



# AERIAL SUPPORT TO PROTECT CHAD'S ELEPHANTS

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## Background

Wings for Conservation is a non-profit Foundation based in the Netherlands.

Chad is a country in Central Africa. Over the past two decades, thousands of elephants were killed by poachers, drastically reducing numbers to less than 1,000 elephants today.

In July 2017, we signed an agreement with the Chadian Government to work in partnership with the Ministry of Environment and provide aerial support to increase the protection of the elephant populations. Our aircraft arrived in Chad in April 2018 to start the project.

The aircraft is a very cost effective tool to cover large areas in little time and offers excellent visibility over the landscape. It helps to identify threats to elephants and collect information that is provided to ground teams to stop and prevent poaching.

## Summary

During the month of August, the aircraft continued to be deployed in the southwest of Chad carrying out surveillance missions.

The aircraft flew a total of 30.3 hours, covering a distance of 4260 kilometers, with an average speed of 140 km/h.

Elephant herds were spotted from the aircraft on several occasions, many in close proximity to camps of nomadic herders and their cattle.

August is usually the height of the rainy season. Unfortunately, this year was not the case and there was a period of 10 consecutive days without rain. Many water points dried up, and local people also lost their crops. The upcoming dry season is expected to be difficult, as wildlife and cattle will have to share the same reduced resources.

No elephant carcasses were found during the month.



## Partners

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