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Accreditations & awards



In February 2018, the Limbe Wildlife Centre had its **accreditation** with the **Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA)** renewed for another five years. PASA is the largest association of wildlife centres and sanctuaries in Africa, founded by the Limbe Wildlife Centre, along with 6 other primate sanctuaries. Today, PASA includes 23 organisations in 13 countries that demonstrate exceptional commitment and the **highest standards of animal welfare** and **conservation practices**, to securing a future for Africa's primates and their habitat.



In April 2018, the Limbe Wildlife Centre was voted **Best Volunteer Abroad Project** and chosen to feature in **Tutorful's Wildlife Conservation** editorial along with other prestigious organisations **making a notable difference in wildlife conservation** worldwide. The LWC gives people the chance to volunteer and assist experienced caregivers with daily caregiving activities, offering the opportunity for volunteers to experience making a meaningful contribution to primate conservation (and all the satisfaction this provides).



In August 2019, the Limbe Wildlife Centre received a **2019 Clark R. Bavin Wildlife Law Enforcement Award** at the **Conference of the Parties of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)** in Geneva, Switzerland, in recognition of the remarkable efforts the LWC has made to help combat wildlife crime.



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Foreword

Dear friends and supporters,

Greetings from Limbe Wildlife Centre, as the year comes to an end.

The final quarter of 2022 was particularly busy and memorable for us. Earlier in the year, during the first staff meeting I held as project manager, it was clear that perhaps the greatest concern for the LWC staff was the lack of a reliable source of fresh water. The municipal supply issue had become chronic, rarely flowing, and we were forced to send out a vehicle stacked with barrels most days, to collect water for cleaning and drinking from other parts of Limbe. So, it was with considerable relief that at the beginning of this quarter we achieved the completion of a successful **borehole** on-site. After volume and quality testing we are confident we now have a plentiful source of drinking quality water for all our staff and animals, much to the delight of everyone.

In early October a member of the public brought us a **white-bellied pangolin** (*Phataginus tricuspis*) to rescue from the **bushmeat trade**. Pangolins are primarily nocturnal creatures, covered by an armour of scales, and will roll up into a ball if touched or threatened. Sadly, pangolins are under intense pressure in the wild from hunting across all their ranges, whether for food or the insatiable appetite of Chinese traditional medicine for their scales (under the false belief that the scales have medicinal properties). They are the most trafficked mammal in the world, and the white-bellied species is listed as endangered on the IUCN Red-List.



Pangolins are incredibly difficult to care for, but Cameroon is lucky to have a specialist pangolin sanctuary run by the Tikki Hywood Foundation (THF) in the Mefou National Park near Yaoundé. After being looked after carefully by our vet team we collaborated with THF and the Government of Cameroon to transfer the individual to Mefou for specialised care and eventual release back to the wild.

Also, in October we received a little infant chimpanzee, bought to us after a rescue mission by MINFOF and the African Wildlife Foundation near Campo Ma'an National Park. The poachers were sadly not apprehended, but little Nieta, as we've named her, was rescued from their clutches. She was in a poor emaciated condition but was thankfully quickly transferred to LWC for our expert vet and special care staff to give her dedicated round the clock attention. She rapidly started to improve, drinking milk and playing with her caregiver as they formed a close trusting bond, and is now an energetic, inquisitive, and healthy baby chimpanzee in our small chimpanzee nursery.



Of course, a crucial aim of the LWC mission is to release animals back into the wild whenever possible. Our **African grey parrot rescue, rehabilitation and release programme** is a great source of pride to all involved and the reference centre for Cameroon. It was a joyful experience in early December to place 23 more birds, who were fully recovered and flying well, into our soft-release aviary in the **Limbe Botanic Gardens**, and over the next 2 weeks see them fly free. They are still enjoying life in the Botanic Gardens, enchanting visitors with their beautiful happy singing in the morning and raucous squawks, while helping enthusiastically to spread local fruit seeds in their droppings, fulfilling their important role in the wild as ecological engineers.

