

AGENDA (times in GMT/UTC)

Schedule	Activities	Person responsible
08.45am - 09.00am	Session connections and addressing technical issues	Life in Translation
09.00am - 09.15am	❖ Word from the representative of the EUD Burkina Faso ❖ Opening address by the WAEMU Commission	EUD-BF / WAEMU
09.15am - 09.25am	❖ Reminder and adoption of the agenda	RC-RTA
09.25am - 10.00am	❖ Presentation of the NaturAfrica West Africa programme	EUD-BF/INTPA
10.00am - 10.15am	❖ Role/mandate of the Regional Technical Assistance	RC-RTA
10.15am - 10.30am	❖ Break	
10:30am - 11:00am	❖ Status of contract implementation in West Africa	EUD-BF/WAEMU
11.00am - 11.20am	❖ Regional studies carried out	Agreco
11.20am - 12.00pm	❖ Outlook for programme implementation ❖ Regional studies in progress or planned	RC-RTA
12:00 - 12:15 pm	❖ Other points / Miscellaneous	WAEMU-EUD BF
12h15	❖ Closing remarks by the WAEMU Commission	WAEMU

NB. Each session includes time for a presentation and time for a Q&A session

NaturAfrica.

Improving the coherence of
EU biodiversity actions in sub-Saharan Africa



Why NaturAfrica?

To **tackle biodiversity loss** through restoring and protecting a **network of protected areas** and high value ecosystems and promoting the **sustainable management** of surrounding landscapes whilst creating **decent incomes and jobs** in green sectors for **local populations**

An aerial photograph of a lush tropical forest. A river winds through the upper left portion of the image. The forest is dense with various shades of green, and a few taller, more prominent trees are visible in the center and foreground.

*The tropical forest of
Dzanga Sangha
National Park,
Central African Republic
(David Santiago)*

Policy and funding context.

The EU has committed to:

- support partners to meet UN SDGs while building resilient and sustainable economies;
- double funding for biodiversity outside the EU to EUR 7 billion for 2021-2027.



Zakouma National Park is managed by NGO African Parks under a long-term public-private partnership with the Chadian government (APN)

The landscape approach.

Targets funds to Key Landscapes for Conservation and Development through 3 pillars:

1. Conserve biodiversity in high-value ecosystems
2. Green economy by and for local communities (green jobs, value chains, eco-tourism...)
3. Inclusive governance at landscape level

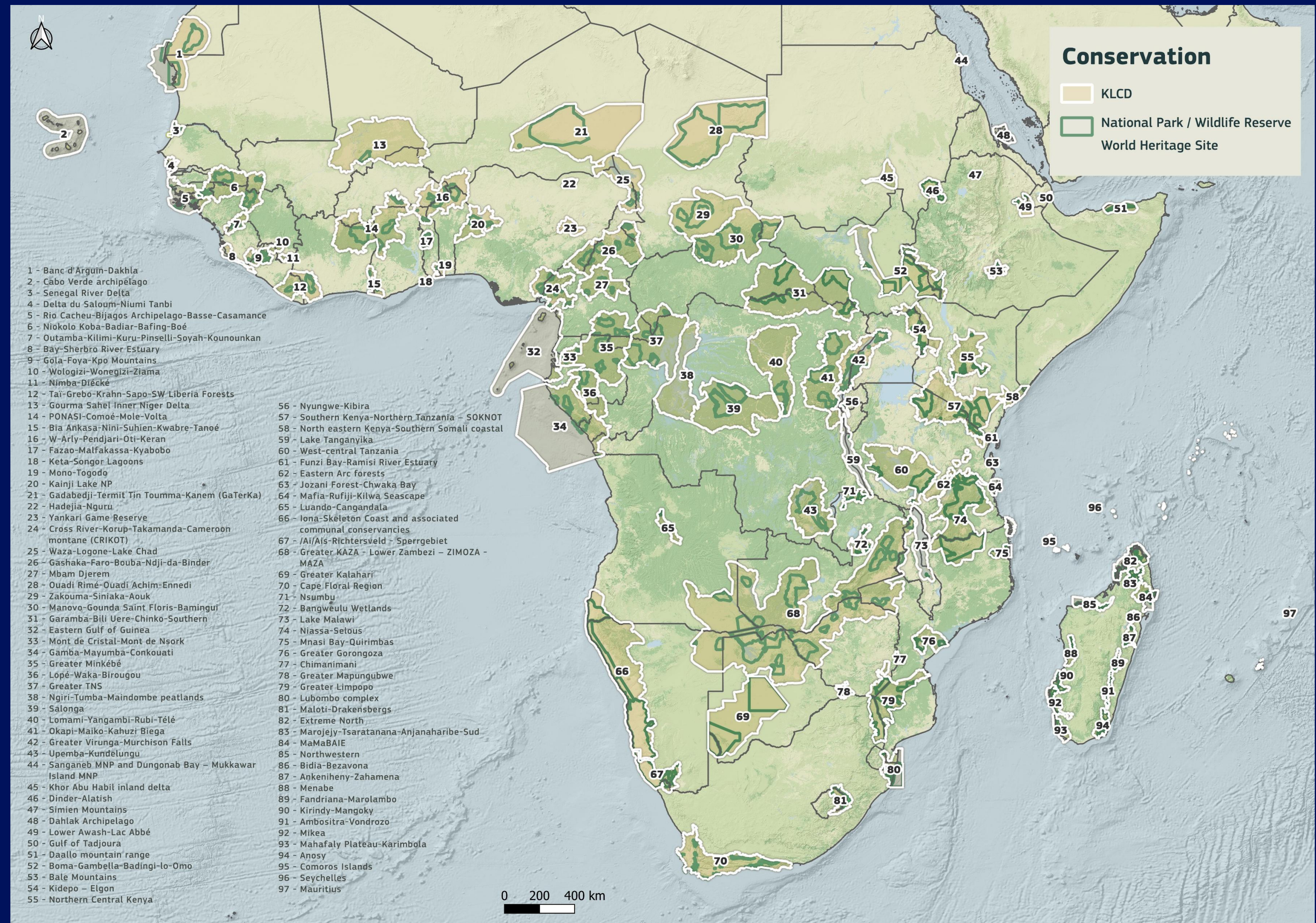
The result: Enhanced resilience and sustainability of local economies



