

Limbe Wildlife Centre Cameroon

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Limbe Wildlife Centre: **2024 Annual Report**

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Pandrillus Cameroon is a non-profit making NGO specialised in the protection, rehabilitation, and reintroduction of primates, as well as management and sustainable financing of conservation projects in Africa



Accreditations & awards



In February 2024, the Limbe Wildlife Centre had its **accreditation** with the **Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA)** renewed for another five years. PASA is the largest association of wildlife centres and sanctuaries in Africa, founded by the Limbe Wildlife Centre, along with 6 other primate sanctuaries. Today, PASA includes 23 organisations in 13 countries that demonstrate exceptional commitment and the **highest standards of animal welfare and conservation practices**, to securing a future for Africa's primates and their habitat.



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



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



In 2024, the Limbe Wildlife Centre's Community Green Project was 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).

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Foreword

Dear friends and supporters,

As we reflect on 2024, the Limbe Wildlife Centre (LWC) stands at a pivotal moment in its history. One year on from the celebration of its 30-year anniversary, this year has not only marked significant achievements in our ongoing mission of wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, and inspiring people to connect with nature, but also set the stage for an ambitious expansion of activities that promises to redefine our impact in the years to come.

The enduring partnership between Pandrillus Cameroon and the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOF) has been the cornerstone of our success. In 2024, this collaboration enabled us to undertake critical rescue operations, such as the successful relocation of 92 African grey parrots and the rescue of an injured chimpanzee from Bakossi National Park. These operations highlight the vital role the LWC plays as Southwest Cameroon's only wildlife rescue sanctuary and the power of effective collaboration between government and non-governmental organisations.



The LWC team.

The planned establishment of a large, forested project site within Mount Cameroon National Park, is perhaps the most ambitious project in the 30-year history of Pandrillus at the LWC. This new project, an exciting partnership

between Pandrillus Cameroon, MINFOF and the Programme for Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Southwest (PSMNR-SW) will provide enhanced rehabilitation in natural conditions for rescued endangered primates and other wildlife and facilitate a pathway to their successful release back into the wild.

The well-being of the animals under our care remains our main priority. Our dedicated veterinary and animal care teams work tirelessly to ensure the physical and mental health of every individual, from providing frequent and diverse enrichment to performing life-saving surgeries. The successful recovery of Mbolle-Annelise, the chimpanzee rescued from Bakossi National Park, stands as a testament to their skill and compassion. Sadly, the loss of two white-bellied pangolins underscores the urgent need for our work and the devastating impact of the illegal wildlife trade. As of December 31, 2024, the LWC is home to 358 animals, each one a life-saved, a story of resilience, and a reminder of the importance of our mission.



Mbolle-Annelies, rescued in 2024.

Our commitment to community engagement, education, and outreach remains strong. The Transnational African Zoonoses Awareness Campaign was a great success and reached nearly half a

million people, raising awareness of the critical link between wildlife health and human health in collaboration with local communities and international NGOs. Our school outreach program continues to inspire the next generation of conservationists, with participating students showing a remarkable 53.44% increase in their knowledge of wildlife and conservation. The Community Green Project not only provides sustainable livelihoods for local communities but also contributes to the well-being of the animals in our care, demonstrating the interconnectedness of human and wildlife well-being. The United Nations this year gave it the honour of making it **a recognised UNDP nature-based solutions project**.



Community member harvesting fresh green leaves for the Green Project.

The past year has also seen significant infrastructure developments, including the modification and re-enrichment of animal enclosures, the construction of a new snake-proof release aviary for parrots, and essential maintenance to improve the living conditions for animals. These improvements, along with the construction of a new caged drill enclosure at LWC in the first quarter of 2025 and the planned expansion of the dwarf crocodile enclosure, are crucial for enhancing the welfare of the animals and expanding our capacity to care for those in need.

We are incredibly grateful for the support of our donors and funders, whose generosity makes our work possible. From major institutional donors to individual contributors, your commitment to our cause fuels our efforts to protect Cameroon's precious wildlife. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and partners, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the success of our mission.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are filled with both excitement and determination. The objectives outlined in this report, including the development of the new forested project site, the construction of new enclosures, and the continued focus on rehabilitation and release, represent our unwavering commitment to the future of wildlife in Cameroon. We will need your incredible support more than ever and invite you to join us on this inspiring journey as we continue to strive towards a world where wildlife thrives, and humans and nature coexist in harmony.

Sincerely,

Jerry Aylmer

Pandillus Cameroon
Project Manager
Limbe Wildlife Centre

2024 Impact

145 wild animals rescued

9 primates

102 African grey parrots

82% threatened species

33 wild animals released

18% threatened species

81,332 tonnes of crop by-products

40,854 tonnes of wild herbaceous plants

\$18,103 invested back into the community

4,302 children in the school programme

23,341 visitors

Pandrillus-Government partnership and public relations

In 2024, the collaboration between Pandrillus Cameroon and MINFOF has proven to be more crucial than ever as we embark on the most ambitious development plan in the 30+ year history of the LWC. We are planning to establish a large field site within Mount Cameroon National Park (MCNP), which will be designated as a new wildlife rescue and rehabilitation project managed by Pandrillus Cameroon in partnership with MINFOF. This initiative is designed to offer enhanced rehabilitation to natural conditions in semi-wild forest enclosures for rescued endangered wildlife and facilitate their successful release back into the wild.

Recognising the need to expand beyond the current 4ha site, the LWC has long advocated for a facility capable of accommodating more animals in natural forested conditions, away from the urban environment of Limbe. This project will not only allow for increased animal rescues and improved welfare but is also a pivotal step towards facilitating primate releases back into the wild. In the first half of 2024, we engaged in a consultancy mission led by Gregg Tully, former CEO of PASA, and Liliana Pacheco Ricote, whose comprehensive report evaluated location options, infrastructure,



The consultants were joined by MINFOF, PSMNR and Pandrillus representatives for the surveys.

facilities, and budgets required for this large new forested site. This endeavour received invaluable input from key stakeholders, including MINFOF, the Programme for Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Southwest (PSMNR-SW), Pandrillus Cameroon, and members of the local community. The aim is to develop this project during the next 2 years so that it can be operational by the beginning of 2027. We look forward to sharing further updates.