Another key conservation aspect of the LWC is tackling the issues which cause

wild animals to end up needing our care in the first place. A priority is **conservation outreach and education** of the young, so it was a great pleasure to welcome hordes of energetic children back to our **Saturday Nature Club**, after its enforced closure for COVID. The excited chaos soon gave way to educational games and enthusiastic teaching. Over the coming months we hope that the many attendees will gain a far greater passion, wonder and understanding of the natural world and their fellow creatures in this Southwest region of Cameroon.

On a personal note, December marked the completion of my first year at LWC. It's hard to believe how quickly the time has passed, but there is never a dull moment here. The LWC really is a special place like no other and being project manager a challenge which while demanding is greatly fulfilling and an honour to carry out.

I hope that you all had a good end to 2022 and that 2023 has started well. We send you all our gratitude, for your continued and vital support, and look forward to an exciting year.

Jerry Aylmer
Project Manager



Our priority financial needs

Help us continue to protect our rescued animals during COVID-19!



Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic we have been providing additional supplements to our primates to boost their immune systems. The threat from COVID-19 still exists, and therefore we are continuing to provide these protein and nutrient-rich foods, so our rescued primates are better equipped to fight off the clinical symptoms of not just COVID-19 but other viral infections. We are still recovering from the impact of the global pandemic without the financial support of visitors and volunteers and the rise in our operational costs. By donating today, you will help us to maintain biosecurity measures and protect our animals against COVID-19!



All these precautionary measures are essential to protect our rescue primates, yet they continue to put daily financial pressure on the wildlife centre. You can help us to protect them if you [donate now!](#)

New special animal care sections

Expanded and upgraded quarantine area

The wildlife centre has seen an influx of animals arriving at the centre in 2022, including two chimpanzees and three young monkeys. Furthermore, we have received endangered species such as the white-bellied pangolin and incredibly vulnerable individuals such as an orphaned bushbuck and an olive ridley sea turtle. Our quarantine area is essential to provide individualistic care to new arrivals, but also long-term residents of the centre that may become unwell. It is evident that our quarantine area must be expanded and upgraded to help us continue to uphold our high standards.

We have identified an area on site which is suitable for a new quarantine and treatment area, separated from the rest of the centre by the Limbe River. This location is ideal to create new facilities that will help us isolate and treat animals that may pose a risk to the other animals we take care of.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a harsh reminder that humans must take more action to prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases. The LWC is dedicated to tackle this problem through responsible animal care and in 2023 we will also carry out a major **zoonoses awareness campaign**. To find out more about zoonoses visit the [World Health Organisation's Zoonoses factsheet](#) and [follow us on social media](#).

Please [donate](#) to help us build vital new infrastructure and help us protect animals, wildlife, and humans against the spread of zoonotic disease!



Special care unit including chimpanzee nursery

In 2022 we received two chimpanzees, the first infant apes to arrive at the centre in 5 years. Due to the lack of arrivals of this nature for many years, there was no ape nursery facility, only our special rehabilitation enclosure, which houses adult chimpanzees that cannot be integrated into the main social groups. The arrival of Bakossi and Niete has prompted the need for a new chimpanzee nursery so that they can exercise, learn, and grow in a stimulating and safe environment. This requires the construction of special sleeping enclosures and suitable climbing frames and play areas for developing chimps.

Furthermore, there are additional costs associated with the round-the-clock care required by infant chimpanzees. These include the costs of dedicated infant caregivers, food, milk, and veterinary health monitoring. Both Bakossi and Niete have endured a tragic start to their lives, and the dedicated staff at the LWC are doing all in their power to give them the best second chance possible.

We hope to be able to raise funds not only for the chimp nursery but also for expanding and improving all our special care facilities: to provide more space and even better care to all new arrivals and animals with special circumstances.



The current climbing frame has been suitable for the time being for just Bakossi, but will need to be expanded and upgraded to accommodate both young chimpanzees

Please [donate](#) to help us give our orphan chimpanzees the best possible start to their rehabilitation journey!