A pangolin in Gashaka Gumti National Park, Nigeria. Africa Nature Investors has signed a partnership agreement with the National Park Service to protect and develop the park. (Jack Devlin / ANI)

Key landscapes for conservation and development.

- Biodiversity actions in and around identified **key landscapes for conservation and development** (KLCDs)
- Includes **national, regional and continent-wide** programmes
- **Team Europe:** Member State-funded actions count as NaturAfrica too
- **Global Gateway** flagship



Key elements.

- **Connectivity** creating corridors to link protected areas and ecosystems, including across borders
- **Collaboration**: national, regional and local stakeholders, civil society and the private sector are engaged in decision-making
- **Comprehensive approach**: tackles direct and underlying causes of environmental challenges (lack of economic opportunities, poverty, food insecurity, etc).



A participatory mapping exercise in the Outamba-Kilimi – Kuru Hills - Soyah transboundary landscape in Guinea and Sierra Leone during the EU PAPFor project (Wild Chimpanzee Foundation)

NaturAfrica in numbers.

NaturAfrica comprises
**26 transboundary and
9 national** landscape
programmes in **45 countries**
in East, West, Central and
Southern Africa, covering
more than **5 million km²** and
in an area populated by
77.7 million people.



Honey produced in the Tai National Park, Côte d'Ivoire. Beekeeping is one activity promoted to develop sustainable livelihoods for local communities living in and around the NaturAfrica-supported Tai – Grebo-Krahn – Sapo (TGKS) complex in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia, implemented by the Wild Chimpanzee Foundation (WCF).

Figures and support.

NaturAfrica funding

Phase 1, 2022-2024:

EUR 160 000 000

Phase 2, 2025-2027:

EUR 150 000 000

Further support available:

- **INTPA.F2**
- **B4Life 2.0 Facility**



*Cocoa farmer
Helena in
Grebo-Krahn
National Park,
Liberia
(M. Languy)*

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The regional NaturAfrica programme
for transboundary landscapes in West Africa

Implemented through two components:

1. "Field" component

2. "Regional coordination" component

The overall
objective
(impact)

To reduce biodiversity loss while sustainably improving the quality of life of local communities living in Key Landscapes for Conservation and Development (KLCDs) in sub-Saharan Africa.

The specific
objectives
(direct effects)

SO1. At the level of the intervention landscapes, improve the conservation, management and use of biodiversity and ecosystem goods and services in KLCDs for the benefit of nature and local communities, in particular women, young people and vulnerable populations (indigenous peoples and local communities).

SO2. At regional level, improve cross-border and inter-regional governance for the conservation and management of cross-border DCPs