The collaboration between Pandrillus Cameroon and MINFOF is essential for smooth daily operations, enabling the LWC to fulfil its vital role as Cameroon's primary wildlife rescue sanctuary. In 2024, the LWC provided a second chance to 145 animals. Notably, we successfully rescued 92 African grey parrots from the Mvog-Betsi Botanical Zoological Garden in March, as well as an injured chimpanzee from Bakossi National Park, in missions that were organised collaboratively between the partners. These rescues would not have been possible without the strong partnership we share.

Additionally, the relationships we cultivate with external partners are vital to ensure the ongoing success of our conservation efforts. We are deeply appreciative of our partnerships with local schools as part of our educational outreach programme, which inspires the next generation to care for and advocate for wildlife. Our team remains committed to engaging with various community groups and businesses to strengthen these relationships. We also aim to enhance our mission through continued collaboration with local embassies, governmental departments, international organisations, and local partners.

Through our partnerships and outreach initiatives, we strive to elevate the visibility and reputation of the LWC, thereby garnering increased support from both officials and the public. As we look ahead to the forthcoming year, we are eager to build on these partnerships and deepen our engagement with the community to further advance our mission of wildlife conservation.

Population management and animal welfare

As of December 31, 2024, the LWC is caring for 358 animals. The veterinary team and animal care teams work closely together to ensure the welfare of the animals under our care. 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.

Our veterinary team conducted 741 diagnostic tests and treatments in 2024.

Throughout the year, the veterinary team performed health checks on new arrivals, sick animals and an essential part of their quarantine process, to ensure they are healthy and disease free – ready for integration into their new group.

Notable events



The veterinary team provided emergency veterinary care to a white-bellied pangolin that arrived on World Pangolin Day (17th of February). The pangolin was thin, dehydrated and had a wound on her tail infested with maggots (likely from where she had been tied and hung on display for bushmeat). She sadly passed away later the same day from malnutrition and dehydration after suspected weeks of little to no food/water, and infection. This was following a white-bellied pangolin that arrived in January, which was unfortunately dead upon arrival.



The veterinary team performed lifesaving surgery on Mbolle; the chimpanzee rescued from Bakossi NP in May. 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!



Table 1. Animal population being cared for at the LWC as of December 31, 2024

Classification	Species	Scientific names	IUCN	Class	Nbr
PRIMATES					180
Great ape					49
	Chimpanzee	<i>Pan troglodytes troglodytes/elliotti</i>	EN	A	35
	Western lowland gorilla	<i>Gorilla gorilla gorilla</i>	CR	A	14
Papionid					81
	Drill	<i>Mandrillus leucophaeus</i>	EN	A	64
	Mandrill	<i>Mandrillus sphinx</i>	VU	A	10
	Olive baboon	<i>Papio anubis</i>	LC	C	7
Mangabey					11
	Agile mangabey	<i>Cercocebus agilis</i>	LC	A	3
	Red-capped Mangabey	<i>Cercocebus torquatus</i>	VU	A	8
Guenon					39
	Mona monkey	<i>Cercopithecus mona</i>	LC	C	11
	Moustached monkey	<i>Cercopithecus cephus</i>	LC	C	1
	Patas monkey	<i>Erythrocebus patas</i>	LC	C	6
	Preuss's monkey	<i>Cercopithecus preussi</i>	EN	A	2
	Putty-nosed monkey	<i>Cercopithecus nictitans</i>	LC	C	5
	Red-eared monkey	<i>Cercopithecus erythrotis</i>	VU	A	2
	Tantalus monkey	<i>Chlorocebus tantalus</i>	LC	C	12
UNGULATES					3
	Bay duiker	<i>Cephalophus dorsalis</i>	NT	B	1
	Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	LC	B	2
OTHER MAMMALS					1
	African civet	<i>Civettictis civetta</i>	LC	B	1
BIRDS					109
	African grey parrot	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	EN	A	109
REPTILES					65
	Dwarf crocodile	<i>Osteolaemus tetraspis</i>	VU	A	6
	Nile crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>	LC	A	1
	Various turtle species	<i>Pelusios spp.</i>	LC	C	57
	Radiated tortoise	<i>Astrochelys radiata</i>	CR	A	1
Total					358



Wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, and release

In 2024, our team rescued 145 animals, 82.52% of which are threatened species (critically endangered, endangered, or vulnerable). Most primates that arrived at the LWC were ex-pets, who had previously been kept in unsuitable conditions without proper care or the companionship of other primates. Each individual needs time to adjust to a new life free from the abuse they've sadly grown so accustomed to. Once their quarantine period is finished, they are carefully integrated into a species-specific family group. For most arriving at the LWC, it's not only the first time they've received proper care since being forced from their forest homes, but it's also the first time that they will once again live with members of their own species.

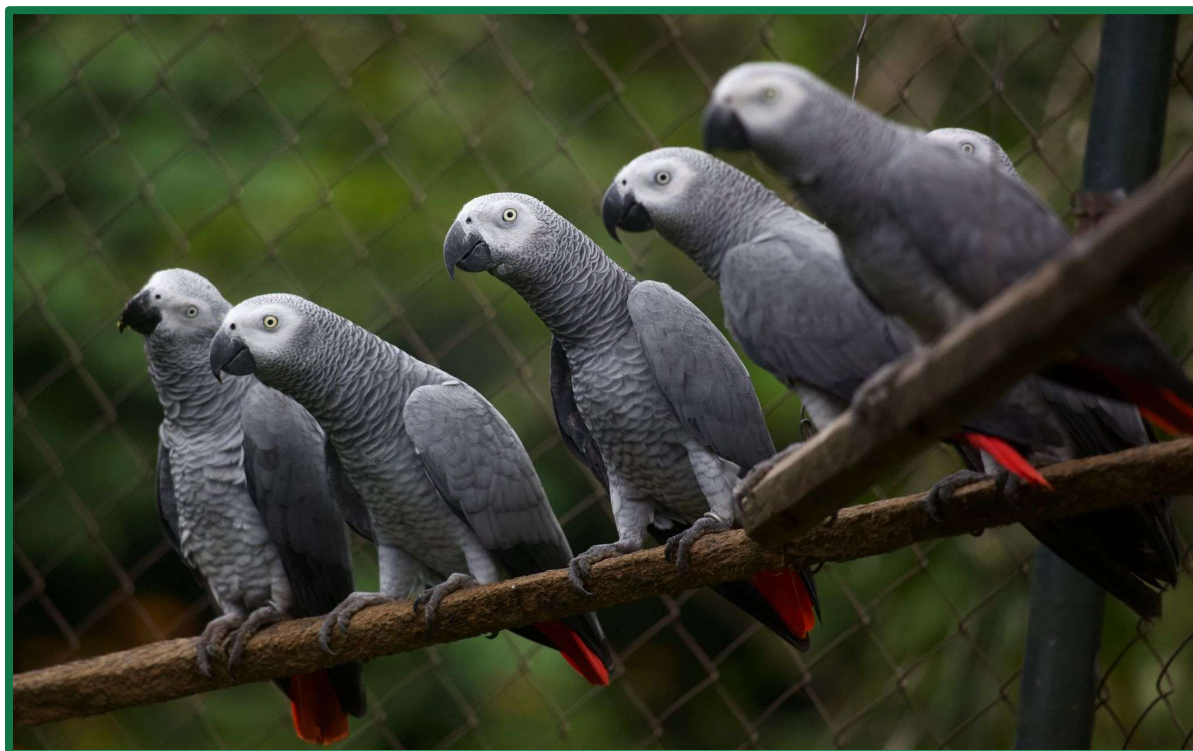
Table 2. Animals rescued at the LWC in 2024

