

A photograph of a gorilla sitting in a grassy field, holding a small plant in its mouth. The gorilla is dark-furred and is shown in profile, facing left. The background is a soft-focus landscape with green grass and a hazy horizon. The text 'PASA' is overlaid at the top in a large, green, stylized font, flanked by two horizontal green lines.

PASA

**Pan African
Sanctuary Alliance
Annual Report • 2019**

In the Race Against Extinction, Every Animal Counts

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear friends,

2019 was a year that PASA stepped into a larger role in defense of Africa's apes and monkeys. As Africa's largest alliance of wildlife centers, we have always had a significant voice, underscored by the indisputable evidence of our impact. Additionally, the challenges we face in protecting Africa's primates grow more severe each year – and 2019 was no exception.

- Vervet monkeys in South Africa dropped dead from trees, the effect of a devastating heat wave and underscoring all too vividly the threat posed by climate change
- Trafficking of wild animals is now the fourth largest form of international crime in the world, behind drug, arms, and human trafficking
- A new model predicts that 90% of great ape habitat will be disturbed by humans by the year 2030.

These challenges are not new, but they are intensifying, and they are complex. No single organization can solve them alone.

But each has solutions that can be adopted and adapted by others – and that is the power of our Alliance. Across 23-member wildlife centers, the Alliance is committed to providing outstanding care to rehabilitated primates and creating the solutions endangered primates desperately need to survive for generations to come.

Working together, we bring programs, partnerships, and where necessary, pressure to bear on these challenges. And, by leveraging the direct action conducted by PASA member wildlife centers every day and combining it with international coalitions and policy, we are changing the game for African primates.

However, none of this would be possible, or even

imaginable, without the incredible support of our donors. You stepped up to provide emergency support to stem the impact of floods, heatwaves, and disease outbreaks. You enabled the Alliance to rescue great apes and monkeys across Africa from trafficking and cruelty and rehabilitate them in accredited PASA member sanctuaries.

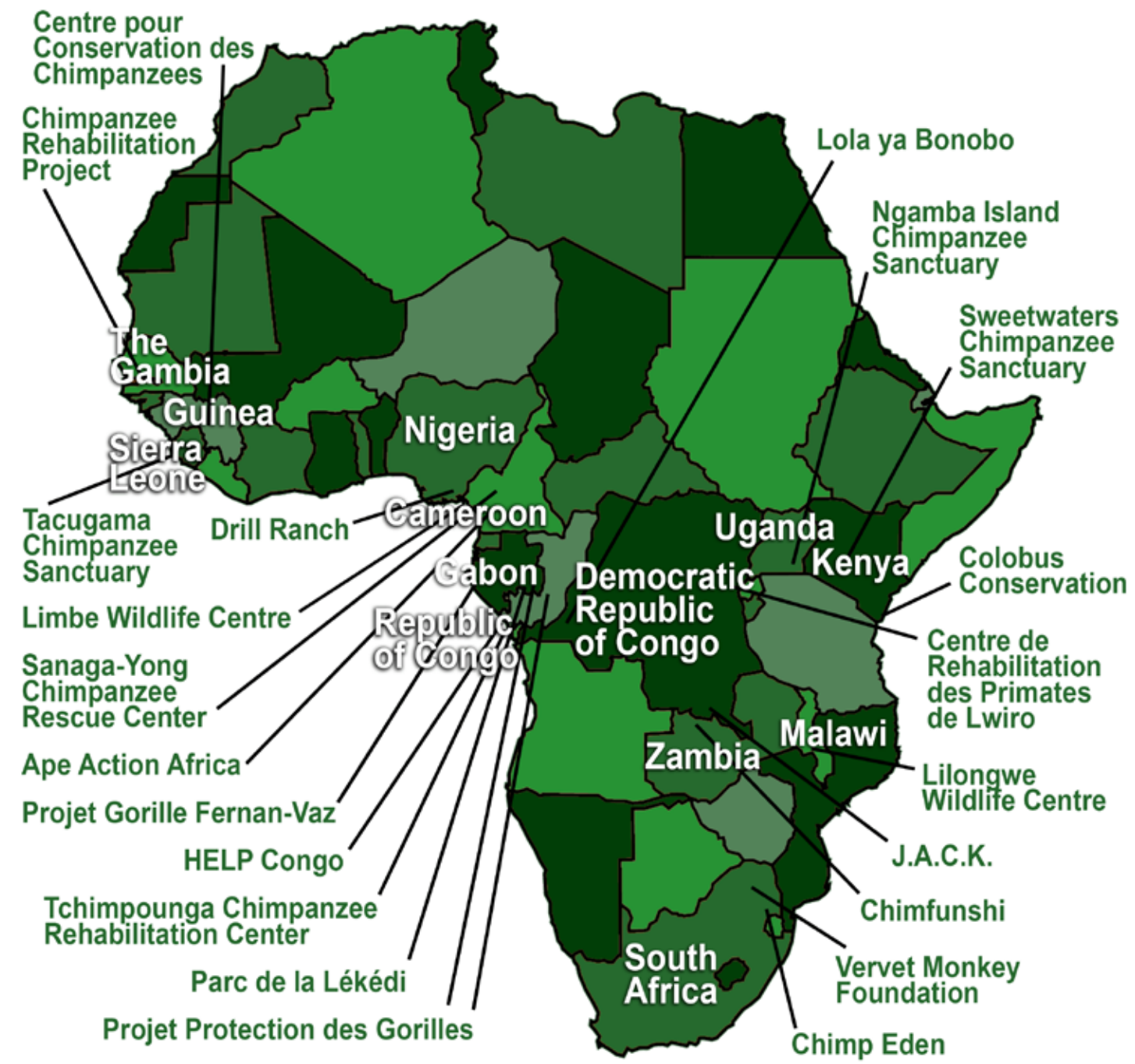
I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generosity and commitment to this work. Knowing we can count on you allows us to set big, audacious goals – the kind we need if we are to secure a future for these incredible animals.

