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There are many small villages on the periphery of Niokolo-Koba National Park where we work, most have no access to electricity and many women spend a lot of their time collecting firewood for cooking and for evening light. We are interested in exploring and piloting alternative technologies that will both improve the standard of living for villagers, and reduce pressure on the environment. We are therefore delighted to have been asked to evaluate GravityLight (<http://deciwatt.net/>) an innovative device that generates light from gravity. We are also interested in the handmade solar voltaic panels used by Norman Phipps and the Datum Foundation (http://datumfoundation.org/projects_detail.aspx?projectid=1826) in schools in Cameroon and we hope to attend a training course to bring this technology to Senegal next year.