Fourth quarter highlights



We've struck water! The completion of our new borehole means that we now have a constant supply of clean water for all our animals, staff, and visitors

Another young chimp has arrived on our doorstep after being confiscated by MINFOF and bought to the LWC to be given a second chance at life after tragically becoming orphaned due to the illegal wildlife trade



We released yet another flock of 20 African grey parrots back into the wild after their rehabilitation at the LWC – we are proud to see these gardeners of the forest back where they belong!



Saturday Nature Club returns after two years of being put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic!





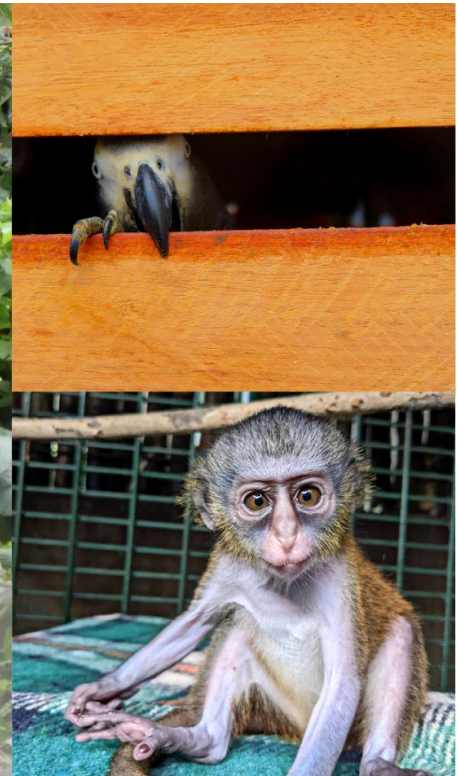
LWC special highlight

Sanctuary collaboration ensures second chance for endangered pangolin

In October, we received a white-bellied pangolin which a member of the public had rescued from becoming a victim of the bushmeat trade. They knew that the pangolin was an endangered species thanks to sensitisation efforts by the LWC education team. Pangolins are notoriously tricky to keep in captivity, as they need live insects to eat, so providing them with the nutritional diet they need to stay strong and healthy is not easy. Fortunately, there is a specialist sanctuary in Cameroon that rescues pangolins.

The **Tikki Hywood Foundation (THF)** has specialised species knowledge and offers a safe space to rehabilitate rescued pangolins until they are strong enough to be released back into the wild. It was possible to quickly obtain permission from the **Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOF)** to transfer the pangolin, for whose support we are extremely grateful.

Julie Vanassache, who heads the rehabilitation centre, accepted the pangolin into her care. Along with her excellent staff of rehabilitators, the young male pangolin has a bright future ahead of him. He is reportedly eating well and already putting on weight. The two sanctuaries agreed to call him **Miyaka**, meaning “thank you” in Metta, a Cameroonian dialect. [Read more here!](#)



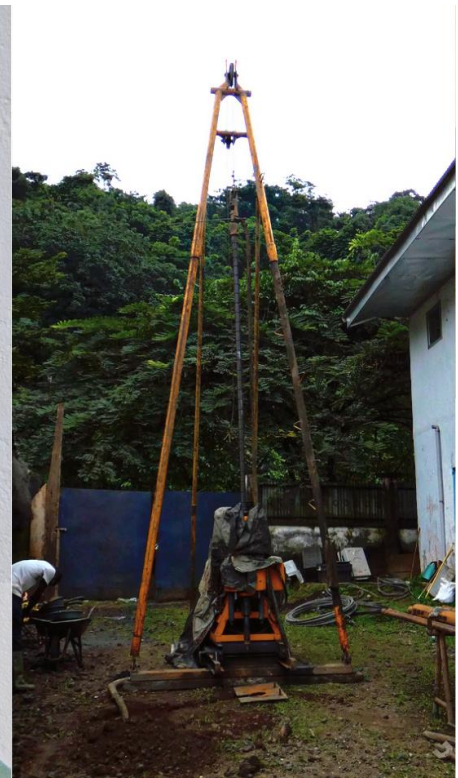
Vital funds raised for our apes and new arrivals thanks to our supporters

We are extremely grateful for the immense support of our international supporters for a highly successful **Giving Day for Apes** and **#GivingTuesday**! Together, we raised over \$6,054 for the life-long care of the rescued chimpanzees and gorillas at the Limbe Wildlife Centre, as well as an additional \$2,570 for our new arrivals fund.

