

# The Limbe Wildlife Centre

Quarterly newsletter  
Q3 - 2025



# WELCOME



## 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 and supporters...

We begin with heartfelt thanks to our supporters, partners, and the dedicated Limbe Wildlife Centre team, whose commitment drives our mission forward. A special thank you to everyone who contributed to our Giving Day for Apes appeal on 7th October—it was a great success thanks to YOU! (More details to come next quarter.)

The wet season brings its own unique set of challenges, but the work never stops! This past quarter has been marked by meaningful progress in our efforts to protect and rehabilitate Cameroon's unique wildlife. Among the new arrivals, we received multiple endangered species, illegally poached and thankfully confiscated with the help of the Ministry of Forests and Wildlife (MINFOF), who regulate all forestry, wildlife, and fisheries activities in Cameroon.

We also celebrated several successful re-locations and introductions within the Centre. Read about the journeys of Etinde (Preuss monkey) and Boti (Mona monkey) as they leave quarantine and now join their companions in their main enclosures. These carefully planned introductions mark key milestones in the animals' social and behavioural rehabilitation, helping them thrive in enriched and more natural environments.

In addition, the Limbe Wildlife Centre was featured in two recent publications, one highlighting our ongoing work to combat illegal wildlife trafficking and promote conservation education in Cameroon. Each recognition emphasises the impact of our work and the importance of protecting wildlife for future generations.

Thank you for your continued support and for standing with us as we give second chances to Cameroon's wildlife.

With gratitude,

**The Limbe Wildlife Centre**



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## Giving Confiscated Wildlife a Second Chance

Over the past three months, the **Ministry of Forests and Wildlife (MINFOF)** has carried out several wildlife confiscations, bringing animals that have suffered through the horrors of poaching into the safety of the LWC. Each animal that arrives at our doors carries its own story of trauma and survival. Our mission is to provide them with security and the highest standard of care — with the ultimate goal of rehabilitation and, whenever possible, release back into the wild following our strict welfare protocols.

Thanks to MINFOF's intervention, a number of confiscated animals were recently rescued and brought to LWC for urgent attention. We welcomed one **juvenile African palm civet** and **two young Genets**. After their initial health checks we are happy to report all three are thriving under close supervision and showing promising signs of progress.



Male and female Genets

Amongst the new arrivals came **one infant and one juvenile Mona monkey**. As with so many young primates, the trauma of capture can leave these tiny creatures with little hope of recovery. Despite every effort made, it is with heavy hearts that we share the sad news that the infant Mona monkey did not survive its ordeal.



Stephie Rey - Olive baboon

In August, an **infant Preuss monkey, an endangered species**, was brought to the centre, requiring round-the-clock care and monitoring from our dedicated team. It doesn't stop there! The following month, in September, we received a **juvenile Olive baboon** named Stephie Rey, along with **two African grey parrots** — each rescued from the illegal wildlife trade and now beginning their own journey toward recovery.



Infant Preuss monkey

Our veterinary and animal care teams have been working tirelessly to provide essential medical treatment, proper nutrition, enrichment, and — perhaps most importantly — patience and compassion. Helping these animals heal from the trauma of being forcibly taken from their parents and natural habitats is a slow and delicate process, but one we undertake with deep commitment and hope.

We remain profoundly grateful for the ongoing collaboration with MINFOF, whose enforcement efforts make these rescues possible. And to our supporters, thank you for standing with us. Together, we are giving Cameroon's wildlife a second chance at life and helping build a brighter, safer future for all.





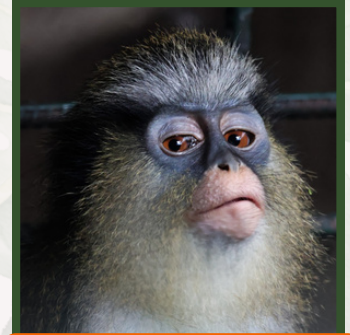
## Creature Feature:

July brought the arrival of a juvenile Mona monkey in critical condition. After escaping from a home where he was being kept as a pet, he was sadly attacked by hunting dogs. When he arrived, he was suffering from severe bruising and lung damage.



