

# Limbe Wildlife Centre Cameroon

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION REPORT  
2024-2025

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Limbe Wildlife Centre





## A Word from the Head of Education

This past year at the Limbe Wildlife Centre has been one of energy, growth, and meaningful connection. Across Limbe and the surrounding communities, our education team has spent countless hours in classrooms, on the sanctuary grounds and out in the field, sharing knowledge, listening and learning alongside the young people we work with.

Each week, we met students where they are, bringing conservation to life through discussions, creative activities and hands-on experiences. What has stood out most is not just what the students have learned, but how they have engaged: asking questions, sharing ideas, and beginning to see their own role in protecting the natural world around them.

Some of the most powerful moments this year happened outside the classroom. In March, we stood together on Down Beach with 174 schoolchildren, watching them work side by side to clean their coastline. By the end of the day, over 220 kg of waste had been collected, but more importantly, a sense of pride and responsibility had taken root.

We closed the school year with our annual graduation ceremony at the Botanical Gardens, a day filled with music, dancing, and celebration. Seeing so many young people come together to celebrate their achievements was truly inspiring. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who supported the ceremony and helped make it such a memorable success for the children.

This year also gave us the opportunity to reflect and grow as a team. Through participation in the PASA workshop, we strengthened our understanding of how to engage more thoughtfully and effectively with the communities we serve, an important step as we continue to evolve our work.

While challenges remain, particularly in protecting wildlife and changing long-standing behaviours, moments like these remind us why education is so important. Change begins with awareness, and awareness begins with connection.

On behalf of the education team, I would like to thank all of our donors, partners, schools and communities for your continued support. Your commitment makes this work possible and together, we are helping to shape a future where both people and wildlife can thrive.

**Wilson Ateh**  
**Limbe Wildlife Centre**



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# A Year of Learning, Action, and Impact

The LWC Education Programme is designed to serve a broad and diverse audience, with a particular focus on young people. Our educational activities integrate key themes including conservation, environmental science, public health, law, social science, and behavioural and evolutionary ecology.

## Throughout the year, participants engaged in:

- Guided educational visits to the sanctuary
- School-based lessons and workshops
- Creative and cultural activities, including theatre and music
- Practical, hands-on learning experiences
- Zoonoses discussions

These activities are carefully structured to raise awareness of Cameroon's unique biodiversity, highlight the links between healthy ecosystems and human well-being, and encourage participants to take an active role in protecting their natural and cultural heritage.

## Nurturing Future Conservationists

Through consistent engagement with students, the programme inspires young people to take an interest in conservation. By building knowledge, confidence, and responsibility, we are helping to shape the next generation of environmental stewards in Cameroon.



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— Wilson Ateh



# Our Educational Vision: Outreach into schools and Saturday Nature Club

School outreach remains at the heart of our education programme. Throughout the academic year, our team visited schools across Limbe and surrounding areas, delivering lessons on ecology, wildlife, zoonoses, and environmental challenges.

Using a participatory approach, including theatre, music and hands-on activities, we ensured that learning was both engaging and memorable. By working directly within schools, we continue to expand access to conservation education and inspire students to take pride in protecting their natural environment.



Our team conducted structured guided tours, creative activities and interactive discussions to engage visitors of all ages, communities and children from the Saturday Nature Club to promote a deeper appreciation and understanding of wildlife, biodiversity and our role within these systems.

By adopting methods aimed at encouraging curiosity and critical thinking, the programme has made a strong impression that we hope extends well beyond a single visit. Motivating children in Limbe and surrounding communities, we aim to expand mindsets toward more environmentally responsible attitudes and behaviours.

# Our Educational Vision: Outreach into schools and Saturday Nature Club

Programme during the 2024/2025 academic year: Each week, the education team visited schools in and around Limbe to deliver lessons to 53 different classes on topics focusing on ecology, wildlife, zoonoses, and the impacts of human activity on the environment in Cameroon.

The programme employed a hands-on approach, combining:

- Classroom-based lessons
- Student visits to the sanctuary
- Theatrical performances and singing
- Environmentally inspired extracurricular activities

This approach not only strengthened understanding of conservation issues but also made learning engaging and memorable. By meeting students in their own learning environments and complementing school curricula, LWC helped broaden access to high-quality environmental education and inspired young people to take pride in protecting their natural heritage.

