



CHIMPANZEE CONSERVATION CENTER



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SANCTUARY

A SOLID TEAM IN SOMORIA

Managers Continuing Their Mission:

There are no changes to report regarding management. The sanctuary continues to be jointly managed by Pierrot Mbonzo, our Congolese Operations Manager, and Stuart Beaman, our British Chimpanzee Manager. Pierrot is responsible for logistics, construction, HR and financial oversight, while Stuart focuses on the daily well-being of the chimpanzees and the direct supervision and training of the keepers. Stuart and Pierrot are still assisted by Nicholas Benadzem, our Cameroonian veterinarian, who ensures the good health of all our residents. Pierrot and Nicholas continue to share their experiences working with primates in their respective countries with our chimpanzees, while Stuart is already beginning his 13th year at the CCC!



Pierrot



Stuart



Nicholas

A Local Staff Combining Experience and Fresh Talent:

This year, Somoria welcomed three new keepers: Amara Camara, Ibrahima Diabaye, and Laye Jacques Traore. These individuals have joined the team led by our three head caretakers, Faya Tolno, Alimou Barry, and Antoine Koundouno, whose leadership continues to be valued by the managers. Also still with us are Ibrahima Diallo, Alexis Youmbouno, Ibrahima Sory Toure, Ismael Cherif, Michel Diakite, Saa Kamano, Pierre Koivogui, Amadou Barry, Hyacinthe Tolno, Zaoro Gbanamou, Mohamed Diabate, and Karamo Camara.

We also acknowledge the dedicated service of our drivers, Souleymane Oularé and Aboubacar Sidiki Camara, and our aides, Jacques Leno and Boubacar Barry, as well as the promotion of Jean Kamano to chief technician in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the site's maintenance and upkeep.

Building capacity:

Some highly skilled keepers, like Ibrahima and Michel, have had their skills enhanced to assist the head keepers with complex tasks such as escapes.

As for our head caretakers, they continue to learn new techniques and improve their skills. In particular, over the past year they have improved their use of GPS (photo), which is especially useful when they go on missions. They have also continued their training in recording chimpanzee behavior during integration sessions.



VOLUNTEERS

The volunteer program evolved in 2025, shifting from alternating volunteer on site to two volunteers present simultaneously: one for a short term (minimum 1 month) and one for a long term (4 to 6 months).

Eight European volunteers were thus able to stay in Somoria in 2025 (Maxime, Sarah, Véronique, Anthony, Claire, Baptiste, Anna, and Evy). Their primary mission was to provide enrichment of the isolated chimpanzees and to collect images and information necessary for external communication. We also welcome a tree pruning team! They gave two sets and provided training.



SPECIAL VISITORS

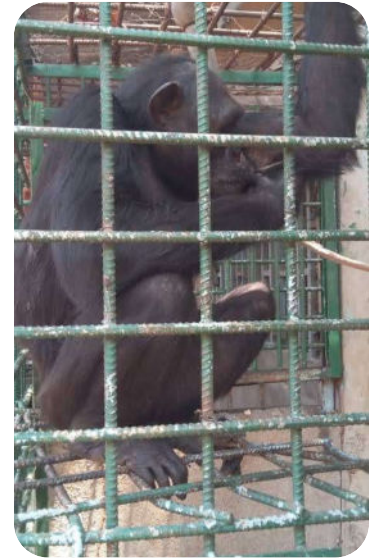
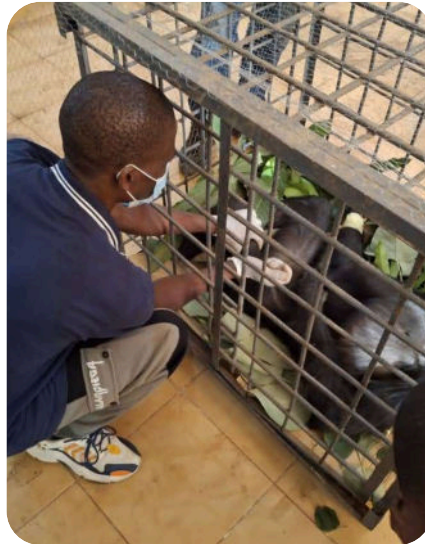
- April 2025: Jolita Pons, Ambassador of the European Union.
- June-July 2025: Sarah Briée, Board Member and Head of HR at Projet Primates France.
- November 2025: Camille Delaplace, Director of Projet Primates France.
- Project Primate Inc President who is also the CCC founder and acting director, Estelle Raballand, has spent 4-5 months on site in 2025.



Ms. Jolita Pons visit

THE CCC CHIMPANZEES

EMERGENCY MISSION AT LINSAN



In April 2025, the CCC was contacted urgently regarding a critical situation in Linsan. A wild female had taken refuge at the military camp in the middle of town, high up in a tree.

We reacted as quickly as possible despite the distance between the CCC and the town. Unfortunately, the militaries decided to capture her with a net (picture 1). Fortunately, Nicholas, the veterinarian, was returning from leave that very evening, so he was dispatched by the authorities as soon as he arrived at the airport and went to Linsan that night. He sedated her to completely free her and check her health, which was very poor. She also had several bullet wounds. (picture 2)

The original plan was to release her in Pinselly Soya National Park (near Linsan), but her condition did not allow for this translocation. So she was brought back to the CCC. She is currently living with two other wild females and will be released in the Upper Niger National Park during the rainy season (picture 3)

GROUPS COMPOSITION

In 2025, 63 chimpanzees are cared for at the sanctuary.

They live in 10 different living spaces (dormitories and enclosures).

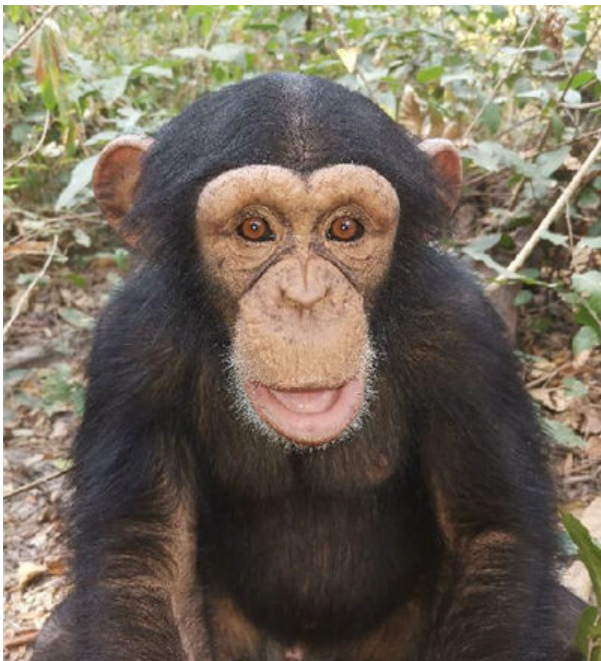


OUR BABIES, SIAKA AND MORGANE, ARE HAVING FUN AND LEARNING .



Our two youngest baby chimpanzees, Morgane (2 years old) and Siaka (18 months old), have gained a lot of confidence over the past year. Now that they are together all day, they remain very close to each other, as well as to Michel, their surrogate father.

They spend long hours playing, climbing, and having fun in the trees and searching for food. Having spent time with her mother before her capture, Morgane continues to develop natural behaviors; she reacts when she perceives danger and uses sticks as tools to search for insects. Little Siaka, the youngest of the Somoria group, remains very attached to everyone but is also becoming more independent.



BINGO AND DOURA, BETWEEN THE NURSERY AND THE FOREST

There's still a strong bond between our youngest residents, Bingo (6 years old) and Doura (5 years old) (picture), who have learned a great deal this year and spend most of their days in the forest. Bingo is showing his cheerful and confident nature, while Doura is calmer and more sensitive. Bingo loves making nests for the day when he's out, while Doura, not yet as adventurous, prefers not to stray too far from the caregivers most of the time.



A NEW TERRITORY FOR OUR THREE MALES: DAN, CED AND HAKIM

After being integrated, Dan, Ced, and Hakim were the first to use the new enclosure completed this year. They were so excited to be out and to explore this new wooded enclosure that they spent the whole day exploring it and feasting on all the new leaves they could find... so much so that they forgot to show up for feeding time!

We recently had to move them back to their satellite cage while we made some further improvements to the enclosure. But they soon were given access to the fence. They will gradually be joined by others, including females, to form a new social group.

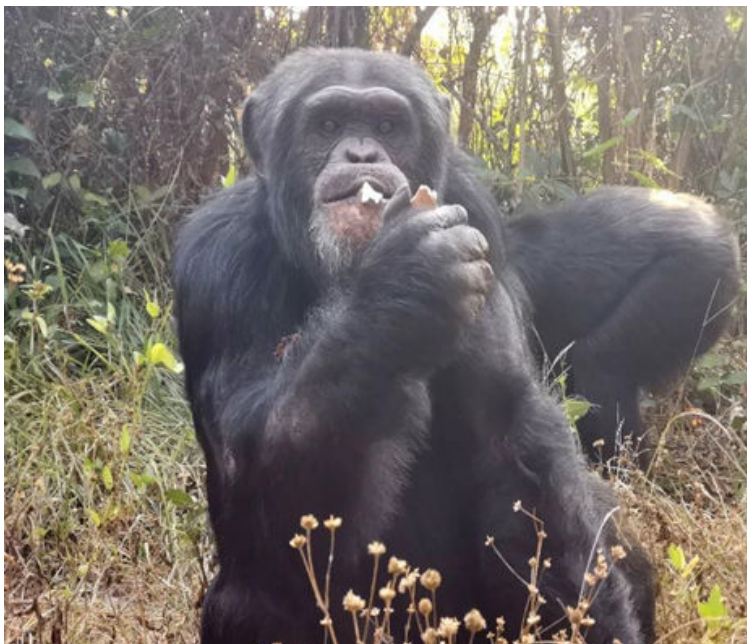
Our largest group, consisting of 14 chimpanzees, has been marked this year by increasing harmony and remarkable cohesion. Under the leadership of Noël (pictured), whose leadership has asserted itself confidently, the group has overcome the initial challenges related to female cohesion. The tensions, once frequent, have subsided, and Noël now manages conflicts with natural authority, restoring balance whenever necessary in the most appropriate way. The group members, often observed interacting and moving together, demonstrate strong cohesion. Lily, a dominant female with a strong personality, successfully maintains her role, while Sanka, despite her attempts to climb the social ladder, still struggles to assert herself. The youngest members of the group, César and Dali, enliven the group and interact positively between meals, especially by organizing frequent games. They thus reinforce a natural and happy group dynamic.

