

Pan African Sanctuary Alliance



2018 Census of PASA Members



Executive Summary

The Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA), the largest association of wildlife centers in Africa, includes 23 organizations in 13 countries which are securing a future for Africa's primates and their habitat. **PASA member organizations use a multifaceted approach to tackle wildlife exploitation and habitat destruction.** They address the root causes of threats to primates by conducting education programs that raise awareness about the wildlife trade, helping communities develop alternative livelihoods that free them from the cycle of these destructive behaviors, and collaborating with law enforcement agencies to reduce wildlife crime and rescue confiscated animals. PASA member wildlife centers also provide long-term care to great apes and monkeys orphaned by the bushmeat trade and the illicit pet trade.

PASA members are leading more innovative conservation projects to protect primates in the wild than ever before

From June 2017 through July 2018, PASA's members broke new ground in the movement to defend and rescue Africa's apes and monkeys. Highlights include:

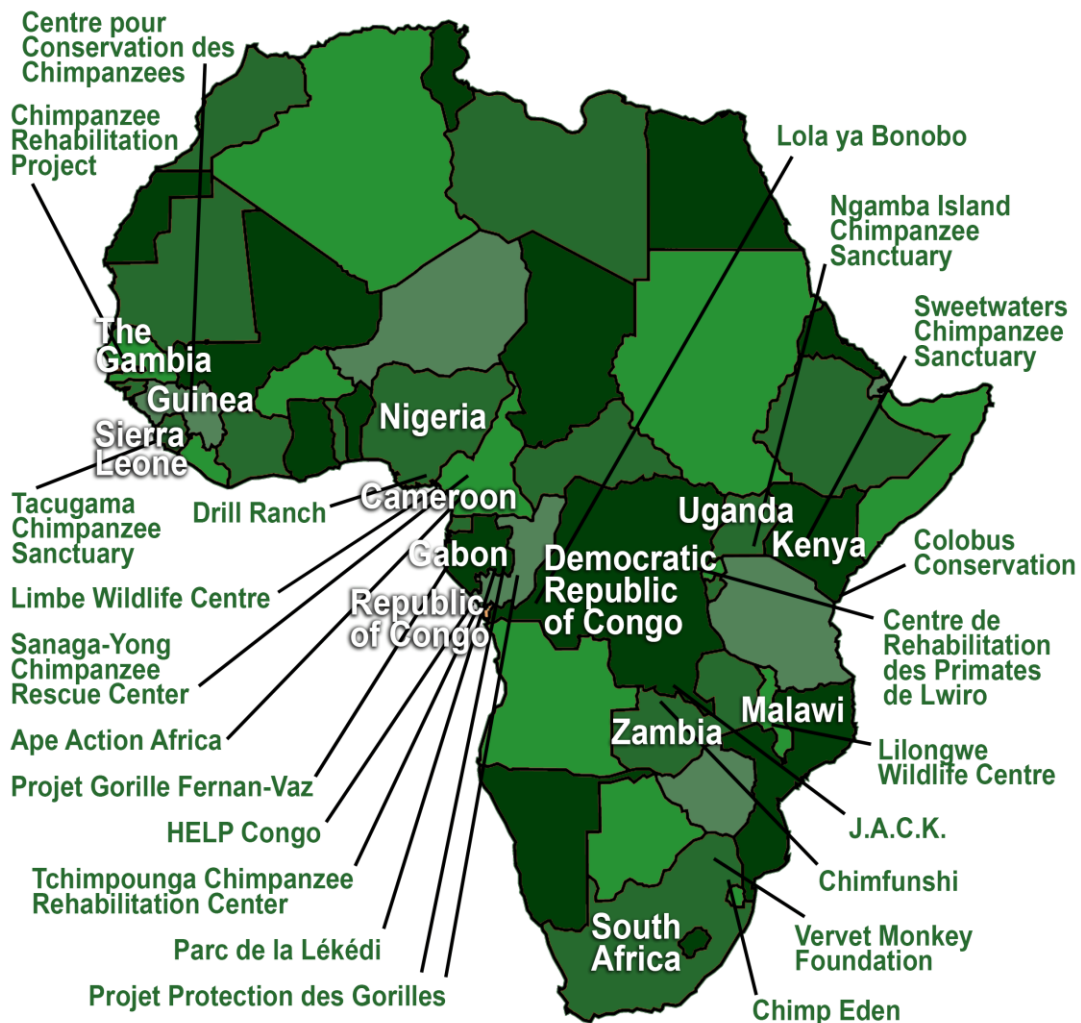
- Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee Rescue arranged the signing of a declaration to create the Wall-Mbargue Wildlife Refuge in Cameroon, the result of many years of diligent efforts.
- Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Project initiated discussions with the government of The Gambia to protect habitat of the critically endangered red colobus monkey.
- Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Center transferred more than 90 rescued chimpanzees from their sanctuary enclosures to idyllic semi-wild islands.
- Several Alliance members completed infrastructure projects that increased their capacity to accept greater numbers of confiscated wildlife in safe and secure facilities.
- Two-thirds of PASA member organizations developed or updated strategic plans which have resulted in "improved enclosures, nutrition, enrichment, general care, ... a more cohesive team, and decreased staff turnover."

