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ACTIVITY REPORT 2023

1. LAW ENFORCEMENT

The J.A.C.K. NGO had a record year for seizures and rescues.

It is indeed unfortunate to note that over the last few years, the trafficking of exotic pets has intensified in the country and elsewhere in the world, leaving our magnificent forests without rest. Reason why in this year 2023 J.A.C.K. has multiplied its actions in the field with its Congolese field partner field, APPACOL-PRN, and the Congolese authorities (ICCN, Ministry of Environment, FARDC and Congolese Police).

With the help of generous sponsors and partners, over the last 12 months alone, J.A.C.K. Primate Rehabilitation Center has carried out several rescue operations in 6 different provinces of the DRC and in Togo, giving 83 primates and other animal species (see page 8) the opportunity to be confiscated, rescued and transferred to the Center for rehabilitation with a view to one day returning to their natural habitat.

	DRC						TOGO	TOTAL
	UPPER KATANGA	SANKURU	MANIEMA	BAS UELE	TSHOPO	ITURI	LOME	
RESCUES	5							5
CONFISCATIONS		42	1	7	2	2	24	78
								83

1.1 Investigation, arrest, prosecution and conviction

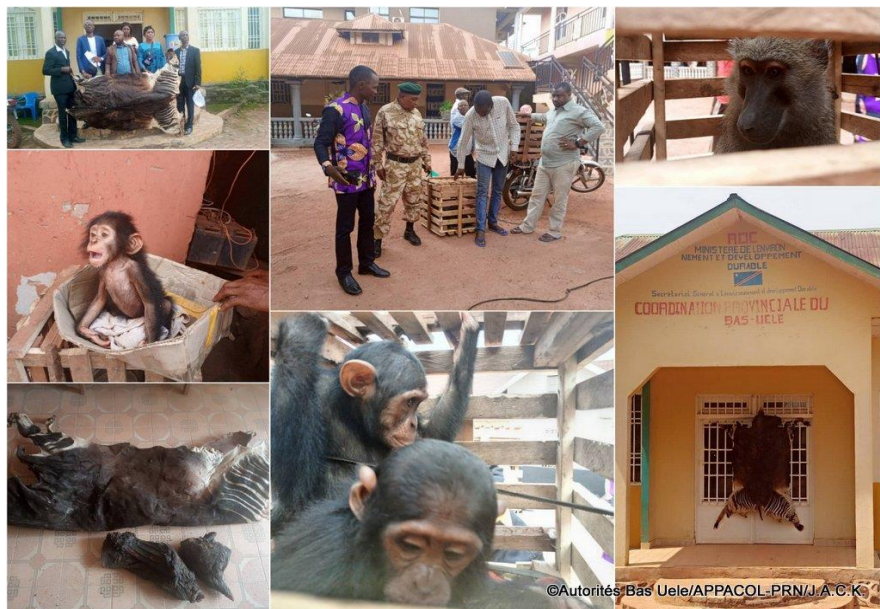
J.A.C.K. Sanctuary is more than a primate rehabilitation center. Its Founder, Mr. Franck CHANTEREAU, is determined to do much more for the fauna and flora of DR Congo.

For this reason, he works in collaboration with the authorities, the judiciary and other Congolese NGOs to carry out investigations, seize animals detained, arrest the culprits and ensure that legal proceedings are initiated, followed and respected, so that offenders are punished for their crimes.



1.1.1 Call for support from Bas-Uele

In April 2023, local authorities in the province of BAS-UELE (northern DRC) arrested poachers with several species destined for trafficking. These include protected and emblematic Congolese species such as the okapi (skin) and 4 chimpanzees.



An SOS was launched by the local authorities asking for help, not only to save the lives of the animals concerned, but also to keep the poachers in jail

ICCN (Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature), LWIRO PRIMATES, J.A.C.K. and two Congolese NGOs, APPACOL-PRN and COPHEGS, then joined forces to send a lawyer and a veterinarian to support the admirable actions of the authorities. The 4 young chimpanzees and a baboon were transferred to the LWIRO sanctuary in Bukavu. Legal proceedings have been launched and are still underway.



1.1.2 Pangolin scale trafficker sentenced

On September 12, 2022, WOTSHAKOY SOMBO COSMAS, a giant pangolin scale trafficker, was arrested after transnational police identified him as a scale trafficker. The investigations were carried out by government agencies and their private partners. The arrest was the results of a well-coordinated operation carried out in a village near the Lomami Park in the Democratic republic of Congo.