COHESION AND LEADERSHIP AMONG THE MOYENS

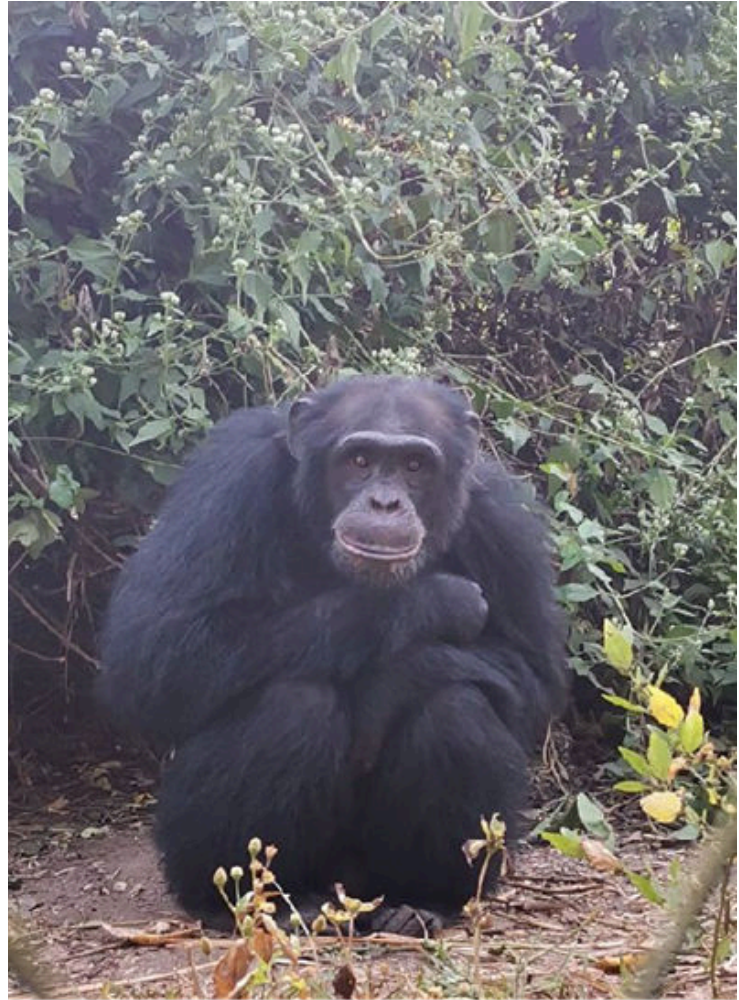


POWER STRUGGLES AMONG THE PETITS

After Hakim's escape, the group initially went through a period of instability. The three remaining males, **Sam**, **Rocky**, and **Toto**, fighting for dominance, sometimes resulting in intense competition. The situation then calmed down: **Sam** (pictured) seems to be gradually establishing himself as the dominant male, although **Toto** hasn't completely relinquished his position and continues to challenge his supremacy. Despite these challenges, the three males continue to interact positively and are often seen playing together during quieter moments. Among the females, **Tya** maintains her dominant position. **Soumba**, who joined the group young and was initially considered the "baby," is solidifying her place in the hierarchy, often refusing to submit and regularly seeking support against any member attempting to impose their will on her—leading to occasional conflicts. The female **Ama**, **Mouky** and **Mata**, on the other hand, remain very close and are often observed grooming each other.



SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION FOR DOUMA



Douma's (pictured) social life has improved significantly since he began living with three females and, once again, with **Panza**. The females' presence has calmed his frustration behaviors, providing him with stability and comfort. **Panza's** return also allows him to benefit from varied interactions with another male, enriching his social dynamics. As a result, **Douma**, now more serene, actively participates in the group's life, whether playing or resting in their company. This new arrangement has clearly contributed to his well-being and emotional balance.

DYNAMIC INTERACTIONS AND UPCOMING TRANSITIONS IN ZOÉ'S GROUP



Zoé's group now has seven members. Kanda (pictured), experiencing rapid physical and behavioral growth, is increasingly asserting his dominance over the others and displaying his authority more frequently. Given his age and development, he seems ready to join a larger group to develop more complex interactions with older males. This should be possible soon, with the progress we are making on our infrastructure.

Labé, meanwhile, continues to play the role of peacemaker within the group. She regularly defends and supports the younger members, thus ensuring a degree of social stability.

Zoé, on the other hand, sometimes faces provocation from Kanda and the younger males. Simon and Marco often throw objects at her to trigger chases, but Zoé has the support of the other females. Her daily life should become calmer once Kanda leaves the group.

PROMISING PROSPECTS FOR THE OTHER CHIMPANZEES

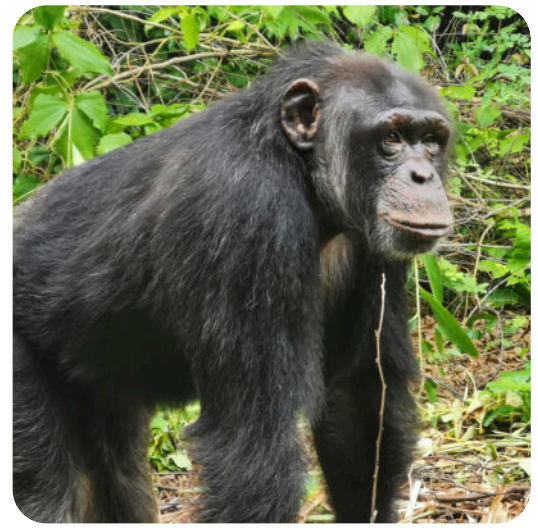
Our remaining residents, currently housed in satellite enclosures during construction, will soon benefit from the new enclosures under construction or rehabilitation.

These new enclosures will provide them with a richer and more stimulating environment and allow them to integrate into a new social group. This transition will significantly improve their well-being and social interactions, two essential factors for their development.

CHIMPANZEE ESCAPES

In 2025, the CCC had to deal with “only” eight escapes.

All the escapees were living in the adult enclosure. This enclosure, the oldest of the CCC fence, , built in 2001, will be completely renovated in 2026. The champion escapee is **Sita (pictured)**, with three escapes in the same month! The presence of wild females around the enclosures is generally the cause of escapes...

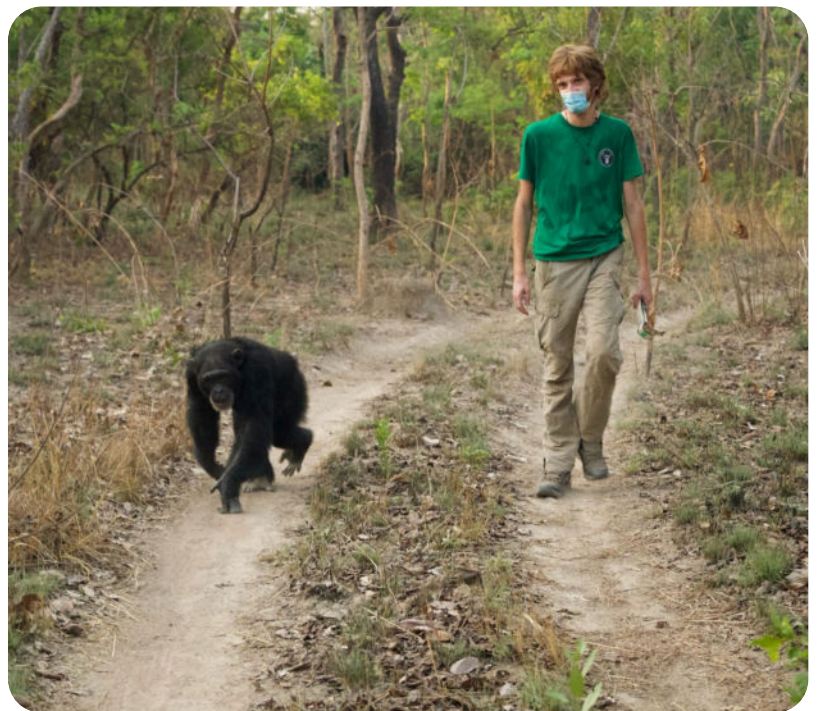
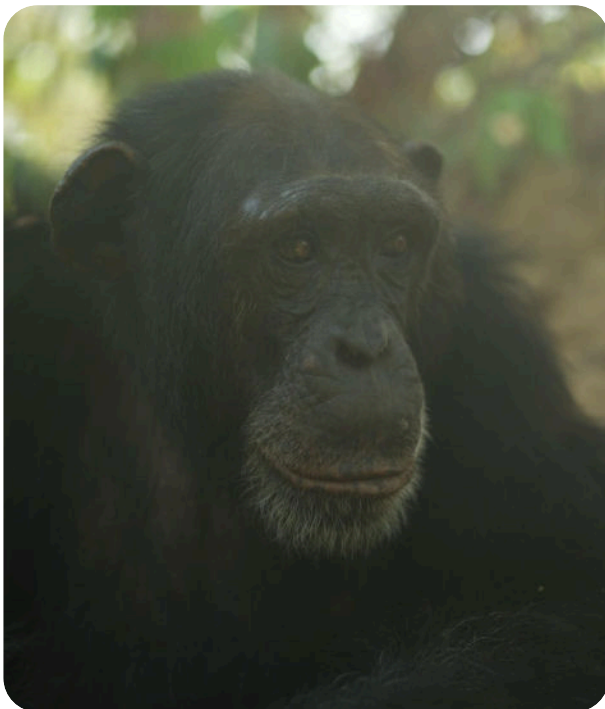


Hakim

In December 2024, Hakim escaped from his enclosure, lured by a wild female, and wandered deep into the park. Afterward, although he was sighted several times, Hakim remained elusive, and each attempt to bring him back unfortunately ended in failure.