Many PASA members work in remote environments with limited access to resources. The Alliance amplifies their efforts through unified channels of communication between the wildlife centers and advocacy on the international level as well as providing strategic and professional development. PASA also bolsters our members to engage in global awareness campaigns about wildlife conservation issues. Through these channels, PASA member sanctuaries are growing their capacities sustainably and upholding excellent standards of animal care.

The data presented in this report are from a census of PASA's 23 member wildlife centers, conducted in August 2018. These data represent a few examples of the impact of PASA's members and are not a comprehensive summary of their achievements.

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PASA Member Wildlife Centers

Ape Action Africa	(Cameroon)
Centre de Rehabilitation des Primates de Lwiro	(D.R. Congo)
Centre pour Conservation des Chimpanzees (CCC)	(Guinea)
Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage	(Zambia)
Chimpanzee Eden	(South Africa)
Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Project	(Gambia)
Colobus Conservation	(Kenya)
Drill Ranch *	(Nigeria)
Fernan-Vaz Gorilla Project	(Gabon)
HELP-Congo	(Congo)
Jeunes Animaux Confisques au Katanga (J.A.C.K.)	(D.R. Congo)
Lilongwe Wildlife Centre	(Malawi)
Limbe Wildlife Centre	(Cameroon)
Lola Ya Bonobo	(D.R. Congo)
Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary	(Uganda)
Parc de la Lékédi	(Gabon)
Projet Protection des Gorilles-Congo	(Congo)
Projet Protection des Gorilles-Gabon	(Gabon)
Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee Rescue	(Cameroon)
Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary	(Kenya)
Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary	(Sierra Leone)
Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Centre	(Congo)
Vervet Monkey Foundation	(South Africa)

* Membership is currently inactive

Animal Rescue and Care

The illegal wildlife trade has resulted in more orphaned primates in need of sanctuary care last year than in any other year in memory. PASA members are actively working to address the root causes of this crisis while providing outstanding confiscation support and long-term animal care.

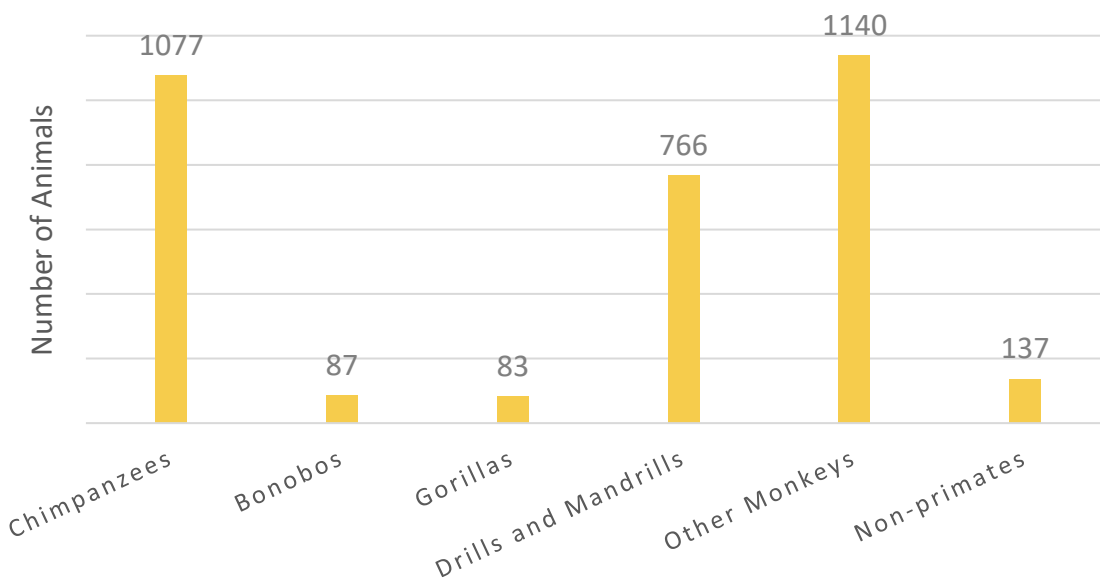
From July 2017 to June 2018, **Pan African Sanctuary Alliance member organizations rescued 216 primates** from wildlife trafficking, the illegal bushmeat trade, and other threats.