The money raised by the Giving Day for Apes campaign will enable us to build new structures in our ape enclosures, and repair and maintain old structures. Our chimpanzees and gorillas will be very grateful for their revamped pools and climbing frames! Furthermore, the funds will help us care for our young and handicapped apes.

The funds raised through the Giving Tuesday campaign enables us to act swiftly when a vulnerable animal arrives at the centre. This might be formula for a tiny baby monkey whose mother has been killed for bushmeat, health checks for African grey parrots that have been confiscated from the illegal pet trade or emergency treatment for an injured marine turtle that needs to be released back into the ocean.

Thank you to everyone who donated – without you, there is no Limbe Wildlife Centre!



LWC special highlight

Running water at the LWC!

We are pleased to announce that a borehole has successfully been installed at the Limbe Wildlife Centre! Thanks to funding provided by the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA) we were able to complete the borehole and plumb it into our existing pipe system.

This means that we now have reliable running water on all animal sections – plus the additional luxury of flushing toilets. The water has been tested and is safe to drink, which means we have a safe water source for all the staff at the LWC. The water is flowing at a good rate of approximately 4.5m³/hr.

For many years the centre has struggled with unreliable water supply, often resulting in staff having to carry heavy loads of water from the river or from the back of a truck to clean animal enclosures. The provision of safe, free flowing water means easier work for the staff, cleaner animal enclosures and safe drinking water for all!



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You can support us by subscribing to Ecoflix and enjoying educational and inspiring nature films.

Dear supporters,

The Limbe Wildlife Centre is now partnering with the **Ecoflix Foundation!** As a result, we now have a worldwide platform to showcase our work and to help educate people about the serious plight of so many endangered animal species. Second, Ecoflix offers us a remarkable and unique opportunity to raise the funds needed to carry out the vital work we do here to protect the unique species of Cameroon.

Specifically, Ecoflix was founded to help support their partner NGOs, like us. It produces and presents nothing but inspiring, uplifting videos about animals and the planet, with no commercials of any kind. Plus, it offers its annual subscriptions for only \$3.99 a month, which are not just tax deductible in the U.S. and qualified for Gift Aid in the U.K.. But, most exciting for us, when our supporters subscribe for a year and select us as their chosen NGO, Ecoflix will donate 100% of your subscription dollars to our ongoing cause!

This means that if only 1,000 of you join Ecoflix, selecting us as their chosen NGO, we will receive a check for almost \$50,000.00. Donations of that size are very hard to secure and extremely important to us! With that kind of financial support, we will have much greater ability to do what is necessary to save the many animals who need our help.

So, I urgently request your assistance, by spending \$3.99 a month (less than a cup of coffee) and in return you will receive a year of Ecoflix, which provides amazing and beautiful programming about animals and the planet from around the world. Ecoflix is also free to schools, offering an entire series of shows to educate and inspire our "Ecokids."

So, please, join Ecoflix today, by simply [clicking here!](#)

Thank you so much!



Our institutional funders





Achievements and objectives

Pandrillus-Government partnership and public relations

- Visit from the British High Commissioner to Cameroon, Dr Christian Dennys-McClure (**Image 1**)
- Project Manager (PM) and Fundraising and Communications Manager (FCM) attend the 9th edition of the annual Meveo Cultural and Development Assembly (MEVCUDA) festival, also attended by the Secretary for Education and the Governor (**Image 2**)
 - Conversations also had with representatives of the Cameroon Development Corporation (CDC) and Pamol
- PM met with MAM Foundation in Douala to find potential new fruitful partnerships
- PM made a trip to Yaounde for various meetings with the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOF), Zoological Society of London (ZSL), British High Commission (BHC), US Embassy, Last Great Ape Association (LAGA), World Conservation Society (WCS) and KfW (Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (in English, Credit Institute for Reconstruction))
- Head of Education, Wilson Ateh, represented the LWC with a stall at the Cameroon International Tourism Fair (**Image 3**)
- SONARA (the National Refining Company Ltd) delivered the first truck load of firehose and tires, kindly donated to enrich the lives of the animals at the LWC (**Image 4**)