Sincerely,



Gregg Tully
Executive Director
Pan African Sanctuary Alliance

PASA Member Wildlife Centers Across Africa



About PASA

The Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA), the largest association of wildlife centers in Africa, includes 23 wildlife centers in 13 African countries. Our members are securing a future for Africa’s primates by working to stop the illegal trade of wildlife, rescuing, rehabilitating, and reintroducing orphans of the trade, protecting wild primate populations and their habitats, and educating and empowering communities.

The combination of our worldwide network and our members’ local expertise positions us for sustained impact.

Our members also participate in groundbreaking research, partner with governments and non-governmental organizations, and form a crucial component of law enforcement strategy to end the cruel and illegal trafficking of apes and monkeys.

PASA strengthens our member organizations and is building a global movement to save Africa’s great apes and monkeys. The combination of PASA’s worldwide network and our members’ local expertise positions the Alliance to make a sustained impact on a large scale.

CARING



PROTECTING



EDUCATING



Disrupting Wildlife Crime

Now more than ever before, wildlife trafficking threatens the survival of great apes and monkeys throughout Africa. With thousands of gorillas, chimpanzees and other African primates killed annually for bushmeat, the exotic pet trade and ceremonial body parts, PASA and the Alliance are striving harder to stamp out the illegal wildlife trade across Africa.

Obstacles to combatting wildlife crime include low governmental prioritization in some areas, lack of capacity in customs and border security, and disconnects between law enforcement and other agencies. We are striving to make new partnerships and strengthen our existing relationships with these agencies to fight wildlife crime. **By connecting the dots in the wildlife trade supply chain, we can change the way wildlife centers and governments partner together to stamp out this threat to primates' survival.**

Effective conservation thrives upon transnational collaborations, because wildlife and wildlife products are moved across national borders. Stronger anti-poaching strategies

are vital to the survival of Africa's primates, and the PASA Alliance is committed to being a unique force for fighting back against these crimes. In 2019, PASA members forged new ways to learn from one another and formed international partnerships to protect primates.

