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This study postulates that the future of wildlife and forest livelihoods will depend on a radical revision of wildlife's legislative framework that emphasizes the role of local people in managing and benefiting from wildlife. From July to December 2013, I analysed the past regulations and current issues using the review of documents. I established the land tenure and wildlife reforms timeline (1950s-2000s) with the open access to forest resources as a particular issue. I investigated the attitudes towards wildlife regulations, motivations, participation and knowledge of sustainable management of wildlife resources by interviewing key informants (N=40) in traditional villages. I organised an interactive panel discussion on wildlife regulations and the need of local NGOs (N=19) in Ouessou. I assessed rural livelihoods of households (N=228) of the 17 villages located in my study area. The hunting pressure is now more on small wildlife species as it shows by the picture below.



About 10 *Cephalophus monticola* after a hunting expedition