After several months of uncertainty, he just showed up at the supplies spot for the release site in April 2025!

Since he was alone and it was the high of the dry season and considering he had lost weight, we decided to bring him back to the center safe and sound. He has now rejoined Ced and Dan, rediscovering social interaction in a brand new environment!



HAKIM LE JOUR DES RETROUVAILLES, AUX CÔTÉS DE DYLAN

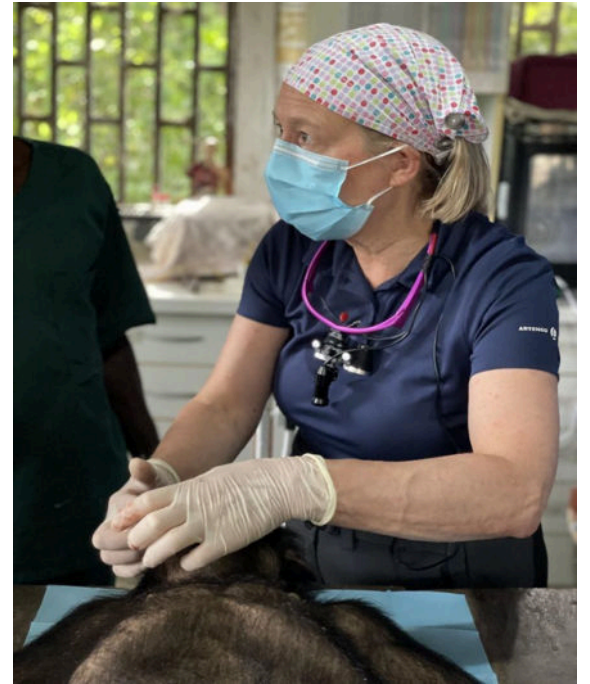
HEALTH CHECK-UPS AND DENTAL CARE

At the beginning of the year, the CCC hosted a large-scale medical mission comprised of veterinarians, a biologist and a dentist with her assistant from France and Spain. Their objective: to conduct comprehensive health assessments (tests, ultrasounds, specialized dental care, etc.) for each of our residents. These examinations are crucial for their medical care and health.

We also received a donation of an ultrasound machine and a microscope!



Thank you to Dr. Emeline Chanovre, Dr. Jorge Parades, Dr. Valerie Toussaint, Franck Eveillard and the biologiste Angela Ceballos Caro



Dr. Valérie Toussaint and her assistant Franck Eveillard stayed at the sanctuary for several weeks, not only to take care of the chimpanzees' teeth, but also those of the sanctuary team, ensuring the good health of those who look after our chimpanzees every day!



BETTER EATING HABITS FOR OUR CHIMPS

Following an initial study conducted at the CCC on the diet, nutritional intake, and dietary needs of our chimpanzees, Dr. Nicola Bryson-Morrison is continuing her efforts to optimize their diet. The main objective is now to incorporate more protein and fiber into their daily food intake, particularly in the form of pellets made from locally sourced ingredients. Research will also be conducted to identify suitable plant-based alternatives for their diet.

Recruitment is currently underway to find a volunteer to work alongside the team to study the ingredients available on-site.

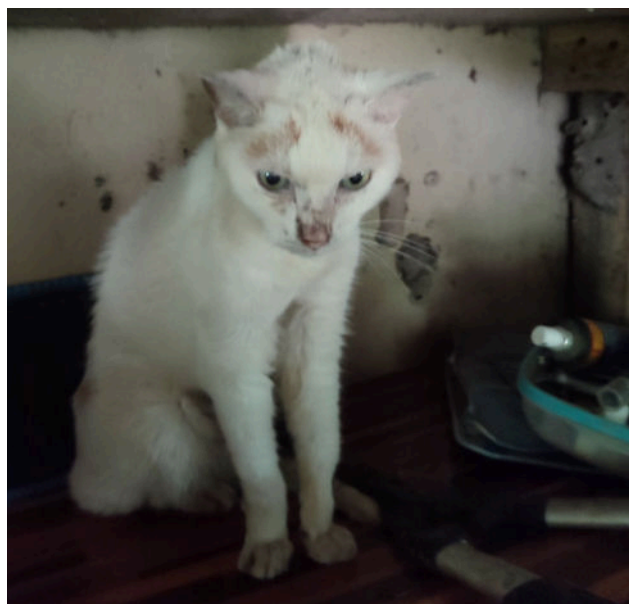


In loving memory of

MEEP MEEP



In 2007 with Estelle Raballand



In 2025, a month before her passing

THIS YEAR, WE SAID GOODBYE TO TWO DEAR MEMBERS
OF THE CCC.
MEEP MEEP PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY AT THE AGE OF 18.
MEDOR FELL ILL IN BAKARIA, BUT DESPITE OUR CARE,
HE DID NOT SURVIVE.
WE MISS THEM.



MEDOR

INFRASTRUCTURES

NEW 3.5 HECTARE ENCLOSURE

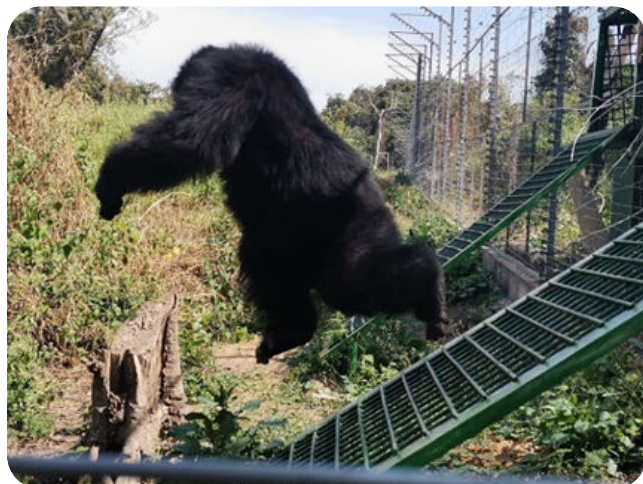


The construction of a new enclosure for adult chimpanzees, thanks to multiple grants through PPF, was one of our major achievements in 2025.

Following the project's launch by Mr. Roland Mabiala, construction continued with locally recruited technical teams (masons and welders) under the supervision of the CCC maintenance technician (Jean Kamano).

This long-awaited construction provides the adult chimpanzees with an additional 3.5 hectares of living space.

Construction of the enclosure began at the start of the year, and the first outing took place on December 25th. A wonderful Christmas present for the chimpanzees and the team.



INFRASTRUCTURES

RENOVATION ADULT ENCLOSURES

The Chimpanzee Conservation Center (CCC) is one of the components of the Natura Guinea project, funded by the European Union and led by the Wild Chimpanzee Foundation.

Several projects are included in this initiative. In 2025, the first phase of work was put out to tender, which included:

the expansion of the adult dormitory built in 2023 thanks to PPI funding;

the renovation of the adult enclosure built in 2001; and

the construction of a new adult dormitory by the adult enclosure based on the same design as the PPI-funded dormitory.

The renovation of the adult enclosure began during the summer, but several delays, including the acquisition of electrical equipment such as insulators, significantly hampered the work.

Therefore, although the dormitory was completed in 2025, the enclosure is not yet finished.



In the WCF Lot 1 project, the company "Kemaya Construction," with technical assistance from Ir. Roland Mabilia (JGI/Tchimpounga), carried out the following work:

- building a new dormitory overlooking the large enclosure currently under renovation, and
- extending the adult dormitory built in 2023 with PPI funding, which opens onto the new 3.5-hectare enclosure funded with PPF funds.

NEW ADULT DORMITORY



EXTENTION OF ADULT DORMITORY



ADVANCES THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT OUR CHIMPANZEES

