

THE CHIMPANZEE CONSERVATION CENTER



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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTRESS

It has now been over a year since I was appointed director of the CCC. I'd like to sincerely thank the CCC Board of Directors, and particularly Estelle Raballand (with whom I've worked since 1999), for their trust, support, and advice.

2015 was filled with a variety of challenges: handling the Ebola epidemic, the arrival of 6 new chimpanzees, hiring new staff, the everlasting problem of faulty vehicles, etc., but we were able to achieve a lot thanks to great teamwork.

I would like to thank the local team at the CCC, who work daily in difficult conditions, along with our managers Matthieu, Elise and Rodolphe, Gaspard and Guillaume, and everyone who sacrifices their time to help out in the field. They spend so much time taking care of the chimpanzees; they are the heart and soul of the project.

Thank you to all our donors. Nothing would be possible without you. Thank you for your support!

Christelle

The mission of the Chimpanzee Conservation Center is to protect wild chimpanzees and their habitat, to rescue, rehabilitate and ensure the welfare of orphaned chimpanzees that are confiscated by Guinean authorities, to re-release chimpanzees into the wild (following the IUCN guidelines), and to educate the local population about the importance of environmental protection.

The Chimpanzee Conservation Center depends heavily on the Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests, and particularly on the Guinean Office of Parks and Nature Reserves (OGUIPAR). We sincerely thank all the Guinean administration that has helped us for several years. We also thank the local authorities in Faranah and the National Park of Upper Niger for their daily support.

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In Guinea, the CCC is represented by the organization *Projet Primates Guinée* (PPGui).

The CCC has the support of sister organizations in Europe and the United State: *Projet Primates France* (PPF) and *Project Primate Inc.* (PPI).

The Board of Administration of PPGui :

- Mr. Ousmane BALDE, president
- Ms. Estelle RABALLAND, founder of the CCC; treasurer
- Mr. Jordan KIMBALL, secretary
- Ms. Lissa ONGMAN, PPI representative
- Ms. Tatyana HUMLE, PPF representative

We sincerely thank the Board of Administration, and PPF/PPI teams who fight daily to support our efforts in the field and to raise public awareness about the importance of chimpanzees and other great apes.

ACRONYMS:

CCC: The Chimpanzee Conservation Center

NPUN: National Park of Upper Niger

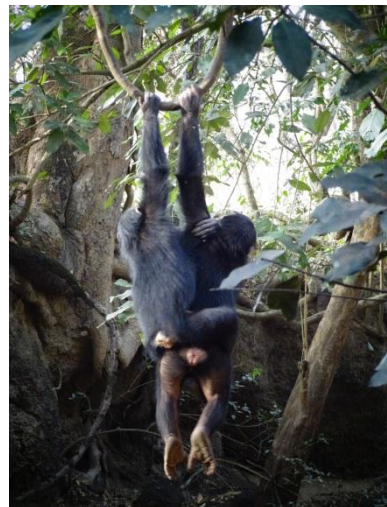
OGUIPAR: Guinean Office of Parks and Nature Reserves

PPGui: Projet Primates Guinée

PPF: Projet Primates France

PPI: Project Primate Inc.

UNOPS: United Nation Office for Project Services



Ebola Epidemic

The Ebola virus epidemic was reported to have ended in Guinea on December 28, 2015. Unfortunately, new cases were reported in early 2016 in southern Guinea.

The Ebola epidemic had dire social and economic consequences for the country, from which it is now recovering. In terms of our work, it has forced us to revise our daily operations in order to protect our team and the chimpanzees.

Since the beginning of the epidemic (mid 2014), we have had far fewer expatriate volunteers due to a fear of risks associated with Ebola. This required us to recruit more local staff to compensate for the decreased number of volunteers. Fortunately, several benefits have come about as a result of this change, such as having a larger and more sustainable local team, as well as a positive redistribution of roles amongst local staff and volunteers.

We have also had to strengthen hygiene measures for the staff working daily with chimpanzees. These measures are now part of our daily lives, from which everyone benefits.

