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Welcome to our first newsletter

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Pendjari and W-Benin

In the first of the NaturAfrica West Africa landscapes to commence activities, African Parks and partners have undertaken numerous activities, despite the difficult security situation in northern Benin. A wildlife survey has shown particularly promising results.

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Tai - Grebo-Krahn - Sapo

In late April, on the initiative of Liberia's Forestry Development Authority (FDA) and landscape operator Wild Chimpanzee Foundation, coordination meetings took place in Zwedru between the partners involved in the Taï – Grebo Krahn – Sapo transboundary landscape.

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A field mission to the Liberian side of the landscape showed the scale of pressures – mining, cocoa cultivation and poaching – facing the protected areas.

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Gola - Foya

We joined an RSPB-organised visit for EU staff from Liberia and Sierra Leone to meet national government partners in Freetown and the Gola landscape partners (in Gola Rainforest NP and Tiwai Wildlife Sanctuary) in Sierra Leone, as well as local communities.

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In a instructive mission to the Liberian side of the landscape, the challenges for community forests were apparent.

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Niokolo-Badiar-Dulombi-Boé

The programme for the landscape that includes protected areas in Senegal, Guinea and Guinea-Bissau is now underway.

Operator IUCN is putting together a team to manage activities in this savannah ecosystem.

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Cross River

In southeast Nigeria, community management of the Mbe Mountains forest is an example to follow.

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Our mission was an opportunity to visit the spectacular landscape and meet stakeholders in the protected areas.

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Nimba mountains

Following preparatory and formulation missions in late 2024 and early 2025, a Call for Proposals has been launched for an operator to manage this landscape project.

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