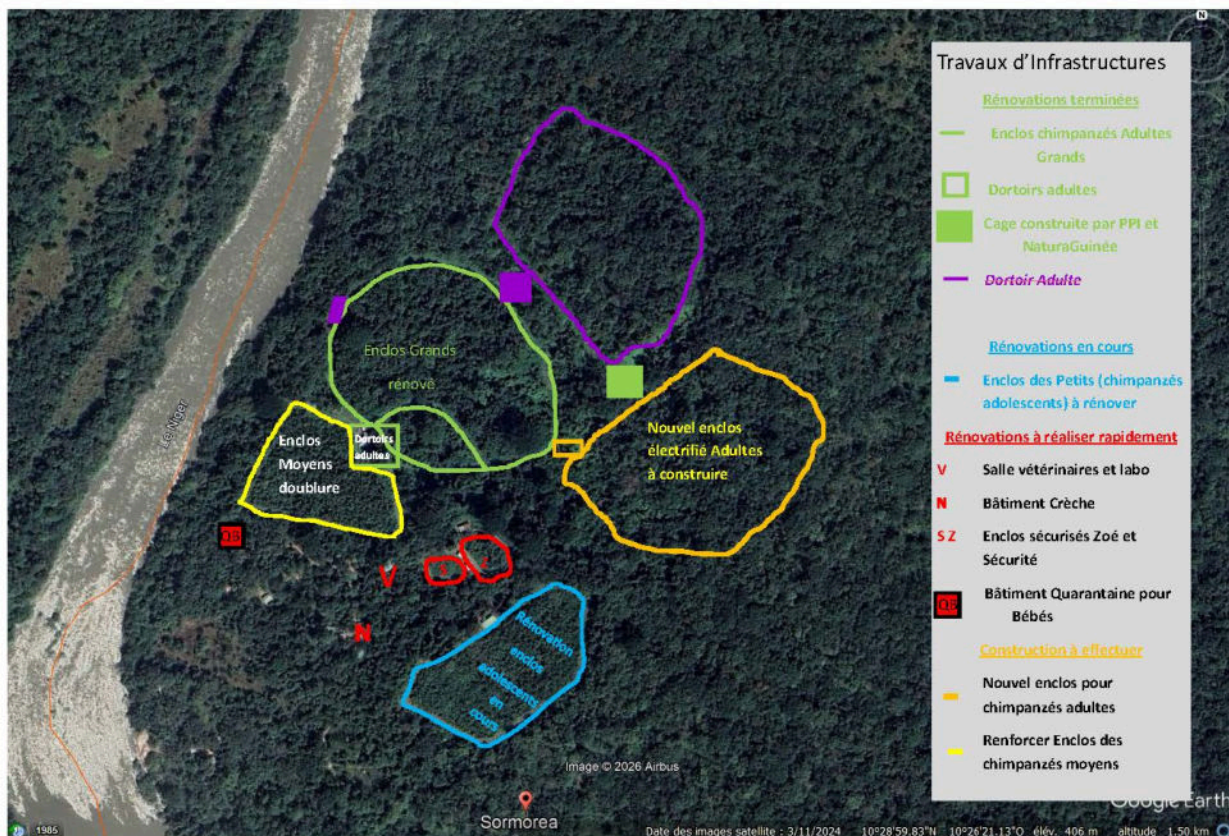
The creation of the new outdoor enclosure and new indoor satellite cages, along with the repair of existing enclosures, are essential steps forward in allowing our residents to live in more suitable spaces, thus encouraging the expression of their natural behaviors. These spaces provide more opportunities for them to live in structured social groups, in accordance with their needs.

We expect that the facilities completed this year, and those to come in 2026, will facilitate the integration of individual animals and increase their chances of success when forming new groups.



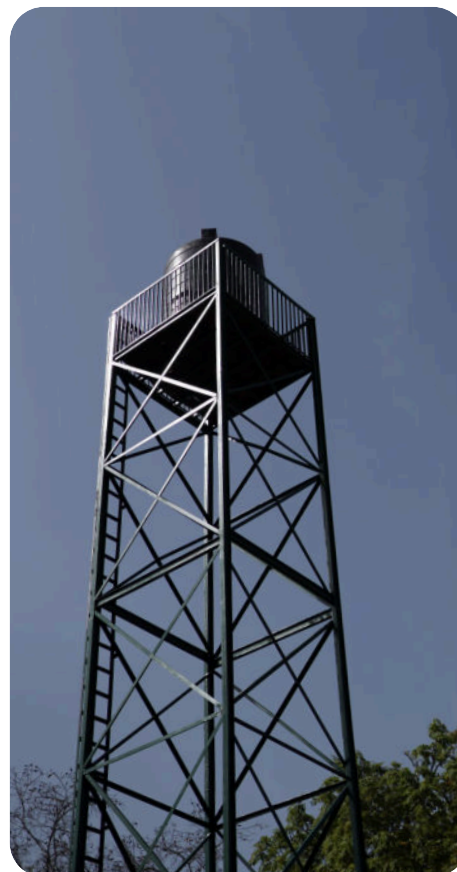
And here are our three males enthusiastically exploring their new enclosure! This new space, specially designed to meet their needs, finally offers them the freedom to live as a group and fully express their natural chimpanzee behaviors in the open air. A wonderful adventure begins for them!

CCC INFRASTRUCTURES MAPPING



WATER PUMP AND WATER PROBLEM

The outdated water system caused several problems this year. The water supply was not always reliable, and the keepers had to work extra hard to provide water for our chimpanzees. A new, more powerful water pump has been ordered, and the water system should be replaced within the next year.



ACCESS DIFFICULTIES

The road from Faranah to Somoria, in very poor condition on the Sidakoro-Somoria section (30 km), has significantly contributed to construction delays and vehicle wear and tear. Despite annual repairs, the journey from Faranah to Somoria, a distance of 80 km, takes between 4 hours (dry season) and 6 hours (rainy season).



BAKARIA - SOMORIA ACCESS

The rainy season makes accessing the release site extremely difficult, so travel is by boat. This year, engine problems complicated the journeys. All the engines were therefore sent to Conakry for repair. The old, irreparable engines were replaced with a 5hp engine for the small inflatable boat. Two powerful engines, 18hp and 25hp, are now available for the boat, and a small engine for the inflatable boat.

From the Bakaria release site, bridges providing access to the northern part of the park have been rebuilt.





NYANKANFING, RELEASE SITE - © CCC (

CONSERVATION

CONSERVATION AT CCC

The CCC's Conservation division comprises four areas of action: (i) the reintroduction and monitoring of chimpanzees into the wild, (ii) support for the protection of the National Park of Northern Haiti (PNHN) and its resources, (iii) education and awareness-raising for the local population, and (iv) the implementation of income-generating activities for local communities within the PNHN.

The CCC's conservation activities have stabilized and expanded under the leadership of Conservation Program Manager Dylan Deffaux, who has succeeded thanks to his energy, skills, and ability to create positive momentum, both in Bakaria and in education. Thank you, Dylan!



In December 2025, the CCC recruited Mr. Jancy Kelly Matoumouna Boungou as the Release Site Manager.

After a month training at the sanctuary in Somoria, he is now permanently based at the Bakaria site. His work involves the daily management of the camp and the trackers, administrative and financial oversight, as well as monitoring construction projects.



Welcome Jancy!



ALBERT, LOLA AND LEO - © CCC

RELEASE

THE RELEASE SITE TEAM



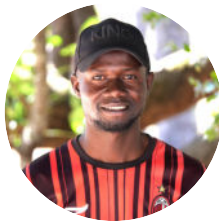
**MARIUS
KABONGO
NTUMBA**

The release site is under the responsibility of Antoine Youmbouno, promoted to Head Tracker in October 2024. He was supported by a volunteer until June 2025.

Marius Kabongo Ntumba, a graduate in environmental science and management, is our officer in charge of conservation activities for the Upper Niger National Park. He also oversees the camera trap program and liaises with the Komoya community as part of the community rice farming project.



**ANTOINE
YOUNBOUNO**



**FAYA
KAMANO**



**SAYON
OULARE**



**SEKOU
CAMARA**



**YAKOUBA
CAMARA**

TELEMETRY TRACKING OF THE RELEASED GROUP OF CHIMPANZEES

Our tracking team monitors some of our released chimpanzees remotely (the Niger River separates them) using telemetry. Among those no longer being tracked are females who have joined wild groups.

The released group we are monitoring consists of 2 adult males, 3 adult females and 6 young, including Leo, a newborn this year. Welcome to him!

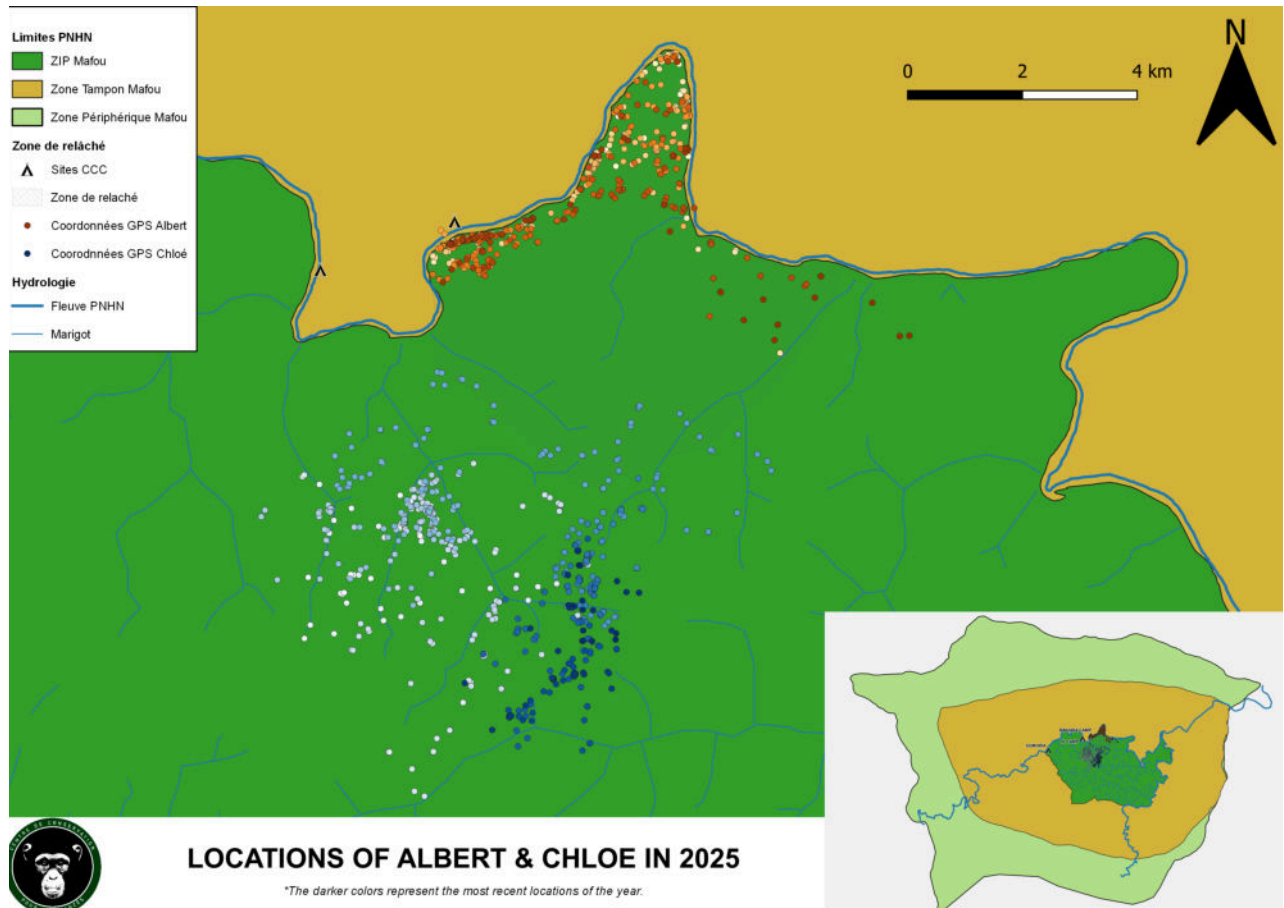
Robert	38	Lola	29	Lumière	6
Albert	31	Leila	12	Lion	4
Lottie	36	Nina	9	Noura	3
Nanou	31	Luc	8	Léo	born in 2025



As announced last year, Leila, Lola's daughter, had left the release group. We hoped she had joined a wild group, so we were very surprised to find her in Somoria. She had never been there before. Did she follow the route? Did the others spill the beans? It's a mystery... We will release her with Alba from Linsan and Sarah (a wild female) this summer.

