

The Limbe Wildlife Centre

Quarterly newsletter
Q3 - 2024

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.



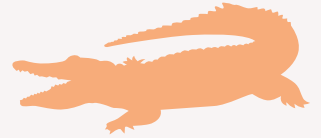
A Note From Us to You...

Dear friends, we are excited to present our third quarter report for 2024! Despite the challenges posed by a particularly wet season, our dedicated team has worked tirelessly to ensure that we can continue to provide the highest quality care for our rescued animals.

In this report, you will find news about the recent rescue of a young red-capped mangabey who arrived at the LWC with injuries from a snare, along with the arrival of another male who has been illegally kept as a pet for three years. We also share the bittersweet news of the passing of our beloved Carlos, a cherished member of the LWC family, who will be sorely missed. Additionally, we highlight our productive collaboration with wildlife veterinary expert Dr. Katie Whittle, who shared her knowledge and skills while working with our veterinary team this July, along with our ongoing efforts in animal introductions and the essential construction and maintenance work at the LWC.

As we navigated the challenges of this season, we express our gratitude to each of you for your continued support of the LWC's mission. Your contributions empower us to provide exceptional care for our animals, advocate for wildlife laws, and advance our educational outreach. Thank you once again for your support, and we hope you enjoy this quarters' newsletter!

With gratitude,
The Limbe Wildlife Centre



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Two red capped mangabeys rescued by wildlife officials and bought to LWC

On the 12th of July 2024, the LWC were made aware that a red-capped mangabey had been confiscated by wildlife officials in nearby Idenau. MINFOF organised the transport of the young mangabey to the LWC the same day. The young male had suspected snare wounds and other injuries which were promptly treated by the LWC veterinary team. His initial general health checks indicates that he is in good health and recovering well from the injuries he arrived with, however he will have some permanent disability due to the severity of the wounds he sustained. Our dedicated team are working hard to gain his trust.



The young red capped mangabey was confiscated from villagers in Idenau.



Rex was kept as a pet for 3 years.

We also received another male in September, named Rex, who has been kept illegally as a pet for approximately 3 years in Buea. This male is much more accustomed to humans, and we hope that he will act as a comforting presence for the young male rescued who seems to still deeply scared and traumatised by his recent experiences of people.

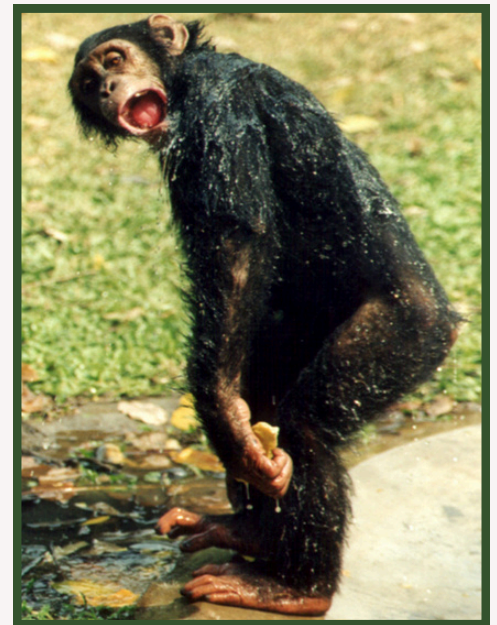
We look forward to bringing you more updates on these two endangered red-capped mangabeys in the New Year - make sure you [sign up to our newsletter](#) so that you don't miss out.

Saying farewell: in memory of Carlos...

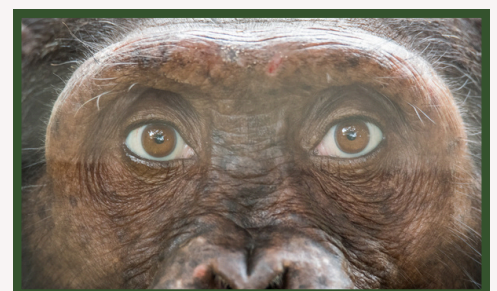
We are deeply saddened to share the news of the passing of Carlos. Carlos was a huge character at the Limbe Wildlife Centre, early recognisable due to his human like eyes and funny personality.

