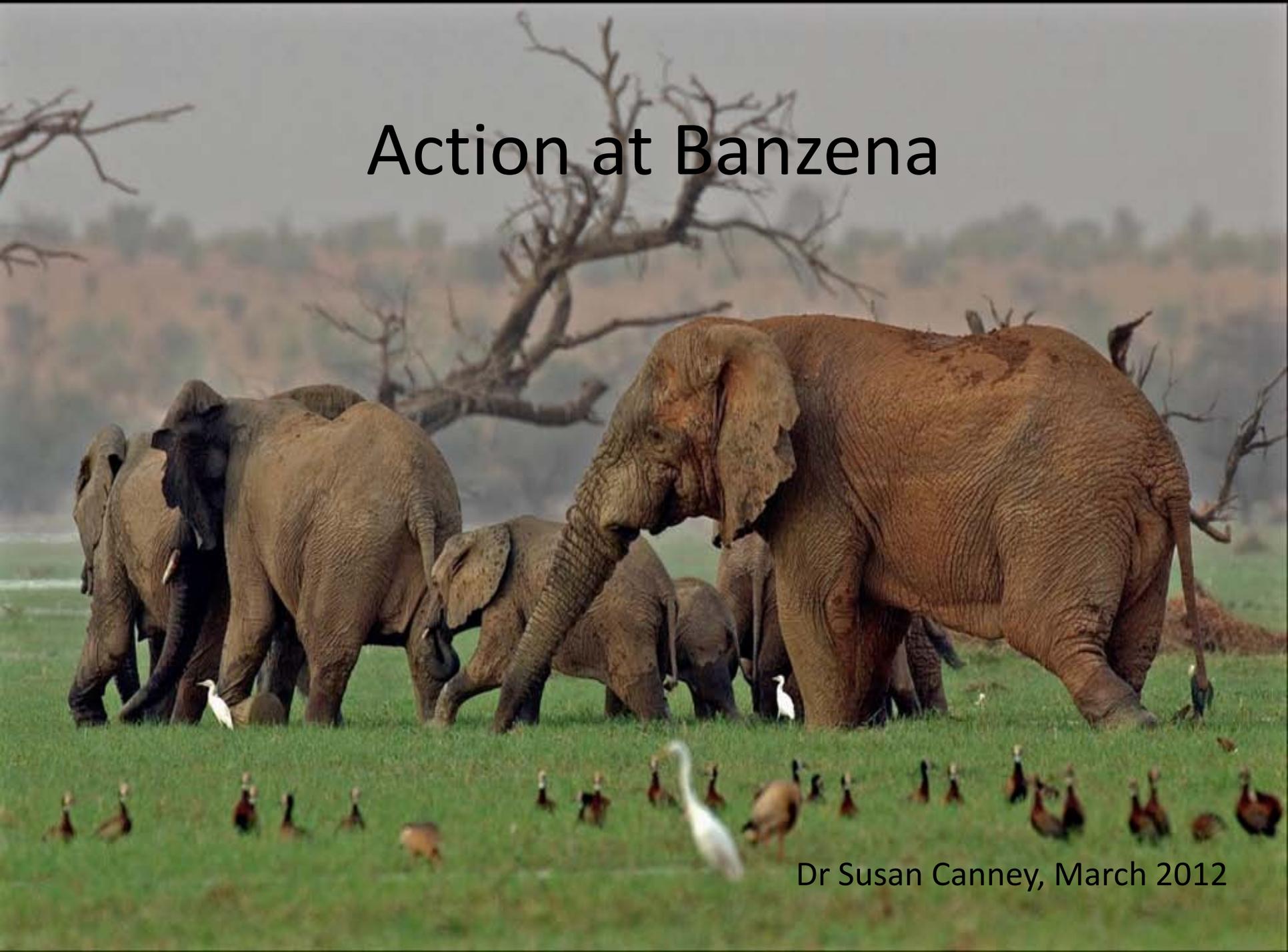


Action at Banzena



Dr Susan Canney, March 2012

Providing water in the relocation zone. Digging out, and therefore deepening, the natural water-hole in the relocation zone so that it would hold more water for longer



This is the essential back-up water system to compensate for the fact that one of the three boreholes was dry

The community were delighted as this saved the whole process and resulted in

*** the community agreeing to relocate from Banzena by May 2012**

*** the Minister addressing the government about the importance of the elephants, Banzena, and our initiative**

Completion of the first borehole



Construction of the water storage tower



The trough allows animals to drink

7 out of 11
clans have
moved to the
relocation area



“Since we started to drink water from this pump, we no longer have stomach aches. The men can return to Banzena if they wish but we are going to die here.”