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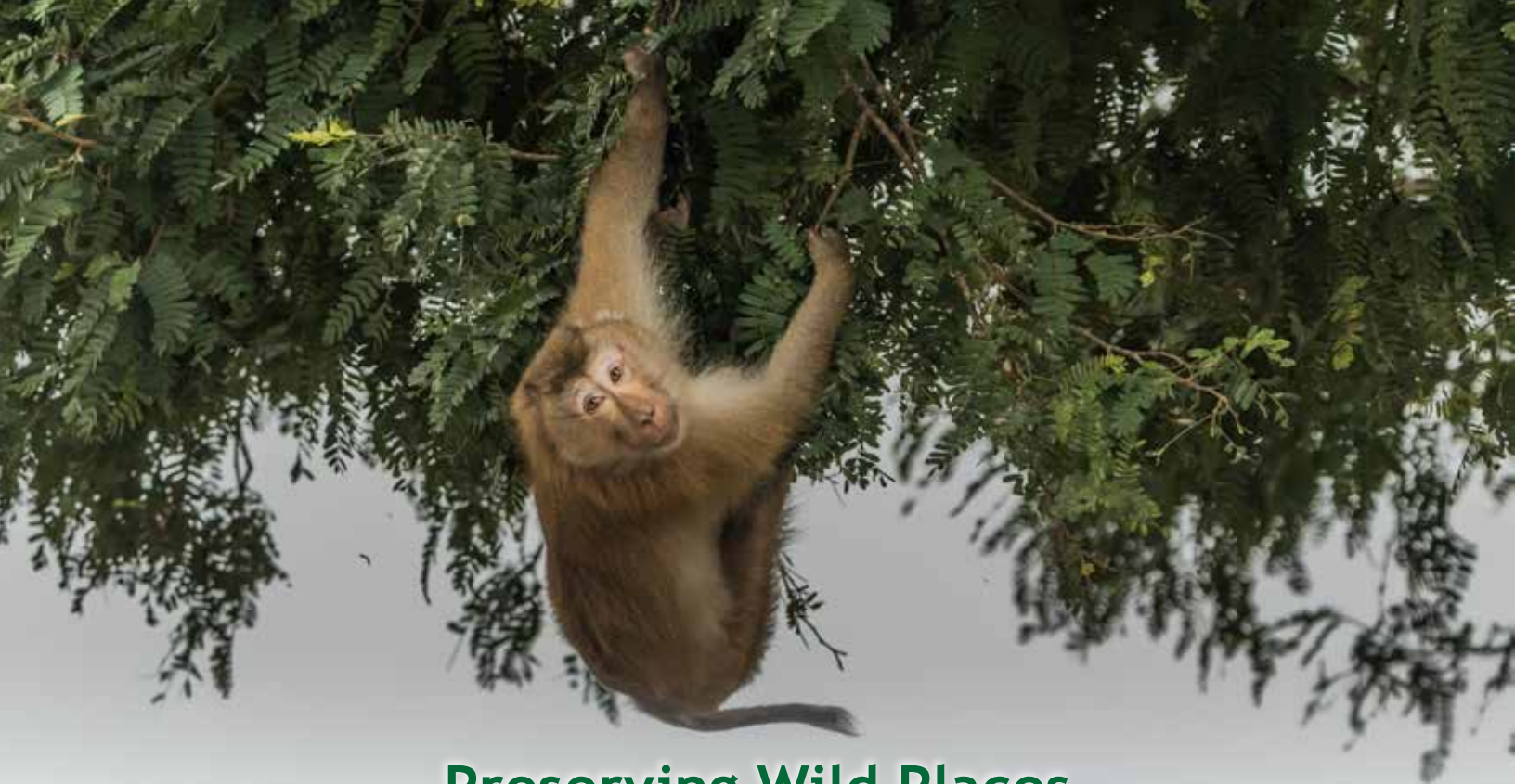
Lilongwe Wildlife Trust, a PASA member in Malawi, has developed the groundbreaking, highly effective Wildlife Crime Investigation Unit (WCIU). **The WCIU is producing measurable results in arresting traffickers and reducing wildlife crime throughout Malawi.** Since 2017, the WCIU has helped put over 120 traffickers behind bars.

In 2019, PASA was able to help Lilongwe serve as a resource. As other PASA members sought to set up similar approaches to wildlife crime in their areas, Lilongwe experts were able to share data and best practices. These have been seeded into diverse programs and advocacy at the national and regional levels, helping to bring priority



A chimp endures wretched living conditions.





Preserving Wild Places

PASA members provide a safe haven for Africa's primates while at the same time protecting natural habitat so that more primates may remain wild. In 2019, we saw three big wins in this area:

- **Lola ya Bonobo**, a PASA member in D.R. Congo, collaborated with Province of Equateur, Rainforest Trust, and Congolese communities to establish Ekolo ya Bonobo as a community forest reserve. Ekolo ya Bonobo now has 120,000 acres of conserved rainforest. Lola staff have been working for over two years to ensure that bonobos reintroduced to the wild will live in a vast protected area.
- **Projet Protection des Gorilles-Congo** (PPG), a PASA member in Congo, has created a Federation of Village Associations which is comprised of 23 villages and includes 20,000 people living in the periphery of a national park. The Federation strengthens these communities and amplifies their conservation efforts to preserve the forest.
- **Aliette Jamart and the HELP Congo staff** worked closely with communities and the Republic of Congo government to create the National Park of Conkouati-Doula. The Congolese Minister of Forests acknowledged, "Conkouati is protected, and it is thanks to Ms Jamart."