APPACOL-PRN, J.A.C.K. and TIKKI HYWOOD FOUNDATION contributed to this confiscation project. Following the arrest, the culprit was immediately transferred to Lodja Central Prison to await trial on charges of violating the DRC's wildlife law against the illegal trade and poaching of endangered species.



After a long battle of judicial prosecutions by concerned private actors and state agencies, the accused **WOTSHAKOY SOMBO COSMAS** was judged on **May 24, 2023**, found guilty and sentenced to 2 years' penal servitude, together with a fine of 2,500 USD.

This case has provided a better understanding of how the International Wildlife Trade is evolving, and how laws need to be approached and implemented in the future to effectively limit cases of wildlife trafficking.



This is the first time that a person has been convicted of such a crime in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This success would not have been possible without the coordinated and combined efforts of DRC government agencies, local private actors and the support of **TIKKI HYWOOD FOUNDATION**, a private voluntary organization duly registered in Zimbabwe.



1.2 Rescues

In 2023, 5 young primates and other animal species were rescued.

1.2.1 Small primate rescues



This year, primates rescues took place in UPPER KATANGA province and were the result of animal rescued because they had wandered into the streets of Lubumbashi or had been voluntarily surrendered by the owners.

These are:

2 red-tailed monkeys

(1 *Cercopithecus ascanius* Schmidt et 1 *Cercopithecus ascanius katangae*)

1 blue monkey

(*Cercopithecus mitis opisthostictus*)

2 bush babies

(*Otolemur crassicaudatus monteiri*)

1.2.2 Other rescues

For years, the founders of the J.A.C.K. NGO have always tried to save other species with the aim of treating them (if necessary) and releasing them if possible.

2023, 4 barn owls (*Tyto alba*) were taken from a private home in the town of Kolwezi, in the Province of LUALABA.

The young birds were indeed found abandoned and left on their own. Not knowing how to take care of them, the person contacted J.A.C.K. who transferred them to Lubumbashi thanks to the generous intervention of SMT/VOLVO.



After several months of care, provided mainly by Franck CHANTEREAU, Founder-President of J.A.C.K., the birds were released at J.A.C.K.

Finally, 4 turtles were taken from private individuals and joined the Centre:

2 Kinixys belliana,

1 Trachemys scripta elegans,

1 Pelusios castanea



1.3 Confiscations

1.3.1 Seventy-seven primates

In 2023 alone, 77 primates were recovered following confiscations by the Congolese authorities (ICCN, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT). These were often accompanied by the forces of law and order (Congolese National Police and Congolese Armed Forces) and our partner, APPACOL-PRN.

Of these 77 primates, there were 18 different primate species, including endangered species (EN) such as the chimpanzee and the golden-bellied mangabey.

CONFISCATIONS 2023		31/12/2023	STATUS	
SPECIES		SCIENTIFIC NAME	QTY	IUCN
1	Chimpanzee	<i>Pan troglodytes schweinfurthi</i>	5	EN
2	Bushbaby	<i>Otolemur carssicaudatus monteiri</i>	0	LC
3	Malbrouck vervet monkey	<i>Chlorocebus cynosuros cynosuros</i>	1	LC
4	Golden-bellied mangabey	<i>Cercocebus chrysogaster chrysogaster</i>	2	EN
5	Agile mangabey	<i>Cercocebus agilis agilis</i>	4	LC
6	Black crested mangabey	<i>Lophocebus aterrimus aterrimus</i>	12	VU
7	Grey-cheeked mangabey	<i>Lophocebus albigena johnstoni</i>	2	NT
8	Putty-nosed monkey	<i>Cercopithecus nictitans nictitans</i>	0	NT
9	Blue monkey (opisthictus)	<i>Cercopithecus mitis opisthostictus</i>	0	LC
10	Blue monkey (ehymansi)	<i>Cercopithecus mitis ehymansi</i>	4	LC
11	Blue monkey (stuhlmanni)	<i>Cercopithecus mitis stuhlmanni</i>	1	LC
12	Red-tailed monkey (ascanius)	<i>Cercopithecus ascanius ascanius</i>	0	LC
13	Red-tailed monkey (katangae)	<i>Cercopithecus ascanius katangae</i>	13	LC
14	Red-tailed monkey (Schmidt)	<i>Cercopithecus ascanius Schmidt</i>	9	LC
15	Allen's Swamp monkey	<i>Allenopithecus nigroviridis nigroviridis</i>	4	LC
16	De Brazza guenon	<i>Cercopithecus neglectus neglectus</i>	6	LC
17	Wolf guenon	<i>Cercopithecus wolffi wolffi</i>	0	NT
18	l'Hoest's guenon	<i>Allochrocebus lhoesti lhoesti</i>	8	VU
19	Dent guenon	<i>Cercopithecus denti</i>	1	LC
20	Lesula monkey	<i>Cercopithecus lomamiensis lomamiensis</i>	1	VU
21	Patas monkey	<i>Erythrocebus patas pyrrhonotus</i>	1	NT
22	Owl-faced monkey	<i>Cercopithecus hamlyni hamlyni</i>	1	VU
23	Olive baboon	<i>papio anubis anubis</i>	2	LC
TOTAL			77	