## List of participating schools

- Saker Baptist
- Government Bilingual High School (GBHS)
- Our Lady of Lord
- CBC Bakingili
- Government High School (GHS) Batoke
- PS Bota
- GS Bakingili
- Presbyterian Girls Secondary School (PGSS)
- Sonara
- GTHS Bakingili
- Parents' National Educational Union (PNEU)
- Spring of Wisdom
- Ibolyka
- NCHS
- PS Down Beach

## Curriculum

- The animal world
- The plant world and the climate
- Ecosystems
- Degradation and protection of ecosystems
- Bushmeat and Zoonoses
- Limbe Wildlife Centre



A man in a white shirt and cap is speaking to a group of children in a classroom. The children are sitting at desks, and a red backpack with white stars and stripes is hanging on the wall. The classroom has a corrugated metal roof and wooden walls.

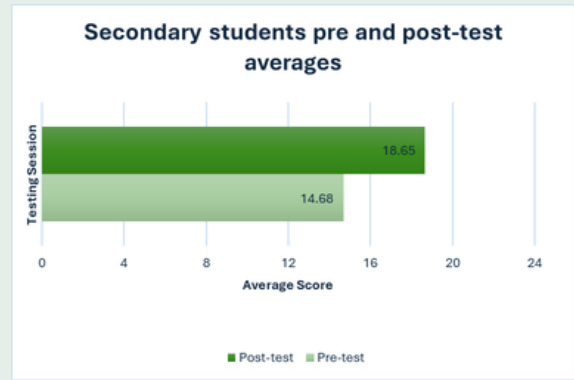
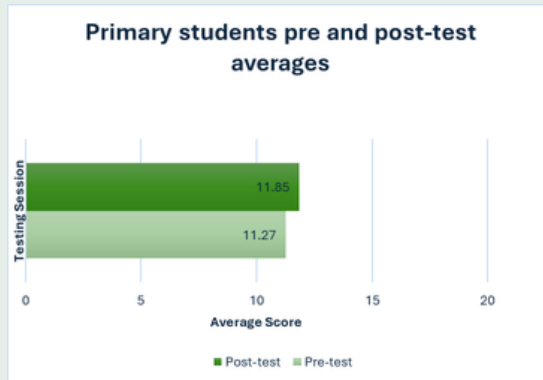
*"Inspiring children to care for the environment is what makes the Limbe Wildlife Centre truly special, and what inspires me to teach the next*