Pictured being restrained on arrival to LWC during his veterinary exam.

With round-the-clock care from our veterinary team, he has made a remarkable recovery and is now nearing the end of his mandatory quarantine period. The next steps in this young monkey's life will be the gradual introduction process to integrate him into our existing group of Mona monkeys.



Recovering well in quarantine



## Volunteer Highlight: Steph

Steph, a qualified veterinary surgeon from the UK, spent a full year volunteering alongside our vet team. This was her first experience working with wildlife — quite a change from her usual work with domestic animals back home!

Her skills and expertise proved not only highly transferable but also grew immensely during her time here. Steph's dedication to animal welfare, her professionalism, and her ever-positive attitude have been truly invaluable to the LWC team.

As her volunteering journey comes to an end, we say goodbye with heartfelt gratitude. Please join us in wishing Steph the very best of luck in her future adventures — and in whatever path her passion for animals takes her next!

## Institutional Partners





# Behind the Scenes: Quarterly Activities

## Population management and animal welfare

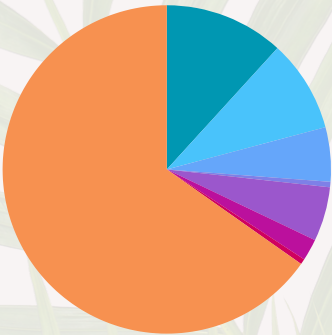
Every day, our dedicated veterinary team works tirelessly to ensure the physical and mental well-being of all animals in our care. Their efforts include a variety of enrichment activities, thorough quarantine protocols for new arrivals, and regular health checks to keep every animal healthy and thriving.

This quarter, the team carried out **22 primate health** checks as part of ongoing quarantine procedures and routine veterinary care. These proactive assessments help us detect and address any potential health concerns early, ensuring our residents receive the best possible care.



## Primate veterinary treatments

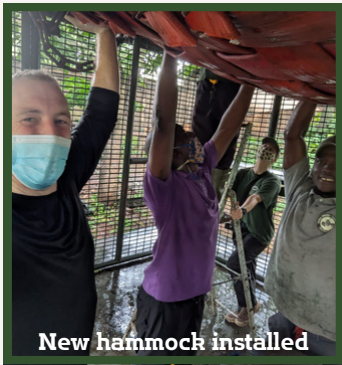
- Health checks (22)
- Anaesthesia (17)
- Blood samples (10)
- Faecal samples (1)
- Contraceptives (10)
- Laceration repairs (4)
- Minor surgeries (1)
- Drug therapies (122)



As part of our commitment to responsible population management, we also continue to prevent breeding among rescued primates. This quarter, ten contraceptive implants were administered — a key step in maintaining a healthy, sustainable population and promoting the welfare of each individual animal.

## Enrichment

Several exciting enrichment improvements have been made to the enclosures of our great apes and the Guenon Gardens!



With the help of our dedicated volunteer Ali, a professional zookeeper from the UK, two new durable hammocks were constructed to provide the gorillas with more comfortable resting spaces.



The wet season created quite a baron and muddy space for one of our Guenon enclosures.

New enrichment structures were added for climbing and playing along with the addition of edible plants.

During his time at the LWC, Ali worked both day and night shifts to help care for the infant mona monkey and two young Genets, providing the attentive support and nurturing they needed. His dedication and hands-on experience made a lasting difference to our animal care efforts. Thank you Ali, for sharing your time, skills, and compassion!

A little bit of rain did not deter both staff and volunteers who were determined to create a more stimulating and natural environment for this mixed enclosure.