In general, most African governments lack infrastructure for wildlife care. Partnerships with PASA member wildlife centers allow these governments to transfer animals confiscated from traffickers to safe and secure rehabilitative facilities. By giving homes to rescued wildlife, PASA members make it possible for law enforcement agencies to arrest smugglers and fight the illegal trade. These collaborations provide a vital service that directly increase arrests of wildlife traffickers, amplifying law enforcement efforts.



Nearly 3,300 animals, 3,155 of which are primates, are receiving high-quality, long-term care from PASA's member organizations. Without them, animals rescued from inhumane conditions would have nowhere to turn.

Animals Cared for by PASA Members



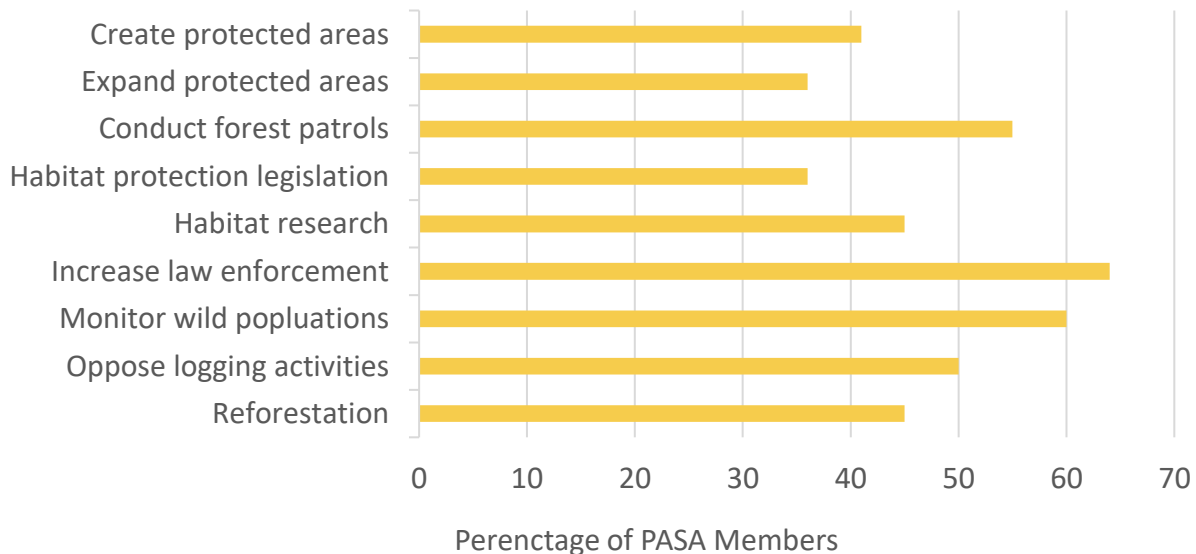
Protecting Wild Populations

Every PASA member organization is dedicated to rescuing primates and protecting land from exploitation through a unique collaboration of African sanctuaries, communities, governments, and global experts. Over half of PASA member wildlife centers utilize primate reintroductions as an effective strategy for the conservation of endangered species. From July 2017 to June 2018, PASA members successfully reintroduced 107 animals. **In the next two years, the Alliance plans to reintroduce 184 animals, including three gorillas, 50 chimps, and 128 monkeys.** Successful reintroductions ensure the viability of wild populations, contribute to establishing new protected areas, and increase the number of breeding individuals, which is particularly important for preserving species with slow population growth rates, such as the great apes.