The households arrive in the relocation area (right); the tents are erected (top)



Ceremony officially delivering the legal convention



This is accorded great importance and symbolically represents the transfer of competence from the State (represented by the Commandant), to the communities (represented by the Mayor), to the local community (represented by the President of the Brigades)





Officers of the community natural resource management committee and the enforcement brigades after the hand-over

525km of new firebreaks are constructed to the north of Banzena and as part of the integration of Tinabou and Kazey-Kazey to the south



Camels were leased to the first set of community “Brigades” so they could operate autonomously



The meeting of the ‘camel procurement committee’ composed of members of the brigades, management committee, mayors, and the government technical services

The camels

Declarations during the meeting

“Now all the Gourma understands the importance of the elephants and all the fixed sites all camps located on the elephant circuit will mobilize to protect elephants and their habitats.”

“ I can guarantee that the camels to be purchased by us will be good camels that can construct fire-breaks and monitor the bush against poaching, wood-cutting and charcoal making.

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Mr Oye, Head of the Management Committee



“We old ones of Banzena guarantee that the camels bought by our own children will be well kept and well fed and kept free from harm. We will do everything to protect them against human pressures and other external aggression. We ask the support of authorities for the supervision of the bush and the protection of elephants”

Mr Hamed Ag
Mohamed

One of the training courses for the Brigades and community leaders in law





Lunch at a training course for community leaders (including the leaders of the women) on health and hygiene, management of water-points and pasture, potential conflict with éléphants and how to avoid it

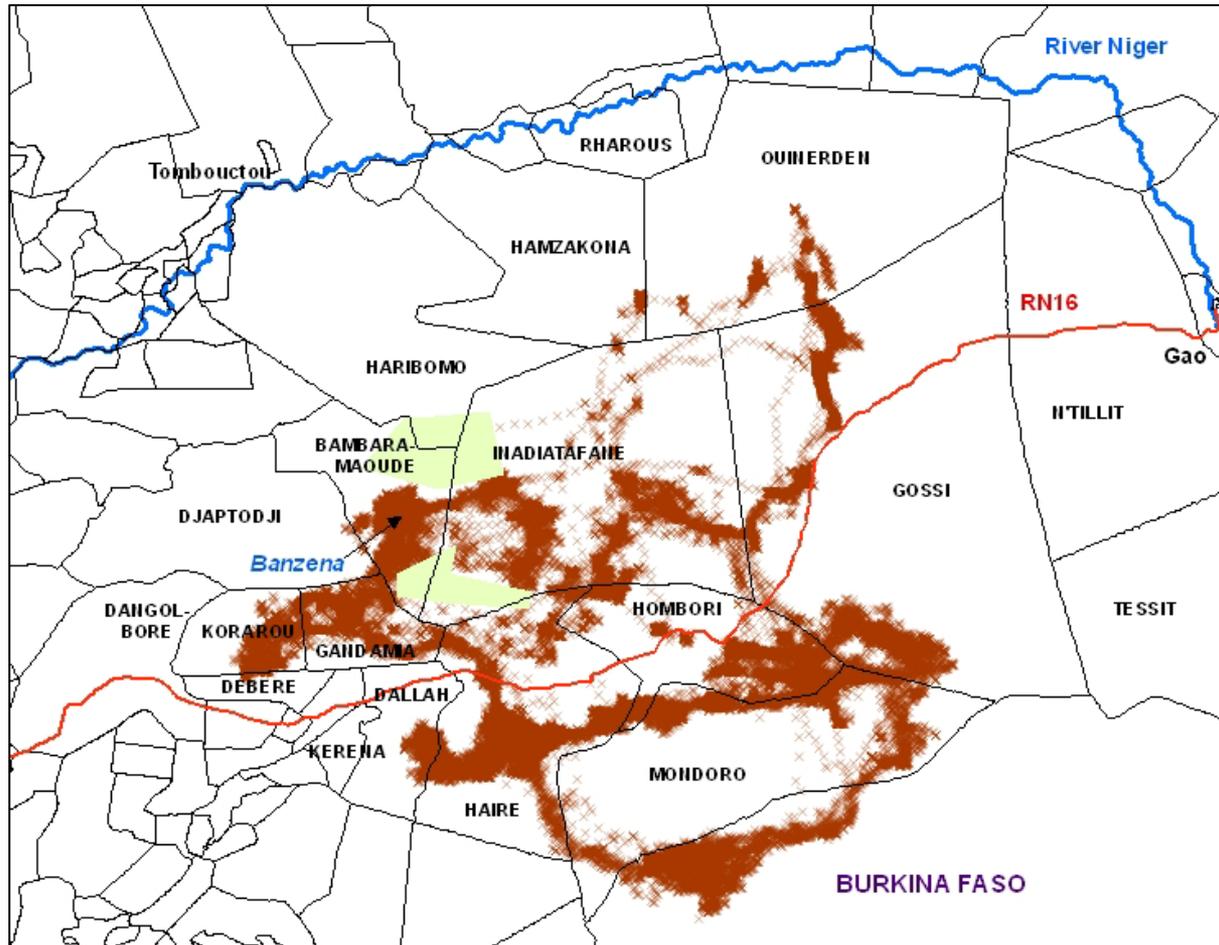
The brigades continue to patrol



Illegal firewood operation discovered by brigade – since patrols started firewood has quadrupled in price Timbuktu and there is a renewed interest in urban woodlots

