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River in the corridor between the proposed protected areas of Wologizi (Liberia) and Wonegizi (Guinea)

PROGRAMME NEWS

🎉 ✨ Best wishes to all for the holiday season and a healthy and prosperous 2025! ✨ 🎉

Key results at the end of the programme

Several protected areas finalised their updated management plans in the last few months, with support from the PAPFor programme. Most recently, the new **Development and Management Plan** for the Mount Nimba Reserve in Guinea was validated, for which UNOPS organised a workshop on 21 November in Nzérékoré.

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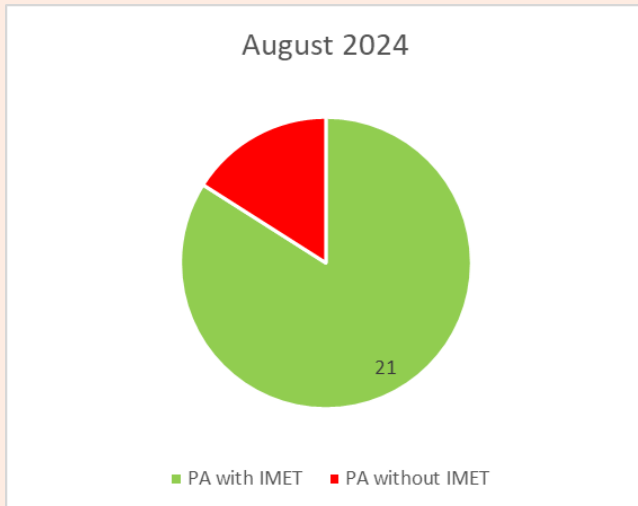


Study of IMET evaluations conducted across the PAPFor landscapes

At the end of the PAPFor programme, more than 80 % of the programme's 25 priority protected areas had benefited from an IMET assessment, compared with just 16 % at the start of the programme.

The Regional Coordination commissioned 'scaling-up' analyses, enabling protected areas to be compared with each other in order to develop more specific strategies for those that are similar.

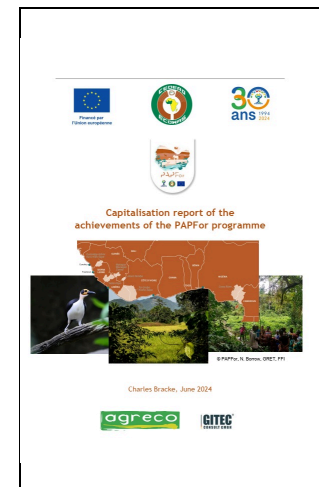
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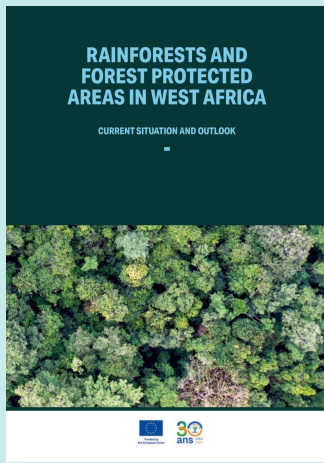


Capitalisation report: making the most of the PAPFor programme's achievements, lessons learned and results

With the new NaturAfrica programme taking over in many of the same natural landscapes as the PAPFor and PAPBio programmes, a report was commissioned to document the achievements and lessons of the PAPFor programme, to ensure that these are available for future strategic use.

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A new PAPFor book on Guinean forests and forest protected areas will serve as a reference in West Africa

A new book, *Rainforests and forest protected areas in West Africa - current situation and outlook*, produced by the PAPFor programme, is the first of its kind on the Guinean forests and their main protected areas. As well as a focus on the unique ecosystems, it covers policies governing forest management in the region and proposed strategies for sustainable forest management.

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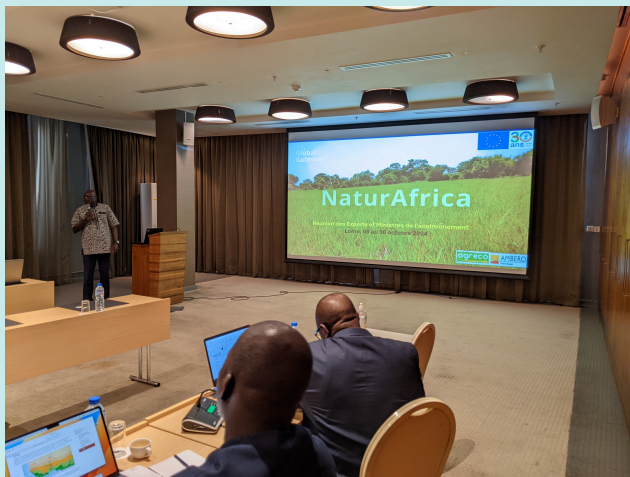
Annual meeting of the PAPFor Steering Committee

This fourth and final session of the Steering Committee was attended by nearly 40 participants, who examined the progress made and the results achieved in relation to the indicators in the PAPFor funding agreement. As this was the last regional meeting of the programme, work focused mainly on the final report of the programme and the capitalisation of PAPFor.

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Some of the participants at the fourth session of the PAPFor Steering Committee on 12 December 2024



From PAPFor to NaturAfrica West Africa

The European Union is setting up a new programme to ensure the continuity of EU interventions in PAPFor landscapes. Through the initiative, the EU and the West African Economic and Monetary Union are supporting a network of key landscapes for conservation and development in West Africa, in order to protect wildlife and stimulate economic growth by sustaining ecosystems and ensuring impact in the face of increasing external pressure.

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Savannah ecosystem expert G. Namoano presents NaturAfrica WA at a meeting of environment experts and ministers organised by WAEMU in Lomé in October 2024

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