Carlos was rescued in 1994 after her was confiscated from gendarme in Nguti. He was just two years old at the time. He quickly became an integral part of the chimpanzee group and a much loved member of the LWC family. He was moved to the mainland group of chimpanzees in 2016, and whilst he was low in the hierarchy, he was well accepted by the group.

Carlos was known for his cleverness, particularly when it came to foraging for treats. He perfected the art of throwing rocks at trees to dislodge delicious mangoes and coconuts, showcasing his intelligence and resourcefulness. Our senior chimpanzee caretaker, Victor Veseke, fondly recalls how Carlos, at times, would express his desire for solitude during mealtime by playfully tossing poo at unsuspecting passers-by!

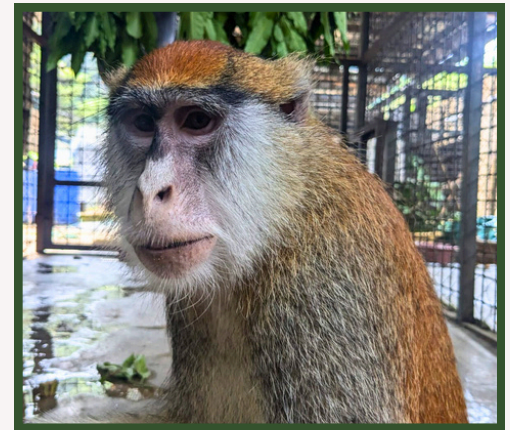


Carlos's spirit and unforgettable antics brought joy to everyone who met him. He will be missed by all of us at the LWC. Rest in peace, Carlos. You will always hold a cherished place in our memories.



Creature Feature: Misollè

In June, an adult male patas monkey was found walking between compounds in Edea. He was very tame, so it was assumed that he was an ex-pet that had been released by his owners. The delegate of Edea Sanaga Maritime assisted with the rescue and the monkey, called Misollè, was transferred to the Limbe Wildlife Centre on the 5th of June. Having now completed his quarantine and his health checks, we look forward to introducing him to our group of 5 female patas. Essential work must first be carried out on our patas enclosure - so we look forward to bringing you an update in the fourth quarter report.



Volunteer Highlight: Katie

Dr Katie Whittle spent 3 weeks with the veterinary team in July 2024. Travelling all the way from one of Australia's busiest wildlife hospitals, she was new to primate work. While she learnt about the husbandry and treatment of local wildlife, Katie imparted some of her medical and surgical knowledge on the team. The highlights of her stay included taking blood from a crocodile and performing life saving surgery on an African grey parrot. We are incredibly grateful to the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital, who donated a suitcase full of clinical supplies, which will be useful for basic procedures. Katie hopes to return to Limbe for a much longer stint in the future with many more supplies - and we can not wait to welcome her back!

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.

Mbolle-Annalies received a health check in early July. The veterinary team wanted to check how her machete wounds were healing after they were stitched up in May. The scars on her back and arm were healing very well, with the one on the back of her leg still slightly open. In August, she began to put more weight on her leg and use it more often which is an encouraging sign that she will be able to use her leg again. It is still difficult to assess the permeant damaged that the vicious wounds have caused Mbolle, but we will continue to closely monitor her progress and explore the next steps in her recovery.



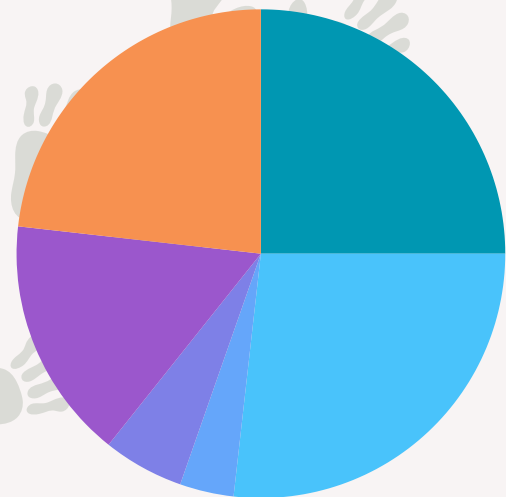
We are very grateful for the donations made by Dr Katie Whittle from the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital. There are various clinical supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) items which are extremely useful for the day-to-day operations of our veterinary clinic. Pictured above is Dr Katie Whittle with Head Veterinarian, Dr John Kiyang.