*generation."*

*— Solomon*

# Our Educational Vision: Measuring Impact

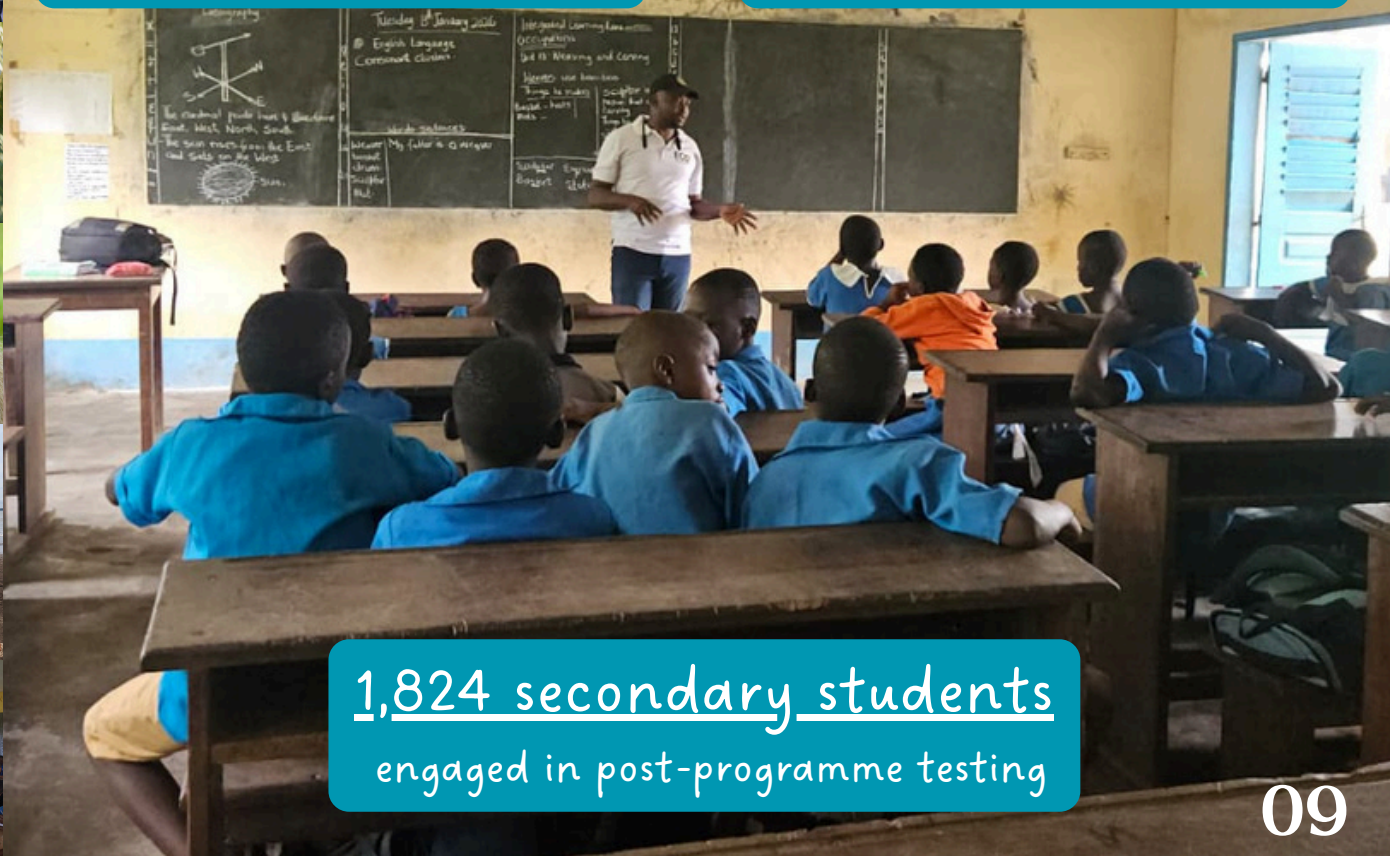
The 2024/2025 education programme placed a strong emphasis on measuring impact. Through structured pre- and post-testing, we gained valuable insights into learning outcomes.



Based on **446** primary school pupils who completed all four post-tests, results showed a **7% increase** in knowledge among primary school pupils and a **27% increase** among secondary students. These findings highlight the effectiveness of the programme while helping the team refine and improve future delivery.

53 classes reached  
through weekly school outreach

446 primary pupils  
completed full assessment cycle



1,824 secondary students  
engaged in post-programme testing

# Our Educational Vision: School Graduation

The annual graduation ceremony was once again a highlight of the year. Held at the Limbe Botanical Gardens, the event brought together students from across participating schools to celebrate their achievements.

The day was filled with music, dance, and performances, creating a joyful and memorable atmosphere.



Over 2,000 certificates were awarded, recognising the efforts and commitment of each child. We extend our sincere thanks to all donors and partners whose support made this celebration possible.



# Green Project: From former hunting communities to conservation champions

In 2024, we are pleased to share that the Limbe Wildlife Centre's Community Green Project was added to the United Nations Development Programme's Nature-Based Solutions Database. This global platform highlights how communities are contributing to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals through nature-based actions. The inclusion of the project recognises its contribution to Jobs and Livelihoods (SDG 1), Good Health and Well-being (SDG 3), and Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG 12), further reinforcing the importance of community-led conservation initiatives.



The Green Project continues to strengthen relationships with local communities while promoting sustainable livelihoods. Through workshops and collaboration, community members are supported in adopting environmentally friendly practices that reduce pressure on wildlife and natural resources.

# Green Project: From former hunting communities to conservation champions

This year, workshops brought together large numbers of participants, encouraging dialogue, shared learning, and a deeper understanding of conservation challenges and opportunities.

Led by our Wilson Ateh, a community workshop was held in early December 2025 in Batoke, a former hunting community, to highlight the project's role in protecting wildlife and habitats.

While we initially anticipated around 100 participants, we were proud to welcome over 200 members of the community.



The day brought together both new and existing participants through presentations, open discussions, and shared experiences. The event also included the distribution of project T-shirts, along with food, music, and dancing, creating a strong sense of community and shared purpose.

We extend our sincere thanks to the [Go Ape Foundation](#) and [Contribute Foundation](#) for their support in making this workshop possible and helping to strengthen the impact of the Green Project.



