Pan African Sanctuary Alliance



2016 Census of PASA Members

Executive Summary

The Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA), the largest association of wildlife centers in Africa, includes 22 organizations in 13 countries which are securing a future for Africa's primates and their habitat. Despite working in extraordinarily challenging conditions, members of the Alliance are making significant strides in primate conservation and welfare. They collaborate with law enforcement agencies to reduce wildlife crime by rescuing confiscated animals, give lifelong care to great apes and monkeys orphaned by the bushmeat trade and the illicit pet trade, protect wild primate populations by working to stop the hunting and trafficking of endangered species, defend their habitat from exploitation, and conduct community development and education programs across Africa.

PASA unifies its member wildlife centers and advocates on their behalf at the international level, provides vital support, and works with them to raise awareness globally about wildlife conservation issues.

The data presented in this report are from a census of PASA's 22 member wildlife centers conducted in December 2016. They represent a few examples of the impact of the organizations and are not a comprehensive summary of their achievements.

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PASA Member Wildlife Centers

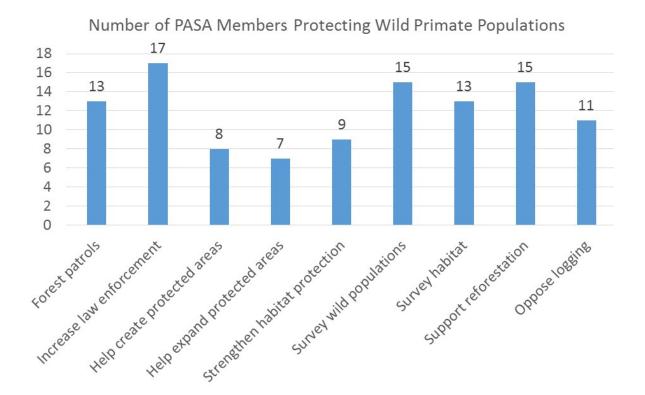
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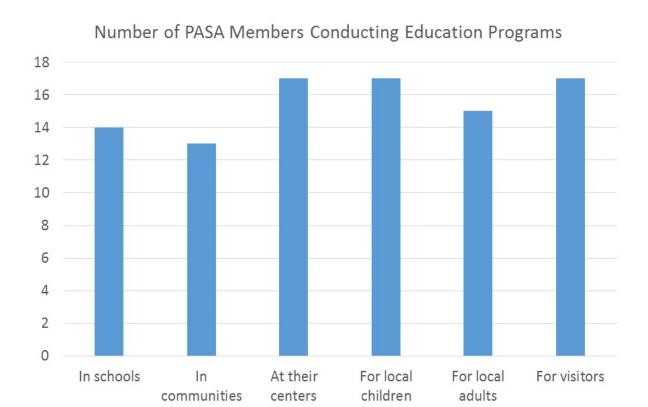
Protecting Wild Populations

Almost all member organizations of the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance conserve primates by collaborating with government agencies to conduct projects that directly protect wild populations and their habitat.



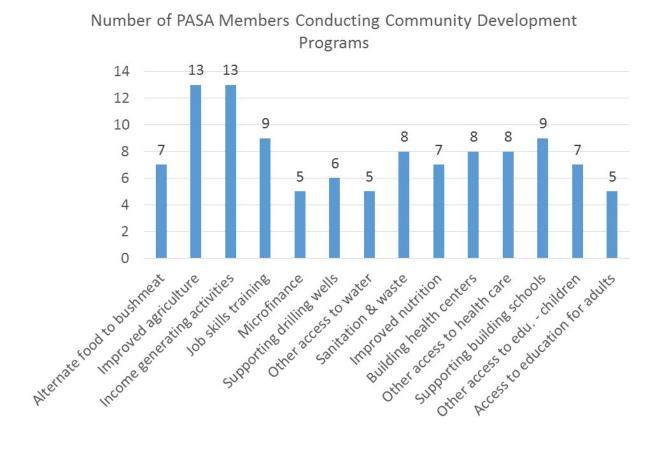
Humane Education

Collectively, PASA member wildlife centers educate more than 500,000 people every year in topics related to wildlife conservation and animal protection. They conduct education programs in schools, in communities, and at their sanctuaries. In addition to influencing local children and local adults, the programs educate **visitors at the sanctuaries**, **which numbered more than 153,000** in 2016.



