



THE “W” international Peace Park: Transforming Conservation and Conflict in Africa

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Presentation outline

- Introduction and history of the demarcation of the park
- Issues related to the management
- Lessons learnt



Introduction and history of demarcation

- Surface area: 1 million ha, the half of whic is covered by Benin territoy
- Why is the park named « W »
- History of demarcation and main ojectives



Issues related to the management of the Park

- Institutional evolution of the park
- The management methods
- Mains constraints
- Initiative to adress the constraints



Lessons learnt

- Building trust is important for effective involvement of local populations
- To bring the communities along to be partners in the conservation of a common resource, it is important to make the benefits to be derived clear through awareness raising.
- The multi-stakeholder (participatory) approach adopted by is slow and time consuming. It has however, helped to mobilize partnership, scientific community decentralized local government, NGOs and civil society).
- Natural resources management is not only application of rules and regulations, its need a dialogue among stakeholders