1.3.2 Six rescue operations

Most of the rescue missions carried out in the interior of the country are the result of close collaboration between J.A.C.K. and its partner on the field, APPACOL-PRN.

Based in LODJA (Sankuru Province), the **APPACOL-PRN** association managed by Mr. Héritier MPO works with local communities to raise awareness on bushmeat consumption and offer alternatives. It conducts investigations and, with the support of the Congolese authorities and law enforcement forces, carries out confiscations/arrests/legal prosecutions.

However, the NGO does not have the means or facilities to provide long-term accommodation to the primates confiscated and/or recovered after awareness-raising.



Since then, and following the example of the 20 Congolese primates repatriated from Zimbabwe (2020), 43 of the 78 primates rescued in 2023 have been transferred from APPACOL-PRN to J.A.C.K. If the agreement between J.A.C.K. and its partner in LODJA did not exist, today, many monkeys would still be sold freely on the streets, despite the fact that it is illegal to possess them. This partnership agreement applies and reinforces the nature protection laws in force in the DRC.

The J.A.C.K. NGO has also established a partnership with another non-governmental organization, **COPHEGs**, dedicated to conservation, global health, environmental education, research and support for the management body in implementing the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Albertine Rift influence zones.

This collaboration made a considerable contribution, as the **COPHEGs** association, through Dr. Kizito KAKULE, was involved in 3 of the 6 rescue missions this year: some of the orphans to be transferred by regular flights had to transit through the town of GOMA, where the **COPHEGs** NGO is based, and it was Dr. Kizito who took charge of them before putting them on the last flight to LUBUMBASHI.





A) LODJA III rescue mission

Between May and July 2022, the Lodja I and Lodja II rescue operations took place. Then, the individuals rescued from trafficking during the different primate rescues and confiscations carried out by Mr. MPO in December 2022 in SANKURU province were transported to J.A.C.K. on **January 13, 2023** by a small aircraft rented exclusively for this purpose.

During this mission, there were 20 monkeys of 6 different species:

1 vervet monkey (*Chlorocebus cynosuros cynosuros*)

1 Allen's swamp monkey (*Allenopithecus nigroviridis nigroviridis*)

4 black-crested mangabeys (*Lophocebus aterrimus aterrimus*)

3 blue monkeys (*Cercopithecus mitis ehymanesi*)

8 red-tailed monkeys (*Cercopithecus ascanius katangae*)

3 De Brazza guenons (*Cercopithecus neglectus neglectus*).

This transfer mission was kindly sponsored by **HUMANE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, LES AMIS DE JACK** and Madame **PATARO Susana**.