The epidemic forced us to make changes in order to adapt to an extreme situation, but we now recognize the benefits that these changes have had and will have on the project.

The Team

Local Team:

In 2015, we concentrated on creating a sustainable local team to ensure a better functioning of daily work. This involved recruiting additional staff to meet the needs of the project.

As of early 2016, the team consists of 9 local keepers, 1 technician, 1 camp aide, 1 driver and 1 mechanic. At the release site, we have 3 chimpanzee trackers.

Changes in 2015:

- We continue to regulate the workers' contracts, which started in 2014, with the registration of the oldest in the Guinean Social Security System.
- In order to improve the lives of the local workers, we decided to provide a large portion of their food expenses while at the CCC. We provide all non-perishable items bought at the beginning of the month, but leave the workers to bear the cost of condiments etc. This allows all workers to save about 10% of their salary.

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- A training program for the local workers that began in 2014, led by Mr. Stuart Beaman (chimpanzee expert), continued this year. Mr. Beaman arrived in December 2015 and began with an overall staff evaluation, after which he was able to prepare individual and group training plans. Mr. Beaman worked daily with the local workers, both individually and in groups. His ability to be present in the field during training was extremely beneficial to the local staff. Mr. Beaman also gave lectures, often accompanied by illustrative videos, on the conservation of chimpanzees, the role of sanctuaries, as well as on the biology, ecology and behavior of chimpanzees. This training will continue in 2016 and hopefully into 2017. Our goal is to have a professional team of trainers who are self-motivated and responsible. Ultimately, we would like to appoint a local manager who is able to take charge of the current CCC activities.



Above: Stuart and Matthieu preparing the agenda with Sékou and Antoine

Expatriate Team:

This team works daily to manage various aspects of the project.

Christelle Colin, former manager/veterinarian of the CCC (2001-2007) and former President of Projet Primates France (2008-2014), officially took office as Executive Director in June 2015 to replace Estelle Raballand, founder of the CCC. The handover took place at the Ministry of Environment and was attended by numerous representatives of the CCC's partner agencies (Guinean Office of Parks and Nature Reserves, the National Directorate for Water and Forestry, the Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests). The work of Ms. Raballand was highly acclaimed, and the Guinean government expressed its satisfaction with the services provided by the CCC since 1994 toward the conservation of chimpanzees in Guinea.

Mathieu Laurans, former manager (2009-2014), returned as general manager to strengthen the management team and to help supervise the activities at the CCC. The experience gained during his six years as manager has been invaluable to us. In 2015, he was able to strengthen the local team and improve the infrastructure of chimpanzee management.



The team with Christelle and Elise



and with Matthieu

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Elise Neveu and Rodolphe Violleau, managers, ensured the presence of at least one, in rotation, throughout the year. They are the foundation of the management of daily life at the CCC and we thank them for their dedication and bravery! Rodolphe decided to leave his post in early 2016. We thank him for all the work he has done with us for 2 years.

Guillaume Banville once again assumed the role of protection manager from January to the end of June 2015, with the help of funding from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In collaboration with the authorities of the National Park of Upper Niger, he helped to ensure the presence of protection in our zones of activity.



We also rely on the presence of former volunteers who decide to return to help us in the field for several months:

- Gaspard Julien-Lafférière helped manage the release site in early 2015,
- Hélène Rase and Stéphane Chedemail assisted us with the chimpanzees,
- Claire Gaubert helped us with communication tasks (social media; documents for volunteers; 2016 photo exhibition in Conakry),
- Anne-Claire Denis assisted us with the improvement of administrative management and human resource management,
- Claudie Reyland (veterinarian)

Volunteers

Due to the Ebola epidemic, 2015 was a difficult year in terms of recruiting volunteers. Nonetheless, we welcomed 21 volunteers who were extremely helpful, especially in difficult times such as the reception of new chimpanzees.

We commend their courage and sacrifices that contributed so much to the Chimpanzee Conservation Center, despite the difficult times.