We don't have Robert's GPS location this year because very soon after his collar was changed, he either took it off or lost it. The group moved to its usual release area between Timiss and Timbitamba. While the group was generally found together, Lola and Lottie separated from the group several times but always returned.

Chloé, on the other hand, permanently joined a wild group. She did not return to the sanctuary or wandered outside the full protected area and spent the entire dry season in the middle of the Mafou forest.



THE GROUP KNOWS THE AREA PERFECTLY AND NAVIGATES WITHIN AN ESTABLISHED TERRITORY OF SEVERAL KILOMETERS.



In 2025, Aniouma (Annie's daughter) was fitted with a VHF collar to collect data on her dispersal within a group of wild chimpanzees. Unfortunately, she removed it shortly afterward. As we anticipated, she left the group this summer. We hope she is well and has found a new home. Her mother, Annie, was released in 2010 but has not been seen since 2023.

The high cost of the collars forces us to select the individuals who wear them, and we mainly equip orphaned males and females from the sanctuary, as well as adolescent females that are beginning their dispersal.

RELEASE SITE DEVELOPMENT

Continued improvements

Following on from the improvements made last year, the release site continued its development in 2025.

At Bakaria Camp, several improvements were made: the roofs of the existing huts were renovated, two new huts were built to increase capacity, and a well was constructed! This well addresses a long-standing need expressed by the teams, who previously had to go to the river to fill their jerrycans.

At Nouveau Camp, a thatched shelter and a new hut were also built. These new facilities will improve conditions at this camp, which is used by trackers and park rangers during the dry season.

To meet the growing needs of the release site, further work is already planned for 2026, including the construction of an additional latrine and shower.



Our boat engines are FINALLY operational



Since acquiring our two new boat engines in December 2023, we had been experiencing constant difficulties with their operation and maintenance, without really understanding the root cause. Finding a solution had become urgent!

Thanks to the advice of our partner, SES Plus, we finally identified a mechanic at the port of Conakry who refurbished our two clogged engines. They are now fully operational! This complete overhaul also provided an opportunity to share best practices for engine use and maintenance with the tracking team, essential during the dry season for resupply and telemetry monitoring.

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Training and retaining a team in Guinea, where educational opportunities are limited and recruitment challenges exist, coupled with sometimes difficult living conditions in the bush, is a challenge. Capacity building and skills development for our local teams is therefore a long-term undertaking. In 2025, the ongoing training process for trackers continued, always with the objective of making the release site more self-sufficient from Somoria.



The presence of Mélanie, a volunteer who came to help with the management of Bakaria, until June allowed Antoine and the team of trackers to strengthen their organization in the daily management of telemetry activities and the camp.

During a stay in Bakaria in May, Nicholas introduced Antoine to the basics of arrow-making and the fundamentals of using a stethoscope. This skills transfer will allow the release site to gradually become better prepared for potential medical interventions on the released chimpanzees.

Furthermore, Sekou and Facely had the opportunity to participate in camera trap deployment missions with the biomonitoring project team. This allowed them to learn about the installation and configuration of camera traps. Their participation in these activities helps diversify their skills and strengthen their understanding of the monitoring tools used for chimpanzee protection.



To cover for Antoine during his leave periods, Faya was entrusted with the day-to-day management of Bakaria. The tasks assigned to her, although new, were carried out efficiently and diligently. These responsibilities highlighted her organizational skills and sense of responsibility, particularly in prioritizing tasks and coordinating activities. This demonstrates significant potential for growth. We plan to gradually expand her responsibilities in the future to consolidate and recognize this development of skills.

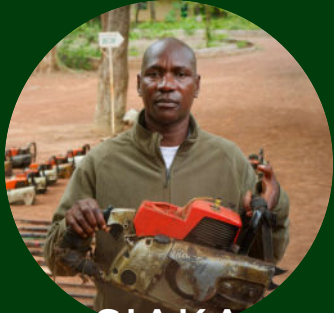
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AERIAL VIEW OF PNHN ©MÉGANE GUIILLAUME

PROTECTION OF THE UPPER NIGER NATIONAL PARK

A COMMITTED CONSERVATEUR



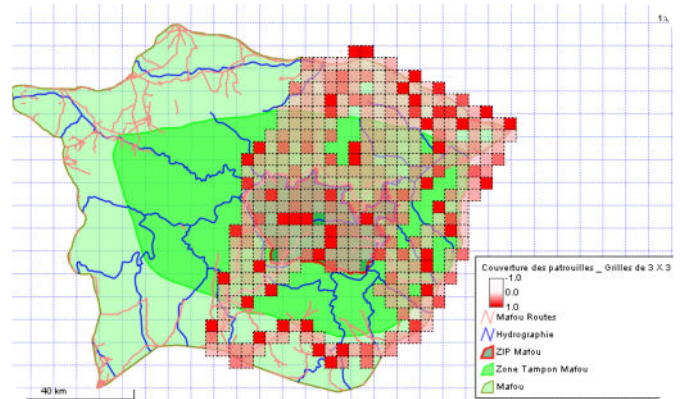
**SIAKA
OULARE**

In his position since late 2022, the Chief Conservator of the National Park of the Haut-Noire (PNHN), Lieutenant Siaka Oulare, was awarded the title of Best Conservator of a Protected Area in Guinea in 2025 by the Guinean Office of National Parks and Wildlife Reserves (OGPNRF). This distinction recognizes his unwavering commitment to the protection of the PNHN. The CCC is delighted to have been able to collaborate closely with him for over three years!

Support for law enforcement patrols

Thanks to increased support from TUSK in 2025, we were able to support the deployment of 22 eco-guards in the PNHN for 10 months over nearly 8,530 km!

Specifically, 136 ecological monitoring and surveillance patrols (57 on foot, 70 by motorcycle, and 9 by boat) covered approximately 365,000 hectares of the PNHN. These protection efforts ensured an operational presence of nature conservationists across almost all (95%) of the Mafou area's protected zone for 230 days and 108 nights.



A total of 60 patrol actions were carried out, resulting in:

- 20 chainsaws, 8 fishing nets and 15 weapons seized,
- 6 vehicles (2 motorcycles, 1 car, 2 trucks & 1 tricycle) containing confiscated goods,
- 7 people arrested, including 2 poachers brought to justice and 5 illegal operators questioned and their statements recorded,
- 2 illegal camps dismantled.



The law enforcement patrols we supported also provided an opportunity to raise awareness among more than 250 people (mainly fishermen and hunters) in riverside villages about the regulations and challenges of sustainable management of natural resources in the PNHN.



Capacity building for eco-guards



To enhance the collection and analysis of data from patrols and the monitoring of reintroduced chimpanzees, Marius Kabongo, Head of Protection Activities at the CCC, has been implementing the SMART CyberTracker data collection system with park rangers for nearly three years.

Accessible on smartphones, this application integrates geolocation and enables georeferenced tracking of activities and observations within the park. Based on indicators used in numerous protected areas, this tool ensures data harmonization and facilitates the production of essential maps for analyzing the PNHN's (National Park of Northern Haiti) protection data.

During the 2025 patrols, three new park rangers (deployed to Bakaria for the first time) were trained in the use of the software. 323 incidents and direct threats to the park were recorded, and over 200 chimpanzee sightings and tracks were collected by PNHN agents using SMART.

To further develop the agents' skills, Marius continued their training in the use of GPS, an essential tool for carrying out control and monitoring activities in the park.

These training sessions, which are always highly valued, contribute to the ongoing professionalization of the PNHN teams.



Combating illegal activities in the North and East of the PNHN

To actively combat significant illegal activities in the north and east of the Park (rice farming, livestock breeding, logging), several mobile law enforcement patrols led by the Chief Conservator were supported by the CCC this year. These multi-day missions, which generally require more extensive logistical support, enabled the identification of illegal sites in and around the ZIP (Zone d'Intérêt Public - Public Interest Zone). While some of these interventions resulted in arrests, questioning, and the dismantling of illegal activities in sensitive areas of the Park, others were less encouraging.



Special case of the Borda rice field

Following the failure of the 2024 intervention to end illegal mining in the Borda lowlands, activities resumed in October, with the site now guarded by armed villagers. Given the real security risks to the reintroduced chimpanzees and the conservation challenges, discussions with the authorities and the park began at the end of the year to identify a long-term solution to this problem.