# Our Educational Vision: Other Activities

Throughout the year, the education team participated in a variety of additional activities to expand outreach and engagement. A key highlight was the beach clean-up at Down Beach, where 174 students collected over 220 kg of waste, demonstrating the power of community action.

The team also continued to engage with events and opportunities that promote conservation awareness and strengthen connections with local communities.



In September 2024, LWC's Head of Education, Wilson Ateh, travelled to South Africa to participate in the PASA Community Engagement Workshop. The workshop focused on best practices in community engagement and explored critical ethical considerations, including power dynamics and responsible partnerships with local communities.



Following the workshop, Wilson delivered an internal presentation to the LWC team, sharing key lessons and practical insights gained from the training. This knowledge exchange strengthened the team's collective capacity and is helping to further refine LWC's approach to ethical, inclusive, and effective community-based conservation education.

From the classroom to the coastline, young people are taking action to protect their environment.



# Challenges and Lessons Learned

The loss of wildlife due to illegal trade and habitat destruction remains a significant challenge, despite the presence of protected areas. At LWC, we continue to address this through education, using direct observation of animals in rehabilitation, supported by eco-guides and informative signage. These experiences help visitors not only learn about individual species, but also better understand the wider threats facing wildlife and the actions they can take to make a difference.

Between January 2024 and December 2025, LWC welcomed 45,537 visitors, of which over 97% were Cameroonian nationals and 28% were children. These figures highlight the Centre's strong national reach and reinforce the importance of continued investment in accessible, high-quality conservation education.

## Looking Ahead: Priorities for 2025/2026

While the 2024/2025 year demonstrated the continued strength and impact of the LWC Education Programme, the need for conservation education in Cameroon remains as important as ever. Increasing pressure on wildlife and natural habitats means that education continues to play a vital role in shaping long-term solutions.

In the coming year, LWC aims to:

- Expand its reach to more schools and communities
- Strengthen the quality and depth of educational content
- Build new partnerships with institutions and supporters
- Enhance monitoring and evaluation to better understand long-term impact
- Finish the ongoing upgrade of its educational facilities, with new educational and interactive displays and signage all around the education hall and visitor trail.

# ANNUAL REPORT: ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION 2024-2025 FINANCIAL BUDGET



Educational Outreach				
Education computer maintenance	1	33,000	50	57
Books for school	2500	250,000	381	430
Educator transport	3	290,300	443	500
Photocopies of tests	2500	55,000	84	95
Ink refill for printer	7	60,000	91	103
Printer repairs	1	23,000	35	40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>678,300</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>1,167</b>
Community Outreach				
Saturday Nature Club Christmas party	120	350,000	534	602
Drinks for Batoke May 2025 community workshop	60	60,000	91	103
Food for Batoke May workshop	64	63,600	97	109
Beach cleaning t-shirts	70	175,000	267	301
Beach cleaning water and food packs purchase	180	261,000	398	449
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>909,600</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>1,566</b>
Graduation Event				
Lunch bag	2500	2,500,000	3,811	4,303
Water (packet of 12)	200	499,200	761	859
Hiring of sound equipment and generator	1	65,000	99	112
Bus transport	6	1,200,000	1,829	2,065
T-shirts for children (prizes)	212	530,000	808	912
Roll of bin bags	1	5,000	8	9
Clearing of LBG Jungle Village (before and after)	4	30,000	46	52
Fuel for LWC pickup	1	20,000	30	34
Printing of certificates	2493	748,500	1,141	1,288
Contingency and management (7%)		511,441	780	880
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6,109,141</b>	<b>9,313</b>	<b>10,515</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>7,697,041</b>	<b>11,789</b>	<b>13,248</b>



# Thank You to our partners and supporters!



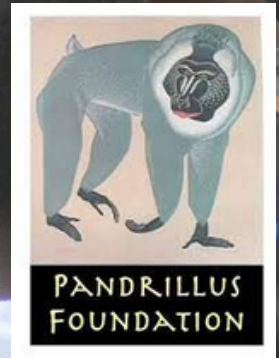
The Limbe Wildlife Centre's education programme continues to thrive thanks to the generous support of our donors, partners, and collaborator's

Your contributions, whether it be financial, technical and in-kind have enabled us to reach thousands of young people and community members each year.

Together, we are building a shared commitment to protecting Cameroon's unique wildlife and natural heritage.



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