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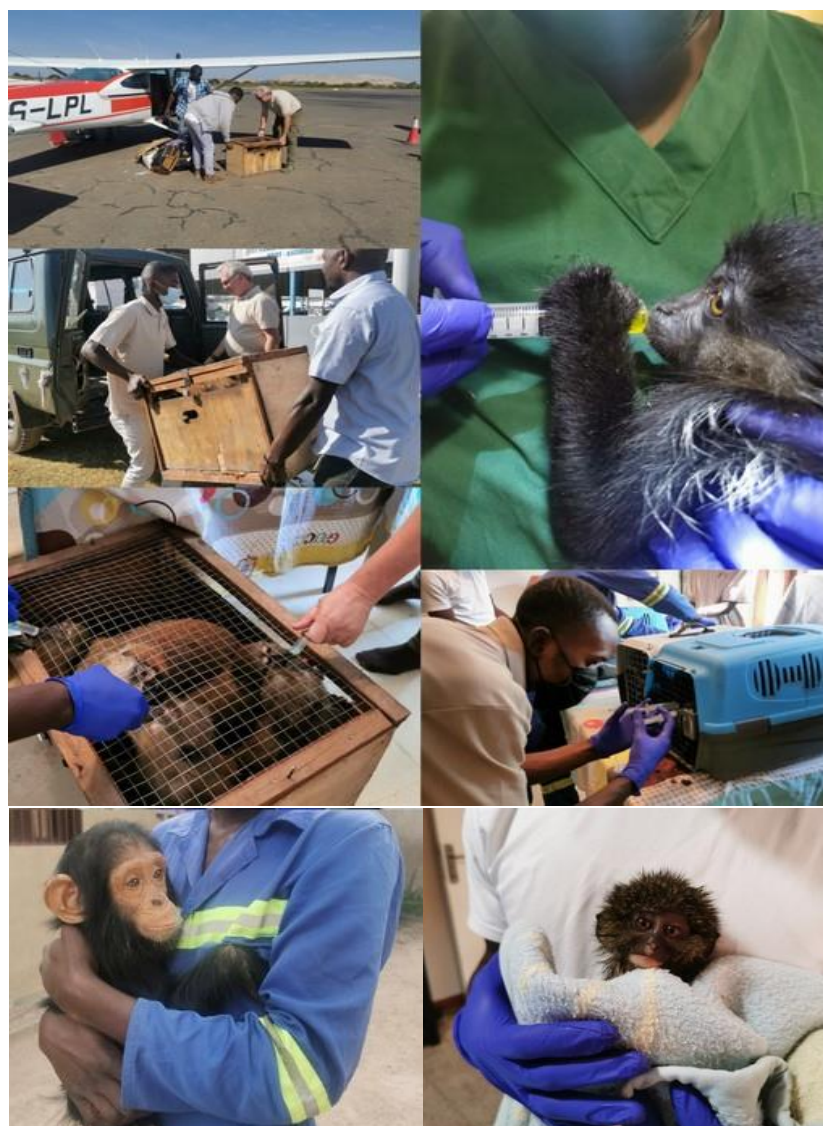


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B) LODJA IV rescue mission

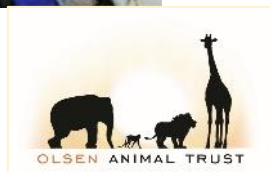
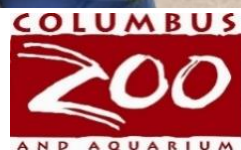
Organized in May 2023 thanks to generous donors, partners and sponsors of J.A.C.K., the transfer took place in complete safety using a small carrier chartered for the occasion.

On **May 19, 2023**, 23 young primates boarded the private plane. Mr. MPO from APPACOL-PRN was on board to look after them and make sure the transfer went perfectly. All arrived at J.A.C.K. the same day. No losses were reported during the trip.



For this mission, there were 23 rescued/confiscated primates in the SANKURU and MANIEMA province from 10 different species, as following:

- 1 baby chimpanzee**
(*Pan troglodytes schweinfurthi*),
- 2 golden-bellied mangabeys**
(*Cercocebus chrysogaster chrysogaster*),
- 2 agile mangabeys**
(*Cercocebus agilis agilis*),
- 2 black-crested mangabeys**
(*Lophocebus aterrimus aterrimus*),
- 1 grey-cheeked mangabey**
(*Lophocebus albigena johnstoni*),
- 1 blue monkey**
(*Cercopithecus mitis ehymanisi*),
- 11 red-tailed monkeys**
(6 *Cercopithecus ascanius katangae* and 5 *Cercopithecus ascanius schmidtii*)
- 1 swamp monkey**
(*Allenopithecus nigroviridis nigroviridis*),
- 1 Dent guenon**
(*Cercopithecus denti denti*)
- 1 patas monkey**
(*Erythrocebus patas pyrrhonotus*).