Species	CR	EN	VU	NT	LC	DD	?	Total
Birds								105
African grey parrot		102						102
Northern white-faced owl					1			1
Common tern					2			2
Other mammals								6
African civet					3			3
White-bellied pangolin		2						2
Bushbuck					1			1
Primates								9
Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzee		1						1
Red-capped mangabey		2						2
Drill		1						1
Mona monkey				1				1
Demidoff's dwarf galago					1			1
Patas monkey				1				1
Tantalus monkey					2			2
Reptiles								25
Various turtle spp.							10	10
Cameroon dwarf chameleon					1			1
Dwarf crocodile			9					9
Forest hinged tortoise						2		2
Home's hinged tortoise	3							3
	3	108	9	2	11	2	10	145
	82.52% threatened			9.09% not threatened		8.39% data lacking		

Animals that arrive at the Limbe Wildlife Centre are closely monitored during their rehabilitation and are released into a suitable habitat once they are deemed healthy and we have accounted for all their release requirements. In 2024, the LWC released 34 animals, 20.59% of which are threatened species.

Table 3. Animals released in 2024

Species	CR	EN	VU	NT	LC	DD	?	Total
Birds								1
Common tern					1			1
Primates								1
Demidoff's dwarf galago					1			1
Reptiles								31
Various turtle spp.							22	22
Cameroon dwarf chameleon					1			1
Dwarf crocodile			3					3
Forest hinged tortoise						2		2
Home's hinged tortoise	3							3
	3	0	3	0	3	2	22	33
	18% threatened		9% not threatened		71% data lacking			



We received 92 African grey parrots from the Mvog Betsi Zoological Gardens in Yaoundé in March 2024 that had been victims of the illegal wildlife trade. Many of them will be ready for release in early 2025.

Infrastructure and development

Modifications to great ape enclosure in quarantine to facilitate the ongoing gorilla introductions with the installation of a new gate and partition wall.

New fans and lights in the kitchen to create a more comfortable work environment.

Re-enrichment, modification and maintenance of tantalus and patas enclosures

- Partitioning of the enclosure to separate the two species to improve group harmony
- Repairing of holes in roof
- General re-furnishing with new climbing structures, swings, and firehose
- Repair of rusted and damaged sliding doors and mesh
- Replacing visual barriers
- Construction of "treehouses"
- Rain shelters installed on satellites and roof
- New satellite for patas

Maintenance and refurbishment of education hall and exhibition hall funded by PSMNR. The work included painting, repairs to electrics and lighting, and the installation of fans and air conditioning.

Security improvements for gorilla group 2 and olive baboon enclosure, with major work to repair and strengthen electric fencing and install diamond outer mesh.

New enrichment structures for the gorillas provided by [Sonara](#) – a large concrete platform in group 2, and a hammock in group 1.

Installation of rain shelters at each section for animal caretakers.

Maintenance of the bridge between guenon island and the compost area.

Re-building of the parrot soft-release aviary (funded by World Parrot Trust) after it was crushed by a tree. Additional snake proofing wall added to new design.

Construction of an aviary for non-releasable parrots.

Laying new concrete for the floors of many quarantine enclosures.

Maintenance to the pump for the borehole.

Installation of zoonoses awareness billboards in Bakingili and Batoke.

Designing of new enclosures for drills and dwarf crocodiles in preparation for works in 2025.

Repairs to chimpanzee island fence after a large tree fell.

Replacement of bamboos for visitor fences and visual barriers

General maintenance also includes:

- Repair of the visual barrier between island chimps and guenons
- Repairs and improvement of shelter for browse shelves in kitchen
- Repairs to drill climbing structures
- New sleeping shelves in various enclosures
- Maintenance of night dens and enclosures with anti-rust and welding work

In the past year, our construction team focused on several key projects, notably the modification, maintenance, and re-enrichment of the "savannah-dwelling primate enclosure". This initiative aimed to improve the welfare of resident patas monkeys by

partitioning the existing enclosure and creating separate spaces for the patas and tantalus monkey populations, as the patas monkeys have been frequently bullied and outcompeted by the larger tantalus group. The separation will also facilitate the integration of Missole, a male patas monkey, with a group of five females in early 2025. Additionally, the enclosure received essential re-enrichment and maintenance. Our construction team worked hard to ensure the enclosure's safety and security, allowing us to enhance the quality of life for our monkeys.



Construction of a "treehouse" for the tantalus monkeys



Repair of holes in the roof of the enclosure with new mesh

Following the destruction of our previous release aviary by a falling tree, the LWC construction team has successfully built a new aviary with funding from the World Parrot Trust. This new aviary, located in the Limbe Botanical Gardens, features a specially designed fence to deter snakes and is ready for future bird releases. Additionally, we upgraded the rehabilitation aviary for African grey parrots by installing durable corrugated iron roofs, replacing the previously used grass and palm matting. This support has significantly enhanced our ability to rescue, rehabilitate, and prepare African grey parrots for reintroduction into the wild. These improvements, including the new release aviary and snake-proofing measures, reaffirm our commitment to ensuring a safe and nurturing environment for these endangered birds, particularly for those arriving in 2024.



