

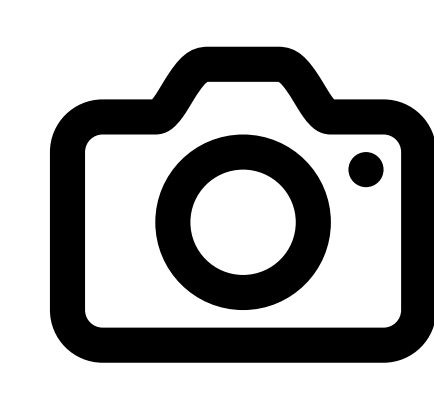
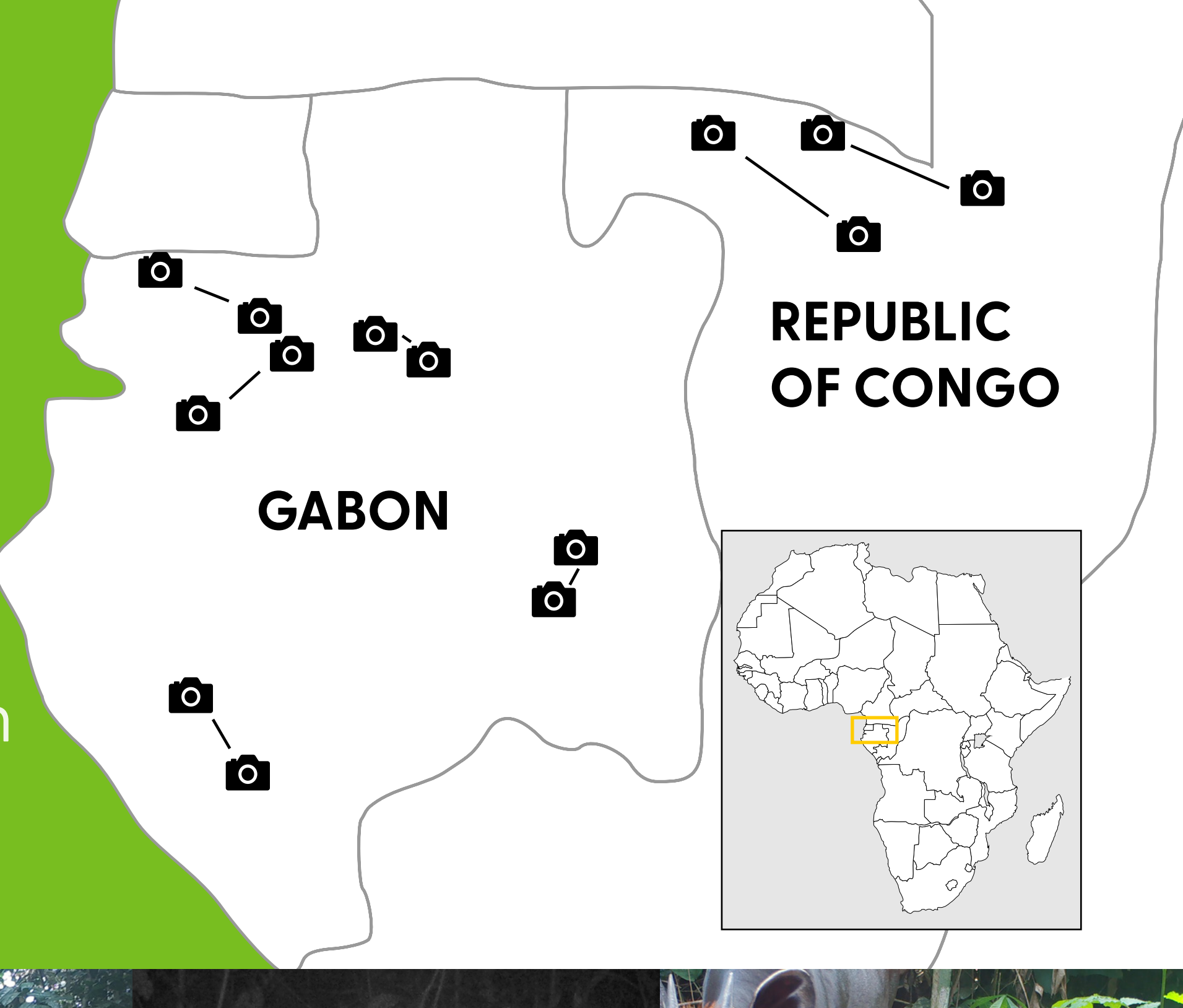
RESEARCH: DOES FSC®-CERTIFIED FOREST MANAGEMENT HELP TO CONSERVE WILDLIFE IN TROPICAL FORESTS?