In a year of devastating habitat loss around the world, your support has helped to defend these beautiful wild places for today's primates – and future generations.

Ensuring a High Standard of Care

All PASA members undergo a rigorous accreditation process which involves an extensive review of conservation programs, animal care, and organizational sustainability. This is a cornerstone of PASA's work to support a vibrant, high-caliber community of primate rescue centers. But it doesn't stop once a wildlife center joins the Alliance. In fact, building capacity within our members is a core function. **This year, we underscored our commitment to this with a Veterinary Workshop in Yaounde, Cameroon** in March 2019, run in partnership with Ape Action Africa, a PASA member.

Veterinary professionals from PASA's member wildlife centers across Africa attended the workshop to share ideas, troubleshoot problems, and set a foundation for PASA's new, multifaceted veterinary capacity-building program.

One major outcome of the workshop is the appointment of **Joshua Rukundo** as the new PASA Veterinary Coordinator and the creation of a PASA Animal Health Advisory Committee. The roles of the committee include revising and expanding the PASA veterinary manual, writing procedures which can be standardized across PASA members, developing an online learning platform, and helping to plan the next Veterinary Workshop, scheduled for 2021 at Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Kenya.



2019 Veterinary Workshop

A Two-Year Journey to Rescue Chimps

Rescuing primates in need and providing them with the dedicated long-term care they need to be rehabilitated – and if possible, reintroduced into the wild – is the core work of our member wildlife centers. And each year, thanks to your support, we are able to give many animals the care they so desperately need.

Yet rescues can be complex, often requiring transnational negotiations, as the story of three chimpanzees from Angola illustrates.

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In 2017, PASA became aware of a group of chimpanzees in Angola, held in dreadful conditions, all of whom were believed to be victims of the illegal wildlife trade or were orphaned by bushmeat hunters. There are no primate rescue centers in Angola, and no organization based in this country has the capacity to rescue and rehabilitate chimpanzees.

The Pan African Sanctuary Alliance and our member sanctuaries were their only hope. Our members have the specialized facilities and capacity necessary to relocate these illegally-held chimpanzees and give

them the care and support they need to recover and to thrive.

The owner of these chimpanzees claimed he bought them as babies in order to “save them” from bushmeat hunters. He had owned at least two gorillas and five chimpanzees, and only two chimps survived.

The Survivors

The two surviving chimpanzees, Joanna and Rikita, had been kept in cages since their infancy. Joanna, a chimpanzee who is about 14 years old, could not be safely approached by humans. As a result, she spent years without any contact from other individuals, suffering terrible loneliness and never learning to interact with other chimpanzees. Furthermore, no one was able to clean her cage, and so she lived surrounded by filth and pieces of garbage she managed to grab through the bars of her cage.

Although Rikita is only two years younger than



Joanna, she is only two-thirds Joanna's size

because of the neglect and malnutrition she was forced to endure. Horrifyingly,

Rikita's cage was much smaller than Joanna's. Desperate for contact, she would spend her days pressed against the rusted bars of her cage, reaching out to anybody that would pass by.

The chimps suffered in isolation without enrichment, bedding, or any structures to climb on. When PASA learned of the situation,

The compound where Joanna and Rikita were found and, inset, Joanna's filthy cage.

we provided guidance about giving them food, bedding, and ways to relieve their intellectual boredom. We also contacted the Jane Goodall Institute's Tchimpoun-ga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Center in the Republic of Congo, a PASA member, which agreed to accept the chimps and provide Joanna and Rikita with the long-term rehabilitative care they need.

Rescuing these chimpanzees required determination, persistence, and coordination across multiple individuals, organizations, and government agencies. Long negotiations between the governments of Angola, the Republic of Congo, and the Jane Goodall Institute were needed to secure import and export permits.