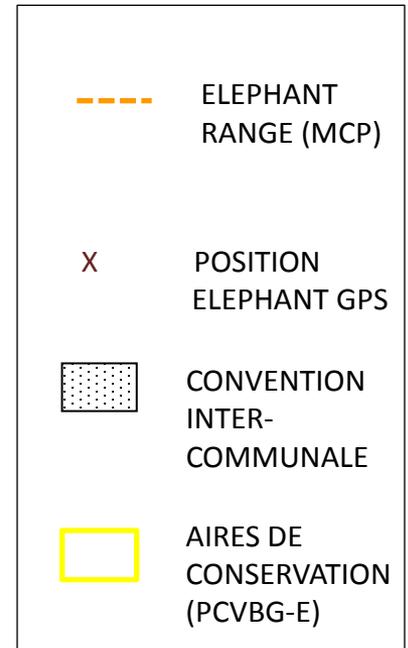
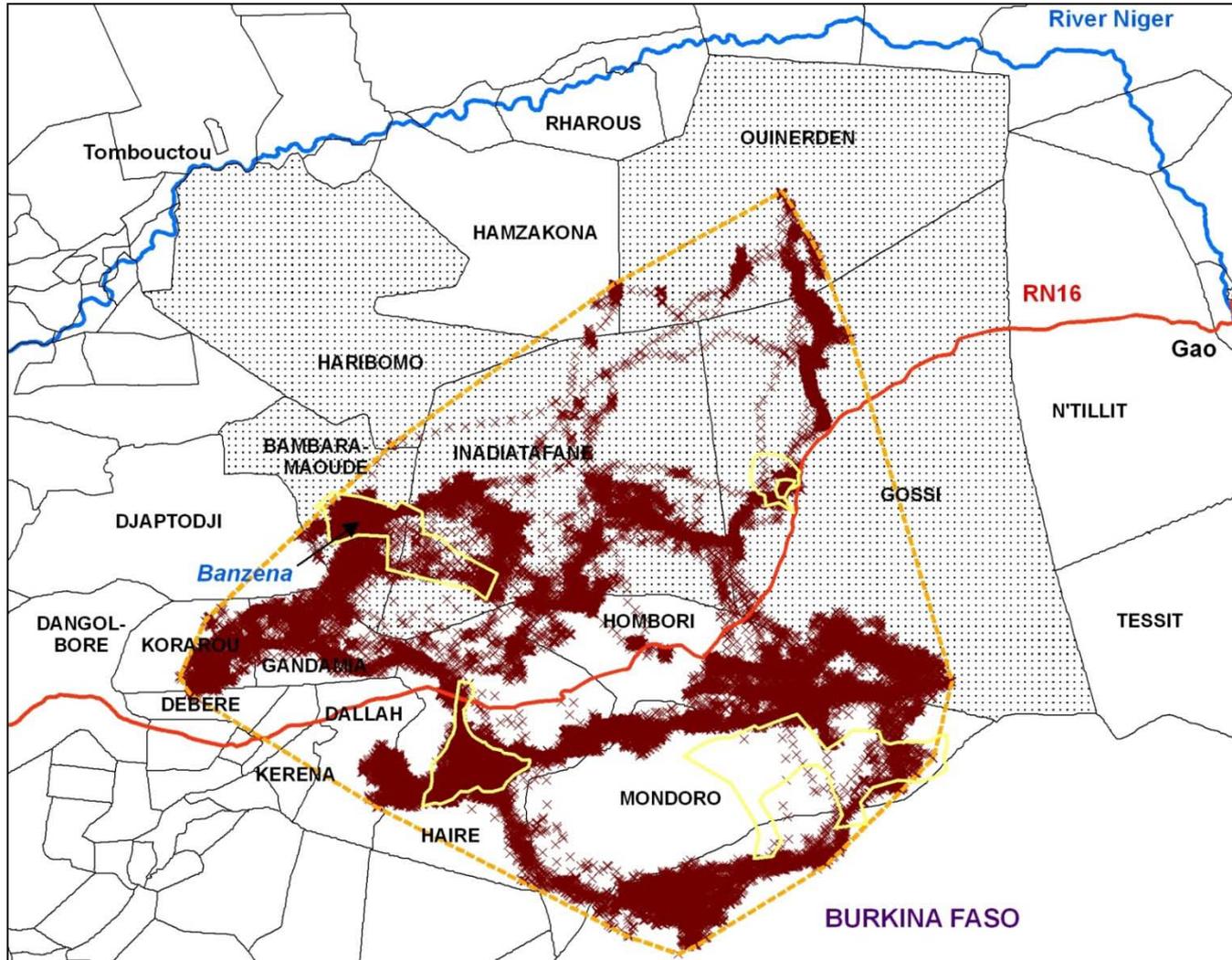


Pasture reserves (green) created by the local communities at Banzena & hinterland



Community natural resource management systems currently cover 25% of the elephant migration route (elephant migration route in brown; communes outlined in black)

50% of the elephant range covered by an intercommunal convention



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