The new soft-release aviary has been completed with an outer fence that will prevent snakes being able to predate on the parrots on the advice of World Parrot Trust.



Permanent sun and rain shelters have been installed on the rehabilitation aviary to replace palm fronds and grass mats which rusted the roof mesh and encouraged snake activity.



Community conservation, education, and outreach

The Transnational African Zoonoses Awareness Campaign

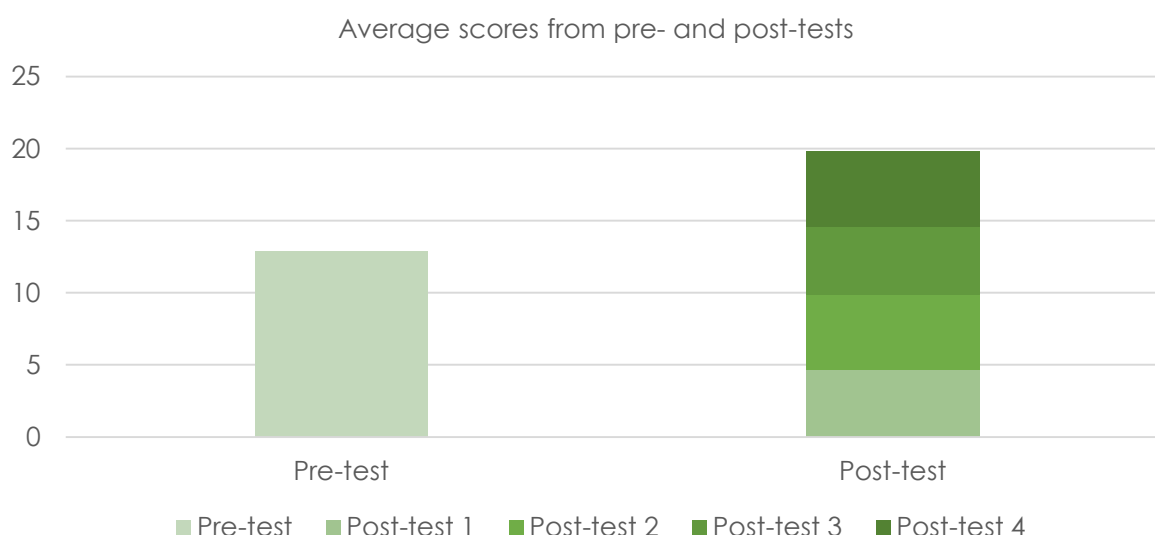
Since 2022, the LWC has been working closely with [ProWildlife](#) and three other African wildlife sanctuaries for the Transnational African Zoonoses Awareness Campaign to raise awareness of the risks of zoonotic disease associated with hunting wild animals and consuming bushmeat.



During the project, we were able to **reach nearly half a million people** with this important messaging. 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 permeant features. On International One Health Day on November 3rd, the partners launched a new report '[How to Protect Wildlife and Human Health – A Transnational African Zoonosis Education Campaign \(ZEC\)](#)' to share our findings from the 20-month project, funded by the [International Alliance against Health Risks in Wildlife Trade \(GIZ\)](#).

School outreach programme

The 2023/24 school outreach programme reported excellent results from the pre- and post-tests. The average score in the pre-tests was 12.89, and the cumulative score of the four post-tests was 19.78, showing an **53.44% increase in the children's knowledge of wildlife and conservation**. The school with the highest overall score was NCHS, with an average score of 24.21. The most improved school was GTHS Bakingili, with an 108.76% increase in their average scores!



The programme runs every year and focuses on educating local school children about conservation, the environment and wildlife in Cameroon. You can view the full [2023/24 Education Report](#) on our website.

Timeline

25th of January - The education team hosted a zoonoses workshop in the community of Caterpillar Farms.

17th of February - The education team hosted a zoonoses workshop in Etome.

8th of March - The women of the LWC attended the annual Women's Day Parade at the Community Fields in Limbe. The event is attended by approximately **2,000** people, including women's groups, businesses, and VIPs. The event provided an excellent opportunity for the LWC to educate the public about environmental protection and the risks of zoonotic diseases.

16th of March - Our education team organised to visit the Equinoxe TV Pidgin News studios to participate in a [debate about zoonoses](#) attended by Dr John Kiyang and Yvette Sokoudjou – viewed by 12,000 people.

22nd of March - We hosted our annual Graduation Ceremony for all the children who had taken part in the 2023/24 Conservation Education Outreach Programme across the 14 participating schools in Limbe, Batoke, and Bakingili. The event was held in the Jungle Village of the Limbe Botanical Gardens. This year, from the **14 schools**, our **3 educators** reached **37 classes** and a total of **1,850 children**. [Read more here!](#)

8th of April - The education team hosted a zoonoses workshop in Bimbina.

24th of April - The education team hosted a zoonoses workshop in Idenau.

28th of June - Head of Education, Mr Ateh Wilson and Project Manager, Jerry Aylmer, attended a presentation at the Annie Kadji Art Gallery in Douala for a special presentation by Rithika Thadani.

25th of July - The Limbe Wildlife Centre's Community Green Project was 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).

September - The education team start the 2024/25 outreach programme, with the inclusion of one more school they are now teaching in 15 schools to nearly 2,500 students.

September - Head of Education, Wilson Ateh, attended the PASA Community Engagement Workshop in South Africa. You can read the [Workshop Report](#) here.

17th of December - Volunteer consultant veterinarian Dr. Stephanie Stapleton engaged with LWC staff regarding Mpox. Dr. Stephanie emphasised the importance of stringent hygiene protocols and the potential impact of Mpox on the health of our animals and staff.

21st of December - 146 children attended the Saturday Nature Club Christmas party at the Limbe Wildlife Centre.



Community Green Project

For over 20 years, the Limbe Wildlife Centre, with the support of many international donors, has run the [Green Project](#) to benefit the local community and flora and fauna around Mount Cameroon National Park, as well as the rescue animals at the LWC. In the last three years (2022-2024), **\$59,342** has been contributed to the community to alleviate poverty. Most of the participants are women farmers, therefore also contributing to female empowerment and financial independence.