60% of PASA members survey and monitor wild primate populations

As member capacity increases, the Alliance has committed to using additional funding to protect wild populations. PASA members monitor 220 animals across 40 species in the wild. The Alliance also protects wild populations by creating new national parks and environmental refuges, strengthening law enforcement, and fighting deforestation.

How PASA Members Protect Wildlife



Wildlife and Environmental Education

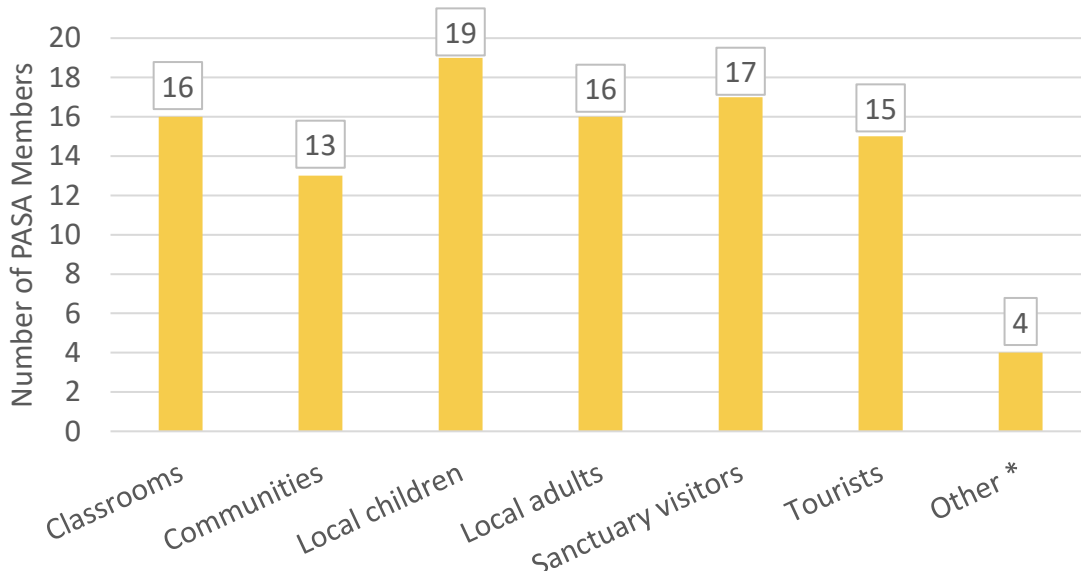


Collectively, Alliance wildlife centers educate more than 500,000 people every year in topics related to wildlife conservation and animal protection. They use innovative and empowering education programs to inspire people across Africa to protect primates. These education programs are offered in schools, in communities, and at their sanctuaries. In addition to influencing local children and adults, the programs **educate visitors at the sanctuaries, which numbers more than 230,000** per year.

Alliance members work to rectify the pervasive lack of awareness about wildlife and environmental conservation using a variety of education programs targeted to a wide range of audiences. Every year, through high quality, engaging films, books for children, and exciting school curricula, PASA members inspire people to protect wildlife across Africa.

87% of PASA
members conduct
education programs

Wildlife Education Program Audiences



*Includes giving presentations at universities and government functions for state officials.