The Journey Finally Begins

Finally, all the paperwork was in order and on August 2, 2019, the chimps could be transferred to their new home. However, there was one more stop to make. While in Angola, the rescue team learned about an infant chimpanzee in dire need of help. Authorities had seized the baby from two traffickers attempting to smuggle her into the illegal pet trade. The year-and-a-half



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old female chimpanzee had been tied up by the traffickers and stuffed in the trunk of their car. Thankfully, law enforcement officials were able to confiscate the baby and arrest the traffickers.

The three chimpanzees were transported to Tchimpounga, where they received individual care as well as routine testing and deworming to ensure they are healthy as they begin their new lives.

When the staff arrived on the day of the rescue, they found the baby shivering from the cold. It was the dry season in Angola and the temperature decreased considerably, making it difficult for a baby to maintain body temperature without a mother.

The rescue team was able to take custody of the chimpanzee and named her Tina. The team also worked with authorities to ensure that the traffickers were convicted of their crimes.

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Emergency Support

Wildlife centers in Africa are constantly threatened by disaster. Forest fires, storms, and floods destroy buildings. Contagious diseases, civil wars, and larger emergencies put thousands of people and animals at risk.

PASA's emergency support program ensure that PASA members have the resources they need to provide high-quality care to the great apes and monkeys who depend on them.

When the worst happens, those who are most vulnerable, the orphaned and traumatized primates in our members' care, are at the greatest risk. **PASA's emergency support program ensures that our members have the resources they need** to provide high-quality care to the great apes and monkeys who depend on them.

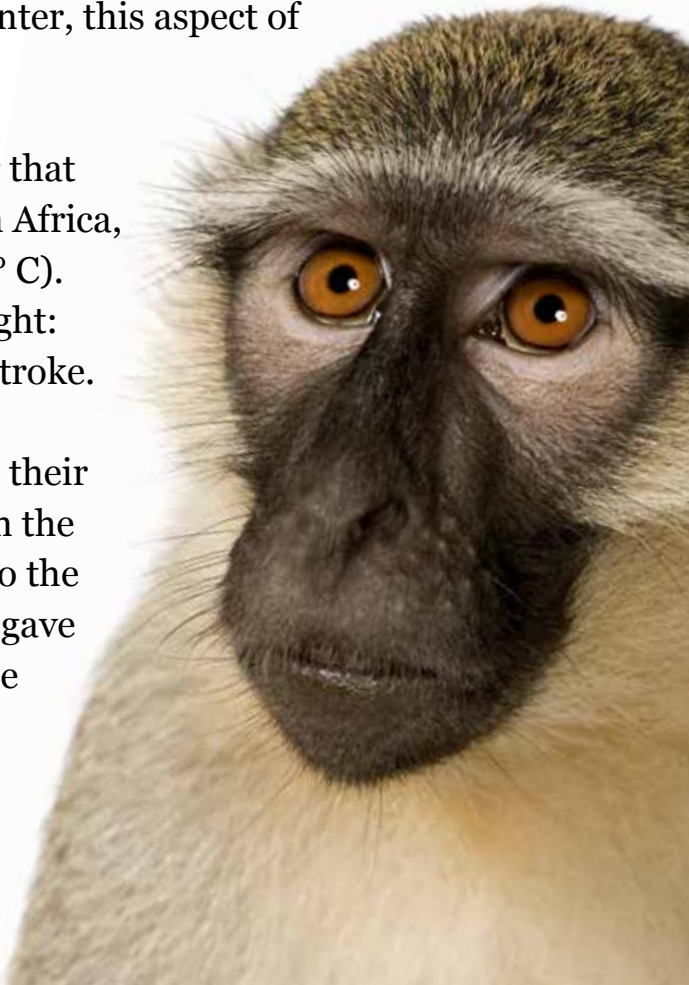
Saving Vervet Monkeys from Record Heat

2019 closed out a decade of exceptional global heat, according to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The impact of this was felt in many places. Fires burned in the Amazon and Australia. Parts of Southern Africa experienced severe, years-long drought, and for one member wildlife center, this aspect of climate change had tragic consequences.

At the Vervet Monkey Foundation, a PASA member that gives a home to over 500 rescued monkeys in South Africa, temperatures reached an unprecedented 116° F (47° C). The staff described witnessing a near apocalyptic sight: monkeys dropping dead from the trees due to heatstroke.

Conditions were indeed bleak. The trees had lost all their leaves, leaving the monkeys without shade. Water in the local dam was down to 5% and the wells were dry, so the Foundation needed water delivered by trucks. Staff gave the monkeys as much water as possible, but even the water was hot.