# Behind the Scenes: Quarterly Activities

## Wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, and release

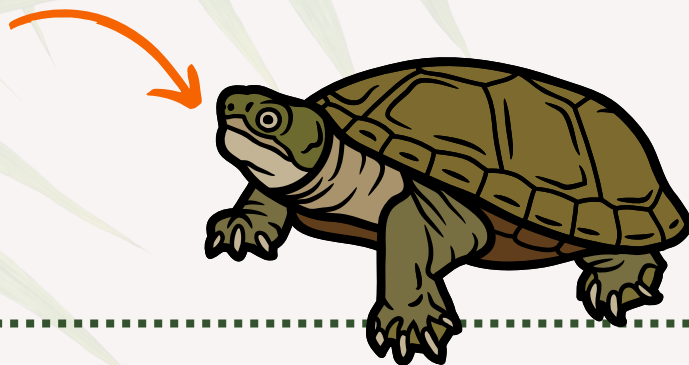
We work to reinforce Cameroonian wildlife laws by providing a sanctuary for wildlife seized by authorities. Without this support, wildlife crime would go unpunished because confiscating agencies would have nowhere to place the seized animals. Our primary mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and release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

### Arrivals

- Infant Mona Monkey
- Genet kittens x 2
- Juvenile Mona monkey
- Juvenile African palm civet
- Infant Preuss monkey
- Juvenile Olive baboon
- African Grey Parrots x 2
- Dwarf crocodile

### Releases

- Home's hinged back tortoise
- Mud turtle



September saw a number of successful integrations with primates who have now completed their quarantine period.

You may remember Boti, a 1yr old Mona monkey who arrived at LWC in March (see Boti's full story in this year's Q1 newsletter). He has now joined the island Mona troop where he is settling in nicely.



Acceptance into a troop is a gradual process as each individual brings with them complex behavioural traits. Yet, it is a crucial part in any rehabilitation process as this is where primates re-learn how to be their wild selves. Here at LWC we are all about giving them that all important second chance. We'll be sure to keep you updated on their progress.

We also carried out integrations for our Red-capped Mangabeys, Theo and Rex, who joined the already established Red-capped troop. Theo's introduction has gone smoothly, while Rex's journey has been a little more complex due to his extensive humanisation.



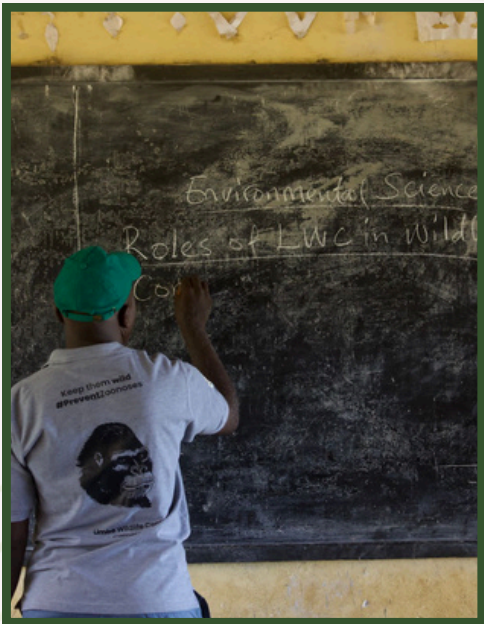
Rex came to us, like all too many rescued wild animals, as a former pet. His trust and dependence on humans for comfort, food, and security have created a number of behavioural challenges. With time and the expertise of our animal care team, our hopes for Rex's rehabilitation remain very positive, though progress is slow.

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# Behind the Scenes: Quarterly Activities

## Community outreach and education



While schools across the region close for the holidays, our education and outreach team have remained as busy as ever! Throughout the year, they've reached 53 classes across Limbe and in the villages of Batoke and Bakingili, along the southern border of Mount Cameroon National Park, spreading awareness about wildlife conservation, environmental protection, and the importance of preserving Cameroon's natural heritage.

With schools on break, the team has shifted focus to strengthening our on-site education experience. They are currently working on upgrading the Education Hall and visitor trail, adding improved signage and interactive displays — all dependent on available funding. These upgrades aim to make every visit to the Limbe Wildlife Centre even more engaging and educational for children and visitors alike.

