

Dry season

News from Boundou

Newsletter of the Boundou Community Nature Reserve

Written by the CORENA – Association of the Boundou CNR

Editorial

by Daouda Sow, President of the rural Council of Dougué

As we told you in the last newsletter, the Boundou CNR is really there, on the ground. The proof, the first boundary post of the CNR was placed on 7 April at Koussan. Soon, the 120 000 ha of the reserve will be visible by all, 120 000 ha of a community protected area, regulated by a local code and kept watch by 32 eco-guards. If a long way still remains to get this surveillance effective, we are still moving in the right direction. Let's continue like that !

However, we would like to inform you about the loss of one of us last month, Samba Cissokho of Sansanding, President of the vigilance committee of the Toumboura area. We present our deepest sympathy to his family, which has lost a man aware of the need to preserve the CNR, but also a highly valued rural adviser.

Finally as Président du Conseil rural de Dougué, I repeat my support to the Boundou and I encourage the populations to get involve to the maximum for the success of our project. We have to get up, to work, and to show every one that the CNR is a reality !



The « Gazelle » survey

If you know that in Senegal the word gazelle can mean the animal as well as a pretty girl, you can wonder who is surveying who in this story ! But don't worry, this is actually about Elsa, a Masters student from Grenoble present in the CNR since February, who has started her study on the red-fronted gazelle (*Gazella rufifrons*).



The first step of her work was to make enquires in the villages of the CNR in order to find the places frequented by the gazelle and to assess the population changes during the last few years.

After that, she will do a series of transects on foot with the help of the eco-guards. A means of directly involving the local population in scientific studies and making them better understand the issue with threatened species.

To be able to count on the support of resident populations is rare in scientific studies. It is a real chance that we have in the Boundou CNR and we must take it...

Good luck to Elsa for the future !

Let's take a pen !

From 2 to 8 March 2011, a mission of French teachers from Borée and wildlife artists from Isère took place.

Each year for 3 years, teachers from Isère (now united in the association **Borée**) have come to the CNR to work with schools and the Co-codéc of Boundou, about education and sustainable development, with the support of the departmental and regional Education Inspections.

This time, an additional objective has been chosen : make a travel journal of the CNR by collecting drawings by children and those by experimented artists : Alexis Nouailhat and Alan le Templier (Isère), as well as Cheikh Dembele (winner of the logo contest). Back to France, they have now to sort and re-sort all the drawings, put them in pages, make up the story... in short create the book. So be patient and you will soon discover their adventures in Boundou!

More information... <http://assoboree.canalblog.com/>



Pupils from Sansanding during a drawing course on the Falémé

The CNR in numbers

153 The number of bird species observed in the CNR since 2007

18 The number of guinea-fowl farmers trained during the course of March

9 The number of CNR schools twinned with French schools

You can help them !

Contribute to the support funds for IGA

Within the project of guinea-fowl farming and Limousin rooster breeding in the CNR, supported by the PNR of Millevaches of Limousin, a support fund for Income Generating Activities (IGA) has been created.

This funds will enable candidate farmers to get micro-credit in order to start their farming activity : buy hens, guinea-fowls and small equipment (the project already guarantees the training course and a part of the materials for the hen house). The money lent will be paid off from the sale of products and will be available for other farmers, or even other development activities in the CNR.



In the villages ...

RC OF TOUMBOURA

■ Water supply and solar electricity of the health centre

Partner : AMD

■ Validation of the construction of a classroom at Goundafa

Partner : PNDL

RC OF KOUSSAN

■ Organization of the planning workshop to update the PLD of the RC of Koussan



To date, **335 000 Fcfa (that is 510 €)** has been collected, by donations from the private individuals and voluntary organisations, to support the activities of development of the Boundou CNR. For more information about the support funds and its functioning, look at the documents at the address below :

More information... <http://www.projet-koussan.com>

Training course of the guinea-fowls farmers

From 8 to 12 March 2011, the candidates for guinea-fowls farming met for a training course and the building of the 1st demonstration hen house.

Logically, this first training course has been spent in the village of Didé Gassama, head office of the trade union "Bamtaare Sisse ni Kamo". On the syllabus, all on guinea-fowl farming : housing, feeding, breeding, care and vaccination... With 18 motivated volunteers, including the president of the trade union Amadou DIALLO ("Diappa").

The 1st demonstration hen house was built at the home of Mamadou Fofana, an experienced and volunteer farmer, promoting the use of local and environmentally sensitive materials (clay, straw...).



Back home, the farmers will have to build their own hen house to receive their 3 first breeding guinea-fowls ...

The participants : farmers from Belly, Linguekone, Koussan, Didé, Bancouba, Toumboura, Sansanding, Gonguedji and Ndiarendi.

Soon...



28th April

Return of the tourist and cultural evaluation in the CNR by Tétraktys

28th April - 13rd May

Mission of PNR Millevaches in the CNR, *guinea-fowl farming and Limousin rooster breeding*

12-27th May

Mission of SAD (Beekeeping trade union of Dauphiné), *training course of the new beekeepers of the CNR*

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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