Emergency support, provided by PASA's





Protecting chimpanzees from respiratory illness.

conservation partners and supporters like you, allowed staff to get sick monkeys to the veterinary clinic. Because of people like you, they were able to save countless lives, as well as provide urgently needed shelter and water.

Saving Chimpanzees from Infection

In 2019, a deadly respiratory infection swept through all the chimpanzee social groups at Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary, a PASA member in Kenya. Sweetwaters' dedicated and expert staff responded immediately to the crisis and gave emergency veterinary treatment to every chimp. They did everything they possibly could to provide lifesaving care and contain the disease outbreak. Yet, despite their best efforts to minimize the outbreak, almost every one of the sanctuary's rescued and orphaned chimpanzees became sick. One such chimp, Ajabu, an enthusiastic female chimpanzee who was integral to her social group, died suddenly due to the infection. Tragically, her infant Jobo then became critically ill and staff transferred him to intensive care because he was unable to even move or support himself.

Thanks to the generous support of our conservation partners and PASA's worldwide network of devoted primate defenders, the wildlife center purchased medical supplies and performed medical testing at laboratories in Kenya. Sweetwaters

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also worked with PASA's network of international veterinary specialists to contain and resolve the emergency. By early May, the outbreak was brought under control, and activities at the wildlife center returned to normal.

Out of the 39 chimpanzees at Sweetwaters, two died while the remaining 37 were treated and recovered fully. And little Jobo? He responded remarkably well to the treatment from his caregivers. Staff report that he soon began walking again and made a full recovery. He was even "adopted" by other mothers in his social group.

Leaders to Learn From

Strategic Development Conference

PASA's annual Strategic Development Conference (SDC) is a keystone event that brings together directors of Alliance wildlife centers from across Africa. These leaders in wildlife conservation take time out to learn from one another and establish goals and priorities for the year ahead. The 2019 conference, which was hosted by Four Paws in South Africa, included sessions on forming strategic partnerships with large conservation organizations and government agencies – a critical step in solving the regional challenges facing primates. **At this year's conference, our members heard from specialists in negotiating with African government agencies** and cultivating collaborative relationships with government officials, including their successes and challenges.

We also brought back **Meg Gammage-Tucker**, a faculty member of the Indiana University School of Philanthropy who





Discussion at PASA's 2019 Strategic Development Conference.

Specialists at this year's Strategic Development Conference explained how to develop collaborative relationships with government agencies.

has more than 25 years of fundraising experience. At PASA's 2018 SDC, Meg gave presentations about diverse fundraising channels and led a discussion about strategic planning. The participants once again spoke very highly of her and several asked her to continue her involvement in PASA.

This year, we built on this by arranging 45-minute one-on-one meetings between Ms. Gammage-Tucker and directors of PASA member organizations, facilitating in-depth conversation on topics ranging from succession planning to strategic planning, as well as strategies for communicating with funding organizations and conservation partners.

Peer-to-peer learning is the heart of the workshop, and participants shared successful approaches for fighting trafficking, conducting awareness programs, and establishing protected areas. Their insights sparked dialogue and new ideas. This synergy is what makes the alliance approach such a powerful one in addressing the urgent needs of fragile ape and monkey populations.

Fostering Engaged Communities

Alliance members are enthusiastically committed to local communities. **Collectively, Alliance members educate over 500,000 people every year in wildlife conservation and animal protection.** In fact, 91% of our members offer education or community engagement programs. Immediately before the SDC, we organized a PASA Community Engagement Workshop, which provided members a chance to see the range of environmental education programs underway in the different wildlife centers. The collective wisdom was inspiring, and there was clear recognition that, while the cultures where these programs happen may differ, the challenges are similar.

Honoring the Spirit of PASA

Every year, PASA honors one African national working at a PASA member sanctuary who best exemplifies a commitment to primates, conservation and excellence with the Siddle Marsden award. The 2019 honoree, **Joseph Maiyo**, a Supervisor at Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Kenya, exemplifies the true spirit of PASA.

PASA is proud to acknowledge the exceptional achievements of Joseph. He is the founding caregiver at Sweetwaters, where he has cared for chimps for the last 26 years. He has been instrumental in quarantine care and integration of new arrivals, and he has substantially improved the sanctuary's procedures.