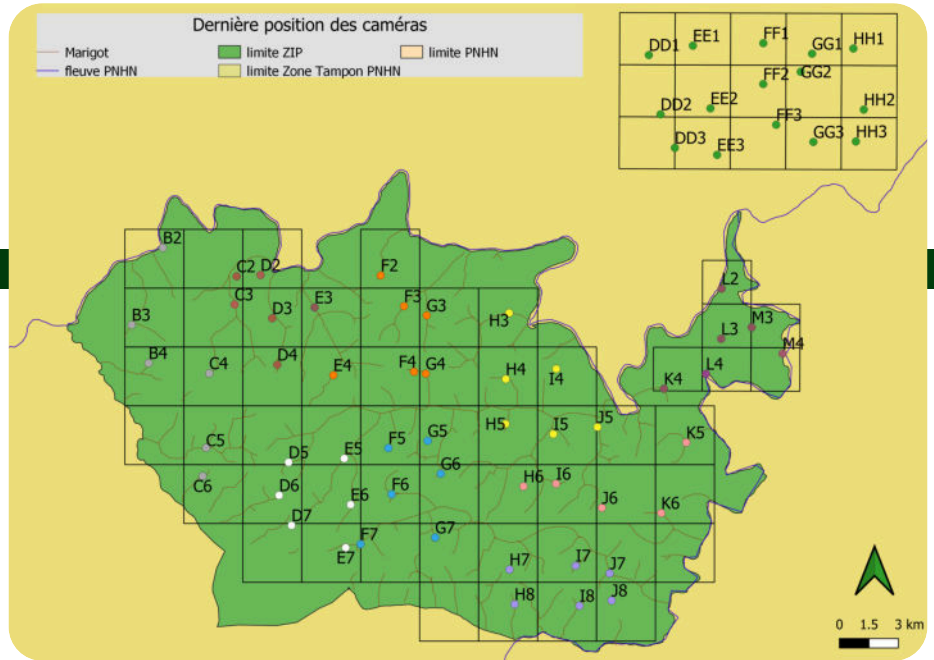


This year also provided an opportunity to strengthen dialogue between northern communities and the National Park of Northern Haiti (PNHN). A community consultation on the boundaries and regulations of the PNHN brought together key representatives from the localities of Sanguiana, Kondian, Sineya, Komoya, and Banfarala. This meeting fostered a better understanding of conservation issues and encouraged more active community participation in protection strategies.

The support of local communities for conservation objectives is a key lever for the sustainable reduction of violations. To this end, collaborative initiatives between the Park and communities are expected to emerge in 2026, particularly with the establishment of community patrols in areas most affected by extractive activities.

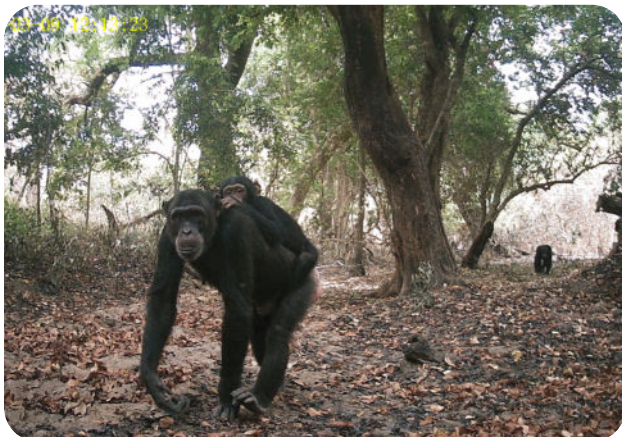
Biomonitoring project

In order to strengthen our monitoring efforts and therefore the monitoring of the biodiversity of the PNHN, our 2025 camera trap campaign mobilized four volunteers (Clélia, Benjamin, Bruno and Lysa) on 10 routes.



In total, 53 cameras were installed, providing near-complete coverage of the ZIP (Zone Intégralement protégée - Full protected area), supplemented by 15 cameras in the buffer zone (northeast forest sector of Confluence), covering more than 60,000 hectares in the Mafou area. The campaign thus enabled the collection of over 10,700 records of mammals and reptiles (monitor lizards only). Of the 38 species identified, nearly a third of the records were of wild chimpanzees.

We had never been to the Confluence area before. As we already knew, the pressures in this area are significant and the habitats are highly fragmented. However, populations of wild chimpanzees have been observed.



All this data, once analyzed, will be useful for monitoring wildlife and habitat threats, which we conduct year after year in close collaboration with the Park authorities. The near-total coverage of the protected area will also be a strategic indicator for strengthening our work on the prevalence of yaws disease among wild chimpanzee populations in the Mafou area of the Upper Niger National Park (UNNP).

These results are a record for the CCC! We have never obtained so much data, and we are very proud of it. This would not have been possible without the financial support of USFWS and TUSK, and the collaboration between the UNNP authorities, the volunteers, and our field teams!

STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Bushmeat trade survey

February marked the end of our study on the bushmeat trade in and around the Upper Niger National Park (UNNP). A total of 1,048 carcasses belonging to 36 species were counted across the six survey sites.

No chimpanzees were found during this study. During the rainy season, the most hunted species appear to be the green monkey (*Chlorocebus sabaeus*), the cane rat (*Thryonomys swinderianus*), and the patas monkey (*Erythrocebus patas*). During the dry season, the most poached species appear to be the patas monkey (*Erythrocebus patas*), the cane rat (*Thryonomys swinderianus*), the warthog (*Phacochoerus africanus*), and the bushbuck (*Tragelaphus scriptus*).



Ornithological inventory

In April, four French naturalists (including one former CCC volunteer) conducted an ornithological inventory within the release zone. In one week, more than 100 different bird species were identified between Bakaria Camp and Beleba. Given the aging biodiversity data in the Park, these observations are invaluable for initiating future research projects focused on ornithological monitoring within the UNNP.



Collaboration with ERAIFT

In parallel with his support for our camera trap monitoring campaign, our Beninese volunteer Bruno Mahutin Ganvoedjre conducted a study on the status and abundance of terrestrial mammals in the Mafou full protected area.



Conducted as part of his professional Master's degree in GAP/GRB at the Regional Postgraduate School for Integrated Management of Tropical Forests and Territories (ERAIFT), his study highlighted a high level of species diversity within the Mafou Protected Area. Based on data from the biomonitoring 2025 project, he identified 31 species belonging to 15 families, including 6 classified as threatened on the IUCN RedList.

His analysis of anthropogenic pressures (bushfires linked to hunting between Confluence and Serekoroba and the exploitation of PFNLs in the South of the full protected area (ZIP)) also allowed him to identify 3 areas of high conservation value: the South-East of the ZIP, the North-Northeast axis (Bakaria-Confluence) and the Northwest (Somoria).

Defended in July before these university supervisors and in Dylan's presence, Bruno's Final Year Project (FYP) enabled him to successfully obtain his diploma!



Prospects for broader collaboration and support are already being discussed between Bruno and the CCC to enhance the dissemination and use of ecological data related to the biodiversity of the UNNP. These include, in particular, the publication of a scientific article presenting the results of his final year project, as well as the development of a research project focusing on the hippopotamus populations of the Niger River.



**OUR COMMITMENT TO
LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

TEAM

While no changes occurred within the team in 2025, the activities of the Northern branch were strengthened by the arrival of Condémadi at the end of last year. Originally from Sanguiana, Condémadi knows the region and its communities very well. Naturally comfortable with children, he quickly integrated and began supporting Mamadi in the activities. 2025 allowed him to gain confidence and independence.



AWARENESS PROGRAMS

School sessions

During the 2024/2025 school year, an average of 937 children (including 382 girls) were sensitized during environmental education sessions, within 15 schools (8 in the Faranah area and 7 in the North area).



In April and May, 260 sixth-grade students (91 girls) participated in the forest outings. For the first time since the creation of this activity, six schools in the northern zone benefited from it!



Awareness-raising in villages

At the end of the school year, educators continued their nature club activities in nine villages within the Upper Niger National Park (UNNP), reaching a wider audience, including out-of-school children, and strengthening ties with local communities.

Nearly 480 children participated in these fun and interactive nature education activities.

The team travelled throughout the UNNP in June and July to raise awareness among the populations of Yérédou, Dianah, Mantouma, Nérékoro, Mansarémoriboya, Sareya, Seinkougna, Sineya, and Kondia. In total, 576 people were able to attend awareness workshops on sustainable agriculture and the ecological importance of the Mafou forest.



Radio broadcasts and billboards campaign



In 2025, 12 new awareness programs were broadcast on Radio Bambou, and new topics were written, along with several recordings made for future broadcasts.

For a few months, we experienced some delays in content production due to technical issues (transmitter failures, sound system malfunctions, and renovations at the radio station). These constraints led to the rebroadcasting of older programs that had already aired once on Djoma FM.

Thanks to the support of Apenheuld Park, we have also designed 10 awareness panels on the regulations governing the management of natural resources in the Upper Niger National Park. These will soon be installed around the park's high conservation value areas.



EVOLUTIONS OF THE FARANAH AND SANGUINA ANTENNAS

In 2025, the integration of Condémadi into the team, along with the expansion of our activities in the northern part of the Park, led to several improvements at the Sanguiana office. These included the installation of solar panels, the creation of new living spaces, and the purchase of a new motorcycle. These developments aim to better meet current operational needs and anticipate future ones, while strengthening our presence in the northern part of the National Park, where the situation of chimpanzees and their habitat remains particularly concerning.

At the end of May, the CCC office in Faranah also relocated to a neighboring office/house. This move allowed the team in the southern zone to settle into new, more suitable and optimized workspaces.

Strengthening the program and the team

The first half of 2025 was marked by the end of Sarah and Théo's missions, who had come to help develop the program, Sarah in the Faranah area and Théo in Sanguiana. The presence of these two French volunteers allowed the team to improve its organizational skills, create innovative resources, and enhance its monitoring and evaluation of activities. Thank you to them for their support and commitment!