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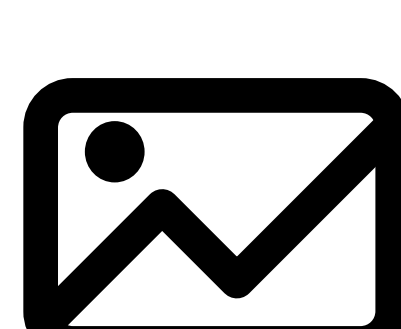
APPROACH:

The research was conducted from 2018 to 2021 in the Congo Basin.

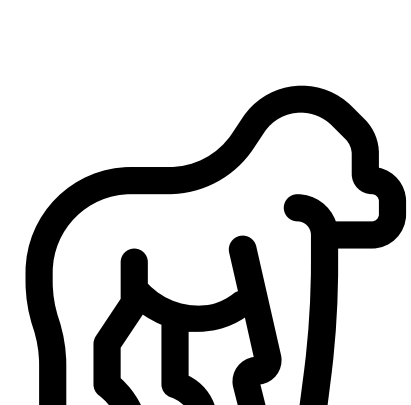
It took place in 7 FSC-certified and 7 non-FSC-certified forests in Gabon and Republic of Congo.



474 camera trap locations

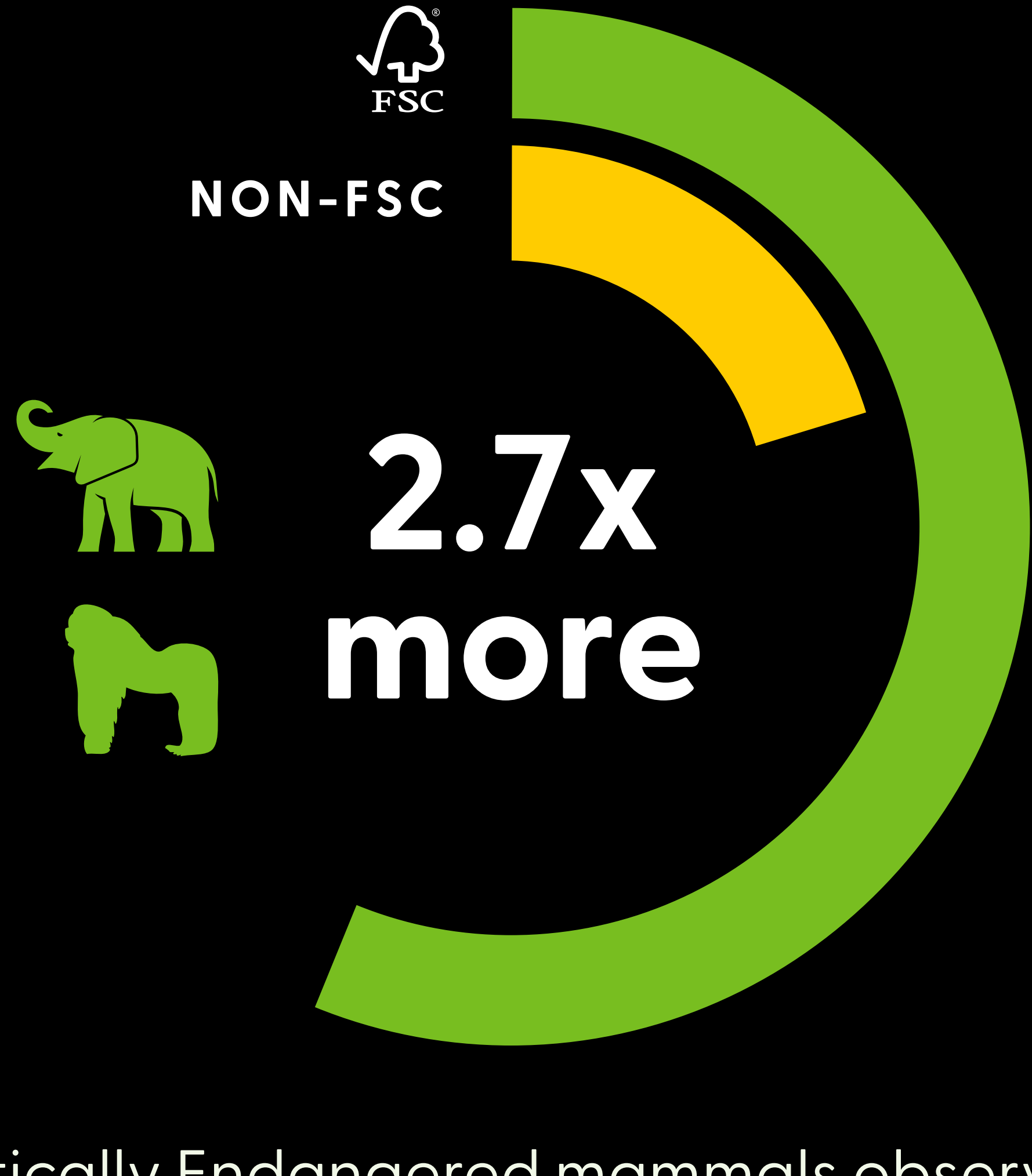
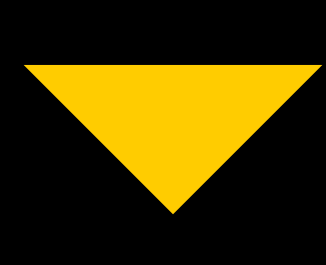


