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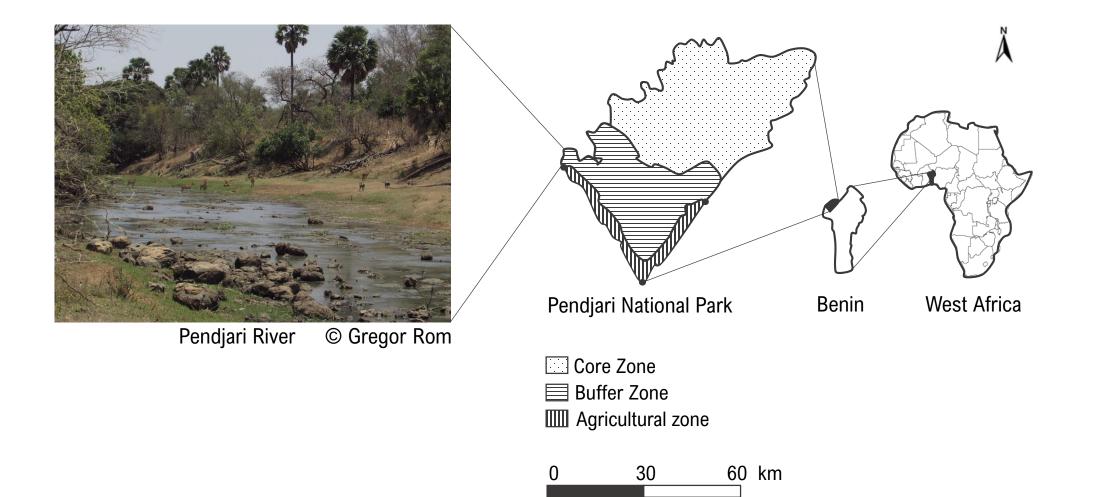
## Participatory methods, perceptions and values: Applying the TESSA tool and Q in African Biosphere reserves

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## Case Study: Pendjari National Park, Benin