Image 1. BHC with children partaking in the Saturday Nature Club



Image 2. PM and FCM enjoying delicious CDC bananas at the 9th annual MEVCUDA event



Image 3. Head of Education, Wilson Ateh, at the Cameroon International Tourism Fair



Image 4. SONARA delivered old tyres and firehose, really useful for creating hammocks and climbing structures for our animals



Image 5. Firehose can be used to make hammocks and climbing structures for our animals, just like this hammock that western lowland gorilla Twiggs is using



Population management and animal welfare

Funders



Ongoing activities

- Maintained frequency and diversity of enrichment in each section
- Continued to replace expired contraceptive implants
- Continued necessary health checks (**Image 6**)

Specific activities

- One pangolin treated for dehydration and tick infestation before being transferred to Tikki Hywood Foundation (**Image 7**)
- The veterinary team treated one male drill monkey that had a large wound on its behind (**Image 8**)
- One agile mangabey, Buea, required a full hysterectomy to remove potentially harmful cysts that were identified during a routine health check – she has recovered well since her surgery, and her carers continue to monitor her progress post-op (**Image 9**)
- Vet care
 - Boosting primate immune systems: providing additional vitamins, plants, protein, and nutritional enrichment to all primates daily
 - Total individual treatments (primate, parrots, and others): 190
 - Primates: 56 individual treatments (anaesthesia, samples, ultrasounds, contraception, minor surgery, and drug therapies)
 - African grey parrots: 133 individual treatments (general health checks, extra care, and nutritional supplements)
- Arrival of new long-term volunteer vet, Alexandre Kreiss



Image 6. Penja, the young orphaned mona monkey, received his first health check since his arrival where the vet team confirmed he was healthy and strong despite his traumatic start in life -



Image 7. The veterinary team gave the pangolin a quick health check to make sure he was okay to travel – and during the check they removed many ticks from under his scales!



Image 8. The veterinary team had to do a medical intervention after one of the male drills in the main group was found to have a wound on his behind



Image 9. The delicate surgery on Buea took two hours, and was overseen by the whole veterinary team

Objectives for next quarter

- Continue with the ongoing activities
- African grey parrots: continue to provide special care for individuals with difficulties improving their body conditions
- Continue to replace expired contraceptives and perform necessary health checks



Wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, and release

Funders



Arrival and quarantine

- On the 27th of October, we received a little emaciated infant chimpanzee, bought to us after a rescue mission by MINFOF and the African Wildlife Foundation near Campo Ma'an National Park. The poacher was discovered with the young chimpanzee in his bag but managed to escape. In a bad state, she was thankfully quickly transferred to the special care unit of the Limbe Wildlife Centre and is now receiving 24/7 attention. We will post updates on her progress and would like to pay tribute to MINFOF for their quick action and thank all those involved in her rescue for ensuring that Niete was brought to safety as soon as possible (**Image 10, 11 & 12**)



Image 10. Niete arrived safely at the LWC after her ordeal – it is probable that poachers killed her mother and other members of her troop for bushmeat, and then took the terrified orphan to sell into the illegal pet market



Image 11. Niete is a sweet little chimpanzee who is slowly getting used to her new surroundings and her carers
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Image 12. Due to her age, Niete is receiving 24/7 care from dedicated care givers and her condition is carefully monitored

- Young male white-bellied pangolin (**Image 13**)
- One moustached monkey
- Four African grey parrots
- Three mongoose (kusimanse)
- One African brush tailed porcupine
- One African crake
- One African mud turtle
- Two northern white-faced owls
- One genet

Rehabilitation and social integrations

Apes

- Bakossi, the young chimpanzee who arrived in April, continues to grow in confidence thanks to the dedicated care and attention from her caregivers (**Image 14**)
- Niete, the newest arrival, begins her rehabilitation journey at the LWC