The Chimpanzees

COMPOSITION of CHIMPANZEE groups as of March 1st, 2016

As of March 1st, 2016, the CCC cares for 52 chimpanzees (25 male and 27 female), aged 9 months to 36 years.

Adult group: 11 individuals + Bamba in process of being integrated + 2 separate males

Young adult group: 12 individuals + 1 separate male

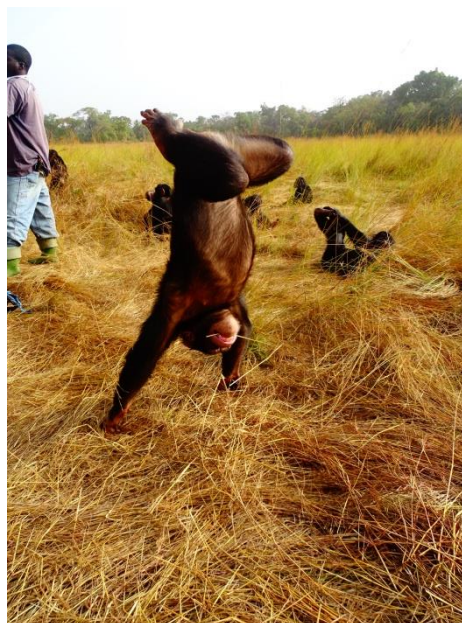
Adolescent group: 8 individuals

Juvenile group: 8 individuals

Baby group: 3 individuals

Baby group in quarantine: 3 individuals

Coco's group: 3 individuals



Chimpanzee Management

Our current goal is to restructure the various groups to provide each chimpanzee with the best possible social and ecological conditions for rehabilitation.

New arrivals:

The Guinean authorities have intensified their efforts in the fight against trafficking of chimpanzees. Guinea was suspended from CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) following the discovery of a large trafficking network which involved the illegal shipment of more than 150 chimpanzees to China. Mr. Doumbouya, CITES's point person in Guinea, was suspected to have been complicit in these affairs.

The authorities, with the help of the NGO GALF (Guinée Application des Lois Fauniques), were finally able to stop Mr. Doumbouya in August 2015. He was caught in the act, and was dismissed as the organization's point person. He is currently in custody awaiting trial.

In order to rejoin CITES, Guinea must now redouble their efforts to fight against wildlife trafficking and show the international community its political will to protect its wildlife. The efforts of authorities are slowly yielding positive results, as it is now common knowledge that chimpanzees in Guinea are protected and that traffickers will be arrested and tried. The departments in charge of the management and protection of wildlife have proposed criminal code reforms to ensure that the penalties for animal trafficking are more severe and dissuasive.

It is in the context of this fight against trafficking that the CCC received 5 chimpanzees in 2015 and 1 in early 2016:

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February: Mouky, young adult female, was rescued after 10 years in captivity. She completed her 3-month quarantine in our veterinary room cage, the only place we could accommodate an adult chimpanzee in quarantine, at the time.

April: Hawa, young female 4-5 years old, was confiscated from traffickers who had captured her 2 weeks earlier. She was on sale somewhere in the Kissidougou region. The two traffickers were sentenced to a prison term of six months and a fine.

October: Bamba, young adult male, was captured in a village about 100 km south of Faranah. We assume that the person who owned him abandoned him in the bush. Bamba approached 2 villages for food. The villagers contacted the park authorities, who contacted us and asked us to pick him up after the chimpanzee attacked 2 children. His “capture” was not easy, but Matthieu, with the help of Rodolphe and several keepers, were able to ensure Bamba’s safety after 3 difficult missions.

End of November: Soumba, a female 10 months old and Kanda, small male 5 months old, were confiscated from 2 major chimpanzee traffickers. The small male was on sale for the equivalent of 2,000 euros, a considerable amount of money in Guinea. This demonstrates that there is still a high international demand for chimpanzees. Unfortunately, the two smugglers received only light sentences, which led the authorities responsible for the arrest to apply for a review of criminal code for wildlife offenses.

Mid January 2016, the authorities seized **Adi, a small female 1 year old**, who was abandoned in Kindia by her “owners”, who we assume were worried about a possible lawsuit. An investigation to identify these people is underway.