At Sweetwaters, he is known as “Mzee” (Swahili for respected elder). He is revered by management and his subordinates – and also by chimpanzees! They look at him as their “father” having given them a home, cared for them and fed them for the last 26 years. After recently turning 60, Joseph retired. Having dedicated nearly half of his life to taking care of chimpanzees, Joseph will leave Sweetwaters a happy and fulfilled individual. He is a true leader for the team, an example and an inspiration to us all.

A Voice for the Voiceless

CITES, a global treaty which regulates **international trade in endangered species**, held its 2019 conference in Geneva. The conference was marked by strengthened protections for wildlife and opportunities to build stronger worldwide networks to defend animals in peril.

Our Executive Director, **Gregg Tully**, proudly represented the Alliance during the conference. On behalf of PASA, he signed onto statements speaking out for stronger animal protection. His attendance laid the groundwork for building relationships between PASA and donors, government officials, and future partners. For example, he was able to connect with the West African Biodiversity and Climate Change (WA BiCC) program, sponsored by USAID. These governmental and non-governmental relationships are critical for successful and timely transfers of confiscated chimps to member sanctuaries – and PASA’s voice is crucial to this work, as we offer extensive insight from our members’ decades of direct action in this area.

Gregg also attended a workshop addressing **wildlife trafficking in Cote d’Ivoire, Liberia, Guinea, and Sierra Leone**, held in Freetown. More than 150 government officials from those countries attended, as well as Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary, an Alliance member in Sierra Leone, and NGOs that fight the wildlife trade. It provided an opportunity to learn what is already being done about wildlife trafficking in West Africa, what still needs to be done – and where PASA can help bridge the gap.

Our new program, Action for Chimpanzees, builds on relationships developed at both these gatherings to fight the burgeoning illegal chimpanzee trade in West Africa. It was launched in January 2020 and will leverage PASA’s greatest assets – the wisdom and experience of our members – to develop coordinated systems to fight wildlife crime.



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Director

Technical Director, Lwiro Primate Rehabilitation Center

The PASA Professionals

PASA International maintains a small staff to carry out core functions for the organization. Cumulatively, however, the Alliance employs 880 people, of whom 791 are African nationals.

The PASA Staff

Gregg Tully	Executive Director
Kaitlyn Bock	African Operations Manager
Lianne Crouthers	Development Manager
Jean Fleming	Communications Manager
Ruby Vise	Administration Officer

The PASA Network

These experienced professionals and specialists provide guidance and a host of additional support to PASA and our member wildlife centers. We are incredibly grateful for all they do for African primates.

Marc Ancrenaz	Katie Fawcett	Felicia Nutter
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PASA International’s Extended Family: Our Volunteers

Our volunteers give so much of themselves to extend our reach, strengthen the Alliance, and defend Africa’s primates. From grant writing to social media and beyond, they are an integral part of our success. Thank you for all you do!

Antonette Alzate, California, USA	Kelly Martin, Kenya
Sabrina Brando, Netherlands	Anne-Sophie Matichard, California,USA
Molly Branyon, Oregon, USA	Noel O’Donnell, Oregon, USA
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Tallulah Macvean, Quebec, Canada	Natasha Tworoski, California, USA
Pauline Malandain, France	

Statement of Financial Position Dec 31, 2019

ASSETS

Bank of America bank account	\$61,446.01
Emergency fund for PASA members	\$80,544.50
Reserve fund bank account	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Total Bank of America bank account	\$161,990.51
Cash	\$10,687.09
Cash for events	\$100.00
PayPal	\$4,783.33
Reserve fund - money market	<u>\$315,176.40</u>
ALL ASSETS	\$492,737.33

