

20. Land tenure/ownership of:

- (a) site: the reserve is state owned
(b) surrounding area: no information available
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21. Current land use:

- (a) site: the reserve is essentially managed as a Presidential Reserve, where hunting parties are organised for guests of the President. Access is strictly limited, and only really possible by light aircraft from outside the area.
(b) surroundings/catchment: no information available
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22. Factors (past, present or potential) adversely affecting the site's ecological character, including changes in land use and development projects:

- (a) at the site: Intensive poaching has been reported in the past, but poaching control instigated by the guide de chasse is apparently very effective. Forestry exploitation has occurred in the reserve. Several exotic species have been introduced to the area, including Burchells zebra, black-tailed gnu, peccary, wild boar and pony. Only the zebra did not establish itself in the park.
(b) around the site: no information available
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23. Conservation measures taken: (national category and legal status of protected areas - including any boundary changes which have been made; management practices; whether an officially approved management plan exists and whether it has been implemented)

The reserve used to be divided in three basic areas. Currently the area is essentially managed as a Presidential Reserve, which means access is strictly limited. Anti-poaching activity is undertaken. The area was designated a National Park in 1967, a few years after it was set up as three Domaines de la Chasse: Wonga-Wongué, Grand Bam-Bam and Petit Bam-Bam. The flora and fauna are totally protected, and cultivation is prohibited. There is no management plan.

24. Conservation measures proposed but not yet implemented: (e.g. management plan in preparation; officially proposed as a protected area etc.)

There is a proposal to expand this reserve so that it will include some valuable areas of swamp forest.

25. Current scientific research and facilities: (e.g. details of current projects; existence of field station etc.)

virtually none (details not stipulated)

26. Current conservation education: (e.g. visitors centre, hides, information booklet, facilities for school visits etc.)

none

27. Current recreation and tourism: (state if wetland is used for recreation/tourism; indicate type and frequency/intensity)

only hunting parties for guests of the President

28. Jurisdiction: (territorial e.g. state/region and functional e.g. Dept of Agriculture/Dept. of Environment etc.)

no information available

29. Management authority: (name and address of local body directly responsible for managing the wetland)

The reserve falls directly under the authority of the President of the Republic of Gabon

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