Contributing to the direct effect

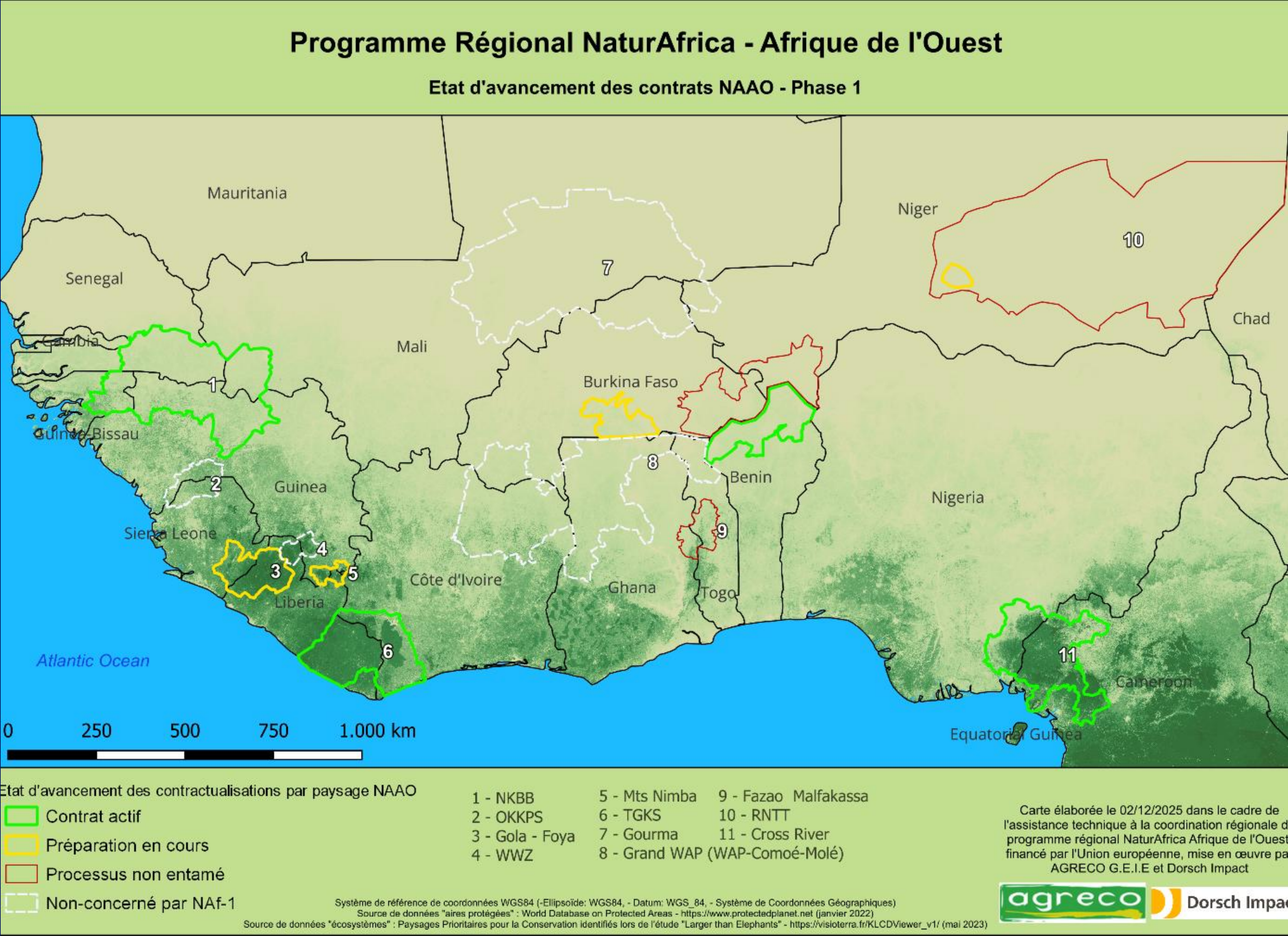
1.1 Strengthen capacities for inclusive management, planning and implementation of **conservation** measures in KLCDs;
1.2 Improved access to sustainable **green economy** opportunities for all community members in KLCDs;
1.3 Capacity building for land-use planning **governance** and natural resource management in KLCDs.

2.1 Improved access to **information** on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystems, for awareness-raising, promotion and participatory decision-making;
2.2 Development of the **capacities** of natural resource managers for the management of protected areas and natural ecosystems in the region;
2.3 Better **coordination** of policy harmonisation at regional and landscape level.



11 landscapes (8 for phase 1)

1. Niokolo-Koba-Badiar-Boé
2. Outamba – Kilimi - Kuru Hills – Soyah
3. Gola – Foya
4. Wologizi – Wonegizi – Zياما
5. Nimba Mtns
6. Tai – Grebo Krahن – Sapo
7. Gourma
8. W – Arly – Pendjari
9. Kyabobo – Fazao
10. Gadabedji – Termit Tin Tومما
11. Cross River



Not forgetting...

- Strong geographical continuity from PAPBio and PAPFor
- Focus on cross-border landscapes
- Takes account of national funding from EU agencies and/or Member States
- Places particular emphasis on the consideration of human rights in the development of actions
- Does not include mangrove ecosystems (covered by WASOP programme)
- Phase 2 under negotiation and will be formulated in 2026



Meeting with Les Anges Gardiens de la Nature, Burkina Faso, May 2024



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Mandat de la Coordination Régionale

1. Soutien aux programmes

- Assurer la cohérence régionale et continentale
- Soutenir le réseau entre les acteurs, y compris organisation de webinaires régionaux
- Promouvoir des outils communs
- Documenter et partager les enseignements tirés
- Mobiliser l'expertise externe à court terme sur les questions régionales
- Soutenir le suivi de l'accord de financement, y compris appui à la collecte des indicateurs
- Capitalisation et gestion des connaissances/ enseignements (communications)



Rôle de la coordination régionale :

2. Soutien aux Délégations de l'UE

- Partage des enseignements tirés des programmes précédents
- « Cartographie » des paysages : autres programmes, donateurs
- Connexion et harmonisation avec d'autres initiatives
- Établissement de lignes directrices
- Alignement sur le document d'action régionale, les indicateurs, les approches
- Soutien technique avec les documents d'action des projets paysages
- **Les Délégations de l'UE sont chargées de la contractualisation des projets de paysage, de la gestion et du suivi**



Réunion régionale pour les DUE en Afrique de l'Ouest, Bruxelles, avril 2025

NaturAfrica West Africa Regional monitoring meeting.

