

The Limbe Wildlife Centre

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Chimpanzee Jack, © Reni Jantek



Who We Are

The **Limbe Wildlife Centre** is a collaborative effort between **Pandrillus** Cameroon and the Government of Cameroon's **Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOF)**.



MINFOF oversees implementing the national forest policy for ensuring sustainable management and conservation of wildlife and biodiversity over the national territory.. Pandrillus Cameroon is a not-for-profit organisation which aims to protect Cameroonian wildlife in collaboration with the government to uphold wildlife law, inspire a new generation of conservationists and bridge the gap between welfare and conservation.

The LWC is accredited by the **Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA)** and a winner of the Clark R. Bavin Wildlife Law Enforcement Award.



A Note From Us to You...

Warmest greetings from the Limbe Wildlife Centre! We are delighted to present our second quarter report for 2024. As we progress through the year, we are striving to enhance our efforts in wildlife conservation, animal welfare, and education, thanks to the support of our dedicated team, committed partners, and passionate supporters.

In this report, you will find news on the rescue of Mbolle-Annalies, a chimpanzee who arrived at the centre after suffering critical injuries, the birth of a new baby drill, a successful collaboration with photographer Rithika Thadani, and significant achievements in our education programmes.

We express our deepest gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and dedication to LWC's mission. Your contributions empower us to provide exceptional care for our animals, advocate for wildlife laws, and advance our educational outreach. As we look to the next quarter and beyond, we remain committed to strengthening the bonds between wildlife and communities in Cameroon. Together, we can protect the rich biodiversity of Cameroon and foster the next generation of conservationists. Thank you once again for your support, and we hope you enjoy reading this newsletter filled with updates, achievements, and a glimpse into the impactful work we do.

With gratitude,
The Limbe Wildlife Centre



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Limbe Wildlife Centre!

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Chimpanzee arrives for care at the LWC after being found with machete wounds

In May, we were notified that a chimpanzee was living in a village on the outskirts of Bakossi National Park. Videos showed her familiarity and relaxed disposition around humans that led the team to believe she was possibly an ex-pet. Unfortunately, we do not know her full story... but it is likely that she had endured unimaginable trauma in the past, witnessing her family killed and her own life reduced to being tied up by a rope or confined to a small cage.

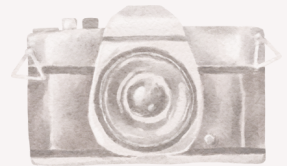


However, it seemed now she had been released, and she could not live free in the village for her own safety or the safety of the people that lived there. When a team was sent to assess the situation, Mbolle-Annalies was found to have been attacked. With suspected machete wounds, she had severe deep cuts on her arms and legs. She was immediately transferred to the Limbe Wildlife Centre for urgent medical attention. The veterinary team found that some of the deep wounds were already infected and were incredibly worried about her. She is receiving special care - and we are pleased to report she is making a positive recovery.

If you would like to learn more about Mbolle-Annalies and how you can support her care, [please reach out to us today!](#)

Celebrating wildlife through art

A collaboration with photographer Rithika Thadani



We are thrilled to share that the LWC team had the wonderful opportunity to collaborate with esteemed photographer Rithika Thadani. Rithika beautifully captured our resident animals through her lens, highlighting their stories and showcasing their beauty. In June, her stunning photographs were featured at the Annie Kadji Gallery in Douala, where we were honoured to join Rithika for a special presentation at the end of the month.



A portrait of Jumbo by Rithika

Project Manager, Jerry Aylmer, and Head of Education, Wilson Ateh, shared insights about the vital work we do and the inspiring stories behind each photograph. We express our heartfelt gratitude to Rithika for shining a light on our rescued animals and for providing us with a platform to reach new audiences. Together, we aim to continue to raise awareness about the importance of protecting Cameroon's unique wildlife.

Want to know more?

You can view some of Rithika's beautiful photographic work by visiting her [Instagram page](#).