C) BUTA rescue mission

In the BAS-UELE Province, the team sent to monitor the legal proceedings against an okapi skin trafficker (see page 5) also carried out investigations in the north of BUTA, resulting in the arrest of poachers in possession of

2 baby chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes schweinfurthi*)

1 agile mangabey (*Cercocebus agilis agilis*)

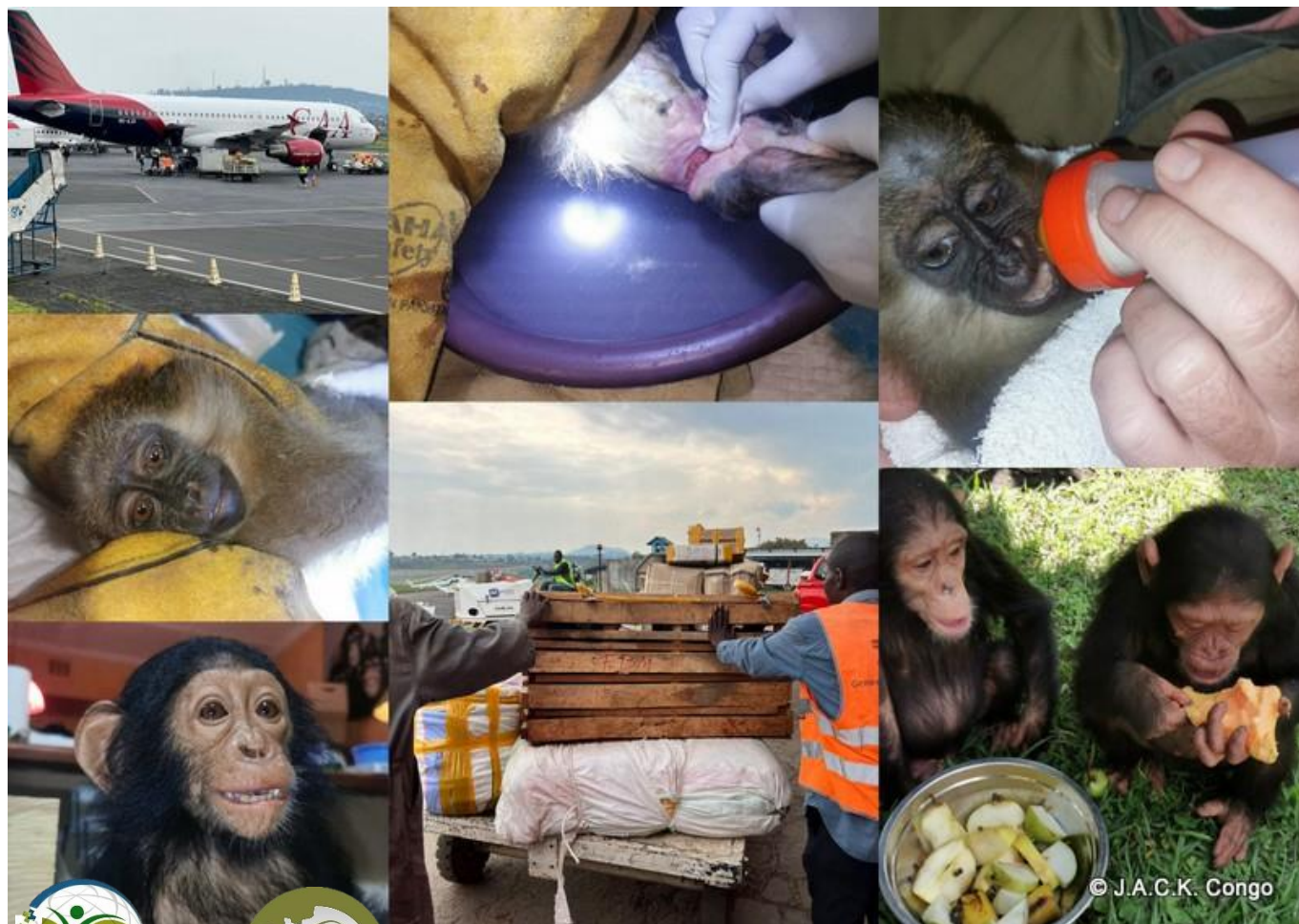
1 De Brazza guenon (*Cercopithecus neglectus neglectus*)

4 red-tailed monkeys (*Cercopithecus ascanius schmidtii*).