To reduce the need for farmland expansion and bushmeat hunting, the LWC purchases green cultivated and wild-harvested products from local community members. The community-based project aims to encourage more sustainable management of natural resources by financially supporting the community through purchasing harvested greens that sustainably feed and nurture the wildlife at the centre and increasing land value and reducing forest encroachment by purchasing crop by-products.

Table 4. Weight and cost of each food item in 2024

Products	2024	
	Weight (kg)	Costs (XAF)
Crop by-products		
Cassava leaves	11,389	911,120
Papaya leaves	42,938	3,435,040
Potato leaves	27,005	1,620,300
Subtotal Crop by-products	81,332	5,966,460
Wild herbaceous		
Aframomum sp.	32,595	4,615,134
Costus sp.	8,259	412,950
Subtotal Wild herbaceous	40,854	5,028,084
Invasive plants		
Trumpet wood	1,070	48,150
Subtotal Invasive plants	1,070	48,150
Total	123,256	11,042,694
USD*		18,103
NB permanent members		90
Ex-hunters		15
Women		75
Average total income per week		211,343
Average income per permanent member		122,697
Equivalent number of monthly salaries (XAF60k each)		184
Equivalent monthly salaries per member		2.0

You can find out more in our [2024 Community Green Project Report!](#)

Communication and visibility

- **Website article:** [Thirty years of rescue in Cameroon](#), Born Free, 22 January
- **Website article:** [LWC at 30: A Beacon of Hope for Confiscated Wildlife](#), [Voice of Nature News](#), 9 March
- **Book:** [Climate Crisis Unmasked: Unraveling the web of Betrayal and Greed](#), Jude S. Ngu' Ewodo, Rwenzori Society, proceeds of the book donated to LWC, 9 March
- **TV News report:** [Limbe Wildlife Centre Conservation Education Outreach Programme Graduation 2024](#), LTM, 30 March
- **Newspaper:** Limbe Wildlife Centre Graduates Over 2,000 Pupils, Students, The Post, 30 March
- **TV News report:** [Gris du Gabon: un perroquet trop intelligent](#), TF1, 3 May
- **Website article:** [Zoonosis campaign: Avoiding game meat protects people and wildlife](#), ProWildlife, 26 June
- **Website article:** [Cameroon: Best Things to Do – Top Picks](#), Travel.com, 4 July
- **Website article:** [Rare parrot rescue](#), Born Freen, 2 November
- **Report:** [How to Protect Wildlife and Human Health – A Transnational African Zoonosis Education Campaign \(ZEC\)](#), ProWildlife, 3 November



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 Ayimer, 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 Prall, 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.

In the Court of Appeal of the South West Region Holden at Buea

BETWEEN
PAUL ESOMBI EKEMA..... APPELLANT (by Attorney NJIE
NGANDO NAMME)
AND
JCS GROUP OF COMPANIES (PTY) LTD.....RESPONDENTS
(Represented by Castro A ARREY)

The above Respondents are by this medium informed that by a ruling of the Court of Appeal delivered on the 27th day of March 2024, Motion with Suit No: CASW/CIVM/40/22/2/22/23. Between the above parties has been fixed for hearing on the 17th day of April 2024. The Respondents shall receive no further service after this.

Barrister Jacinta Alobiwede Mekang Counsel for the Appellant.

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Visitor numbers

In 2024, we received a total of **23,341** visitors, **98%** of which were Cameroonian. Our busiest day of the year is always Christmas day, and throughout the month of December we received **4,220** visitors! We are grateful to be able to continue to educate people and inspire them to connect with nature through visits and guided tours.

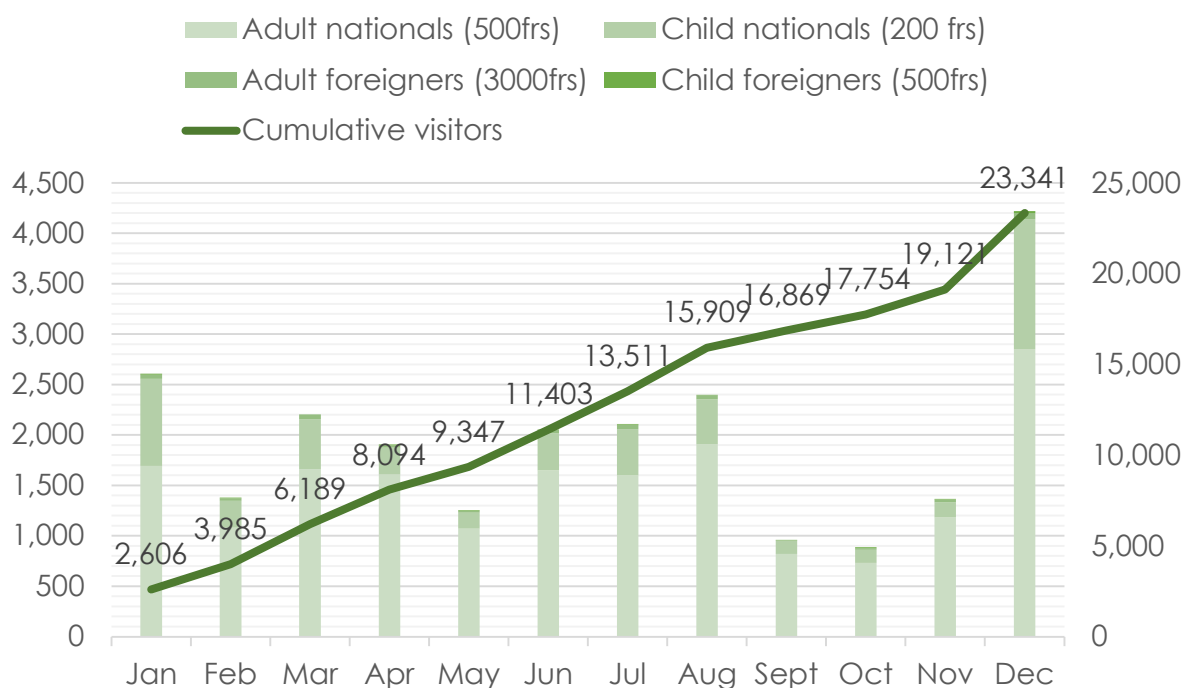
The Limbe Wildlife Centre generated 11,127,700 XAF through entrance fees*.