Creature Feature: Mufasa

On June the 15th, Muma gave birth to a baby boy that we have named Mufasa. We are thrilled to report that Muma is doing an exceptional job nurturing her baby, despite being a first time mum! As a sanctuary, we work hard to prevent births so that we always have space to rescue animals in need, but sometimes nature has other plans. This momentous occasion not only brings joy to our sanctuary but also highlights the importance of our ongoing conservation efforts for drills, one of the most endangered primate species in the world. Drills are one of the most endangered primate species, with less than 2,500 remaining in the wild.



Kathrin and Marco with Project Manager Jerry at the LWC 30th celebrations in December 2023

Special Day: Day of the Drill

On the 4th of May, 2024, we celebrated the International Day of the Drill! Drills are extraordinary monkeys that are at risk of extinction, with only an estimated 2,500 remaining in the wild. The LWC rescues and rehabilitates drills that have become victims of the illegal wildlife trade, most recently three young drills that arrived in November 2023. We celebrated the day with a collaborative video with our key partners, Save the Drill, and Drill Ranch in Nigeria. We were lucky enough to welcome Save the Drill chairwoman, Kathrin Paulsen, and vice chair, Marco Dinter, at last years 30th Anniversary celebrations. We are extremely lucky and grateful to have Save the Drill as a partner - who will celebrate their 20th Anniversary this year.

Institutional Partners



Behind the Scenes: Quarterly Activities

Population management and animal welfare

Every day the veterinary team works to keep our animals mentally and physically healthy by providing frequent and diverse enrichment, performing quarantine care for new arrivals, and performing necessary health checks. At the centre, we aim prevent captive breeding of our rescues by monitoring and continuously replacing expired contraceptive implants.



Etinde, the young female Preuss monkey that arrived in December 2023, received a health check in April. This is a standard part of our rehabilitation process, in line with Pan African Sanctuary Alliance's (PASA) veterinary standards, during the procedure we checked Etinde's weight, and performed a full examination (teeth, ears, eyes, nose, heart, lungs, abdomen, skin and hair) took blood for biochemical and hematological analysis, and fecal samples to check for parasites. We are happy to report she is in excellent health!

In July, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Arnhem, one of our oldest drills. After a period of declining health, he passed away peacefully. Rescued in 2001, Arnhem once held the esteemed position of dominant male within the drill group, and he will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.



More health checks were performed on the parrots that arrived in March. Many of the parrots will soon be ready to be transferred to the flight aviary!

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Primate veterinary treatments

- Health checks (9)
- Anaesthesia (10)
- Faecal samples (9)
- Contraceptives (10)
- Minor surgeries (2)
- Major surgeries (2)
- Drug therapies (21)



Other veterinary treatments

The veterinary team also conducted 19 African grey parrot health checks, with 25 veterinary treatments (supplements, parasite treatment etc) performed to improve health and wellbeing. There were also 3 health checks and performed on rescued reptiles at the LWC, and 4 health checks and 5 treatments given to other mammals (bushbuck).

Mbolle-Annalie's emergency care

Upon arriving at LWC, Mbolle, needed urgent medical attention. She had been attacked with a machete and had deep cuts to her knee and arm, right down to the bone, and on her forehead. The veterinary team spent three hours carefully cleaning, preparing and stitching her wounds - some of which were already badly infected. Fortunately, her recovery has been going well, and she is beginning to use her damaged arm and leg. We will continue to report on her recovery and look forward to her next steps!



Behind the Scenes: Quarterly Activities

Wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, and release

We work to reinforce Cameroonian wildlife laws by providing a sanctuary for wildlife seized by authorities. Without this support, wildlife crime would go unpunished because confiscating agencies would have nowhere to place the seized animals. Our primary mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and release every wild animal under our care.