Mouky

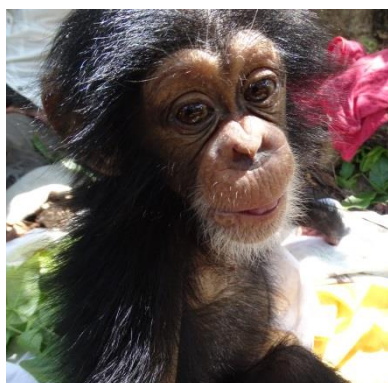


Hawa during confiscation



Bamba in quarantine

Soumba



Kanda



Adi



This influx of chimpanzees, including 2 young adults, has greatly stretched our human, logistical and financial resources. We are currently beyond our capacity and we are actively seeking assistance to improve our ability to comfortably accommodate the chimpanzees. We must renovate some aging buildings, build new ones, and hire additional staff.

The Guinean government and anti-wildlife-trafficking enforcement agencies view the CCC as a key partner to ensure the reception of confiscated chimpanzees. It is therefore essential that we continue to receive support from national and international partners.

Movement of chimpanzees:

The arrival of five chimpanzees in 2015 (and already 1 in 2016) forced us to reevaluate the composition of the different groups to better manage the available space and continue to offer each chimpanzee the best possible environment.

- **Adult group (11 chimpanzees), Nelson** was integrated into the adult group in April. Nelson was originally with the group of young adults, but he created many tensions and became unmanageable within this group. Thus, it was decided to place him in a group with older individuals to “channel” the energy of this young adult male. The integration took place gradually over several weeks. It took time for Nelson to be accepted by the females of the group. One altercation that was more violent than others led to serious injuries requiring surgery for Nelson. Nelson has now found his place in the group.



Nelson grooming Ced

In early 2016, **Moka** was reintegrated in the adult group. Moka had been separated from the group due to incompatibility with the dominant male, Ced. The integration was very quick and easy. We are working on further integration within this group, as it has a vast enclosure capable of accommodating at least a dozen chimpanzees. More individuals from other groups are expected to join the adult group, in order to create a multi-age group that will better meet the social needs of our residents and will help us better manage particularly the young adults.

- **Young adult group, Paco** is a 16 year-old male who was integrated in early 2016. His arrival was very beneficial to this group where all the males are almost the same age. The hierarchy is not yet clear, but Paco has been subtly forming alliances!

Paco and Oga



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- **Mouky**, after her 3-month quarantine, was transferred to a new cage that we had to build quickly, next to Coco and Zoe in June. After a period of acclimatization and habituation to her new companions, Mouky was introduced to Zoe on August. 2 females with similar pasts that consisted of long periods of captivity were finally brought together in the enclosure in September. They became very close and play a lot!



This integration is a real success for the team and it is a great relief to see these two females in a more natural environment. Mouky also shows interest in Coco, with whom she spends a lot of time playing through the door of his cage. This gives us great hope for a possible integration of Coco with the 2 females, once we are able to secure enough funding to restore the enclosure, which currently is not sufficiently secure. Remember, Coco is an expert at escaping the closure and our several previous attempts to improve the enclosure could not prevent him from escaping. We must therefore, unfortunately, keep him in his cage until we can find the funding to do work on the enclosure.

- **Hawa** joined the **baby group** in May after her 21-day Ebola quarantine. The integration was pretty easy. Hawa was extremely traumatized by her capture and had probably been beaten. She was very relieved to meet her fellow chimpanzees and easily integrated with her two new companions, Noel and Missy. She quickly displayed her immense knowledge of the wild during bush outings: Hawa perfectly mastered the use of tools for finding termites, for example. She teaches a lot to her two fellow chimps and her arrival was great for Noel who found a great playing buddy in Hawa.



- A new group of babies was created with the arrival of the 3 most recently confiscated orphans, Soumba, Kanda and Adi. They are currently under continuous custody of volunteers and spend their days in the forest under the care of their substitute mothers.



