

1. Wongha-Wonghé

Geographical Coordinates 00°45'S 09°25'E

Area 380,000ha

Location On the coast between the city of Libreville and Port Gentil, about 50km south of Libreville, western Gabon.

Date of Ramsar Designation 30 December 1986.

Other International Designations None.

National Designations Presidential Reserve; Domaine de chasse^P (Hunting area - Wong -Wongé 25,000ha; Grand Bam-Bam 20,000ha; Petit Bam-Bam 35,000ha).

Principal Features An extensive coastal region composed of plains, gently rolling hills and plateaux. The site is bounded to the west by the Atlantic; to the north by the Aouagne and Pambo-Nyango rivers; to the east by Lake Azingo; and to the south by the rivers Gongoue, Oranga, Wanga, Bembelie & Mpogoue, and Lakes Inyongo & Nguelie. The area is dissected by a number of small coastal rivers, while vegetation varies from humid tropical forest to stunted woodland savanna with thickets of stunted *Aucoumea klaineana*. Notable mammals include *Loxodonta africana*, *Pan troglodytes* and *Gorilla gorilla gorilla*. Birds include *Pelecanus onocrotalus*. (1a,2a,3b)

Conservation Issues Access is strictly limited to those granted personal permission by the President of Gabon. No recent information concerning the site's ecological character has been received.