Ibrahima Ndiaye (Ibro), the CCC's most senior member and a dedicated educator since 2018, also shared his experience and knowledge with the Northern team during the 2025 Nature Clubs. This skills development, initiated two years ago, fosters cohesion between our two antennas and significantly increases the impact of our actions in the field each year.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

In 2025, our actions with the Park communities mainly consisted of monitoring income-generating projects and supporting communities in the implementation of their activities.

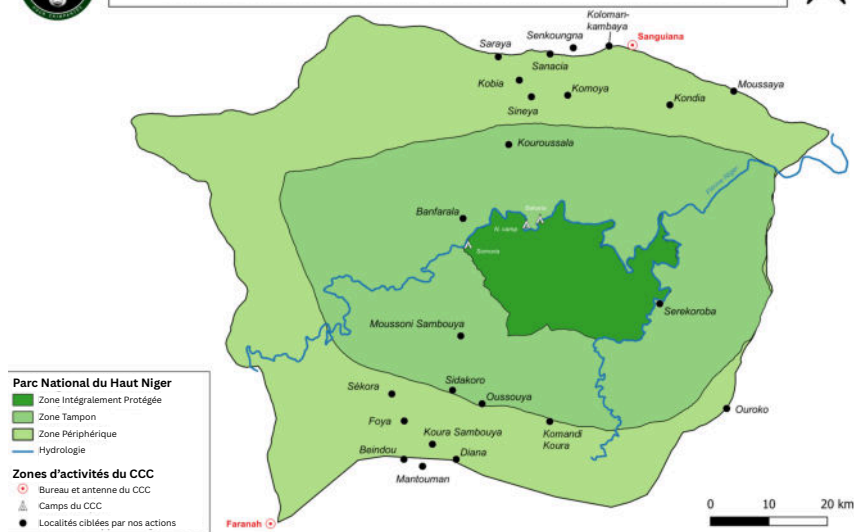
Beekeeping projects

We continued to support beekeeping groups in the production and marketing of "chimpanzee honey," notably through the purchase of two refractometers that allow us to analyze the quality of the honey produced.

Between April and June, 132 liters of honey were harvested and sold in local markets and through the CCC network. This represents nearly 3,500,000 GNF (approximately €350) in profits for the supported groups, an increase of 21% compared to the previous year.



Villages soutenus par les actions du CCC



The 35 Kenyan beehives installed in the northern villages (Komoya and Kouroussala) proved more productive than last year (+80 liters). We are also delighted by the emergence of similar individual initiatives in the northern part of the Park: approximately 30 beehives have been installed and are being managed directly by community members.

Another change: while the CCC continues to provide support for labeling and sales, the price per liter of honey is now set by the beekeepers themselves. With this new structure, the groups are now more dynamic and moving towards greater autonomy in the marketing process.

The project did encounter some difficulties, however, particularly in Moussouni-Sambouya, where a lack of commitment and motivation was observed within the group. To address this recurring problem, a weekly hive maintenance schedule and a penalty system for non-compliance were implemented.



Behavior change campaign in Komoya



Following several postponements, the football tournament was finally held in June 2025. For its fourth edition, the event brought together more than 250 participants, including around 40 players and nearly 100 women.

Given the tournament's continued success in fostering community spirit, we are considering extending the initiative to other villages in 2026 to strengthen our ties with the communities within the Upper Niger National Park (UNNP).

On the rice-growing project, initial plowing and the application of a traditional herbicide were successfully carried out on 4.5 hectares with the help of a farmer from Kolomankambaya. However, difficulties in obtaining seeds and the inaccessibility of the plot during the rainy season prevented cultivation. The end of the year was also marked by security problems at the site. Potential solutions are being explored to secure the plot by 2026.



Market gardening in Komoya



The Komoya market gardening project also saw significant progress in 2025!

With the support of the Lemarchand Foundation and 1% for the Planet, the construction of a well and the acquisition of a motor pump ensured a water supply for the entire plot. New water retention basins were also built by the group. Furthermore, the project expanded, with new seeds being planted on a neighboring plot and two new women joining the group.

The regular visits of the CCC conservation teams throughout the year have allowed us to observe a significant progression of crops (banana, pepper, peanut, potato, eggplant) and to remobilize the women of the group after a more difficult year in 2024.



Thanks to these developments, the women farmers have gained autonomy and have managed to generate between 2,000,000 and 4,500,000 GNF per month (approximately €200 to €450). The profits have been distributed among the members according to their level of involvement in the activities.



MAMADI, CONDÉMADI AND DYLAN WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE KOMOYA MARKET GARDENING GROUP

Other community projects



In collaboration with the Sineya community (northern zone), 1,000 cashew seedlings were planted between the end of August and the beginning of September 2025. It will now be necessary to monitor their development and support the community in the success of this economic initiative.

L'année 2025 a également été consacrée à une réflexion sur le développement de nouvelles activités génératrices de revenus au sein du PNHN. Un **projet de pisciculture communautaire** a été construit et discuté avec le village de Banfarala (nord du Parc). Des financements sont actuellement recherchés afin de lancer les premières actions en 2026.



The community projects supported by the CCC always stem from a need expressed by the villages, which are seeking support for a specific activity. The CCC only invests in activities that contribute to the preservation of the Upper Niger National Park (UNNP) while supporting local culture and community beliefs. Developing these projects is a long-term endeavor to ensure their full implementation and sufficient benefits for the communities.

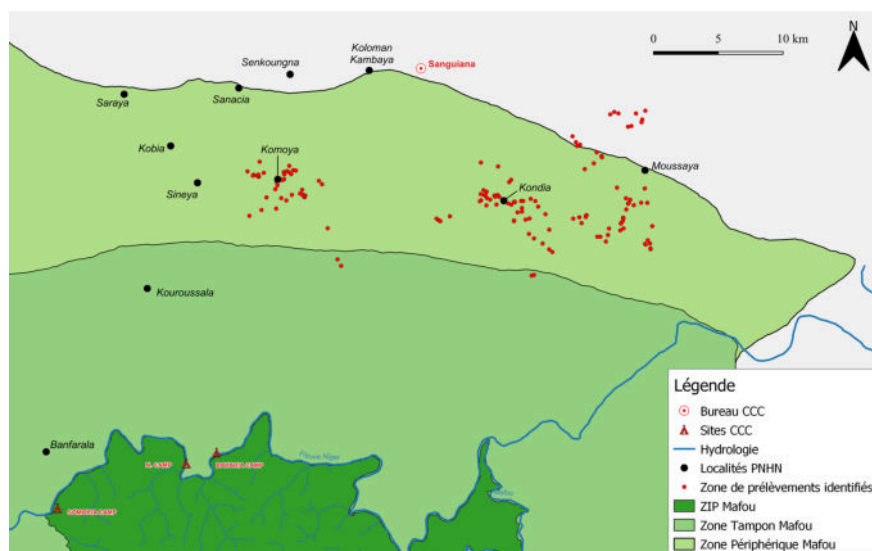
That is why we are constantly seeking ways to improve and develop new approaches to ensure more effective project implementation and strengthen village commitment to the conservation of chimpanzees in the Upper Niger!



Socio-economic diagnosis

Thanks to the support of the ERM Foundation, a mini socio-economic study was able to be carried out in the villages of Komoya, Moussaya and Kondia between September and December 2025.

Led by Mohammed Sylla, a Guinean agro-economist, this diagnosis made it possible to map and analyze community dynamics linked to the activities of exploitation and withdrawal of natural resources in the North of the UNNP.



MAPPING OF RESOURCE EXTRACTION AND HARVESTING ACTIVITIES IDENTIFIED DURING THE ASSESSMENT

Interviews with 150 people and field visits allowed us to assess the terms and benefits received by communities from their agreements with illegal operators, as well as the scale of these activities (areas exploited, level of community participation, number of trees felled, etc.).

The data collected enabled the agricultural economist to formulate sufficiently attractive economic alternatives to encourage communities to cease their involvement in these practices and adopt more environmentally friendly activities.

The results of this study will help to reorient our intervention strategies toward sustainable solutions that reconcile improved living conditions with reduced pressure on chimpanzee habitats and the park's natural resources.





FARANAH OFFICE

NEW TEAM AND NEW AMBITIONS IN FARANAH

A Growing Team

Since September, two new members have joined the administrative team at the Faranah office: Emmanuel Gerlin, originally from France and Benin respectively, has taken on the role of Coordinator, and Armand Agossou holds the position of Accountant.

Emmanuel previously held positions in development NGOs in Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America, as well as in Guinean universities. Armand has managed the finances and accounting and prepared audits for major development projects in Guinea, Benin, and Congo.

The rest of the staff remains unchanged. Fassou Sonomou, Administrative and Accounting Assistant, Alphonse Lamah, Security Guard, and our long-standing logistics specialists Ousmane Bah and Clément Millimouno continue to give their best in their respective roles.

Administrative and Accounting Renewal Underway

The last few months of the past year were marked by a rapid and tangible modernization of the CCC's operations. Among the observed improvements, the following are noteworthy in the administrative sphere: the implementation of fairer and more transparent salary calculation systems, illustrated by the printing of monthly payslips; the registration of all project workers with the CNSS (National Social Security Fund); and the creation of leave registers. In terms of accounting, a procedures manual, standards, rules, and forms have been implemented to ensure the CCC's accounts remain transparent and ready for any future external audits.

Natura Guinée Monitoring and Partnerships

In parallel, Emmanuel and Armand are overseeing the deployment of the Natura Guinée project in Somoria in collaboration with Wild Chimpanzee Foundation and the European Union. Furthermore, the presence of a coordinator has made it possible to consider (re)launching several partnerships in recent months. For 2026, the Faranah team aims to maintain the momentum already underway and, as the project's support base, to provide genuine administrative and logistical support to the field teams!

