

News from Boundou

Newsletter of the Boundou Community Nature Reserve

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Editorial

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Early 2012 saw the new organization of the RNC Boundou overseen by the four rural communities of the reserve, accompanied by the Regional Council of Tambacounda. So today we have the key to drive this project. Success is not assured, but as new chairman of CORENA, I pledge to make every effort to ensure that activities in the RNC will continue with the same energy.

As president of the rural council I think we must also integrate the RNC in the overall management of our land. Pastoral, water resources, the environmental education.... are issues that should be considered beyond the simple boundaries of the reserve. Thus with the support of the General Council of Iseré and Artelia Foundation, we were able to revive a micro-dam project in the rural community of Sinthiou Fissa, north of the RNC. Soon, hydrologists of Foundation Artelia will travel to the site to make a technical study. A good example, which will gradually integrate peripheral populations of the RNC Boundou, into this all encompassing project.

The CPN clubs of Boundou, progressing!

In 2011, 11 Nature Clubs were created in the schools of the RNC Boundou, affiliated to the Federation of clubs CPN (FCPN).



Today, with the help of the FCPN and the Nature & Discovery Foundation a new educational tool will soon be offered to the nature clubs : a "treasure chest" containing an array just perfect for the little African naturalist.

Naturalist books on African wildlife; binoculars; magnifying glasses; mosquito nets ... not to mention a few educational books promoting nature and environmental protection in Senegal. Enough to give clubs the courage to start observing nature.

The provision of the "treasure chest" by the CPN as a loan is the first experiment of its kind in Africa. We hope it will be positive and allow the project to extend beyond the RNC of Boundou.

More info...

About the projects financed by the foundation N&D:

<http://www.fondation-natureetdecouvertes.com>



Equipping the watchdog committees continues...

After the training and equipping of 16 eco-guards last July, the support of the watchdog committees of the RNC Boundou continues. Early this year, a new initiative to equip was conducted with support from the French Fund for Global Environment and the General Council of Iseré. Wheelbarrows; rakes; shovels; fire-beater; pairs of boots... all designed to achieve reforestation, fight against bush fires, or create firewalls around the villages.

In addition, four new eco-guards trained as substitutes have been equipped (bike, phone and clothing). Thus, each area now has five eco-guards to monitor the RNC. It's that which motivate the troops ... and dissuade those uncooperative from "spoiling the bush"!



The ecoguards, concentrating on bolting the wheelbarrow together!

The CNR in numbers

450 The number of letters distributed by Boundou every quarter.

56 The number of populated hives (out of 87) in February 2012

4 The number of new ecoguards equipped

The return of : The traditional beehives



While beekeepers are getting ready for the Boundou harvest of 2012, promising if we are to believe the number of Kenyan hives populated this year, some of the elders of the Talibadji area have revived the use of traditional basket hives.

Make bundles of grass called "cellal" twist and bind together with the bark of *Mitragyna inermis*, the hives are made of a central cylinder closed by two removable openings. These are nailed to the base by bamboo spikes, and then brushed with cow dung to attract bees. Finally, the baskets are hung high on a tree awaiting settlement.

Appreciated by bees, the hives also have the advantage that they can be manufactured cheaply with local materials. However, few people know even how to make these hives and their use remains difficult (risk of rupture under the weight of honey, may kill the swarm at harvest ...). A more detailed study of these hives, or their adaptation for improved practice of beekeeping, could be a solution to increase the number of hives in the area and therefore the production of honey "Limbam Boundou" ... demand for which is rising!

In the villages ...

RC OF TOUMBOURA

- Acceptance of the works for the Health Centre of Didé

Partner: PNDL

- Finish of the works of the solar forage with water tower of Didé and install a management committee.

Partner: UEMOA

- Relocation of the school and Toumboura the beginning of work of four new classrooms.

Partner: Ministerial aid.

An ambulance for Toumboura

It was after a long road trip from Drome (France), the medical ambulance driven by Baba Sada Sow and Antoine Barbeyer reached Toumboura on April 15. For Baba Sow, after initiating the conversion of the hunting area of Koussan into our new RNC of Boundou, continues to support his native region including supporting the health centre Toumboura open since 2 years.

The ambulance, a donation from the Service Départemental d'Incendie et de Secours (SDIS) of Drome, and medical supplies donated by two private nurses, Marie-Jeanne Lambert and Michele Vocansol, have been delivered to the health centre of Toumboura in the presence of administrative authorities. The new equipment will allow the care and evacuation of patients to the hospitals nearby.

To empower local actors a management committee of the ambulance has already been established and will manage the maintenance of vehicle and salary of the ambulance staff.



Official presentation of the ambulance to the President of the Rural Council of Toumboura,

Soon...



May 2012

(Date to come) Constitutive General Assembly of the support fund for economic initiatives in the RNC of Boundou - Koussan

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(Date to come) Meeting teachers of Co-codéc of Boundou - Koussan



Boundou Community Nature Reserve

A project of the rural communities of Dougué, Koussan, Sinthiou Fissa and Toumboura, and of the Group of communal interests of Bakel.

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