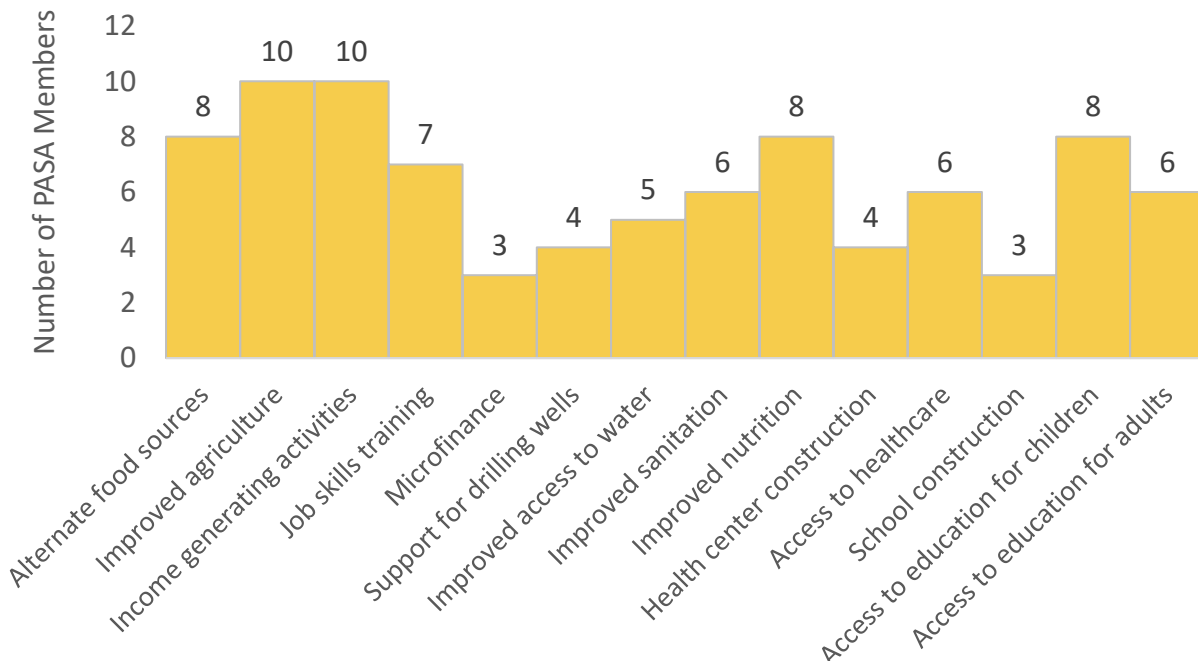
Community Development

Alliance members partner with over
240 *communities*
ranging from urban areas to remote villages

Despite often operating in remote locations, PASA member organizations have formed close partnerships with approximately 22,000 people in 240 communities of all sizes ranging from urban areas to secluded villages. Many of these communities are near vital primate habitat, where local people illegally hunt wildlife for bushmeat or the pet trade or destroy habitat to create farmland 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. One PASA member recently reported that they “employ local staff, purchase monkey food from farms in the area, and purchase food for volunteers from the local town...from different farmers.” Another wildlife center purchases 800 kg (1,800 pounds) of fruits per day from surrounding villages, while an additional member of the Alliance stated that they “regularly employ villagers for construction or temporary work.”

Community Development Programs



In addition to these activities, PASA members are also involved in road and bridge maintenance, starting a mangrove forest, and leading an afforestation program.

Staff Development

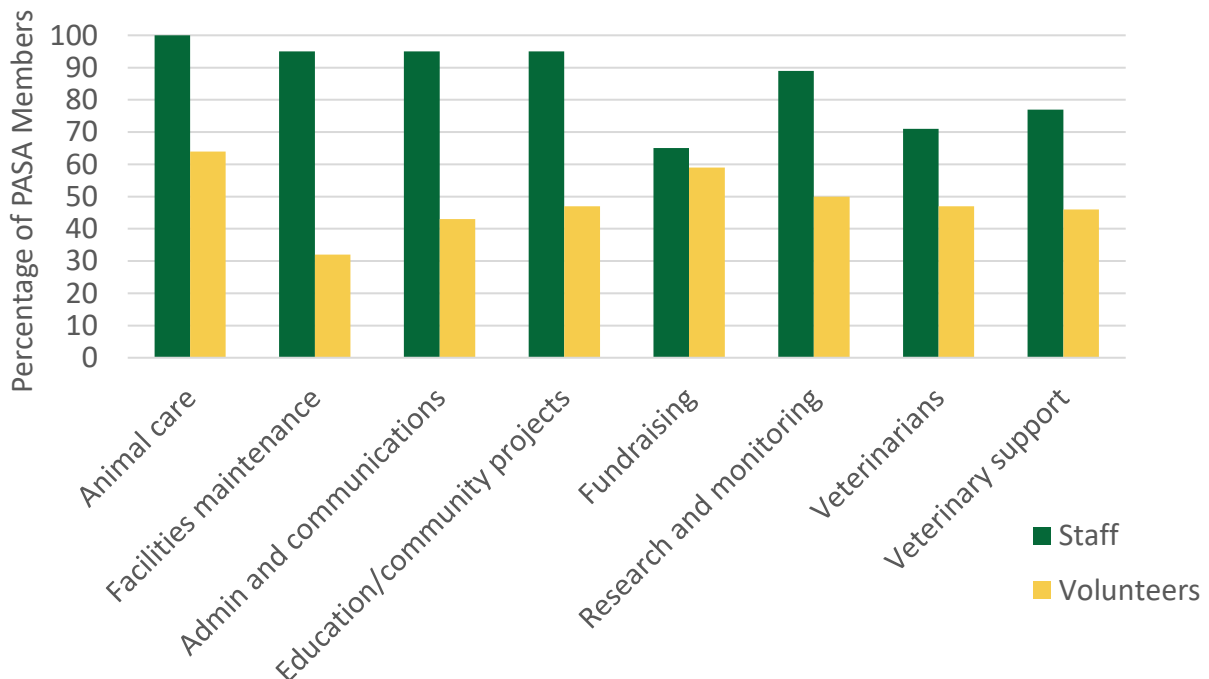
Employment is a meaningful way to provide resources and opportunities to local communities. The Alliance is committed to stimulating community development by employing local people from the towns and villages that surround them. PASA member sanctuaries are proud to employ 793 staff – 584 full-time and 209 part-time. 80% of the employees are members of the communities surrounding the wildlife centers. The Alliance employs staff members. Collectively, Alliance members also offer 650 long- and short-term volunteer placements.