Emmanuel



Armand and Fassou

Clément, Alphonse and Ousmane (and Lambda)



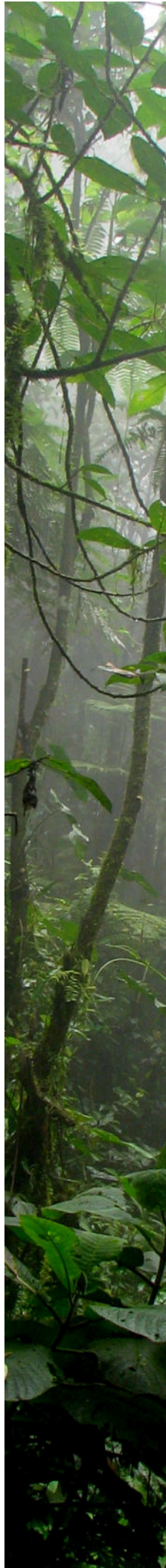
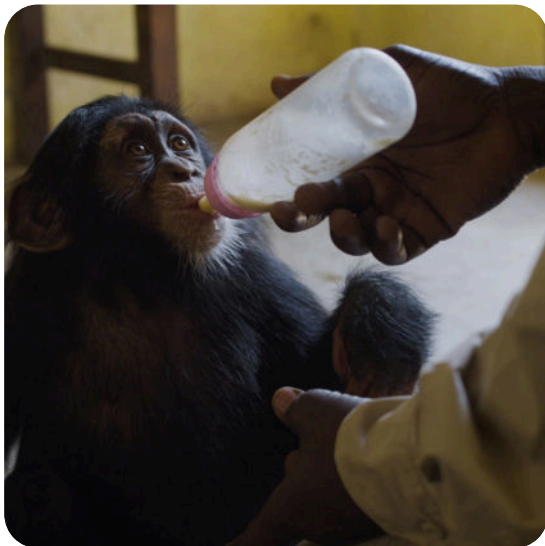


ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FILMING PASSION FILM



In January, the CCC hosted a large British film crew. This shoot tells the story of Dondo and Toto. Toto is a feral orphan (his mother was in a group Dondo was following in Senegal and died from a snake bite). Dondo cared for him for several years before he was transferred to the CCC in 2016. The crew wanted to film this reunion. The CCC's babies were used to reenact some scenes. The first broadcasts are scheduled for March 2026.



Famille 7x7

The CCC hosted part of a Hungarian family for a few days who were filming a report on protected areas and a documentary about chimpanzees. Since children under 12 are not allowed in the sanctuary, only the father and the two eldest children were able to stay in Somoria. The others camped further away, along the river.



FRANCE 2 and M6



In January, Marc Kouho, a journalist with France Télévisions, spent a few days at the sanctuary to follow Estelle Raballand, the founder and acting director of the CCC. He also filmed her other project in Ivory Coast, Akatia. This short segment aired during the 1 p.m. news.

In April, the CCC was featured again, this time on M6, thanks to a report by Megane Guillaume during her visit. Her documentary focused more on conservation programs. She had the opportunity to witness (and film) the reunion with Hakim!

NEW NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

House of Associations and NGOs of Guinea (MAOG)



The CCC, through its legal entity “Projet Primates Guinée”, joined the MAOG on December 9th during an official ceremony organized by the National Coordinator of this umbrella organization representing Guinean civil society at the national level.

This membership has enabled initial contact to be made with teams in the prefectures of Faranah and Kouroussa, who will facilitate the implementation of projects in partnership with local associations and communities.

France Volontaires

The CCC has relaunched its partnership with France Volontaires Guinea, based in Conakry, following a very productive working meeting with its team.

Our volunteers (sanctuary, camera trap, etc.) now have the opportunity to be welcomed at their offices upon arrival in Conakry, receive a security and cultural briefing, benefit from advice on logistical formalities, and be integrated into the network of volunteers present in Guinea and involved in their activities (photo: Luca upon arrival). Further collaborations are expected to follow.



Other partnerships

Several missions to Conakry by the Director and Coordinator have helped maintain existing partnerships and create new ones. For example, the Central Pharmacy has committed to providing us with their expired medications in 2026, which could be useful for our chimpanzees.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Over the past few months, the CCC has developed a strategy for developing university partnerships, aimed at promoting the implementation of research projects and the hosting of interns, particularly targeting the campuses specializing in veterinary medicine and agricultural sciences in Dalaba and Faranah.

Higher Institute of Veterinary Science and Medicine of Dalaba (ISSMV)

During a visit to Dalaba, the Coordinator was received by the staff of the ISSMV. A partnership agreement was signed, formalizing in particular the possibility for the CCC to host academic and professional trainees from 2026 onwards who will assist the sanctuary's veterinarian in providing care to our chimpanzees, in accordance with international standards in this field.

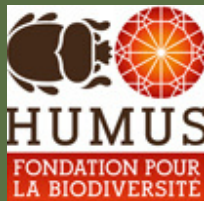
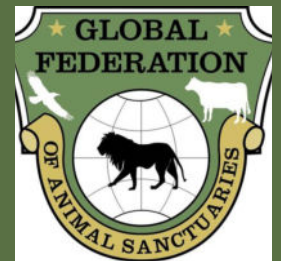
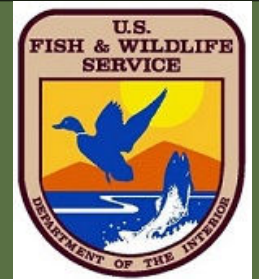


Faranah Institute of Agronomic and Veterinary Science (ISAV)



At the suggestion of our dental partner, Dr. Valérie Toussaint, during her annual visit to the CCC, a meeting with the ISAV team from Faranah was organized at the end of the year. Numerous possibilities were discussed, including securing the support of students and research professors in beekeeping and animal husbandry for the CCC's agronomic projects, and developing research projects on chimpanzee behavior whose results could be beneficial to our projects and to the CCC chimpanzees.

Thank You



THANK YOU to each and every one of our donors

Financia Report 2025

Income in 2025

via PPI	\$247,615
via PPF	\$206,675
via PPGui	\$2,382

TOTAL
\$461,188

Profit and Loss

<u>CCC Cash Balance</u>	<u>CCC</u>
<u>Beginning Cash Dec 31st 2025</u>	\$15 200,00
<u>Cash Received</u>	
<u>PPF</u>	\$202 357,14
<u>PPI</u>	\$141 079,89
<u>CCC</u>	\$2 382,16
<u>Product sold</u>	\$5 671,08
<u>Total Cash Received at CCC</u>	\$345 819,19
<u>CCC Expenses In Guinea</u>	\$350 334,74
<u>Ending CCC Cash Balance</u>	\$16 355,53
<u>PPF Direct Expenses</u>	\$4 318,06
<u>PPI Direct Expenses</u>	\$106 535,30
<u>Total CCC Expenses</u>	\$461 188,10

EXPENSES 2025

	SOMORIA	BAKARIA	PROTECTION	Biomonitoring	BUREAU	EDUCATION	Community Development	Conservation	Total
Staff Salaries & Expenses	\$74 422,68	\$10 885,06			\$8 934,83	\$15 122,87	\$30,24		\$115 375,48
Expatriate Stipends & Expenses	\$42 393,53	\$2 619,76	\$11 595,31		\$5 437,09	\$1 642,84		\$12 453,79	\$76 142,32
Contractant, volunteers, rangers	\$448,96	\$2 787,81	\$11 805,41	\$10 688,66	\$421,20	\$748,35	\$1 480,66	\$294,31	\$28 673,67
Office expenses	\$492,56	\$624,40	\$8,82	\$38,99	\$0 638,42	\$2 895,14		\$8,51	\$10 606,70
Transport	\$599,95	\$293,01	\$764,41	\$333,96	\$2 381,06	\$218,57	\$11,81	\$825,00	\$5 207,78
Equipment	\$1 034,80	\$784,09	\$177,22	\$914,11	\$238,29	\$703,59		\$98,75	\$3 896,85
Communication	\$1 838,19	\$7,09	\$95,89		\$1 408,97	\$294,54	\$12,41		\$3 645,09
Telemetry Equipment & Software		\$9 844,43							\$9 844,43
Vehicles, Motorcycle, Boat	\$18 922,61	\$11 878,87	\$1 734,17		\$1 433,80	\$4 107,10	\$188,01	\$294,90	\$38 339,26
Investment	\$2 102,98			\$599,80	\$797,50	\$3 320,89			\$6 820,95
Chimpanzee food and Expenses	\$89 514,87	\$4 917,47							\$74 432,34
Other animal care	\$981,45	\$28,36			\$873,48				\$1 883,27
Missions	\$3 222,59		\$44,66	\$228,73	\$3 271,56	\$615,08		\$382,59	\$7 745,22
Veterinary Care expenses	\$10 805,01	\$207,94			\$82,94				\$10 895,89
Construction & Infrastructure maintenance	\$29 345,60	\$8 881,50				\$1 298,44			\$37 525,55
Bank Fees	\$42,75	\$12,88	\$14,65		\$3 833,89	\$10,78	\$15,95	\$18,79	\$3 755,68
Travel	\$6 345,98		\$2 942,52		\$3 228,17			\$1 000,00	\$13 514,65
Project - Beekeeping							\$44,89		\$44,89
Project - Bushmeat Survey				\$3 667,30					\$3 667,30
Project - Komoya							\$3 885,69		\$3 885,69
Project - Radio						\$1 614,37			\$1 614,37
Project - Agroforestry							\$2 165,70		\$2 165,70
Project - PNHN			\$825,85	\$354,44					\$1 180,29
Communities support								\$524,74	\$524,74
total	\$262 312,47	\$57 232,72	\$29 998,73	\$16 823,79	\$38 756,78	\$32 598,56	\$7 815,69	\$15 649,37	\$461 188,10

Expenses per class

