

News from Boundou

Newsletter of the Boundou Community Nature Reserve

Rainy Season

Written by the CORENA – Association of the Boundou CNR

Editorial

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The rainy season has been exceptional this year and the sky still looks threatening in the early November. That's why the 5th News from Boundou took a long time to come out of the bush, going with difficulty through our muddy tracks closed by the dense vegetation. But in spite of this long break, which each year slows down our activities, the population of Boundou has continued their efforts in the reserve: the beekeepers have planted acacias given by the Water and Forests Services; the "vigilance committees", now recognized by the official authorities, have started the surveillance of the area...

And we us, elected representatives of the area, really do our best to get involved in this project which still give rise to great hopes. The 8 and 9 November, at Tambacounda, I took part in several big events, with the presidents of the rural council of Dougué, Toumboura and Sinthiou Fissa, such as the selection of the logo of the CNR, the steering committee of the CNR and the general meeting of the CORENA. We will of course communicate these moments of shared advice to the population of all the rural communities implied in this project, to encourage them to pursue these promising directions.

A new logo for the CNR

At the end of the contest organized by the CORENA and the cultural center of Tambacounda, the jury chose the winner, the last 8 November at Tambacounda.



Cheikh Sadibou Dembele, the winner of the contest.



« The arms represent a double image: man and the idea of protection, topped by a cloud. In the middle, fauna and flora, cultivation and livestock farming, symbolizing the natural resources and working the land, fragile vectors of the development of the area »

Thus, **Cheikh Sadibou Dembele**, young « painter and rapper », 23 years old and native of Tambacounda, presents the logo which has been unanimously chosen by the jury. Bravo for bringing out with simplicity the values of Boundou and of the reserve. Let us wish him good luck for the next... since he seems to "have more than one arrow to his bow"!

First meeting of the 4 vigilance committees of the CNR

At the start of the school year, the school of Koussan welcomed on 11 November 2010 the first meeting of the vigilance committee of the Boundou CNR.

With the participation of 2 representatives of the main financial partners, Jean-Guy Bayon (General council of Isère) and Youssouph Diedhiou (UICN-FFEM), the meeting worked on the terms of recruitment of the eco-guards and the next actions planned this year (pastoral plan, local code of best practice for the reserve...).

Let us notice the involvement of the livestock farming service in the execution of the pastoral plan (presented by Bocar Sow), and of the Water and Forests services (IREF and the sector of Goudiry), to carry out the training of committees and eco-guards, to combat fires, cutting and poaching.



First meeting of the vigilance committees at Koussan, in the presence of Cdt DIA, chief of the sector of Water and Forests of Goudiry.

The CNR in numbers

400 The number of plants of *Acacia melifera* planted around the 5 apiaries

138 The number of beekeepers members of GIE Limbam Boundou

23 The number of participant in the contest « Logo »

A documentary film to keep memory

In November 2009, Michel Crozas (Œil Nu) came to the Boundou CNR to create a documentary film and so provide a record of the birth of the project.

Today, this documentary co-produced by Œil Nu and the General council of Isère, is available on DVD (limited edition, French version) comprising of a **35 minutes film**, and **5 extras** about different topics :

- 1 – The genesis of the project,
- 2- Water issues in the reserve,
- 3 – Involvement of the Senegalese community in France,
- 4 – Decentralized cooperation of Isère-Tambacounda,
- 5 – A development action : beekeeping



More information...

The DVD can be obtained by making a request by mail to the General Council of Isère, explaining clearly the reasons for the need due to the limited available stock.

In the villages...

RC OF TOUMBOURA

- Opening of 4 TOSTAN centers at Toumboura, Didé, Sansanding and Bancouba

RC OF SINTHIOU FISSA

- Creation of the management committee for the dam of Belly

RC OF KOUSSAN

- Creation of the management committee for the dam of Koussan
- Donation of the RC : medicines and school stationery

And tourism in the CNR ?

From 3 to 7 July 2010, a mission lead by Tétraktys enable a tourism and cultural evaluation of the Boundou CNR.

Since the beginning of the project, this question has been obviously asked : by the conversion of a hunting area into a community nature reserve, could we also pass from a hunting tourism to a wildlife and cultural tourism, contributing to the local development of the CNR ?

Applying the knowledge obtained during recent years of field studies, this mission highlighted the cultural assets (archeological sites, the history of Boundou, traditions, art...) and to think about a future organisation of the tourist activity in the reserve and beyond (possible integration in a tourist tour « Oriental Senegal »).

Following with interest the development of this activity in their native region and wishing to be involved in the touristic accomodation, migrants (ABM, Youth Boundou,...) are also included in this consultation.

Today, populations from the CNR are ready to welcome tourists. But we need to be careful if we want to lead this activity in accordance with the principles of the reserve (soft tourism, respecting the environment, the cultures and local traditions).



Discussions in the villages during the mission of Tétraktys (Raphaël Trouiller and Jacques Barou), July 2010

Soon...



19th November

Return of the tourist and cultural evaluation, *Grenoble*

19-27th November

Mission of PNR Millevalches in the CNR (guinea-fowl farming and Limousin rooster breeding)

End of December

Management training course, GIE Limbam Boundou (beekeepers).

Boundou Community Nature Reserve

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