

Sangha Trinational, Congo, Cameroon, and Central African Republic

Facts

- Recommended by IUCN for inscription on the World Heritage List in June 2012 at the World Heritage Committee in Saint Petersburg, Russia, for its wide spectrum of species-rich humid tropical forest ecosystems and its large, intact and ecologically functional landscape.
- Trinational de la Sangha (also referred to as TNS or Sangha Trinational) is a transboundary conservation complex where Cameroon, the Central African Republic and the Republic of Congo meet. The parks are embedded in a much larger forest landscape and a buffer zone has been established in recognition of the importance of the broader landscape and its inhabitants.
- Numerous and diverse habitats such as tropical forests comprised of deciduous and evergreen species, a great diversity of wetland types, including swamp forests, periodically flooded forests and many types of forest clearings of major conservation importance are a part of the TNS landscape.
- In addition to forest elephants, significant populations of the critically endangered Western Lowland Gorilla and the endangered Chimpanzee can be found in the parks.
- The Sangha River, a largely undisturbed major tributary to the Congo River, constitutes the major water course and continues to host populations of the Nile Crocodile (*Crocodylus niloticus*), as well as the Goliath Tigerfish (*Hydrocynus goliath*).

Quote

*“Unlike many other forest protected areas, this area is not a remaining fragment but continues to be part of a much larger intact landscape with good conservation prospects”, says **Tim Badman, Director of IUCN’s World Heritage Programme.** “This is increasingly rare and significant at a global scale.”*

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