Status of contracts implementation in West Africa

Administrative context for engaging the regional funding

- The European Union Action Document (AD) is the founding document and covers the whole of sub-Saharan Africa.
- It provides an indicative list of beneficiary landscapes and amounts; the indicative nature of the list of landscapes allows for adaptation while remaining within the budgetary envelope and geography of West Africa.
- The AD also prescribes the modes of engagement (direct management vs. indirect management in particular) and identifies the European Union Delegations (EUD) responsible for issuing and managing contracts.
- Various studies/assessments have been conducted to adjust the AD's guidelines (particularly adjustments based on the security situation).
- All contracts must be signed by June 2026 (it typically takes approximately one year from identification to signing).

Overview as of 27 January, 2026

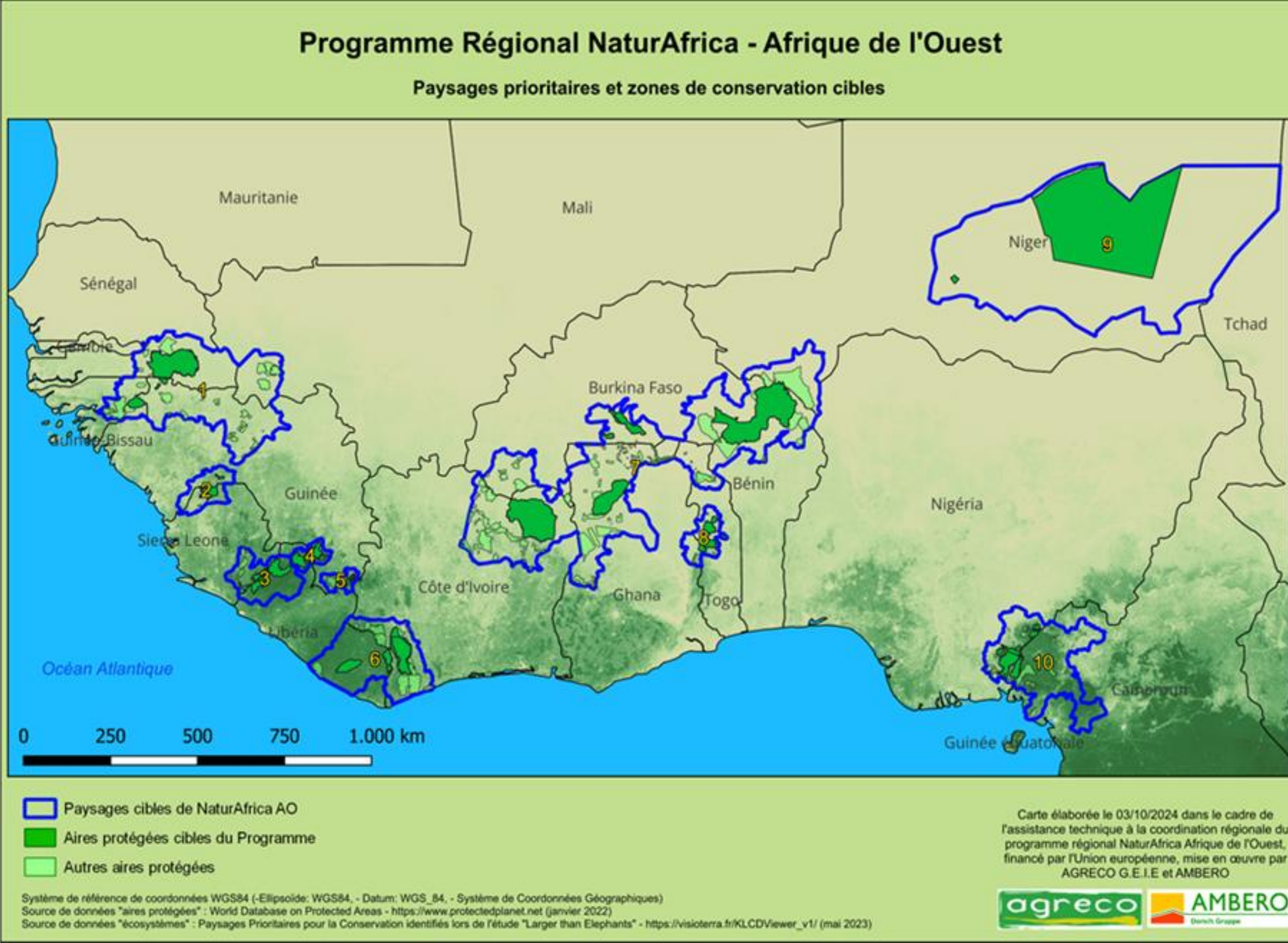
Paysage	Pays concernés (lead et autres)	Opérateur	Attribution du contrat	Note conceptuelle	Proposition d'action draft	Proposition d'action finale	Contrat signé		Visite de terrain pour formulation	Date de signature de contrat	Date probable signature contrat	Durée (mois)	Montant (€)
<i>Paysages inscrits dans le DA de la phase 1</i>													
WAP-Bénin: W & Pendjari	Bénin	APN	Subvention	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	24-10-2023		36	3.100.000
Tai-Grebo-Khran-Sapo	Ivory Coast , Liberia	WCF	Subvention	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	1-01-2025		48	6.200.000
Cross River	Nigeria	WCS	Subvention	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	18-12-2024		48	3.500.000
Niokolo Koba-Badiar-Boé	Sénégal , Guinée, Guinée Bissau	UICN	Contribution de subvention	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	27-03-2025		36	5.000.000
Monts Nimba	C-Ivoire , Guinée, Liberia	UICN	Appel à proposition	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	15-12-2025		36	2.500.000
RN Gadabedji	Niger	SCF	Subvention	✓	✓	✓	□		□		Février 2026?	36	1.500.000
PoNaSi (PoMoCo)	Burkina Faso , C- Ivoire, Ghana	AGN	Subvention	✓	✓	✓	□		✓		Février 2026?	36	3.000.000
Gola – Foya – Kpo	Liberia , Sierra Leone	RSPB	Subvention	✓	✓	✓	□		✓		Mars 2026?	36	3.000.000
Fazao Malfakassa-Kayabobo	Togo , Ghana	?	Subvention	□	□	□	□		□		?	?	1.750.000

