

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

Between May and August, the aircraft continued to be deployed in the southwest of Chad carrying out surveillance missions.

The aircraft flew a total of 40 hours, covering a distance of 6115 kilometers.

In June, after a long journey from Europe, spanning over 8,000 kilometers, our new aircraft arrived in Chad.

Sadly, in the first week of August, after 17 months without poaching, 7 elephants were killed by poachers in the southwest of Chad. The Chadian rangers intercepted the poachers in the bush, but the poachers were able to escape. At the end of the month, Chadian rangers conducted an undercover operation and arrested 6 suspects. 17 elephant tusks and two fire arms were recovered.





Partners

Our work is only made possible thanks to generous donations from private individuals, partner corporations and organizations. We are grateful for their continued support.



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