80% of PASA member wildlife centers' employees are members of African communities

By providing employment to residents of the surrounding communities, PASA member organizations offer alternative livelihoods to jobs that exploit the environment, thus fostering positive relationships between the human and wildlife communities. Every year, PASA members generate \$5 million for local economies. Many of the wildlife centers are the largest employers in their areas.

Staff and Volunteer Roles at PASA Member Sanctuaries



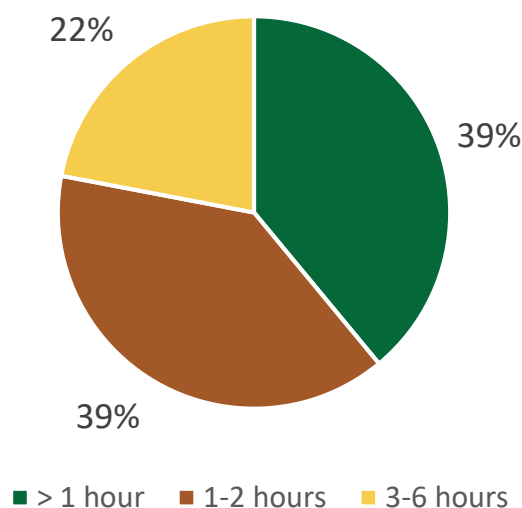
Challenging Conditions

Alliance members are committed to providing care for primates in environments that are safe, spacious, and as similar to their forest homes as possible. Many member organizations are located in forest areas that are in or near essential primate habitat. These locations are often remote and have restricted access to public resources. The average travel time from a PASA member wildlife center to the nearest big town or city is two hours but can be as much as six hours or even more when roads are impassible during the rainy season. This seclusion makes PASA members vulnerable during natural disasters or other adverse conditions because accessing emergency services can be difficult.

A core function of PASA members is giving care to animals rescued from wildlife crime and other cruelty, including providing life-saving veterinary treatment. Ninety percent of PASA members employ veterinary staff, and it is critical to provide them with the support that will allow them to train staff, provide treatment and surgery for animals in need, and conduct medical exams. Because travel times to and from the sanctuaries can be onerous, PASA members must plan for staff training far in advance to fulfill their commitment to upholding the highest standards of animal care.

Travel time from a PASA member sanctuary to the nearest town or city can range from
15 minutes to 6 hours.

Travel Time from PASA Member Organization to the Nearest City or Town



Additional Initiatives

Research: PASA members often allow researchers to study primates at their wildlife centers. These collaborations enable researchers to conduct meaningful studies involving active social groups in forest enclosures that closely align with natural habitat. These studies provide valuable insights on human evolution as well as primate behavior and cognition. **78% of PASA members host researchers.**

Support organizations: The Alliance extends worldwide as well as across Africa. Over 70% of PASA members work closely with partner organizations around the world, such as foundations and support organizations whose roles include raising awareness about primate protection, fundraising, and providing public relations and technical support.

Over 40% of PASA members plan to release great apes or monkeys in the next 2 years

Conclusion

Members of the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance are leaders in the conservation and welfare of African primates. **Their profound impact on communities, schools, wild primate populations, and government agencies, and the life-long care they provide to thousands of animals in their sanctuaries, is critical to save Africa's primates from extinction.**

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.