1.3 million photos analyzed

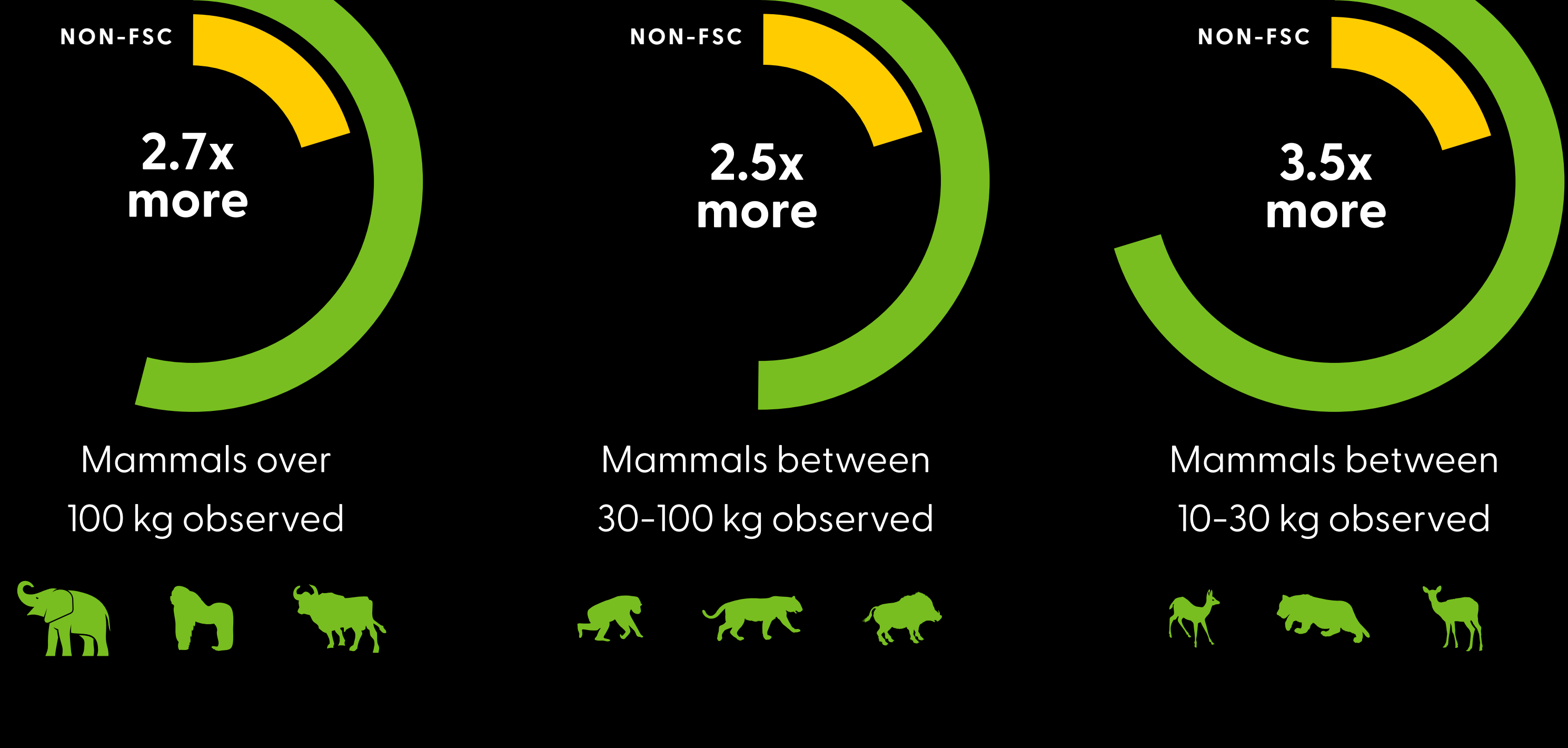


55 mammal species observed

OUTCOMES



Critically Endangered mammals observed



Large mammals play important roles in the forest. They disperse seeds and, through herbivory, affect plant competition. In this way they also influence the amount of carbon stored in a forest.



FSC-certified tropical forest management helps protect wildlife and especially Critically Endangered species.

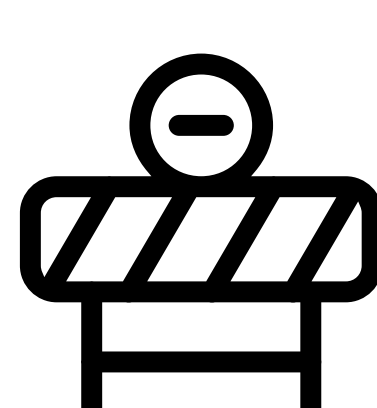
We, as consumers, affect ecosystems on the other side of the world and we need to find ways to reduce our negative impact.

Our research contributes to the knowledge that can help people to make the right choices.