These eight primates were transferred by road from BUTA to KISANGANI, where **COPHEGs** took charge of them.

The transport crate was then loaded onto a regular flight to GOMA and on to LUBUMBASHI. The baby De Brazza guenon died in GOMA.

This third transfer mission was supported by donors of the association LES AMIS DE JACK.



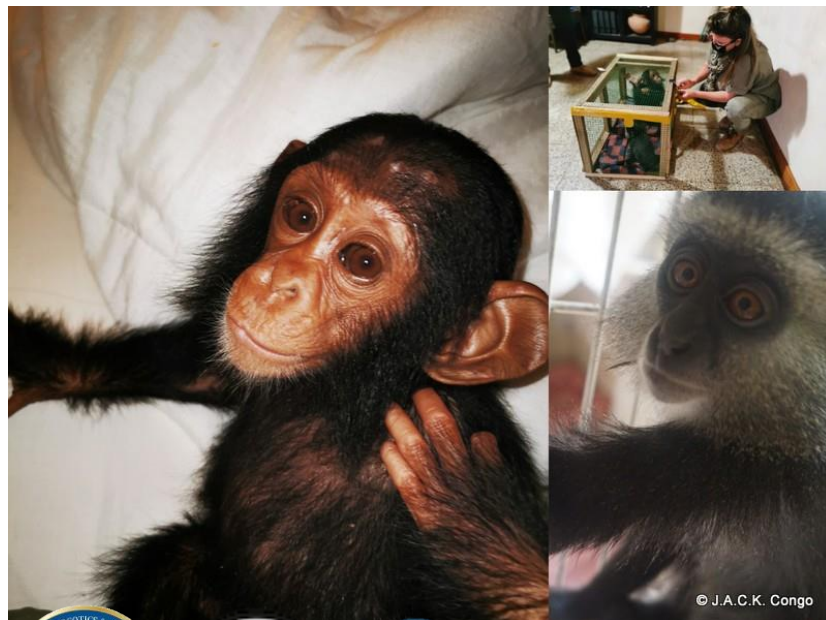
D) EPULU rescue mission

A baby female **chimpanzee** (*Pan troglodytes schweinfurthi*) had been seized from the hands of a hunter by the Armed Forces of the DRC (FARDC) in August 2023 in the Ituri Province and handed over to the **Okapi Wildlife Reserve (OWR)** in EPULU run by Mrs. RUF Rosemarie, a friend of J.A.C.K., who took good care of her.

Another monkey was seized in the same time, a **blue monkey** (*Cercopithecus mitis stuhlmanni*), also entrusted to the Okapi Wildlife Reserve.

A joint transfer was organized for the two primates: they boarded a private plane chartered by RFO and flew to GOMA, where they were taken care of by **COPHEGs** through Dr. Kizito KAKULE. The next day, a regular flight took them to LUBUMBASHI.

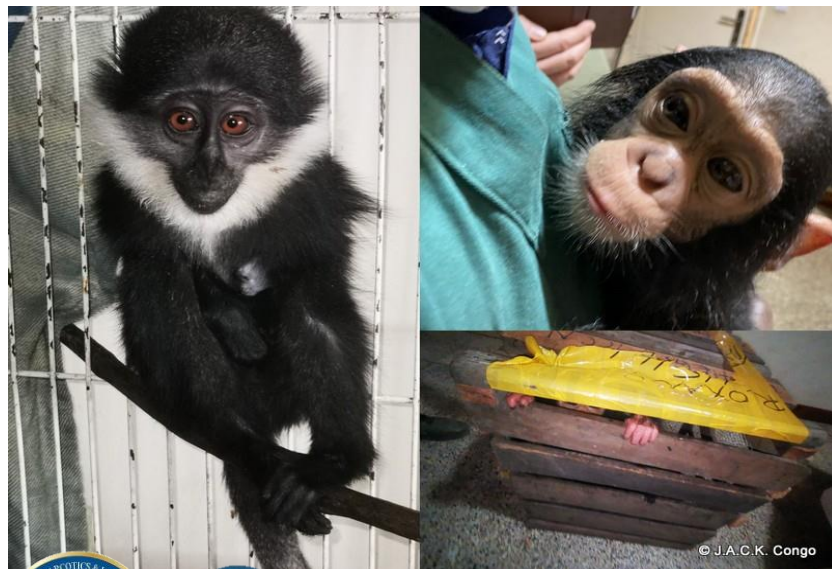
This fourth transfer was generously financed by **INL (BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS & LAW ENFORCEMENT AFFAIRS)** and by **Madame PATARO Susana**



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E) OPIENGE rescue mission



A **chimp baby** (*Pan troglodytes schweinfurthi*) and a **L'Hoest's monkey** (*Allochrocebus lhoesti lhoesti*) were confiscated from hunters by **ICCN** in September 2023 in the TSHOPO Province.