Overview as of 27 January, 2026

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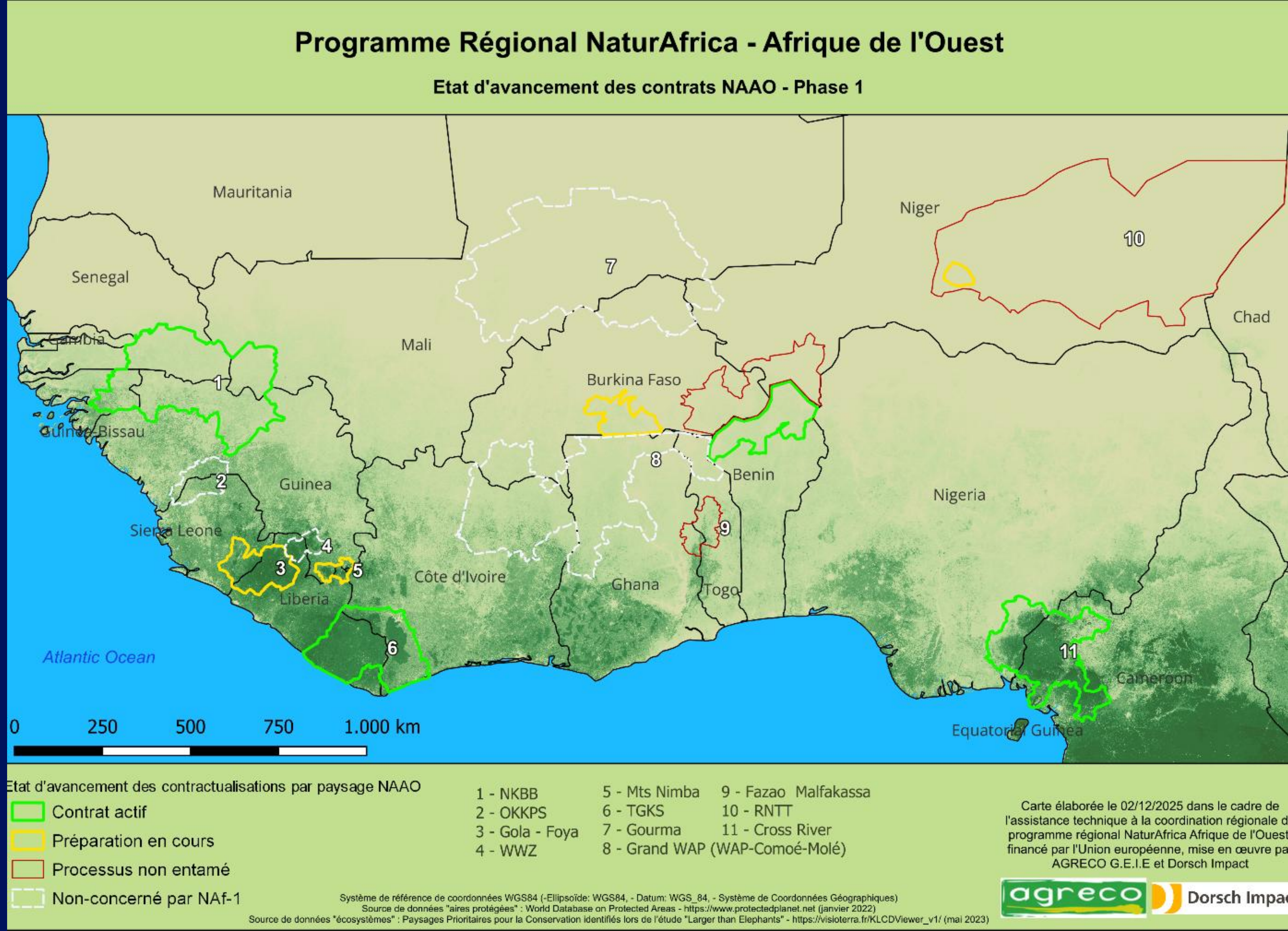
Priority Landscapes (8 in phase 1)

1. Niokolo-Koba-Badiar-Boé
2. Outamba – Kilimi - Kuru Hills – Soyah
3. Gola – Foya
4. Wologizi – Wonegizi – Zياما
5. Nimba Mtns
6. Tai – Grebo Krah – Sapo
7. W-Arly-Pendjari - PoMoCo
8. Kyabobo – Fazao
9. Gadabedji – Termit Tin Toundia
10. Cross River