Arrivals

- Three African civets
- Four African grey parrots
- One Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzee
- One Demidorfff dwarf galago
- Two dwarf crocodiles
- Two forest hinged tortoises
- One adult male patas monkey

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Releases

- One Demidorfff dwarf galago



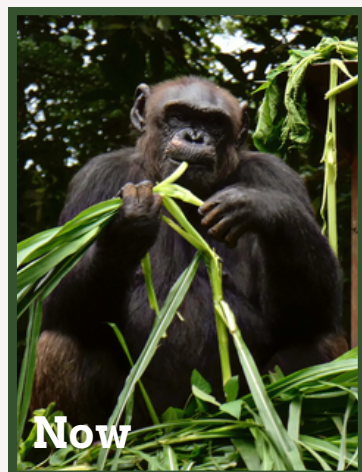
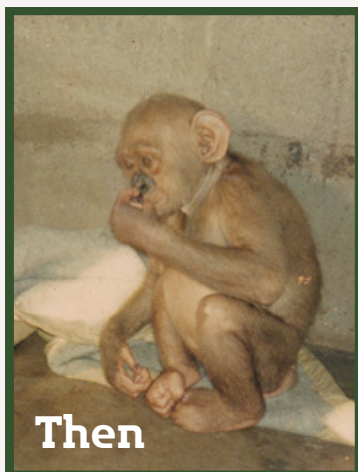
Crocodiles often arrive with their legs bound tightly with ropes. These often result in injuries that need treatment before release.

Poutine, rescued in July 2023, has now successfully been integrated into the main tantalus group. He spent a period of time being slowly introduced to the group from an adjacent enclosure, but now he can live freely with the other rescued tantalus monkeys. He spends a lot of time with adult female Joni, and playing with adult male Noon.

In May, the Delegate of Edea Sanaga Maritime collected a male patas who was found to be walking around Edea. He is calm and used to humans, and therefore it is assumed that he has been kept as a pet and released now that he is older and stronger. He will undergo his quarantine period before joining our four female patas!

Sponsor one of our rescues...

Mayos arrived in 2008 at just 5 months old. Her mother and family were killed for meat by a hunter, who then brought her to a hunting camp to be sold as a pet, before she was rescued by wildlife officials. Unfortunately, in 2014, she lost her right eye in a fight with two bigger males. Now, Mayos lives happily in a special care and rehabilitation enclosure with other chimpanzees who too, have disabilities like her. You can sponsor her to support her care.



Rescue throwback

Bally was severely malnourished when she was rescued in 1995. She had been kept in abhorrent conditions, without access to proper food or even sunlight. The LWC was a lifeline for Bally, and she now lives happily with her new family. She loves to eat elephant grass, and is a playful chimp - she can often be seen relaxing and grooming especially with her close friend Jack.

Bally's remarkable progress is all thanks to the unwavering support of many individuals like you.

Behind the Scenes: Quarterly Activities

Community conservation, education, and outreach

Over the past year and a half, the LWC has been working closely with [ProWildlife](#) and several other African wildlife sanctuaries for the Transnational African Zoonoses Awareness Campaign to raise awareness of the risks of zoonotic disease associated with hunting wild animals and consuming bushmeat. This quarter we carried out workshops in Bimiba and Idenau, participated in the Limbe Labour Day March, and worked together with our partners to evaluate the success of the project. We also installed two new billboards in high traffic areas in Limbe - in Batoke and near the Seme Beach hotel. These locations are strategic as they are on the main coastal road that leads from wilderness areas to the major towns.



During the project, we were able to reach nearly half a million people with our important message. This was done through rural and urban workshops, billboards, newspaper articles, radio, TV, guided tours at the LWC and the school programme. The importance of this message cannot be understated, and therefore it will be permanently incorporated into our educational outreach - with relevant educational signs at the LWC becoming permanent features.