They then headed off to KISANGANI to receive first aid from the **COPHEGs** team before awaiting their flights to GOMA and LUBUMBASHI. The monkey was seriously injured (left forearm probably caught in a trap), Dr. Kizito KAKULE had to proceed with emergency amputation of the limb.

This fifth transfer mission was financed by the **INL**.



F) Repatriation of 38 Congolese monkeys seized in Lomé (TOGO)

At the beginning of December 2023, through close and ongoing collaboration with **EAGLE NETWORK**, a new case of trafficking was uncovered for which the expertise of CHANTEREAU Franck was sought.

In fact, 38 monkeys and 2 rotting bodies had just arrived in LOME (TOGO) with invalid documents, and the founder of J.A.C.K. had been asked to identify the different species in the transport crates. The international export document (CITES) stipulated 4 species, whereas there were 11 different species in total.

In view of this trickery, the **TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT** arrested in LOME the individuals whose orders were to send the load to THAILAND, and returned the primates to KINSHASA, capital of DR Congo, where the **Congolese authorities** decided to put them in the KINSHASA ZOO until further notice.

From the beginning, the J.A.C.K. NGO became involved in this new appalling case in order to assist the Congolese authorities in the rehabilitation of these primates. It was not until the ICCN's transfer order of December 22 that the 24 survivors of this tragic story could arrive and be entrusted to J.A.C.K.

This is the second large-scale international primate rescue carried out by J.A.C.K. in recent years. Those who arrived at the sanctuary were:

2 olive baboons

(*Papio anubis anubis*)

7 L'Hoest's monkeys

(*Allochrocebus lhoesti lhoesti*)

6 black-crested mangabeys

(*Lophocebus aterrimus aterrimus*)

1 grey-cheeked mangabey

(*Lophocebus albigena johnstoni*)

2 De Brazza guenons

(*Cercopithecus neglectus neglectus*)

1 agile mangabey

(*Cercocebus agilis agilis*)

2 lesula monkeys

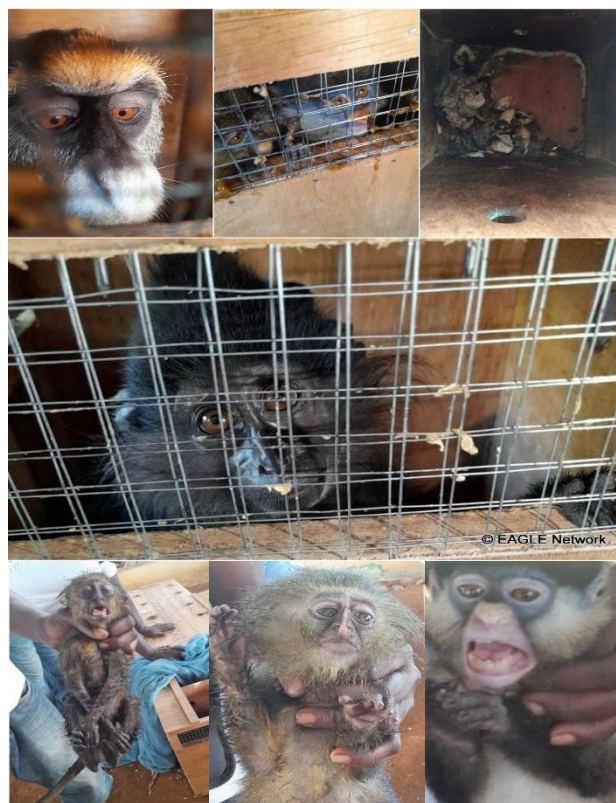
(*Cercopithecus lomamiensis lomamiensis*)

1 owl-faced monkey

(*Cercopithecus hamlyni hamlyni*)

2 Allen's swamp monkeys

(*Allenopithecus nogroviroidis nigroviridis*).