Monkeys

- Obama successfully introduced into the main tantalus monkey group

Other animals

- Young male bushbuck successfully integrated with adult male bushbuck, female bay duiker, civet and tortoise (**Image 15**)

Release

- Four mongoose (**Image 16**)
- One African crake
- 20 African grey parrots released into the Limbe Botanical Gardens (**Image 17**)
- One African mud turtle



➤ Two northern white faced owls



Image 13. Whilst under our care the young pangolin was cared for by carers with previous experience with pangolins



Image 14. Bakossi continues to grow in confidence and develop new skills during her rehabilitation **thanks to the love and dedication of her carers, such as Queen**
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Image 15. The young bushbuck had a smooth integration with the other animals after he was given the all-clear from his quarantine period



Image 16. We were delighted to release our 4 lively mongoose using a soft-release method, closely monitored by daily visits and a camera trap



Image 17. Rehabilitated African grey parrots are released using our soft-release protocol, whereby they are allowed plenty of time to get used the new environment and leave the soft-release enclosure permanently when they choose

Objectives for next quarter

- Continue with the ongoing rehabilitation activities
- Continue to carefully monitor the social integration of young tantalus Obama into the main tantalus group
- Introduce the two infant chimpanzees to each other
- Continue to release animals where possible



Infrastructure and development

Funders



Activities

- Drilling of a new borehole to provide fresh water to the LWC was finally completed after a successful second attempt, and the bore hole was connected to the existing pipe system and protected with a concrete cover (**Image 18**)
- Installed more comfortable wooden chimpanzee sleeping shelves (**Image 19**)
- Ongoing maintenance and repair to rusted chimpanzee night dens, including to repair sliding doors and repaint mesh with anti-rust paint (**Image 20, 21 & 22**)
- Installation of bamboo visual barriers within the guenon section (**Image 23**)
- Repair and reinstallation of gorilla indoor hammocks (**Image 24**)
- Maintenance and repairs of the parrot soft-release aviary in preparation for releases into the Limbe Botanical Gardens (**Image 25**)
- Construction of a hut for the security guards at the volunteer house (**Image 26**)
- Repair of the main large gate next to the banana storage area (**Image 27**)
- New enrichment structures and shades installed for different guenon enclosures (**Image 28 & 29**)
- A large mango tree that fell within one of the gorilla enclosures. Thankfully the tree did not hurt animals or people, and managed to avoid any buildings or fences! The construction team and keepers worked to trim the branches down and preserve the tree as a new natural climbing structure for the gorillas (**Image 30 & 31**)



Image 18. The new borehole has been completed and connected to the existing pipes at the LWC



Image 19. New wooden sleeping shelves have been installed for the chimpanzees which will be warmer and more comfortable



Image 20. Old and rusted parts of the night dens had to be cut away and replaced



Image 21. Our expert construction team can weld and install everything themselves



Image 22. Repaired and replaced mesh are painted with a rust-resistant paint to increase their longevity



Image 23. Visual barriers were installed in the guenon enclosure to reduce tensions between groups



Image 24. Hammocks were repaired and reinstalled in the gorilla enclosures where they have previously been damaged and broken



Image 25. New feeding trays were designed and made to be transported to the Limbe Botanical Gardens to furnish the soft-release aviary ready to accept the next flock of parrots that are going back to the wild



Image 26. A new security hut in the volunteer house ensures the safety of our international volunteers and the dry-ness of our security staff during the wet season!



Image 27. Essential repairs and maintenance were carried out to fix the large gate next to the entrance of the wildlife centre



Image 28. New structures such as bamboo ladders and swings were installed to enrich the lives of the guenon groups



Image 29. To protect our guenons during the dry season we installed additional shades made from dry palm leaves to help them hide from the strong sun



Image 30. A large mango tree fell down one morning in one of the gorilla enclosures



Image 31. The tree has made a wonderful natural climbing frame for our gorillas!