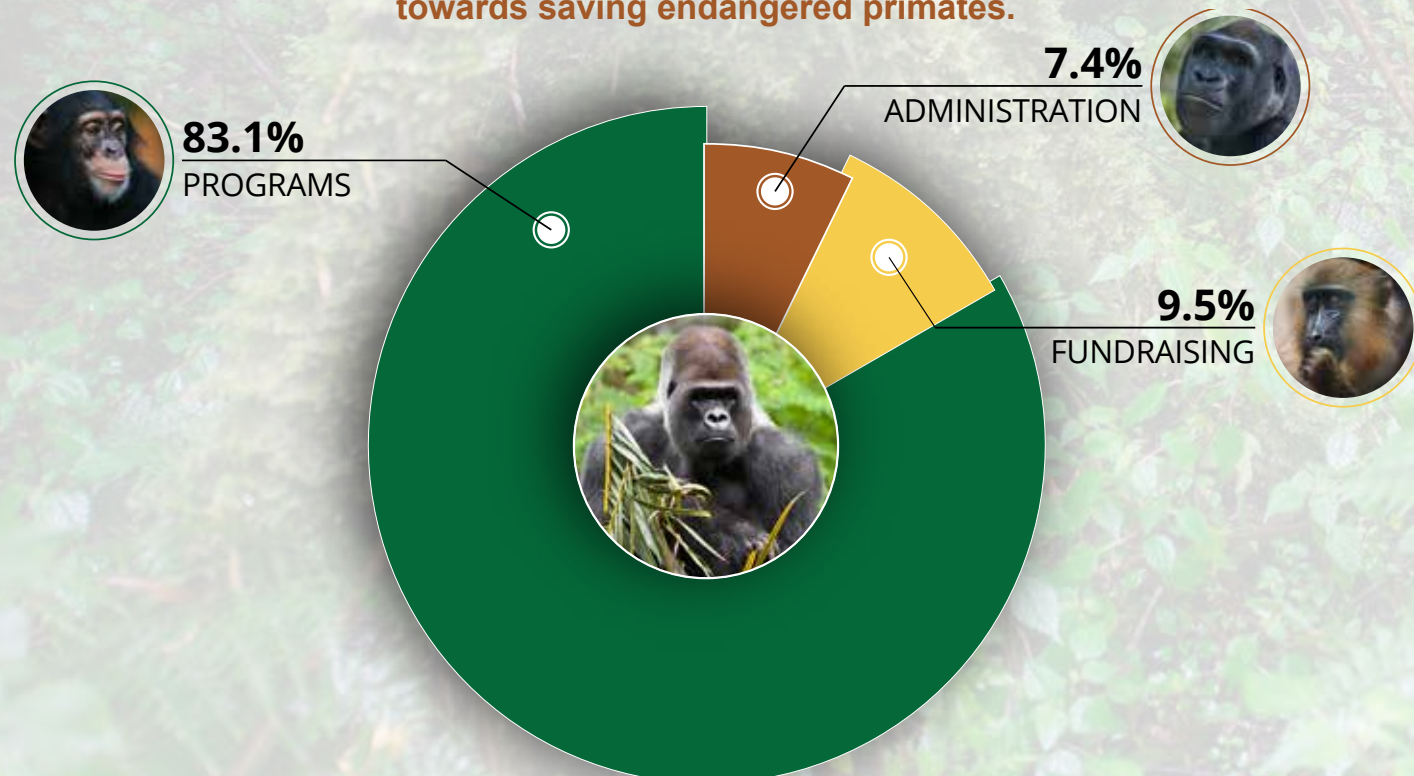
TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities	
American Express	\$820.13
Bank of America credit cards	<u>\$2,883.21</u>
Total Liabilities	\$3,703.34
Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$370,922.94
Net Revenue	<u>\$118,111.05</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$489,033.99</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$492,737.33</u>

How PASA Spends Your Donations

More than 83 cents of every dollar you donate goes *directly* towards saving endangered primates.



Statement of Financial Activity

January – December 2019

REVENUE

Donations	
Individual donors	\$201,934.80
Board members	\$17,224.14
Foundations	\$252,098.31
Zoos & AAZK	\$162,094.78
Other NGOs	\$28,797.73
Corporations	\$21,435.13
Government	\$3,109.48
In kind	\$54,282.88
Event revenue	\$387.53
For conferences & workshops	<u>\$13,486.83</u>
Total Donations	\$754,851.61
Earned revenue	
Membership dues	\$6,000.00
Merchandise revenue	\$1,624.34
Credit card benefits	\$3,737.34
Other earned revenue	<u>\$2,142.90</u>
Total Earned revenue	\$13,504.63
Interest & investments	
Investment income	<u>\$4,436.19</u>
Total Interest & investments	\$4,436.19
TOTAL REVENUE	\$772,792.43

EXPENDITURES

Projects	\$176,240.64
Training for members	\$95,125.92
Outreach & advocacy	\$73,243.84
Donations to members	\$199,569.56
Administration	\$62,178.10
Fundraising	\$48,323.32

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

NET REVENUE **\$118,111.05**



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