



## STICHTING WINGS FOR CONSERVATION

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## Background

Stichting Wings for Conservation is a non-profit foundation based in the Netherlands, taking action against elephant poaching in Africa.

In July 2017, we signed an agreement with the Government of Chad to work in partnership with the Ministry of Environment and provide aerial support to increase the protection of the elephant populations.

Chad is a country in Central Africa, where thousands of elephants were killed by poachers, reducing numbers to less than 1,500 elephants today.

We carry out surveillance flights to locate elephant herds and detect possible poachers, illegal activities and other threats to elephants, in order to help coordinate the deployment of the Chadian rangers and ensure protection on the ground.

## Summary

During the first four months of 2019, the aircraft continued to be deployed in the southwest of Chad carrying out surveillance missions.

The aircraft flew a total of 52 hours, covering a distance of 7200 kilometers.

Due to various mechanical problems, the aircraft was grounded in several occasions and it was not possible to fly our scheduled hours. March and April are the warmest months of the year, with temperatures reaching 30°C at sunrise, which aggravated the engine issues. A mechanic traveled from the Netherlands to Chad to repair the aircraft.

During this period of dry season, elephant herds were spotted from the aircraft on several occasions, mostly nearby or moving towards the last remaining water points in the area.



Roan antelope

## Partners

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