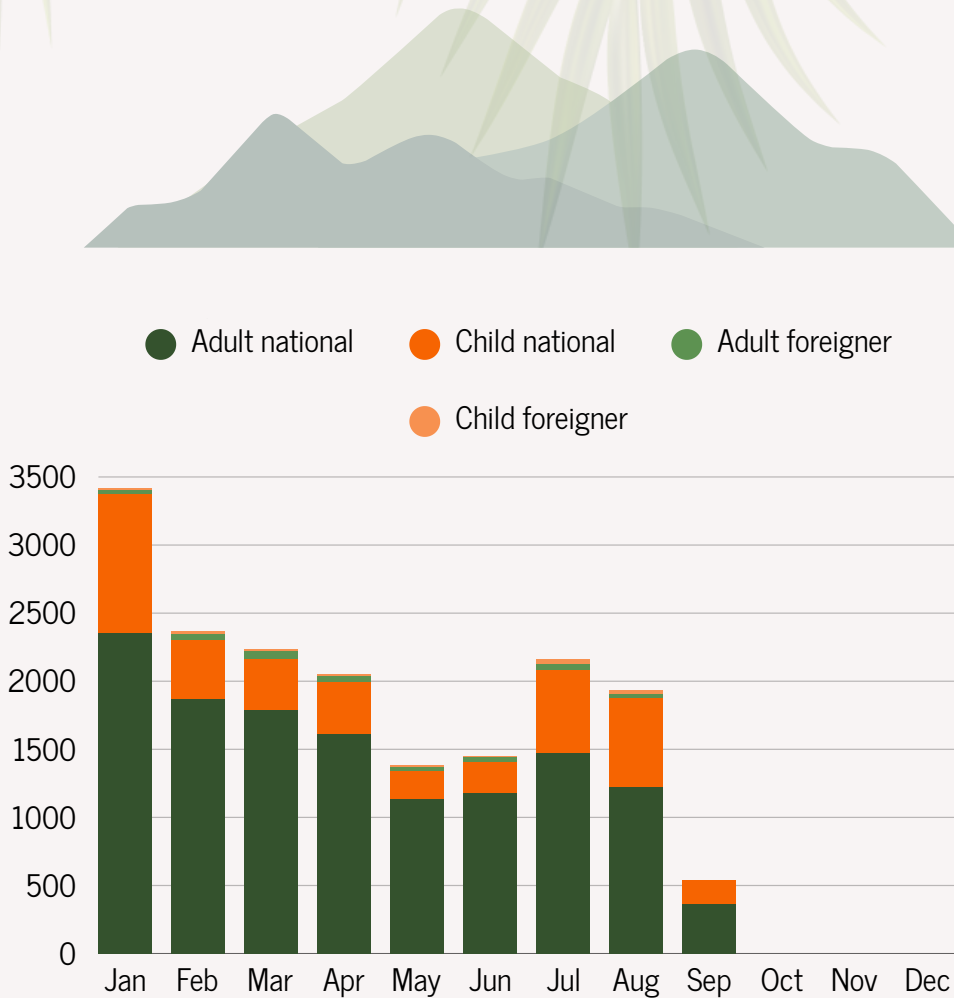
## Visitors

So far in 2025, we received a total of **17,548** visitors, **98%** of which were Cameroonian. We are grateful to host so many local visitors, so we can keep inspiring them to protect Cameroon's unique flora and fauna!

### Visitors in July, August and September:

**4,641** visitors: **68%** adults, **32%** children

(All entrance fees go to the Government of Cameroon)





# Behind the Scenes: Quarterly Activities

## Infrastructure and development

Following the exciting news of our new cage complex, fondly named Drill Island by the LWC staff, created to ease overcrowding in the current Drill enclosure featured in our **Q2 newsletter** — we're happy to share that the first three Drills (Bajul, Ebuki and Maliva) have now been relocated to their new home.