*All entrance fees go to the Government of Cameroon

Visitor numbers 2023: 23,891 visitors

→ 78.2% adults, 21.8% children

→ 97.98% Cameroonian, 2.02% foreigners



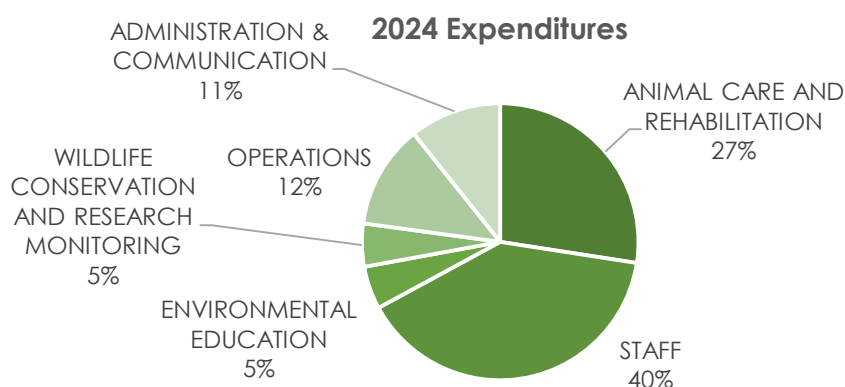
Everyone was enjoying the Christmas spirit at the Limbe Wildlife Centre in 2024!

Objectives for 2025

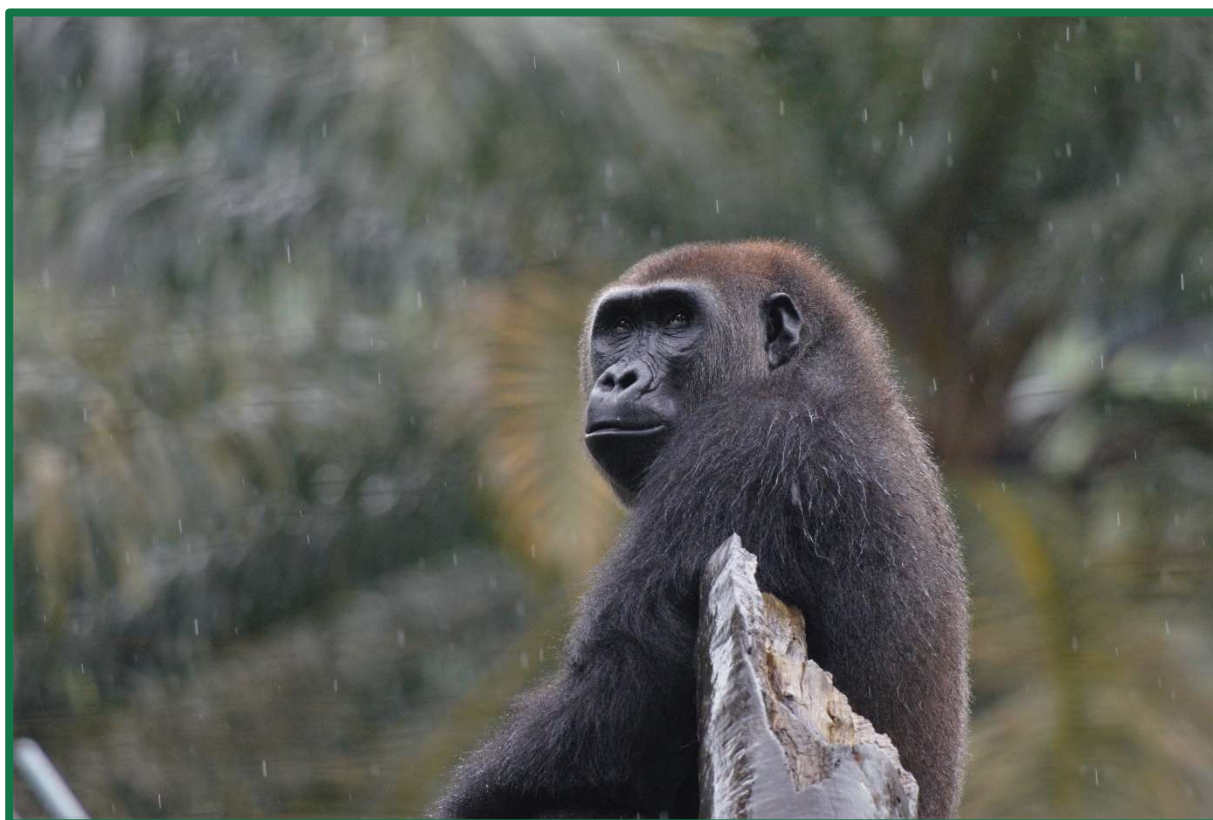
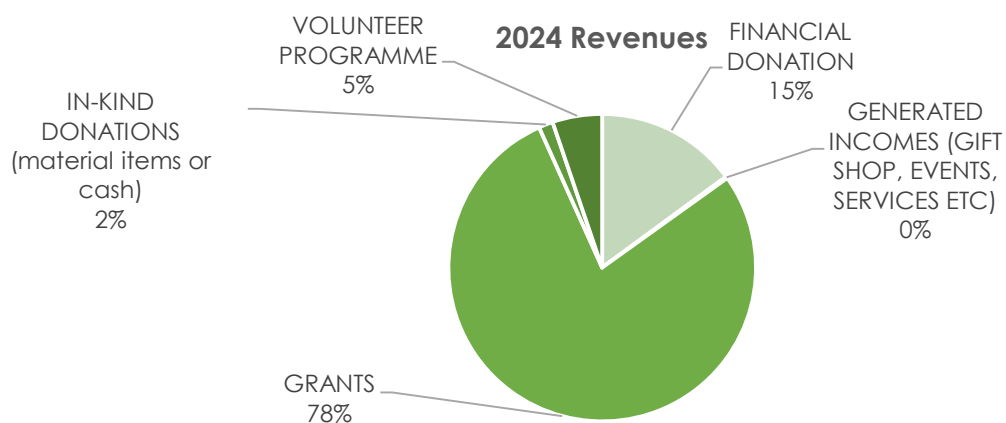
- Begin the development of the new forested project site, a 1 square kilometre site within Mount Cameroon National Park near the village of Bakingili, where large naturalistic forest enclosures can be constructed for multiple species from LWC. This can be a crucial step on the pathway to release back to the wild within MCNP for drill monkeys and other selected species in the next few years.
- Construct a new drill enclosure. The enclosure will be escape-proof with a mesh roof, for 10 to 15 individuals. The aim of the enclosure is to improve welfare and management of our drill group and to potentially be used to separate sub-groups for quarantine and health checks prior to being moved to the planned new forest site.
- Finalise the design and construction of the new interactive educational exhibits, displays and information boards.
- Continue with ongoing rehabilitation of new arrivals and social integrations:
 - Missole (patas monkey) introduction to our five female patas
 - Continue ongoing introduction between Balinga, Abbey and Tinu (gorillas).
 - Etinde (Preuss monkey) to be introduced to Camfor (Preuss monkey) and mixed guenon group.
 - Elton and Finlay (tantalus monkeys) to be introduced to main tantalus group.
 - Theo and Rex (red-capped mangabeys) to be introduced to the main group after the construction of the guenon island extension.
- Release flocks of African grey parrots (20-30 individuals at a time) using our soft-release methodology.
- Move forward with the signing of the new Memorandum of Understanding between Pandrillus Cameroon and MINFOF.
- Construct the guenon island extension to double the available space for red-capped mangabeys from 700m² to 1,425m².
- Continue to regularly maintain and refresh enrichment structures in animal enclosures.
- Expand dwarf crocodile enclosure and/or build a new enclosure to enhance welfare and rehabilitation.
- Complete essential maintenance and refurbishment of up-guenons enclosures to facilitate social integrations and improve security and wellbeing of monkeys.
- Continue to sensitise the community on environmental issues through our conservation education outreach programme.
- Continue to provide sustainable alternative livelihoods to local communities to improve community wellbeing and protect wildlife in their natural habitats.