Mbolle will unfortunately bare the scars of the horrendous machete attack for the rest of her life. But we hope that we can continue to give her the care she needs to ensure a good second chance at life.

Primate veterinary treatments

- Health checks (14)
- Anaesthesia (15)
- Blood samples (2)
- Faecal samples (3)
- Contraceptives (9)
- Drug therapies (13)

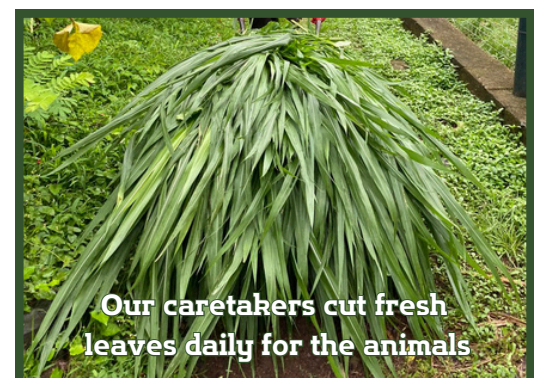


Other veterinary treatments

The veterinary team were also busy caring for the other animals at the LWC. They conducted 70 health checks and 15 veterinary treatments (supplements, parasite treatment etc) for African grey parrots, which resulted in 67 parrots being transferred to the flight aviary for their ongoing rehabilitation, 2 health checks and 1 veterinary treatment for reptiles, and 4 veterinary treatments for other mammals.

Why is a varied diet so important?

Providing a well-balanced diet along with dietary supplements ensures that our animals receive the essential nutrients they need for optimal health. This results in healthier animals with improved physical condition, immune response, and overall well-being. Well-fed and well-cared-for animals are less prone to behavioural issues and experience a better quality of life. Proper nutrition supports natural behaviours, promoting activities such as foraging and social interactions. At the LWC, we offer a diverse diet that includes fruits, vegetables, fresh leaves, nuts, seeds, and proteins!



Behind the Scenes: Quarterly Activities

Wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, and release

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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

- Two red-capped mangabeys
- One African forest turtle
- One Home's hinged back tortoise
- One common tern



Campoman, the young mandrill that was rescued in November 2023, is still being gradually integrated into our mandrill group. Campoman is making the most of his new environment. He loves playing outdoors, foraging for food, and grooming with the adult females. The introduction with the adult males is still ongoing and being closely monitored. We are pleased to see Campoman settling into his new family.

Releases

- One African dwarf crocodile
- One common tern



In July, we successfully released a young dwarf crocodile that arrived earlier in the year. We found an ideal location with abundant freshwater resources, dense vegetation, and minimal human activity, to provide the yearling the best possible chance for survival in the wild. African dwarf crocodiles are classified as [Vulnerable by the IUCN RedList](#). These reptiles face significant threats from habitat destruction and the illegal wildlife trade. Their small size makes them particularly vulnerable, as they are easier to trap and transport compared to larger crocodile species, leading to their exploitation in the bushmeat trade.

At the LWC, we are committed to the conservation and welfare of all wildlife, including our reptilian friends. We believe that every species plays a critical role in the ecosystem, and we strive to protect them for future generations.

Sponsor an African grey parrot!

The Limbe Wildlife Centre receives many African grey parrots every year. They usually arrive in a very bad condition, with clipped wings and ridden in parasites. Your sponsorship can help us care for our rescued African grey parrots whilst they rest and recuperate, before they are eventually released back into the wild where they belong.

Sponsor a parrot for \$6 per month or \$72 per year.

SPONSOR A PARROT!