Priority landscapes (8 fin phase 1)

1. Niokolo-Koba-Badiar-Boé
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7. Gourma
8. W-Arly-Pendjari / PoMoCo
9. Kyabobo – Fazao
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Réunion régionale de suivi, 27 janvier 2026

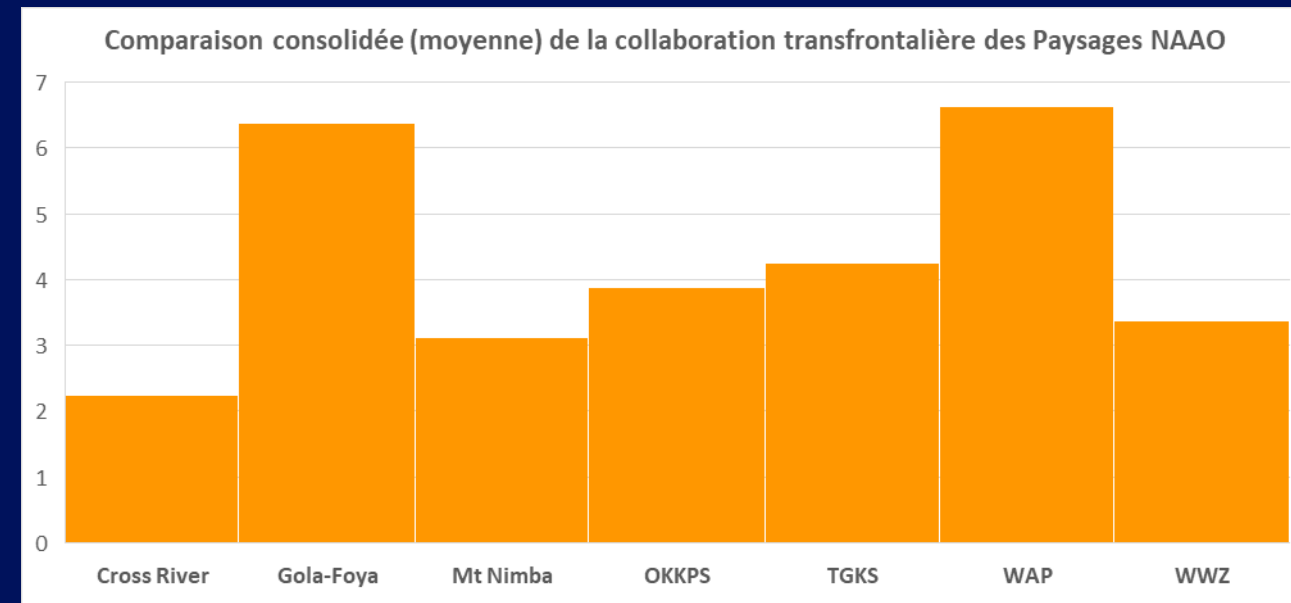
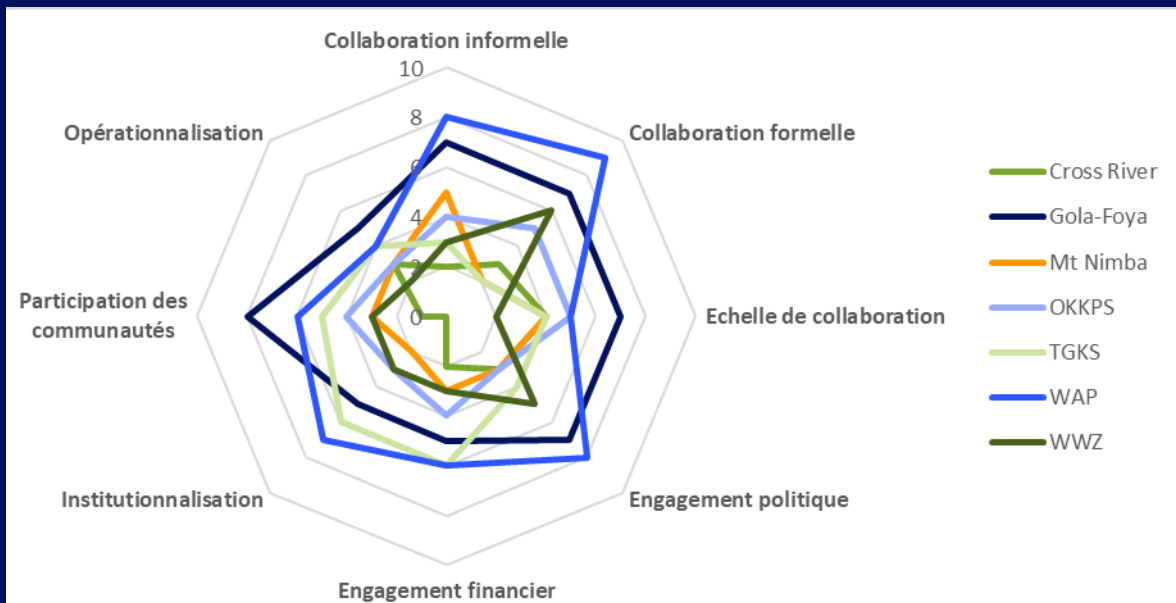
Etudes régionales effectuées en 2025