Finances

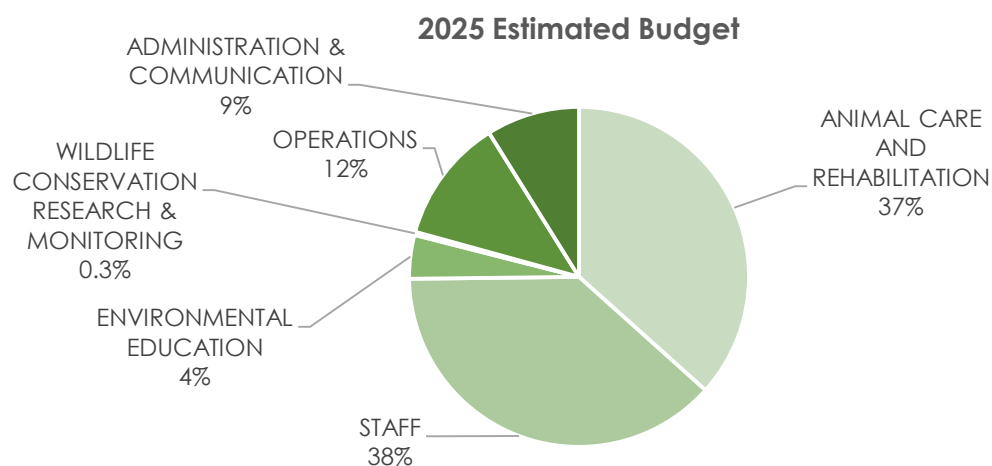
LWC FINANCIAL REPORT	2024 EXPENDITURES	PANDRILLUS CAMEROON		
EXPENDITURES	ITEMS	XAF	EUR	USD
ANIMAL CARE AND REHABILITATION				
	ANIMAL FOOD	14,323,200	21,834	23,872
	CROP BY-PRODUCTS & WILD PLANTS	11,743,425	17,902	19,572
	ENCLOSURES & ENRICHMENT, GROUNDS	8,625,420	13,149	14,376
	MATERIAL & EQUIPMENT	2,051,600	3,127	3,419
	RESCUE	659,000	1,005	1,098
	VETERINARY / MEDICAL	4,604,175	7,019	7,674
	ANIMAL CARE MANAGEMENT	4,450,000	6,784	7,417
	Subtotal ANIMAL CARE AND REHABILITATION	46,524,320	70,921	77,541
STAFF				
	NON-WAGE EXPENDITURE	7,470,800	11,388	12,451
	PANDRILLUS ADVISOR	55,000	84	92
	TOTAL SALARIES, ALLOWANCES, OVERTIME, BONUSES	53,314,900	81,273	88,858
	ANIMAL CARE STAFF	19,316,142	29,445	32,194
	VET PERSONNEL	9,401,231	14,331	15,669
	CONSTRUCTION STAFF	7,525,929	11,472	12,543
	EDUCATION PERSONNEL	6,363,993	9,701	10,607
	OPERATIONS STAFF	7,388,802	11,263	12,315
	MAINTENANCE STAFF	3,318,804	5,059	5,531
	STAFF MEDICAL	128,200	195	214
	CHILD EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP	6,177,050	9,416	10,295
	Subtotal STAFF	67,090,950	102,273	111,818
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION				
	OUTREACH PROGRAMMES	8,458,025	12,893	14,097
	Subtotal ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION	8,497,325	12,953	14,162
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION RESEARCH AND MONITORING				
	WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH MONITORING	115,000	175	192
	Subtotal WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH MONITORING	115,000	175	192
OPERATIONS				
	ACCOMODATION COSTS	7,436,100	11,336	12,394
	CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP	1,681,450	2,563	2,802
	FUEL, WATER & ENERGY	187,350	286	312
	MISSION & RECEPTION	2,274,450	3,467	3,791
	TRANSPORT	327,800	500	546
	TRAVEL	274,000	418	457
	VEHICLE FUEL & MAINTENANCE	7,323,325	11,164	12,206
	WATER & ELECTRICITY	1,073,450	1,636	1,789
	Subtotal OPERATIONS	20,577,925	31,369	34,297
ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNICATION				
	LEGAL COSTS, BANK FEES, MISC.	810,857	1,236	1,351
	MARKETING & FUNDRAISING	4,401,053	6,709	7,335
	OFFICE SUPPLY, EQUIP. & COMMUNICATIONS	2,174,000	3,314	3,623
	PANDRILLUS PROJECT MANAGEMENT	10,637,434	16,216	17,729
	GIFT SHOP PURCHASES	143,000	218	238
	Subtotal ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNICATION	18,166,344	27,693	30,277
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		160,971,864	245,384	268,286