This move gives them more space and has allowed us to create a new sub-group for them to thrive in.



## Further enclosure renovations underway

Work has begun on re-fencing the big Tantalus/Patas enclosures on the island. The existing fence was old and rusty, and a full replacement was needed. This has been a challenging project, as staff are renovating the enclosure while the monkeys continue to live in the space, alongside the wet season having caused many delays.

To make the process more manageable, we decided to tackle the project one fence line at a time. This approach reduces the time the monkeys spend in the temporary satellite cages, though it does mean the overall project will take a bit longer.



Fence replaced at the tantalus/patas island enclosure

So far, the longest wall has been completed and the monkeys tolerated the two weeks in the satellite spaces very well! The troop has now been given a break with access back outside, and the next section of fencing will begin in a few weeks.

**Meanwhile**, we've also completed a full mesh replacement on the upper guenons mixed-species enclosure. This upgrade has allowed us to integrate our endangered Preuss's monkey, Etinde, whom you first met in 2023 — as soon as the wet season finished. This integration like all, marks a significant mile stone in their rehabilitation. Successful integration means less reliance on humans for comfort, support,



Work being carried out on the upper Guenon enclosure



Etinde during her introduction with a red-eared guenon



# Behind the Scenes: Quarterly Activities

## In Other News...

The wet season had plans of its own this quarter, bringing with it a series of unexpected challenges. The most serious was extensive flooding across several enclosures, which forced us to delay a number of planned activities.

By mid-September, as the rains began to ease, our team could finally assess the full extent of the damage. Despite the difficult conditions, our resilient staff—and the animals in their care—have weathered the storms with remarkable strength and patience.



Putty-nosed monkey



Flooded Guenon Island Enclosure

As we look ahead to next year's wet season, we're determined to prevent such flooding from happening again. We're launching a fundraising initiative to improve drainage systems, reinforce enclosures, and build better protection against heavy rains.

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Your support can make all the difference. Together, we can create a safer, more secure environment for every animal at LWC—no matter what the weather brings.

Stay tuned for updates on how you can help us make this vital project a reality

## Balinga the Gorilla turns 16 !

This August saw Balinga, the endangered Western Lowland Gorilla celebrate another year around the sun.

As some of you may know, Balinga was born here due to a failed contraceptive implant. between his parents Brighter and Chella.



The volunteers at LWC commemorated his birthday with coconuts and a special birthday cake made with soybean, corn, apple puree and froze overnight. Edible flowers were also used for decoration!

Balinga is a big personality here at LWC, and whilst we don't practice captive breeding, we're endlessly grateful for this gentle giant - and for his cheeky parents who clearly didn't get the memo!

## News Features:

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our partners at **Born Free** for featuring us in their annual report. It is through such partnerships that the Limbe Wildlife Centre is able to carry out its vital work of rescuing and caring for wildlife forcibly removed from their forest homes. Click on the Logo to learn more about how Born Free supports our centre and the incredible work they do around the globe.



You can also read an eye-opening article by our partners at **Pro Wildlife** that explores the trade of wild birds kept as pets across the EU. The piece features a photo of our very own seized African Grey Parrot and highlights the challenges faced by countless wild birds caught in the pet trade. It's well worth a read!



# Represent The LWC at Home!

Visit our online store and browse our selection of beautiful hats, t-shirts and bags so that you can represent and support the Limbe Wildlife Centre. Everything you buy helps to support the LWC and protect Cameroon's unique wildlife.



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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



As we continue our journey to protect wildlife in Cameroon, we invite you to be a part of our mission. Your involvement—whether through donations, volunteering, or simply spreading awareness—helps us provide a sanctuary for vulnerable wildlife and educate future generations about the importance of protecting our environment. We look forward to keeping you updated on our ongoing projects, upcoming campaign for funding towards the harsh flooding of enclosures and how integration and rehabilitation progresses throughout the centre.

With gratitude,  
The Limbe Wildlife Centre