



Located in the South Kivu province of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the **Centre de Rehabilitation des Primates de Lwiro (CRPL)** is a crucial resource for the protection and rehabilitation of the country's primates. CRPL provides desperately needed care and housing for primates displaced or orphaned by the illegal forest activities and trade of DRC. In this politically tense region, CRPL not only endeavors to care for primates but is dedicated to working with the community in developing collaborative programs, providing education and creating an environment in which endangered wildlife and humans can successfully coexist.

The CRPL has a team of three partners working together to strive for the best sanctuary possible. The **Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (ICCN)** and the **Centre de Recherche de Sciences Naturelles (CRSN)** are both Congolese government institutions and they are joined by **Coopera** – a Spanish NGO.

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CENTRE DE REHABILITATION DES PRIMATES DE LWIRO

ILLEGAL "SANCTUARY" IN GOMA HAS BEEN SEIZED

An illegal "sanctuary" in Goma has been seized by the ICCN North Kivu after they became aware the animals were no longer being cared for and the "owners" had fled the country. This sanctuary housed 2 monkeys and 5 chimpanzees. The 3 youngest chimpanzees went to JACK sanctuary in Lumanbashi and as it was impossible to find a suitable home for the 2 sub-adult chimpanzees, PASA supplied the money to transfer them to the CRPL. PASA also provided money for their care. The two chimpanzees named Poplap and Suena arrived at the CRPL on the 1st of April 2010. They are currently living in the new dormitory which has been built for use when the forest is fenced. Although this is not an ideal place for them to spend the next few months, they are getting the best care we can provide and have settled in well!



Suena and Poplap (or Poppy) were housed next to each other for years before being introduced to each other upon arrival at the CRPL! They are doing very well together!

NEW MONKEYS

The two monkeys being housed at the illegal "sanctuary" in Goma have found a new home at the CRPL! The monkeys are a 4 year old Grey-Cheeked Mangabey and a 3 year old Red-tailed Monkey. Both animals were thin on arrival and the mangabey had a very bad coat condition. The mangabeys name is Hilton (he arrived with this name), while we have named the Red-tailed monkey Mapendo (which means love in Swahili). Hilton has found a home with the baby monkeys because he is very sweet and very small for his age. He is doing really well in the cage and is wonderful with the baby monkeys!



ENRICHMENT FOR ALL!!!

The keepers made up some great enrichment items for the baby, juvenile and quarantined chimpanzees. These included fire hose tubes with treats and other goodies! On the left Poppy and Suena can be seen exploring the item together. While baby Mangay is enjoying his treat below!



BUILDING OF THE FENCES HAS BEGUN!

Exciting pictures show that the fences have started being built around the forest! Once finished this enclosure will house the resident chimpanzees of the CRPL!!!



THANK-YOU to Roots & Shoots France for their wonderful donation of educational materials in French for the Roots & Shoots club of Lwiro! Your help is very appreciated!

ROOTS & SHOOTS GETS A NEW LEADER

The Lwiro Roots and Shoots club met their new leader this month. Patrick started with the CRPL as an animal keeper a few months ago and will now be the R & S leader on Sundays also. Patrick is very passionate about conservation and is great with the kids!



CONTRACEPTION FOR ADULT FEMALE CHIMPANZEES

Over a string of 3 days the team at CRPL, including 3 veterinarians, anesthetized 6 adult female chimpanzees Kitoko, Biega, Chantal, Sergine, Flora and Shege, to give them contraceptive implants. The Jane Goodall Institute Netherlands provided us with these implants as a donation so that we can be sure that we have no baby chimpanzees born. It is very important in sanctuaries that we do our best to prevent births. Especially as our space is already so limited for the animals currently residing in the sanctuary. We are very grateful to JGI Netherlands for their help!



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IPPL MEMBERS MEETING



Andrea attended the IPPL 2010 Members Meeting held in South Carolina USA. The IPPL paid for all expenses so that Andrea could travel to the meeting and give a presentation to the IPPL members on the CRPL. IPPL has been a wonderful support for the CRPL in the past year. And it was wonderful to be able to thank the staff and members of IPPL for their commitment to the sanctuary in person!

The **INTERNATIONAL PRIMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY** has awarded the CRPL with a \$1500 Captive Care Grant to assist with the building of the fences! Also, a conservation through community involvement component of the grant was awarded. This was \$500 to have the local women's group plant bamboo in the savannah area of the enclosure! Thanks so much IPS!!!

Please don't forget: We still need help to Fence our Forest!

Even with the help from our partners and sponsors, we still have a long way to go! Please help us to get the 48 chimpanzees housed at the CRPL into the better conditions they deserve!

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