LWC FINANCIAL REPORT	2024 REVENUES	PANDRILLUS CAMEROON		
REVENUES	ITEMS	XAF	EUR	USD
	FINANCIAL DONATION	22,970,704	35,016	38,285
	GENERATED INCOMES (GIFT SHOP, EVENTS, SERVICES ETC)	289,000	441	482
	GoC SUBVENTIONS	-	-	-
	GRANTS	120,316,463	183,409	200,527
	DONATION BOX	-	-	-
	IN-KIND DONATIONS (material items or cash)	2,315,000	3,529	3,858
	VOLUNTARY WORK	-	-	-
	VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME	8,042,516	12,260	13,404
	TOTAL REVENUES	153,933,683	234,655	256,556



LWC BUDGET	2025 ESTIMATE	PANDRILLUS CAMEROON		
EXPENDITURES	ITEMS	XAF	EUR	USD
ANIMAL CARE AND REHABILITATION				
	ANIMAL FOOD	15,800,000	24,085	26,333
	CROP BY-PRODUCTS & WILD PLANTS	12,400,000	18,902	20,667
	ENCLOSURES & ENRICHMENT, GROUNDS	9,500,000	14,482	15,833
	MATERIAL & CONSUMABLES	100,000	152	167
	MATERIAL & EQUIPMENT	2,300,000	3,506	3,833
	RESCUE	700,000	1,067	1,167
	VETERINARY / MEDICAL	5,100,000	7,774	8,500
	ANIMAL CARE MANAGEMENT	4,450,000	6,784	7,417
NEW INFRASTRUCTURE 1	NEW DRILL SUB-ENCLOSURE (CAGE 1)	5,400,000	8,232	9,000
NEW INFRASTRUCTURE 2	BACK-UP SOLAR POWER SUPPLY or WATER TOWER	5,000,000	7,622	8,333
NEW INFRASTRUCTURE 3	GUENON ISLAND EXTENSION	7,000,000	10,671	11,667
	Subtotal ANIMAL CARE AND REHABILITATION	67,750,000	103,277	112,917
STAFF				
	NON-WAGE EXPENDITURE	7,900,000	12,043	13,167
	PANDRILLUS ADVISOR	100,000	152	167
	TOTAL SALARIES, ALLOWANCES, OVERTIME, BONUSES	56,100,000	85,518	93,500
	ANIMAL CARE STAFF	20,500,000	31,250	34,167
	VET PERSONNEL	9,900,000	15,091	16,500
	CONSTRUCTION STAFF	8,100,000	12,348	13,500
	EDUCATION PERSONNEL	6,300,000	9,604	10,500
	OPERATIONS STAFF	7,800,000	11,890	13,000
	MAINTENANCE STAFF	3,500,000	5,335	5,833
	STAFF MEDICAL	200,000	305	333
	CHILD EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP	6,500,000	9,909	10,833
	Subtotal STAFF	70,700,000	107,774	117,833
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION				
	ECO-TOURISM / INFORMATION PROVISION	100,000	152	167
	MATERIAL, DISPLAY, BOOKS	1,853,974	2,826	3,090
	OUTREACH PROGRAMMES	4,319,836	6,585	7,200
	STAFF TRAINING	1,000,000	1,524	1,667
	WORKSHOPS	350,000	534	583
	Subtotal ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION	7,623,810	11,622	12,706
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION RESEARCH AND MONITORING				
	FIELD LOGISTIC	500,000	762	833
	SCIENTIFIC CONSULTANCY	100,000	152	167
	Subtotal WILDLIFE CONSERVATION RESEARCH & MONITORING / NEW SITE	600,000	915	1,000
OPERATIONS				
	ACCOMMODATION COSTS	7,900,000	12,043	13,167
	CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP	1,800,000	2,744	3,000
	FUEL, WATER & ENERGY	200,000	305	333
	MISSION & RECEPTION	2,400,000	3,659	4,000
	TRANSPORT	400,000	610	667
	TRAVEL	300,000	457	500
	VEHICLE FUEL & MAINTENANCE	7,700,000	11,738	12,833
	WATER & ELECTRICITY	1,200,000	1,829	2,000
	Subtotal OPERATIONS	21,900,000	33,384	36,500
ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNICATION				
	LEGAL COSTS, BANK FEES, MISC.	810,857	1,236	1,351
	MARKETING & FUNDRAISING	2,660,678	4,056	4,434
	OFFICE SUPPLY, EQUIP. & COMMUNICATIONS	2,174,000	3,314	3,623
	PANDRILLUS PROJECT MANAGEMENT	10,637,434	16,216	17,729
	GIFT SHOP PURCHASES	143,000	218	238
	Subtotal ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNICATION	16,425,969	25,040	27,377
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		184,999,779	282,012	308,333



2025 ESTIMATE		PANDRILLUS CAMEROON		
REVENUES	ITEMS	XAF	EUR	USD
	FINANCIAL DONATION	26,000,000	39,634	43,333
	GENERATED INCOMES (GIFT SHOP, EVENTS, SERVICES ETC)	250,000	381	417
	GoC SUBVENTIONS	-	-	-
	GRANTS*	145,170,437	221,296	241,951
	DONATION BOX	-	-	-
	IN-KIND DONATIONS (material items or cash)	2,000,000	3,049	3,333
	VOLUNTARY WORK	-	-	-
	VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME	12,000,000	18,293	20,000
	TOTAL REVENUES	185,420,437	282,653	309,034

2025 Estimated Revenues



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In 2024, Pandrillus
Cameroon engaged

22 institutional donors

247 individual donors

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the donors who have generously supported the LWC in 2024. Your contributions have enabled us to continue our crucial work in the conservation and protection of endangered species in Cameroon. Through your support, we have been able to provide essential care for rescued animals and educate the local community on the importance of wildlife conservation. We are truly grateful for your commitment to our cause and look forward to continuing our partnership in the years to come. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the animals and the environment we all share.

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