Left: Kanda



Right: Adi and Soumba

LIFE AT THE CCC (INFRASTRUCTURE/VEHICLES/etc.)

Tree pruner:

In December 2015 we welcomed Morgan ROCHE, a professional tree pruner. Morgan came to help us trim a tree that seriously threatened our cages in the main enclosure. Morgan did not have the adequate tools to completely remove the tree, but he was able to secure it. We hope he will eventually come back to cut the entire tree down.

We thank Morgan for taking time out of his vacation to help us ensure the security of our chimpanzees.



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New infrastructure at camp:

To improve the conditions of life and work, in 2015 we constructed several new buildings under the guidance of our general manager, Matthieu Laurans:

- a new office to provide a pleasant work space for the management team. This office allows us to store all administrative records, account files, documents related to staff and volunteers, books, radio and electronic equipment. The office also allows us to have adequate space to have team meetings.
- a new secure room: a local hut was reinforced with compacted bricks, cement, window-sealing grids, and a metal door. It provides a secure place in the camp where volunteers can take shelter in case of the escape of adult chimpanzees.
- in early 2016 we redid the roofs of our tool room, veterinary room, and the chimpanzee nursery.



The office is centrally located in camp

New adult cage for Mouky:

We had no space to integrate Mouky, so we had to build a cage to house her. A single cage (2 separate parts of which one overlooks Zoe's enclosure) was built next to Zoe's enclosure. The funds were raised by one of our volunteers, whom we sincerely thank. The simple cage can be integrated into a more complex one if we find the funds to enlarge it.



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Our vehicles:

The CCC is very isolated in the bush, 82 km from Faranah (the closest town) on a treacherous road. It is therefore essential to have reliable vehicles!

In April 2015, we sold our old pickup truck, which had broken down over and over again, and had become a real money pit. We spent almost 9 months with only one vehicle, a Land Cruiser leased in 2014 by a friend of the project. We bought this vehicle and started looking for another good one, which we finally found at the end of 2015.



During the period with only one vehicle, we had to reorganize our list of weekly supplies so as to not overload the Land Cruiser each week. Thus, on a monthly basis at the beginning of each month a rental car brought a load of food for the CCC team, so as to preserve our vehicle.



The new vehicle, an almost new Mitsubishi pickup truck, was finally bought in early 2016 in Conakry and arrived at the CCC in early January. We were able to purchase this vehicle from the funds obtained from selling a truck that was acquired through the support of our partners TUSK Trust and Projet Primates France.

Sending the container:

Our partner, Project Primates France, organized the shipping of a container to the CCC in Guinea. Our partner, the Pal Nature Foundation, funded the purchase of specialized enclosure equipment. The Pal Nature Foundation also helped us find supply and tool donations.

PPF was also able to send many materials, tools, as well as supplies and textbooks for the school in Sambouya.

The container arrived in Conakry in December, and it took several weeks to get it out to the CCC, due to the inauguration of the Guinean president and the New Year holidays.



Arrival in Conakry



and arrival at the CCC

RELEASE - CONSERVATION (until March 2016)

In 2015, the CCC celebrated the 7th anniversary of releasing its first group of chimpanzees. Our team tracks the movement of the group daily, using telemetry equipment. As of March 1, 2016 the group consists of 2 adult males, 1 adolescent female and 5 adult females with 3 babies. The 2 males are equipped with ARGOS/GPS collars to help us better track their movement.

Unfortunately, in June 2015, we noticed the disappearance of Niama, the daughter of Mama, who was approximately 3.5 years old. We do not know the reason for her disappearance. Lottie has unfortunately also lost her daughter, Maybelle, who was born in 2014, but we do not know the precise details.

Annie gave birth to a little female in the summer of 2015, and she takes care of her a lot better than her first baby, who disappeared soon after his birth.

