communities to value nature.

## Dear readers

I am delighted to welcome you to the first issue of the **WCS Mozambique Newsletter**, whose main objective is to make known the activities carried out and, in particular, the success stories in the conservation of biodiversity.

WCS has been represented in Mozambique since 2012. During the first 7 years its focus was on technical and financial support from the Niassa Special Reserve (NSR), under the management of the National Administration of Conservation Areas (ANAC). Over the years, at the request of the Government, new programs have been incorporated, namely the Marine Program and the Contribution to Combat International Trafficking in Wildlife (CWT), through a specialized unit.

Throughout these years WCS, in the Niassa Special Reserve, established a management unit, built infrastructure for management and inspection, improved technical and tactical inspection systems, developed diverse community programs with emphasis on the production of honey and above all established cordial working relations with local authorities.

The year 2021 opens a new cycle for WCS Mozambique for the following reasons:

- WCS and the Mozambique Government have agreed, under the terms to be considered, the Co-Management Agreement for the Niassa Special Reserve, which should be signed in this half of the year; and
- In March, WCS International appointed Afonso Madope to the position of General Manager of WCS Mozambique, becoming the first Mozambican to head WCS Mozambique. In this position, Madope replaces Dr. James Bampton, who was a promoter and facilitator of the relationship with ANAC and in the last 5 years has ensured the necessary assistance to NSR.

This is the first edition, and the next ones are in press. Their success will depend on contributions and feedback from our esteemed readers. Best wishes to you all!

*The editor*

## NIASSA SPECIAL RESERVE HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY - MARCH

						
<b>149</b> RANGER PATROLS CONDUCTED COVERING 7,620 KM	<b>17</b> POACHER CAMPS DESTROYED	<b>263</b> WILDLIFE TRAPS REMOVED	<b>21</b> OFFENDERS ARRESTED FOR WILDLIFE CRIMES	<b>3</b> CROP PROTECTION ELECTRIC FENCES INSTALLED	<b>AGRICULTURAL INPUT PROMOTION PROJECT IMPLEMENTED</b>	<b>WORLD WILDLIFE, FOREST &amp; WATER DAYS CELEBRATED</b>

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Comprising anti-poaching, combating illegal mining, reducing illegal logging & dealing with wild animals entering farms
- 11 crime reports and 21 NSR arrests for illegal mining and poaching in this quarter (13 Mozambican, 8 Tanzanian)
- High incidence of illegal mining in this quarter- typical of the rainy season
- High number of Tanzanian offenders - highlighting the need to intensify actions at the border.
- 12 Honda motorcycles acquired to help cover the reserve mainly in the rainy season, when roads become almost impassable - with support from the French Agency for Development (AFD).



## HUMAN WILDLIFE CONFLICT

Fences installed for Mussoma & Macalange communities to protect maize and sesame from elephants, buffaloes and other antelopes. Benefiting 104 farmers, covering 30 hectares



**311**  
HWC  
RESPONSE  
HOURS



**109**  
ANIMAL  
CASES



**10**  
PEOPLE  
INJURED  
3 DEATHS



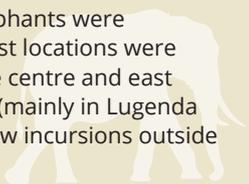
**352**  
ANIMALS  
CHASED  
AWAY



**87**  
FARM  
FIELDS  
DESTROYED

## ECOLOGICAL MONITORING

36 collared elephants were monitored. Most locations were recorded in the centre and east of the Reserve (mainly in Lugenda River), plus a few incursions outside the reserve.



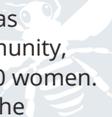
## ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION

Environmental education activity planning meeting held in partnership with the Mariri Operator



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Bee Safari Association was revitalized in N'timbo 2 community, with 30 members including 10 women. 60 hives will be delivered to the association by the end of April, with support from UNDP.