A special thank you!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our wonderful volunteer, Andy, who generously donated funds to provide brand new rain boots and rain gear for our team! Coming from the UK, Andy volunteered with us during August and September, and his thoughtful contribution has made a significant impact. Our dedicated animal caretakers and veterinary team work tirelessly in the field, come rain or shine. High-quality rain gear is essential for ensuring that they stay dry and can continue delivering the exceptional care our rescued animals deserve, regardless of the weather. We are incredibly grateful to Andy, his support not only enhances our operational efficiency but also boosts team morale, allowing us to keep our focus on the vital work we do.

Thank you, Andy, for your generosity and dedication to our mission!

Behind the Scenes: Quarterly Activities

Construction and maintenance

Following the destruction of our last release aviary by a falling tree, the LWC construction team has successfully built a new one, thanks to funding from the [World Parrot Trust](#). The new aviary is also equipped with a specially designed fence to deter snakes. This new aviary is located in the Limbe Botanical Gardens and is ready to be used in any upcoming releases.

Additionally, we have installed corrugated iron roofs on our African grey parrot rehabilitation aviary. Previously, we relied on grass and palm matting for shade, which, while economical, were not sustainable solutions. The support from the World Parrot Trust has enabled us to create these more permanent structures.

We are immensely grateful for the invaluable assistance from the World Parrot Trust, which has significantly improved our capacity to rescue, rehabilitate, and prepare African grey parrots for release into the wild. The implementation of the new release aviary, the upgraded roof on the rehabilitation aviary, and strategic snake-proofing measures underscore our commitment to providing a safe, nurturing environment for these endangered birds.

These enhancements will be crucial for the successful rehabilitation and eventual release of the African grey parrots that arrived in 2024.



Green Project added to the UNDP Nature-Based Solutions Database!

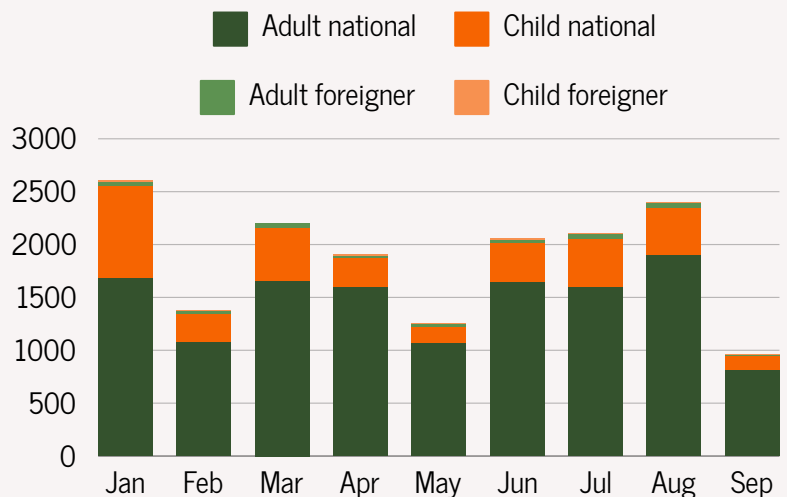


We are pleased to share the Limbe Wildlife Centre's Community Green Project has been added to the [United Nations Development Programmes Nature-Based Solutions Database](#). The database outlines how communities are making possible the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) through nature-based actions. The project fulfils three SDGs: Jobs and livelihoods (SDG 1), Health (SDG 3), Sustainable consumption and production (SDG 12).

Visitors

So far in 2024, we have received **16,869** visitors. This year, **98%** of our visitors so far this year have been Cameroonian nationals. We are grateful to host so many local visitors so that we can inspire people to connect with nature and become stewards for Cameroon's beautiful and unique wildlife. Together, we can safeguard its future!

16,869 visitors: **79.3%** adults, **20.7%** children
(All entrance fees go to the Government of Cameroon)



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We want to express our gratitude for the 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 Cameroon's unique wildlife. We look forward to sharing with you our final updates for 2024 in the upcoming 4th quarter report!

With gratitude,
The Limbe Wildlife Centre

