

**Students of the ERAIFT Master in Protected Areas and Biosphere Reserves Management (GAP/GRB)
study trip to the Dja Biosphere Reserve.**

From 15 to 31 August 2022

From August 15 to 31, 2022, 17 students of the 3rd class of ERAIFT's GAP and GRB Master's programme, from 6 sub-Saharan African countries (DRC, CAR, Benin, Chad, Niger, Republic of Congo), studying at the « *Ecole de Faune de Garoua-EFG* » (Wildlife School of Garoua, Cameroon), took a study trip to the Dja Biosphere Reserve.

This field training aims to place learners in concrete situation in order to increase their knowledge on the complexity of the management of protected areas and biosphere reserves.

Throughout their study trip to the Dja Biosphere Reserve, the learners carried out several activities related to their specialisation, including: (1) characterisation of large animal groups and their means of communication, (2) identification and description of wildlife taxa in Dja BR, (3) assessment of forage potential and identification of grazing degradation indicators in Dja BR (5) identification of touristic attractions (7) assessment of enhancement of indigenous peoples' cultural practices through ecotourism.

The learners benefited from this field training, which was scientifically supervised by wildlife experts from the GFE and the managers of the Dja Biosphere Reserve. This learning by doing makes these future African managers increasingly professional so that they can truly respond to the various challenges of nature conservation.

This study trip completes the organisation of practical sessions of the following courses : Fisheries management and aquatic habitats ; Ecotourism, safari and cynegetics; Eco-ethology and animal communities; Carrying capacity, fire management and pastoralism ; Taxonomy and genetics

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Setting up camp in the Dja RB



**Learners interact with the local community in
RB Dja**