- **Objectif** : Fournir des informations techniques sur des sujets relatifs à la conservation et à la gestion des aires protégées
 - dimension régionale
 - être pertinents pour un ensemble de paysages
- **Public**
 - partenaires de mise en œuvre
 - institutions nationales et régionales
 - délégations de l'UE
- **3 études réalisées en 2025**
 - Analyse comparative des approches de collaboration et de gestion transfrontalière au sein des paysages NAAO
 - Compilation et organisation d'une base de données sur les programmes régionaux financés par l'Union européenne actifs en Afrique de l'Ouest
 - Etat des lieux et analyse du cadre politique, juridique, institutionnel et administratif de la gestion des parcs nationaux, Niokolo Koba au Sénégal, Badiar en Guinée et Boé en Guinée Bissau.

Analyse comparative des approches de collaboration et de gestion transfrontalière au sein des paysages NAAO

- **Objectif** : Partager les expériences de collaboration et de gestion transfrontalière des différents paysages NAAO
 - 10 paysages prioritaires NAAO, 7 ont été retenus (dont 6 paysages forestiers et un de savane)
 - **Recommandations** :
 - Appuyer les institutions en charge des aires protégées
 - Favoriser l'approche des cercles concentriques
 - Favoriser le partage et l'émulation entre les paysages et encourager les échanges d'expérience entre paysages.
 - Encourager l'harmonisation juridique entre les pays d'un même paysage
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Analyse comparative des approches de collaboration et de gestion transfrontalière au sein des paysages NAAO



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Compilation et organisation d'une base de données sur les programmes régionaux financés par l'Union européenne actifs en Afrique de l'Ouest

- **Objectif** : répertorier les programmes régionaux afin de fournir à l'ensemble des intervenants une base de données sur les programmes avec lesquels ils pourraient collaborer
- **Résultats** :
 - 48 programmes, dont 30 financés par l'Union européenne identifiés.
 - programmes terrestres encore actifs en août 2025.
 - plus de programmes en zone de savane (Sénégal, Guinée, région du WAP)
 - thématique la plus fréquente : agriculture, élevage et nutrition
- Si vous êtes intéressés, faire la demande par mail à katharine.mill@agreco.be

Etat des lieux et analyse du cadre politique, juridique, institutionnel et administratif de la gestion des parcs nationaux, Niokolo Koba au Sénégal, Badiar en Guinée et Boé en Guinée Bissau.

Objectif de l'étude:

- Faciliter la mise en place d'une collaboration transfrontalière du paysage en identifiant les similitudes et différences pouvant appuyer ou freiner la coopération
- Analyses de textes, d'expériences passées
- Analyses SWOT etc.
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Recommandations majeures:

- Renforcer l'articulation des textes, leur actualisation (enjeu transfrontalier, inté-gration des obligations internationales, etc.)
- Mettre en place des plateformes de consultation et collaboration transfrontalière
- Encourager la coopération décentralisée, notamment avec la création d'aires conservées communautaires,
- Suivre et mettre en œuvre l'accord récent de coopération et le MoU entre la Guinée et le Sénégal



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Monitoring at continental, regional and landscape levels

Please refer to section 7 of technical report (pp 45 to 47) as well as Annex 1 !

- The Action Document and Financing Agreement do not have a logical framework specific to West Africa
- “Performance measurement framework for the NAAO programme” as part of the monitoring sheet specific to the WAEMU Commission” as a key reference (Appendix 1)
- So far, only one landscape (W-Pendjari Bénin) has submitted technical reports, hence feeding / updating this matrix is not yet possible
- This matrix will be one key reference tool for the next regional monitoring meeting

Monitoring at continental, regional and landscape levels

NAAO PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT FRAMEWORK					
	Indicators	Unit	Baseline value	Target (end of project)	Achievement
SO1: At the landscape level, improve the conservation, management and use of biodiversity and ecosystem goods and services in CDDCs for the benefit of nature and local communities, and in particular women, young people and vulnerable populations.	1.1 Number of IMET assessments carried out with the support of the action	Number	0	20	3
	1.2 IMET scores for conservation area management effectiveness	Score	To be determined for each PA at the start of the programme	Average improvement of 7%.	NA
	1.3 # ha of PCCD where ecosystem health (measured by vegetation cover and above-ground carbon) has improved or at least remained stable	Ha	To be determined by the Joint Research Centre for each conservation area	To be determined for each PCCD at the time of its creation	NA
	1.4 Increase in the average income of small-scale food producers, disaggregated by gender, in CDP target communities	XOF equivalent/month	To be identified during baseline surveys	Average increase of at least 15% in target populations	NA