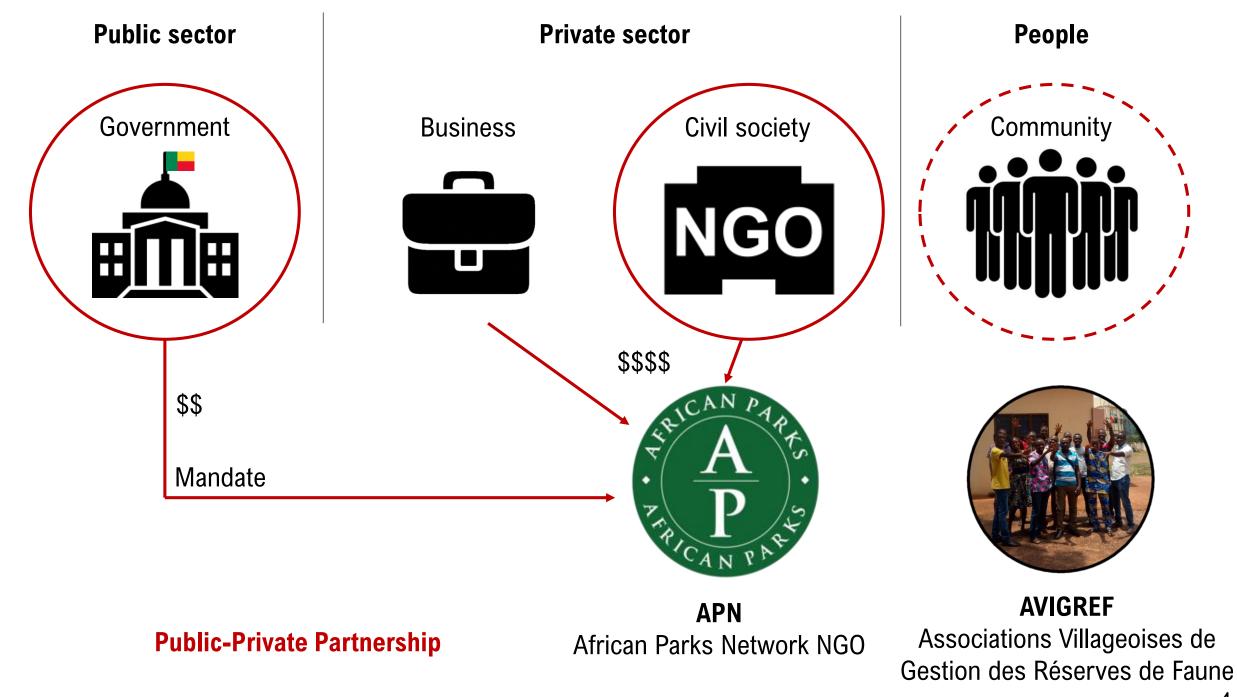


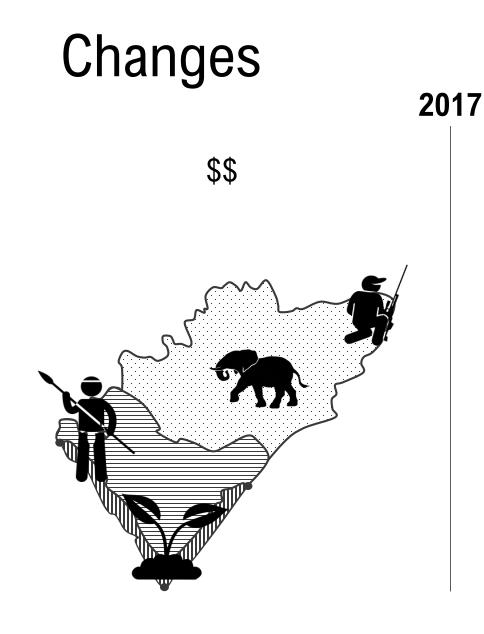


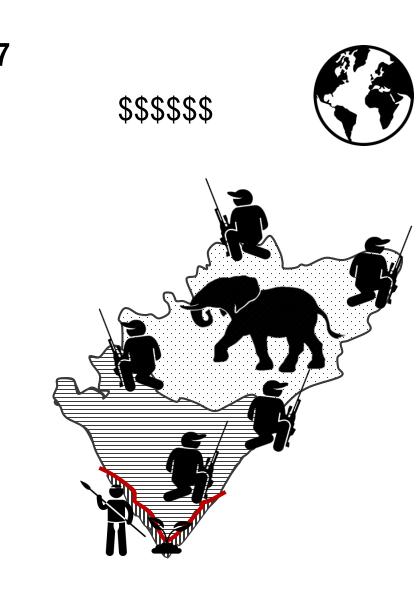
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#### **Participatory management**

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- Increased budget
- International NGO
- Decreased agricultural zone
- Fence to protect against humanwildlife conflict
- More and trained ecoguards against poaching

#### **TESSA-NGT-Hybrid**



- Group per stakeholder (~gender, age and job)
- Mix of NGT and TESSA preliminary scoping appraisal

#### **Q** Methodology



- First-person perspective
- Premade statements based on literature
- Clustering of alike perceptions

#### $\rightarrow$ Threats to and trends of ES?

→ Perceptions on ES management?

#### **TESSA-NGT-Hybrid**

- Threats: Land Tenure Insecurity
- Trends ES over last 5 years:
  - Agriculture, apiculture, wood and medicinal plants \
  - Tourism and environmental education

### **Q** Methodology

- Two groups of perception:
  - Conservation for nature's sake

Restrict access, increase education and plant trees

Conservation for human's use
Increase access to park and finances,
no agroforestry

→Drivers of perception: Gender and municipality →Drivers of perception: Education level

#### **TESSA-NGT-Hybrid**



- Group (dominance effect)
- Rapid assessment
- Easy to understand
- Easy to reach farmers, women
- New information

#### **Q** Methodology



- One-on-one
- Lots of preparation & interpretation
- Cognitively challenging
- Easy to reach managers, politicians
- Premade statements

## Conclusion

- Different output and different stakeholders
  - → Complementary methods
- Applicable in challenging environments BUT
  - Took long: 1-2 hours
  - Cannot extrapolate over time or place
- ES can open conversation and engage stakeholders, especially in highconflict situations