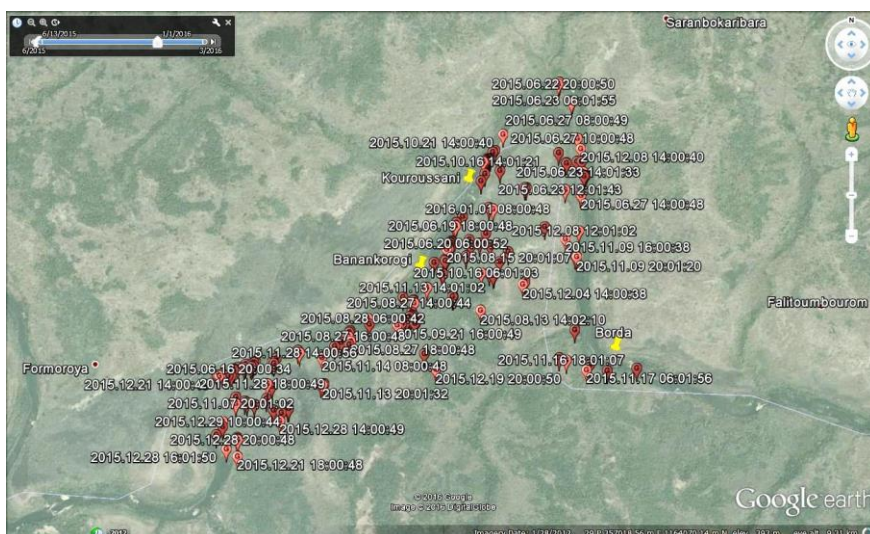
Lola (*photo on the right*) and Nanou still have their babies, whom they take very good care of.



This year the chimpanzees expanded their travel to the southeast to an area of dense forest where we know there are wild chimpanzees. They went there several times, especially in the dry season, most probably because it allowed them to eat better during this sparse and difficult season. They seem able to perfectly manage travelling to this new territory and have had no conflict with the wild chimpanzees.

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One of the males, Robert, went through the river current in March 2016, remaining on the other side of the river for only one hour before crossing back to join the rest of the group. This is very encouraging, as it seems that most of the group's individuals have lost interest in crossing the river in the dry season.



What will change in 2016:

The biggest change for 2016 has been the recruitment of a manager to help manage the release site. The manager, Gaspard Julien Laferrière, is a former volunteer who has volunteered with us twice. Gaspard will help us to train the local team of 3 trackers and develop activities around the release site, in areas ranging from advocacy to protection to research. The main purpose of Gaspard is to train a local manager who will be able to manage the daily operation activities at the release site. Mamadi Camara, boatman/tracker, who has been working with us since 2009, already manages most everyday things, but Gaspard will help him to take on more responsibility.

In 2016, we will equip the 2 released male chimpanzees with new VHF collars. These collars have longer battery life than the current VHF/ARGOS/GPS collars (that we need to change each year). We will also change the collars of 3 females, as 2 were fitted with new collars in 2015. Our wish for 2016/2017 is to not return these chimpanzees to cages as we do every year (in order to stop them from crossing the river and to change the male collars). We want to establish an alternate track for the next dry season through which the chimpanzees can cross the river, if they want, while still being protected. The extension of their territory this year gives us hope that they are now able to find enough food during difficult periods of the dry season without having to cross the river.

Protection of NPUN:

In 2015, thanks to finances from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW), the CCC was able to fund several activities to promote the protection of our intervention areas north of the Fully Protected Zone of the National Park of Upper Niger (la Zone Intégralement Protégée du Parc National du Haut Niger). Our protection supervisor, Guillaume BANVILLE returned for the 3rd consecutive year. We worked with the authorities of NPUN to provide logistical and financial support to ensure the deployment of ecoguards in the area. Unfortunately, the guards' training took place during the fire season, considerably slowing daily efforts. 2015 was also the presidential election year in Guinea and special permission was given to fishermen to go fishing

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on the Niger River in the Fully Protected Zone (FPZ) of the Park for electoral purposes. It ruined most of the efforts exerted in early 2015 to prevent them from returning to the FPZ in NPUN.



smoked crocodile



illegal load of wood in the park



illegal fishermen camp



gold exploration site in the Park (Chinese)

The CCC works daily with local and national park authorities to better protect the NPUN. Unfortunately, the establishment of management for NPUN (supported by UNOPS), remains chaotic, and we hope to find alternatives in the future to ensure the safety and security of our two sites.