Monitoring at continental, regional and landscape levels

CADRE DE MESURE DE LA PERFORMANCE DU PROGRAMME NAAO					
	Indicateurs	Unité	Valeur de référence	Cible (fin de projet)	Réalisation
OS1 : Au niveau du paysage, améliorer la conservation, la gestion et l'utilisation de la biodiversité et des biens et services des écosystèmes dans les PCCD au profit de la nature et des communautés locales, et en particulier des femmes, des jeunes et des populations vulnérables.	1.1 Nombre d'évaluations IMET faites avec le soutien de l'action	Nombre	0	20	3
	1.2 Scores IMET pour l'efficacité de la gestion des zones de conservation	Score	A déterminer pour chaque AP en début de programme	Amélioration moyenne de 7%	NA
	1.3 # ha de PCCD où la santé de l'écosystème (mesurée par la couverture végétale et le carbone aérien) s'est améliorée ou est au moins restée stable	Ha	A déterminer par le Centre Commun de Recherche pour chaque zone de conservation	À déterminer pour chaque PCCD au moment de sa création	NA
	1.4 Augmentation du revenu moyen des petits producteurs de denrées alimentaires, désagrégé par sexe, dans les communautés ciblées des PCCD	Equivalent XOF/mois	A identifier lors des enquêtes de ligne de base	Accroissement moyen d'au minimum 15% sur les populations ciblées	NA

Monitoring at continental, regional and landscape levels

NaturAfrica core indicators

NaturAfrica core indicators		Mandatory (M)	Field data (F)
		Optional (O)	Remote (R)
Conservation	Effective management of protected and conserved Areas	M	F
	Wildlife population trends	O	F
	Protected area territorial integrity	M	R
	Conserved and protected areas connectivity	M	R
	Natural habitat integrity	M	R
Green economy	Sustainable use of natural resources	O	F/R
	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises performance	M	F
	Investments in the green sector	M	F
	Food security	M	F
	Competitiveness and socio-env. Responsibility	O	F
Governance	Participatory governance of NRs	M	F
	Local communities implication in conservation	O	F
	Peaceful governance	M	F
	Sustainable Financing	O	F
	Human well-being	M	F
	Number of people trained on human rights	M	F

Alignment of landscapes' logical frameworks with NA core indicators

Code	NAF Core Indicator	NKBB	Gola	Nimba	TGKS	WAP Bénin	Gadabedji	Cross River	PoNaSi
C1	Effective management of protected and conserved Areas	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
C2	Wildlife population trends	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
C3	Protected area territorial integrity	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3
C4	Conserved and protected areas connectivity	C4	C4	C4	C4	C4	C4	C4	C4
C5	Natural habitat integrity	C5	C5	C5	C5	C5	C5	C5	C5
GE1	Sustainable use of natural resources	GE1	GE1	GE1	GE1	GE1	GE1	GE1	GE1
GE2	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises performance	GE2	GE2	GE2	GE2	GE2	GE2	GE2	GE2
GE3	Investments in the green sector	GE3	GE3	GE3	GE3	GE3	GE3	GE3	GE3
GE4	Food security	GE4	GE4	GE4	GE4	GE4	GE4	GE4	GE4
GE5	Competitiveness and socio-env. responsibility	GE5	GE5	GE5	GE5	GE5	GE5	GE5	GE5
GOV1	Participatory governance of NRs	GOV1	GOV1	GOV1	GOV1	GOV1	GOV1	GOV1	GOV1
GOV2	Local communities implication in conservation	GOV1 et 2	GOV1 et 2	GOV1 et 2	GOV1 et 2	GOV1 et 2	GOV1 et 2	GOV1 et 2	GOV1 et 2
GOV3	Peaceful governance	GOV3	GOV3	GOV3	GOV3	GOV3	GOV3	GOV3	GOV3
GOV4	Sustainable Financing	GOV4	GOV4	GOV4	GOV4	GOV4	GOV4	GOV4	GOV4
GOV5	Human well-being	GOV5	GOV5	GOV5	GOV5	GOV5	GOV5	GOV5	GOV5
GOV6	Number of people trained on human rights	GOV6 (HR)	GOV6 (HR)	GOV6 (HR)	GOV6 (HR)	GOV6 (HR)	GOV6 (HR)	GOV6 (HR)	GOV6 (HR)

- Very good to good alignment for NKBB, TGKS and PoNaSi
- Particularly bad alignment for Nimba and Gola
- Note: Gola, PoNaSi and Gadabedji not final
- Note: WAP Benin was signed before Core Indicators were set up
- Action: significant changes needed for Nimba, Gola, Gadabedji

Progress made at the field/Landscape Level

- W-Bénin Pendjari => pages 17-20
- Cross River => pages 21-22
- TGKS => pages 15-17
- Niokolo-Koba Badiar Boé => page 14



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Selected interventions for 2026

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Ongoing and forthcoming regional studies

Note: planned activities at landscape level on pages 37-42 of technical report

- Community forests in West Africa (Jan-June 2026)
- Factsheets on protected areas of West Africa (2026-2027)
 - Updating data for WDPCA (with OBAPAO and WCMC)
 - Factsheets (with OBAPAO)
 - Landscape analysis on links with the programme's 3 pillars
- Biomonitoring (second half of 2026)
- Others in 2027

Other key interventions

- Support mission on three field indicators (Feb-June 2026)
- Webinars (about every other month, in conjunction with RAMP/PAO/OBAP/PAO)
- Production of factsheets for each landscape
- See technical report

Specific work in collaboration with OBAPAO and CIFOR-ICRAF (CE-Bio WA)

- State of the forests in West Africa
- State of PAs in West Africa
- Regional indicators / NAAO indicators
- Action Plan of the regional strategy on PA and biodiversity
- Webinars
- Reference documents to feed OBAPAO's RRIS