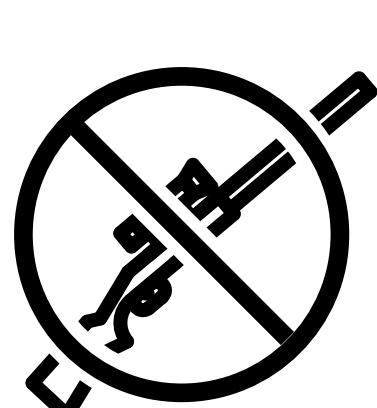
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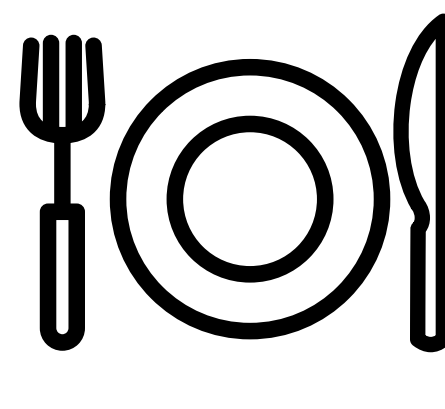
The FSC system consists of a set of standards. The examples below help to protect biodiversity in tropical forests.



Close off old logging roads to prevent hunting



Finance anti-poaching patrols



Provide access to food for workers and families to prevent hunting



Undergo annual, independent audits on management measures



CONCLUSION

FSC-certified forest management makes an important contribution to the conservation of Critically Endangered mammals and other wildlife.

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