Guillaume has collected a lot of data on the violations within the park, and has been able to send regular reports to the authorities.

Camera trap project:

In 2015, with the approval of OGUIPAR, we started a “camera trap project” in collaboration with Vincent Lapeyre, a friend of the project. The project’s main goal was to try to get photographic evidence of big cats. The NPUN is thought to harbor panthers and possibly lions, both of which are endangered in West Africa. Vincent came to NPUN twice to install cameras at strategic points in the FPZ. Guillaume is in charge of the management of the cameras and works with Vincent and our scientific advisor, Dr. Tatyana HUMLE, to view and analyze the collected information.

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The collected images are very promising and we confirmed the presence of many species in the ZIP, including panthers, aardvarks, and of course wild chimpanzees.



Wild chimpanzees



serval

Scientific Research:

In collaboration with our scientific advisor, Dr. Tatyana HUMLE from the University of Kent, we continue the study of behavioral data collection on our group of juvenile chimpanzees. The goals of the study are to better assess the ecological, social and behavioral skills of the chimpanzees at the CCC, to study their evolution over time, to better assist them in the process of rehabilitation and also to allow us to assess which individuals will be able to be potentially released. This year, Dr. Humle also developed a questionnaire that should allow us to get the same information as the behavioral study, but in a much simpler way! A student of Dr. Humle is currently analyzing the data collected in 2015 to determine the efficacy of the questionnaire. Another one of her students analyzed all GPS data collected from the released chimpanzees from 2008 to 2014.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Opening of school in Sambouya:

In 2014, a school was built in Sambouya, a village neighboring the CCC. This was possible thanks to the generous donations of Mr. and Mrs. Bancilhon, the parents of our general manager, Matthieu, and support from PPF. The school opened in December 2015. Mr. and Mrs. Bancilhon were able to travel from France to attend, and we were able to organize a beautiful opening ceremony attended by the NPUN, Faranah and village authorities. The founder of the village was present and sincerely thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bancilhon, Matthieu, and the CCC for giving the children in the village a school in which to learn.



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A teacher was appointed and we were able to distribute school supplies and textbooks sent by our partner, the Pal Nature Foundation.

Medical Care:

In early February 2016 we welcomed Mr. Benoit OCHS, a doctor from Luxembourg. The authorities of the NPUN gave us permission to travel amongst the villages of the park and treat individuals in need.

We visited three villages, starting with Niako where we met the village chief to explain the purpose of our mission and obtain approval. The chief and village authorities welcomed us with open arms.

Within 2 days Benoit treated several hundred people. He was also able to distribute fifty scabies treatments to children in the village of Sidakoro, which was experiencing an epidemic at the time.

Benoit tested our local workers for tuberculosis—all were negative. He also made a brief assessment of each of our employees.



Care of our driver



In Sidakoro and Sambouya



AWARENESS/MEDIA

Photo exhibition in Conakry:

Thanks to contact with the Franco-Guinean Cultural Center, made by Ms. Raballand in early 2015, we were able to organize a 1-month photo exhibition in early 2016. David Greyo, in charge of the PPF website, helped us to select and prepare photos. Claire Gaubert, a volunteer,

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spent several weeks preparing for this event that intended to teach and sensitize the community in Conakry. The inauguration took place on January 13, 2016 in the presence of Colonel Oularé, senior advisor to the Minister of the Environment, Colonel Sow, deputy director of the OGUIPAR, representatives of the Ministry, Ms. Raballand, and several members of the CCC team.

The photo exhibition was a great success and allowed us to make contacts with both new partners and media outlets.

The exhibition is now at the French School of Conakry, from which the majority of students are Guinean. Meetings with students have already been held and more are expected in the future.



Christelle with Colonel Oularé, advisor of the Minister of the Environment

The CCC in the media:

In Guinea, we were able to increase our presence in the local media. Christelle was invited and contributed to several popular Guinean radio shows, speaking about conservation of the environment.

