

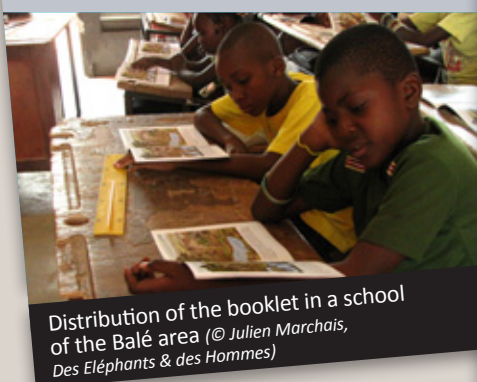
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In brief

A growing education campaign in Burkina Faso

The educational booklet "My elephant neighbour" of the association Des Elephants & des Hommes (Elephants & Humans) has been distributed for the first time in all the primary schools of the Balé area, and in some schools of the Mouhoun: so more than 9000 children are sensitized to elephant protection!



Distribution of the booklet in a school of the Balé area (© Julien Marchais, Des Elephants & des Hommes)

In brief

Capture of a new 4 meters long crocodile

The crocodile, captured and marked by the team of the University of Florida, was exactly 4,11 meters long, which is about 5 cm less than the biggest ever caught in the Everglades. This nice catch is very encouraging for the life expectancy of the Everglades crocodiles.



Researcher of the University of Florida next to the captured crocodile (© University of Florida)

In brief

Awely initiates the Jean-Marc Vichard price for conservation and development

The FDB's partner for Rhinos conservation in Nepal, Awely, created this price which aims to reward a person whose field work impacts positively and notably threatened animal species conservation, by using human development activities. For more information, please visit <http://www.awely.org/fr/prix-jmv.html>



Poster of the Jean-Marc Vichard price (© Awely)

SPECIE OF THE MONTH

the Venus Flytrap

The Venus Flytrap is a carnivorous plant native to the East coast of the United States.

Its ability to catch and digest insects provides necessary nutrients for growth. In fact, these nutrients are absent of the poor soils the plant lives on. The insects are attracted by the plant smell and caught by the trap when they touch its sensory hairs. The conservation status of the specie is vulnerable. It is threatened by land planning of its habitat: peatlands.

Grasshopper trapped by Venus Flytrap



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The Endowment Fund for Biodiversity's newsletter

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The end of 2012 has been the opportunity for the Endowment Fund for Biodiversity (FDB) to start up a new ambitious program: The supporting fund for Communal Biodiversity Atlas (ABC). This project had been initiated by the French State in 2010 and reactivated during the national Environmental Conference of last September. The objective is to make an inventory of the biodiversity of French territories and related issues: an essential view close to our everyday life. This program will ramp up in next months following several steps we are going to communicate about.

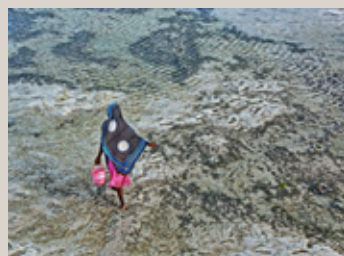
The FDB participated in the shareholding exhibition called Actionaria. A strong demand of transparency from shareholders has been noticed on environmental issues. Biodiversity is more and more present in "Social and Environmental Responsibility" reflections and this is a proof of a real progression of the issue in people minds.

This first newsletter of year 2013 gives me the opportunity to wish you all a happy new year, even more committed. See you for next high points of the FDB!

Bernard LIMAL - President of the FDB

1 Results of PHOTO's competition

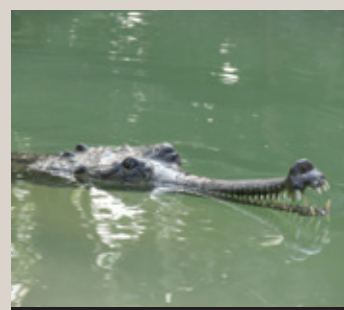
As part of its partnership with PHOTO magazine for the 2012 photograph's competition, the FDB participated in the jury to select and award the winner of the category "Biodiversity". Paradoxically, we can't see any fauna or flora on the selected picture but the mankind in the middle of the ford, looking for water: this precious water whose quality and availability are closely related to ecological services held by Biodiversity. This constitutes a different approach to better understand the meaning of "natural resource".



The winner's photograph in the category « biodiversity » (© Jean-Michel BLASCO)

2 Gharials rescued by river rangers in Nepal

Two adult Gharials have been rescued and transferred to the Narayani river by the river rangers, in October 2012. At the end of the monsoon season, both individuals had been trapped in small river branches when the water level went down. A group of villagers had reported their presence to rangers: a concrete proof of the education program success.



Gharial (© WWF Nepal)

3 In Mayotte, the young ambassadors meet the dolphins at last

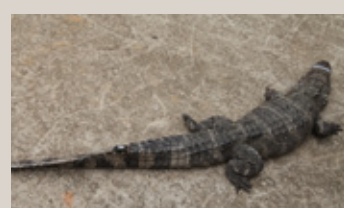
After two boat trips without seeing anything, the young ambassadors of Megaptera could at last observe Mayotte's dolphins! They had the chance to meet a group of 200 Spinner dolphins during the trip of October and two groups of Bottlenose dolphins during the trip of November. The young ambassadors use their fresh photo-identification skills: taking pictures of the Bottlenose dolphins have been easier than Spinner dolphins which have the characteristic to spin when jumping.



Fisherman and Spinner dolphins in Mayotte (© Megaptera)

4 Release of six Chinese alligators

Last summer, six alligators have been selected from the breeding centre, according to the results of several health tests (length and body measures, traumatism examination). The 2 males and 4 females have been equipped with radio transmitters in order to ensure scientific monitoring and they have been released on the Gaojingmiao site, which was restored in 2011.



Alligator equipped with a transmitter on its tail before being released (© Anhui N. University)

5 Exceptional observation of White-beaked dolphins

Because of autumnal depressions in the North of France, less trips on OCEAMM boat could be carried out lately. So the association collaborates with an English Channel maritime company to use their ferries as observation platforms! In October and November, 7 trips allowed OCEAMM to observe 57 common porpoises, and about twenty White-beaked dolphins which are pretty rare in the area.



White-beaked dolphins observed on the 19th of October (© OCEAMM)

6 Interview of the President of the FDB

An interview of the President of the FDB, Bernard Limal, was published in Associations magazine in December. It presents the FDB and its involvements in terms of solidity, transparency and trust of its sponsors.

A second interview of the President of the FDB was published in Gaiamodo's newsletter of December, entitled "Biodiversity & Business news" (Study and advice agency on biodiversity and environment). To read the interview, please visit <http://www.gaiamodo.com/fr/2012/actu-04122012/>.



Cover page of the interview of Bernard Limal (© FDB)

7 The supporting fund for the Communal Biodiversity Atlas in Valeurs actuelles magazine

As part of its partnership with Valeurs actuelles, the FDB published a new article about the starting up of the supporting fund for the Communal Biodiversity Atlas on the 29th of November. This article includes the interview of Philippe Boucly, Chairman of GRT Gaz and the interview of Guy Nafilyan, Chief executive of Kaufman & Broad.



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BIODIVERSITY Bad protection of the brown bear

France is currently showed up by Europe which reproaches the country for the lack of brown bear protection and its bad conservation status. The European commission initiated an "infringement procedure" for "breach of its obligations in terms of brown bear protection". Now France has to adopt restoration and conservation policies, under penalty of seizure by the European Court.