

## STICHTING WINGS FOR CONSERVATION

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## Background

Stichting Wings for Conservation is a non-profit foundation based in the Netherlands, taking action against elephant poaching in Africa.

In July 2017, we signed an agreement with the Government of Chad to work in partnership with the Ministry of Environment and provide aerial support to increase the protection of the elephant populations.

Chad is a country in Central Africa, where thousands of elephants were killed by poachers, reducing numbers to less than 1,500 elephants today.

We carry out surveillance flights to locate elephant herds and detect possible poachers, illegal activities and other threats to elephants, in order to help coordinate the deployment of the Chadian rangers and ensure protection on the ground.

## Summary

Our aircraft arrived in Chad in late April 2018, after a 17 day long journey from Europe, and the surveillance flights begun in early May in the southwest of the country.

In 2018, the aircraft was in the air for a total of 262 hours, covering a distance of 36,000 kilometers, almost the length around the world.

The start of operations coincided with the beginning of the rainy season, when ground access by the Chadian field rangers is very difficult due to flooding in many areas.

October was the busiest month, when the aircraft had to fly 51 hours due to the presence of poachers.

During the eight months of operations in 2018, there were no reported incidents of elephant poaching.







## **Partners**

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