Objectives for next quarter

- Begin construction for our new quarantine and treatment area
- Continue essential maintenance and repair of enclosures and structures
- Repair enrichment in gorilla enclosure that fell down with the tree
- Enrich and repair enclosures using new items kindly donated by Sonara



Community conservation, education, and outreach

Funders



Activities

Conservation education

- School outreach programme
 - The school outreach programme resumed in October 2022, prompting the beginning of the 2022/23 school year (**Image 32**)
 - The LWC school outreach programme expanded this year to include two schools in Bakingili and one in Mile 4 which is excellent news as we try to reach more children and consequentially more families in and around Limbe
 - The 4 LWC educators now have the mammoth task of teaching over 2,100 children in 14 schools across Limbe, teaching for 26 hours every week during term time
 - The school outreach programme has been refreshed with a new curriculum thanks to the hard work of our education team and education volunteers
- Saturday Nature Club
 - The Saturday Nature Club resumed on the 22nd of October after a two year break during the COVID-19 pandemic (**Image 33**)
 - Over 180 children attended the Saturday Nature Club Christmas party where they enjoyed food, drinks and nature based activities (**Image 34**)
- Art4Nature
 - Billboards continue to be displayed around Limbe promoting wildlife conservation
 - New educational species signs are displayed around the centre (**Image 35**)
- We had an incredibly busy Christmas Day at the LWC, welcoming many local people to the centre to enjoy educational tours and face painting



Image 32. At each outreach session children are taught different nature and conservation-based topics by one of our four educators
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Image 33. We greeted a huge group of kids for the first Saturday Nature Club session in over two years!
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Image 34. Over 180 Saturday Nature Club children enjoyed an exciting Christmas party with music, dancing, games, learning, food and drink



Image 35. Signage for each species at the LWC have been printed around the centre to enhance the educational experience of visitors

Green Project

LWC continued to receive harvested cultivated and wild plants from the Batoke community to provide nutritious browse for our primates.

The community members benefited from this project during the fourth quarter of 2022; 15 ex-hunter members sustainably harvesting wild herbaceous plants: 7,995 kg of *Aframomum* stems and 2,135 kg of *Costus* stems; 70 women involved with harvesting crop



by-products: 1,933 kg of cassava leaves, 11,112 kg of papaya leaves, 10,914 kg of potato leaves, 902 kg of invasive Trumpet wood shoots, corresponding to 200 trees hand-cut; 2,976,780 FCFA (€4,545) paid directly to the local community association this quarter and contributing to alleviate local poverty and increase gender equity in 2022.

Objectives for next quarter

- Continue the momentum with our renewed school outreach programme and Saturday Nature Club
- Continue with the community-based Green Project to benefit both people and animals
- Begin developing our zoonoses awareness campaign in partnership with [ProWildlife](#) and the [International Alliance Against Health Risks in Wildlife Trade](#)



Wildlife conservation research and health monitoring

Ongoing activities

- Recovery monitoring of the rescued endangered African grey parrots: Continued to collect data during health checks and through direct observation

Objectives for next quarter

- Continue with ongoing activities



Capacity building, staff empowerment, mentorship, and teamwork

Funders



Activities

- **Dr Akih Emmanuel** returned from his trip in DRC and delivered a presentation about the things he learnt from his time at the PASA Vet conference and whilst working at Lwiro Primates Sanctuary (**Image 36**)
- LWC staff continue to show their excellent team work capabilities and commitment to the presentation of the centre through their commitment to “Njangui work” days (**Image 37**)



Image 36. Many of the LWC staff showed up to learn from Dr Akih's experiences at Lwiro Primates and at the PASA veterinary workshop



Image 37. All the staff muck in to help tackle big jobs during Njangui days!

Objectives for next quarter

- Continue to empower and reward excellent commitment by the staff at the LWC



Communication and visibility

Digital communication

In the final quarter of 2022, there was a 0.34% increase in followers across all our platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube), showing a steady increase in people receiving our conservation message all over the world. We gained 284 new followers across our social media sites, showing that we are continuing to experience growth and a wider global audience to share our conservation message with.

We were incredibly grateful for all our supporters who shared our fundraising campaigns in the final quarter. It can not be emphasised how important it is that our supporters share our message and spread our mission with their friends and family. This is how we grow, and this growth will help us not only raise more money to continue our important work but also helps us to educate more people about Cameroon's amazing, but threatened, wildlife.