We plan to work with other radio stations in Conakry and Faranah, since radio is a great educational tool with a very broad audience.

Abroad, the CCC has been very visible in foreign media:

- Soumba's confiscation was filmed by a French TV crew (TF1), who came to Guinea to report on the activities of GALF.
- In November 2015, we hosted Dan Kitwood of the acclaimed agency GETTY IMAGES. Dan received an award for his photos and they will hopefully be published in major magazines.
- Our veterinarian, Claudie, returned in February 2016 with a reporter from Radio Tele Luxembourg. She documented our daily work; the report should be released before the summer in Luxembourg.

We hope that this media attention will help us better accomplish our conservation work.

The TF1 Team



Dan Kitwood



IN 2016

For the team: Stuart will continue training our local workers until the end of the year. Three keepers have been identified to take on more responsibility and we will work to identify a potential local manager to aid the project's sustainability.

For the chimpanzees: a lot of construction is planned for this year: construction of a new cage for the adult group, which will help us better integrate new chimpanzees in this group; extension of an enclosure for juvenile/adolescents; improving the hut where the babies live. All this work will help us improve the rehabilitation process for the chimpanzees and allow us to start preparing a group for possible future release.

We will also begin to engage in discussions aimed toward finding another prospective release site in Guinea.

Finally, we will amp up our awareness program by using the media to reach a large number of people in Guinea. The country suffered greatly due to the Ebola crisis, and now activities are gradually resuming. The impact of mining activities will be extremely detrimental to the environment and we must redouble our efforts, and those of our economic and social partners, to reduce this impact.

For the CCC: we will step up efforts to develop partnerships with local economic actors. This will contribute to the long-term sustainability of the project.

Thank you for reading. We hope to see you again next year!

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2015 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Paid in Guinea		Paid in USA by PPI	Paid in France by PPF
	in €	in USD	In USD	In €
SANCTUARY		116,034.73	57,108.74	7,735.49
MANAGEMENT		1,219.61	41,933.34	1,600.00
LOCAL STAFF		24,702.80		
VOLUNTEERS		4,302.92		
CHIMPANZEES		31,706.79	63.30	59.50
CAR		25,128.08	10,000.00	
CAMP OPERATION		3,336.02	4,080.54	
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT/MAINTENANCE		16,655.55	1,031.56	6,075.99
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES (CONAKRY/FARANAH)		8,308.71		
AWARENESS/EDUCATION/COMMUNITY PROJECTS		674.25		
RELEASE/PROTECTION/CONSERVATION		13,933.77	10,297.16	
STAFF		7,073.98		
CHIMPANZEE TRACKING TECHNOLOGY			9,085.21	
MOTORCYCLE/SCOOTER		756.71		
BOAT		1,710.27	398.96	
CAR		375.34		
CAMP OPERATION		990.13	812.99	
NPUN PROTECTION		3,027.34		
OTHER	524.81	1,234.07		

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Microcredit		264.56
Loan repayment		625.62
Bank transfer fees	240	
Bank charges	284.81	343.89

TOTAL PAID IN GUINEA: USD (1USD=7300GNF)	131,779.86
TOTAL PAID IN USA: USD	67,405.90
TOTAL PAID IN FRANCE: USD (1euro=1.1USD)	8509.039
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE CCC in USD	\$207,694.80

INCOME EN GUINEE	GNF	USD	EUROS
Motor boat sale	3,150,000		
Pickup truck sale	4,000,000		
Donations	2,035,000		620
UNOPS/NPUN protection fee reimbursement	1,270,000		
Filming expenses			500
Bank transfer PPI		62,300	
Bank transfer PPF			61000
Cash received from PPI		3,000	
Spent by PPI for CCC			
Spent by PPF for CCC			
Total received by the CCC	10,455,000	65,300	€ 62,120
Total received by the CCC in USD	135,064		
GRAND TOTAL received pour le CCC	\$210,979.13		

PAID BY PPI	PAID BY PPF
67,405.90	
	7,735.49
\$67,405.90	€ 7,735.49

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