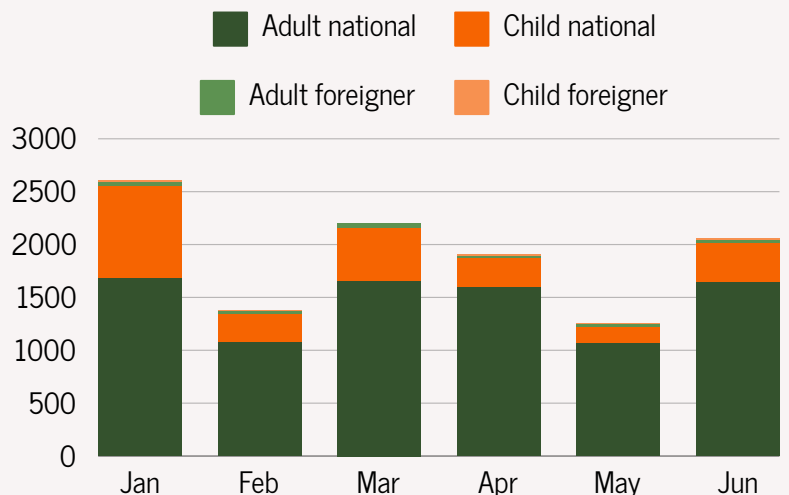
The 2023/24 school outreach programme also drew to a close, with excellent results reported from the pre- and post-tests. The overall results showed a 53.44% increase in the children's knowledge of wildlife and conservation. The programme runs every year and focuses on educating local school children about conservation, the environment and wildlife in Cameroon. We look forward to sharing our full 2023/24 Education Report with you soon.

Thank you to our edu partners [Givskud Zoo](#), [Go Ape Foundation](#), [Greenville Zoo](#), [Bioviva Foundation](#), [PSMNR](#) and [AMMCO](#)!

Visitors

So far in 2024, we have received **11,403** visitors. This year, **98%** of our visitors so far this year have been Cameroonian nationals. With the help of our trained eco-guides and information displayed at the centre, we hope to help all visitors to appreciate just how important it is to care for and protect Cameroon's natural heritage.

11,403 visitors: **78.5%** adults, **21.5%** children
 (All entrance fees go to the Government of Cameroon)



In the news:

The LWC gained significant media attention, both in local newspapers and on television, as we took to the streets to raise awareness about zoonotic diseases and the dangers associated with bushmeat hunting.

LABOUR DAY:

Limbe Wildlife Centre Takes Fight Against Bushmeat, Zoonotic Diseases

BY FRANCIS TIM MBOM

The celebration of the International Labour Day in Fako Division was marked by the presence of thousands of workers from across the Division who took turns as they marched past at the Manga Williams Avenue.

Most of the workers from these different firms, private and para-public establishments marched past with banners bearing messages on them; some crusading for better working conditions, others for peace and national unity and among others.

Workers of the Limbe Wildlife Center, LWC, caught the attention of the public as they marched past with several banners bearing messages against the consumption of bushmeat and the need to fight against the spread of Zoonotic Diseases.

The Head of the Education unit at the LWC, Ateh Wilson, had this to say: "We carried placards with messages against the spread of zoonosis to signify our seriousness in the fight to prevent spread of Zoonotic Dis-

eases and protect wildlife."

He stated that zoonotic diseases are "ebola, monkey pox, rabies among others."

He added that these diseases, today, are spread mostly as a result of people's penchant to continue eating wildlife or bushmeat, for, zoonotic diseases, which are often very fatal when they attack humans like the ebola fever, are transmitted from animals to humans when eaten.

Thus, their message was to ensure that the population desists from the consumption of bushmeat so as to stay healthy.

One of the educators at the Centre added: "We want to be able to stop the next outbreak of the next pandemic through education and sensitisation."

A few years back in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea, an ebola fever outbreak killed thousands. The recent COVID-19 whose virus is suspected to have been transmitted from an animal to human wiped out hundreds of people across the world.