Media coverage

- **Website article:** [On the ground for great apes](#), Born Free, 25 November 2022
- **Website article:** [A Transnational African Zoonosis Education campaign: Raising awareness for wildlife trade-linked health risks](#), International Alliance Against Health Risks in Wildlife Trade, November 2022

Objectives for next quarter

- Continue growth across social media platforms
- Continue working to identify new grants and donors
- Prepare our communications plan for 2023 and our 30th anniversary



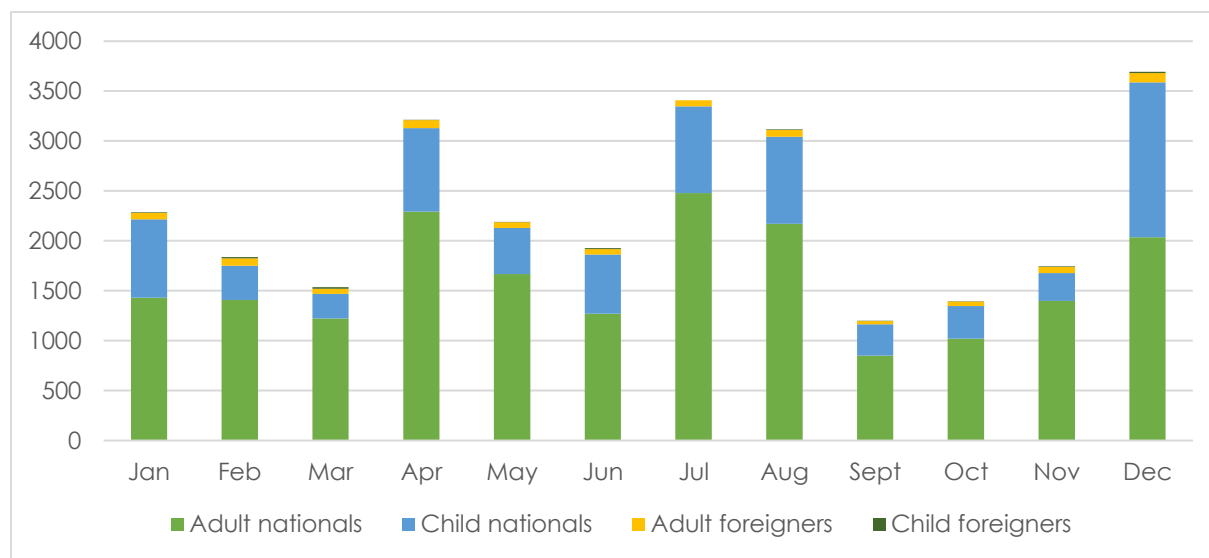
Visitor numbers

In 2022, we received a total of 27,550 visitors. This is nearly half the number of annual visitors that the Limbe Wildlife Centre used to receive before the COVID-19 pandemic and the social-political crisis in the region.

The new sanitation methods in place, such as the compulsory wearing of face masks and hand washing stations, will ensure the safety of our animals, while people of all ages can now once again see and learn about some of the incredible wildlife of Cameroon. This experience, with the help of our trained eco-guides and information displayed at the centre, will hopefully help all visitors to appreciate just how important it is to care for and protect these wonderful creatures and their natural habitat.

*All entrance fees go to the Government of Cameroon

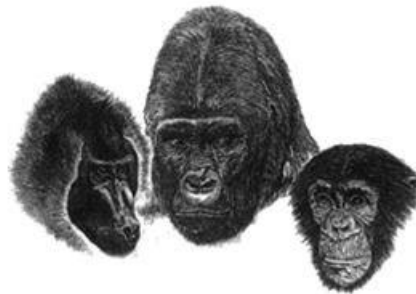
Visitor numbers Oct – Dec 2022: 6,836 visitors; 68.12% adults, 31.88% children





Thank you for continuing to support the Limbe Wildlife Centre.

If you would like to ask more questions about the Limbe Wildlife Centre or wish to discuss ways to collaborate to help our animals, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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