## MARINE, COMBO, KBA AND CWT HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY - MARCH



**APPROVAL OF 29 KBAS FOR MOZAMBIQUE BY THE GLOBAL KBA SECRETARIAT**



**VIDEO LAUNCHED ON MITIGATION HIERARCHY & BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS**



**GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION FOR WCS TRAINING ON CBD AND HAC**



**MOUs SIGNED WITH RARE & IUCN FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT**



**PUBLICATION OF A GUIDE TO COASTAL AND MARINE ECOLOGICAL MONITORING**



**46 CWT RAIDS CARRIED OUT RESULTING IN 4 SEIZURES**

## PROJECTS TO RECONCILE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- Webinar conducted on the review of the ROAM approach for selection of potential offset areas for degraded ecosystem restoration
- Webinar conducted on the development of metrics for the assessment of the ecological condition of coral reefs to guide the implementation of biodiversity offset projects
- Kick-off activities for the implementation of Biodiversity Offset Pilot Projects: Field visit to Licuáti Forest Reserve and Djabula community, in Matutuíne (pictured below)
- Virtual annual meeting of OfD project
- Preparatory workshop of project NoCaMo.



## RED LIST OF THREATENED SPECIES, ECOSYSTEMS, IDENTIFICATION AND MAPPING OF KEY AREAS FOR BIODIVERSITY PROJECT

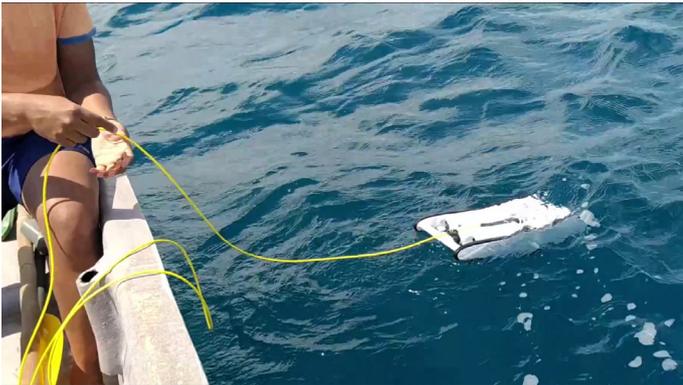
- Development of a gap analysis and proposal of ToR for the establishment of an official Biodiversity portal for Mozambique based on the Clearing House Mechanism of the CBD
- Development of the final report on Mozambique's historical ecosystem mapping and red list of ecosystems
- NCG meeting to present the formally approved KBAs for Mozambique
- Presentation of the project deliverables and the draft ToR for the official launch of the KBAs at the DINAB Steering Committee, at the MTA Technical Council and at the Advisory Council led by Her Excellency Minister of Land and Environment.

### Relatórios: VOL II – Fichas Técnicas



## SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP SCENARIOS FOR THE STRATEGIC EXPANSION OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPAS) IN MOZAMBIQUE

- Meeting of the Coordination Group for the strategic expansion of the national MPAs network in Mozambique, to present the project status and preliminary results
- Development of preliminary scenarios for the strategic expansion of MPAs
- Training of the Mozambican focal points and others key partners on the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the High Ambition Coalition (HAC) initiative.



WCS Mozambique's new ROV (Remotely Operated Underwater Vehicle) being tested and filmed for social media

## ADVANCING SHARK AND RAY CONSERVATION IN MOZAMBIQUE

- Meeting with the National Institute for Fisheries Research (IIP) to present the WCS Marine Program activity plan for the year 2021
- Preparation, production and dissemination of the posters of protected species of the new Maritime Fisheries Regulation in coordination with the National Fisheries Administration, IIP and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- Preparation of the sampling of sharks and rays in small-scale fishing and socio-economic surveys in coordination with the IIP, WWF and UniLúrio
- Participation in the 5th Annual Meeting of the Civil Society Forum for the Marine and Coastal Area FOSCAMC: presentations on the contributions to REPMAR and on the process of identifying Key Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Areas (KBAs).



## PARTNERSHIP AGAINST POACHING AND ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE (IN AFRICA AND ASIA)

- In the Southern region of Mozambique, 46 raids/incursions were carried out, resulting in 4 seizures
- In the Northern region, two (2) smuggling networks of wild products have been identified
- A trafficking network of 80 turtles/tortoises was dismantled with the logistics base on the Island of Mozambique
- Training on Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) conducted for 10 attendees representing ANAC, WCS National Parks (Limpopo and Gorongosa).



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