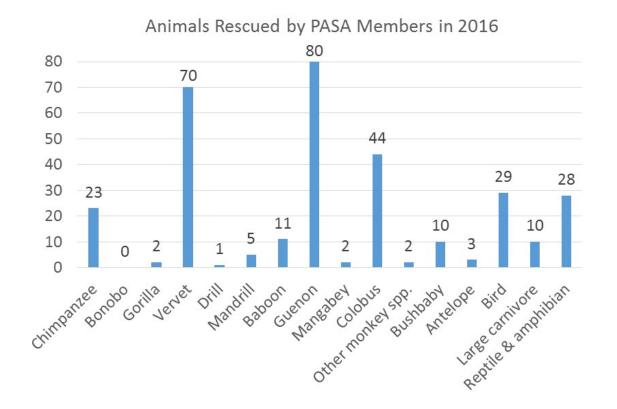
Community Development

Wildlife centers that are members of the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance are located among communities that are essential to primate conservation. Many of these communities are near vital primate habitat, where local people illegally hunt wildlife or destroy habitat in order to provide for their families. PASA members implement diverse projects that reduce the exploitation of wildlife and habitat by working with communities to develop sustainable alternatives.



Rescues

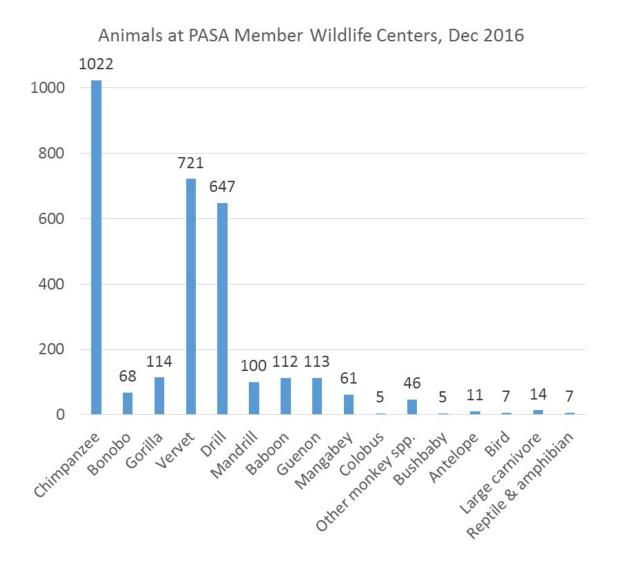
In 2016, Pan African Sanctuary Alliance member organizations **rescued and gave long-term care to 320 animals, including 250 primates.** The animals were saved from wildlife trafficking, the illegal bushmeat trade, and other threats. By giving homes to confiscated wildlife, PASA members make it possible for law enforcement agencies to arrest smugglers and fight the illegal trade.



Animal Protection

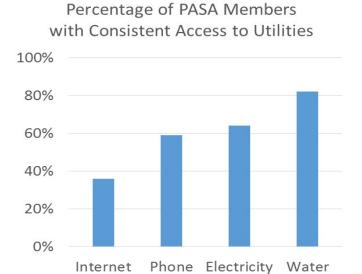
PASA members provide high-quality, long-term care to **more than 3,000 great apes and monkeys**, as well as dozens of other species who have been rescued from inhumane conditions. Without PASA member sanctuaries, these animals would have nowhere to turn.

African governments generally lack wildlife care facilities, and many depend on partnerships with PASA member wildlife centers to accept animals confiscated from traffickers. Without the PASA members, many arrests of wildlife traffickers would not have occurred because the law enforcement agencies would not have facilities for the animals.



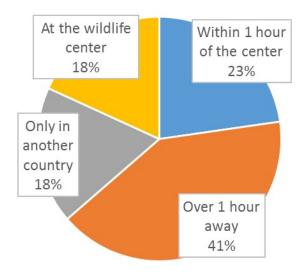
Challenging Conditions

Many members of the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance work in or near essential primate habitat, where resources are limited and unreliable. More than 1/3 of the centers lack reliable access to electricity and phone connections, and most lack consistent internet connections.



A core function of PASA member wildlife centers is giving care to animals rescued from wildlife crime and other cruel situations, including providing veterinary treatment. However, due to their remote locations, over 80% are unable to conduct all necessary diagnostic testing at their sanctuaries, and most are unable to conduct all diagnostic testing within one hour of their sanctuaries.





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Additional Information

Research: By allowing researchers to easily observe humanity's nearest relatives in fairly natural environments and social groups, PASA member sanctuaries enable significant studies about topics such as primate cognition and social behavior, which provide insights on human evolution. **95% of PASA members host researchers.**

Employment: Collectively, PASA member wildlife centers provide **employment for nearly 700 African people** and inject millions of dollars into local economies. Many centers are the largest employers in their areas.

Support organizations: The Alliance extends worldwide as well as across Africa. PASA members work closely with 37 support organizations around the world whose roles include raising awareness about primate protection, fundraising, and providing public relations and technical support.

Volunteering: In 2016, more than 750 people traveled to Africa to volunteer at PASA member wildlife centers. Some of these volunteers stay for months, and a few build on their volunteer experiences and become long-term staff.

Conclusion

The members of the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance are leaders in the conservation and welfare of African primates. Their impact on communities, schools, wild primate populations, government agencies, and the animals in their sanctuaries is profound.

As the bushmeat trade and illegal wildlife trade rapidly expand and the great apes and many other primate species approach the brink of extinction, these organizations are needed now more than ever.