Thus, the Limbe Wildlife Centre run by the Pandrillus Organisation and the Cameroon Government are



Limbe Wildlife Centre staff marching past with placards bearing messages against the eating of bushmeat

taking pre-emptive measures through sensitisation and education to prevent any surprise outbreak of any form of a zoonotic disease.

LWC's drive against zoonotic diseases and wildlife protection have

behind it the Pandrillus Cameroon Project Manager, Jerry Aylmer, Dr Ettagbor Hans, as the Conservator and Laura Prail as the Fundraising and Communication Manager.

Limbe Wildlife Centre Graduates Over 2,000 Pupils, Students



Laura and the Limbe Wildlife Centre Building the Conservation Future with the young ones

BY FRANCIS TIM MBOM

Friday, March 22, at the famous Jungle Village of the Limbe Botanic Gardens was a day of songs, poems, sketches and music presented by pupils and students drawn from over 14 primary and secondary schools in Limbe.

The presentations were aimed to showcase all that they had learned after five months of a conservation education outreach programme being carried in these schools by the Limbe Wildlife Centre.

Thus, they gathered last Friday at the Jungle Village to mark the end of this conservation outreach education programme. They best pupils and students from the schools were rewarded with Conservation Ambassador Certificates signed by Dr Ettagbor Hans as Conservator of the Limbe Wildlife Centre and Jerry Aylmer, Project Manager of the Pan-

drillus Cameroon that is running the Limbe Wildlife Centre Programme.

"We are trying to inspire the next generation of conservationists in Limbe," said Laura Prail, the Fundraiser and Communication Manager at the Limbe Wildlife Centre.

She went forth to disclose that the well over 2,000 children from the different schools have learned a variety of topics about the significance of conservation and especially about the new trend of zoonotic diseases - those transmitted from animals to humans - such as ebola, rabies among others. And most of the increase transmission of these diseases from wildlife to humans has been more as a result of human beings' increasing quest for bush meat for food or for other uses.

"These children have learned a lot over the years, all about zoonosis, not eating bush meat, climate change, nature conservation and preservation," Laura added.

"So we are encouraging people to take care of their own health by taking care of the health of the animals and that of the environment by not hunting and by taking care of their own pets that they have at home," Laura said.

The graduation ceremony was attended also by the Conservator of the Botanic Gardens, Njomo Serge.

"We believe that by impacting this knowledge to them at a younger age, it enables them to grow with it and practice conservation wherever they find themselves."

Belinda Amundam, one of the teachers of Presbyterian School Downbeach, said they were very appreciative of the initiative.

"It is very important. From what we have learned this past months, it has encouraged the children, especially to keep their environment clean."

Meanwhile, Faith Fonbinke, one of the graduating students disclosed

that, "I have learned that when we protect wildlife we will enjoy...like when tourists come, the country will have more money."

The children came from 14 schools: GTHS Bakingili, GS Bakingili, GHS Batoke, GBHS Limbe, SONARA Primary school, ALCEF, PNEU, Ebolika Foundation, among others.

They ended the day interspersed with the presentation of songs, poems, sketches and music.

The environmental education outreach programme also had the support of AMMCO, a conservation NGO that focuses on the marine ecosystem, as well as the Programme for the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources for the South-west, PSMNR-SW, with Inyang Zachary Ekpe as Conservator.

The Post

commitment to educating the community. We dedicated to protect wildlife and public health. By safeguarding our forests and wildlife, we are not only protecting biodiversity but also ensuring a healthier future for our communities.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

As we conclude this quarter's newsletter, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support we receive from each and every one of you. Whether you are a donor, volunteer, or advocate—new or longstanding—your contributions have a profound impact on the lives of the rescued animals at the Limbe Wildlife Centre. Together, with the dedication and passion of our remarkable staff and your incredible generosity, we remain steadfast in our mission to protect and cherish Cameroon's unique wildlife.

With gratitude,
The Limbe Wildlife Centre