The mission to repatriate the monkeys seized in Togo was supported by the **TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT, EAGLE NETWORK, the CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT and ICCN.** Several associations generously financed this mission: the **BRIGITTE BARDOT FOUNDATION, the INTERNATIONAL PRIMATE PROTECTION LEAGUE, the PAN AFRICAN SANCTUARY ALLIANCE, SAFE WORLDWIDE, OLSEN ANIMAL TRUST, JACKSONVILLE ZOO & GARDENS, the ZOO SAFARI DE THOIRY, the AFRICAN RESERVE OF SIGEAN, the KANSAS CITY ZOO, PRO WILDLIFE, PAIRI DAIZA, the ZOO DE LA PALMYRE, ARTIS AMSTERDAM ROYAL ZOO, and private donors**



1.4 Animals released

In 2023, no primates were released. However, other species were released with the help of J.A.C.K., such as:

- **4 barn owls;**

- **1 gharial** confiscated by the Ministry of the Environment in January 2021 and released on the private land of one of J.A.C.K.'s friends.

However, a step towards the release of primates was taken this year, when, thanks to generous sponsors, the project to return species to their natural environment was finally able to see the light of day.

A group of primates, in this case the **Malbrouck vervet monkeys**, has been identified: a dozen individuals have been designated to be the first residents of J.A.C.K. to return to the forest. As this species of primate currently lives in the National Parks of UPPER KATANGA, namely the Kundelungu National Park and the Upemba National Park, the project to release them there has been initiated (see page 27).

1.5 Chimpanzee abduction

It's been over a year since the three baby chimpanzees MONGA, HUSSEIN and CESAR were brutally kidnapped from the sanctuary by people as yet unidentified.

The Congolese authorities have been alerted to the situation, and an investigation has been launched to apprehend the criminals and find the chimpanzees in whatever condition they may be in. However, to date, the Founders are unaware of the progress of this investigation and fear that the worst may already have happened to the babies.

September 9, 2023 marked one year since this atrocious incident, and these little ones are still missing. Our concern for them is unwavering, as not a day goes by without our thoughts going out to them. We hope they're alive and well, and that one day they'll come back to us.

We continue to speak out and share their story so that the memory of these three little babies lives on and the investigations continue until justice is served.



1.6 Monitored animals

At the beginning of 2023, *Jeunes Animaux Confisqués au Katanga* was responsible for 37 chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes schweinfurtii*), 5 bushbabies (*Otolemur crassicaudatus monteiri*) et 62 small primates – for a total of 99 Individuals.

Following multiple rescues, the number of residents rose to 169 orphans to be cared for on a daily basis by the end of December 2023; this represents a 71% increase in the number of residents in just 12 months!

RESIDENTS J.A.C.K.					31/12	
		2023	arrivée	décès	naissance	2024
1	Eastern chimpanzees	37	5			42
2	Bushbabies	4	2			6
3	Malbrouck vervets	12	1		1	14
4	Golden-bellied managebeys	12	2			14
5	Agile mangabeys	3	4	1		6
6	Black-crested mangabeys	2	12			14
7	Grey-cheeked mangabeys	0	2			2
8	Putty-nosed monkeys	5				5
9	Blue monkeys (<i>mitis opisthictus</i>)	3	1			4
10	Blue monkeys (<i>mitis ehymansi</i>)	0	4	1		3
11	Blue monkeys (<i>mitis stuhlmanni</i>)	0	1			1
12	Red-tailed monkeys (<i>ascanius</i>)	1				1
13	Red-tailed monkeys (<i>katangae</i>)	7	14	5		16
14	Red-tailed monekeys (<i>Schmidt</i>)	2	10	4		8
15	Allen's swamp monkeys	2	4	1		5
16	De Brazza guenons	3	6	2		7
17	Wolf's guenons	1				1
18	l'Hoest's monkeys	2	2			4
19	Dent's guenons	3	8			11
20	Lesula monkeys		1			1
21	Patas monkeys		1			1
22	Hamlyn's monkeys		1			1
23	Olive baboons		2			2
24						0
25						0
26						0
TOTAL		99	83	14		169



A) Chimpanzees

By the end of 2023, all the chimpanzees are divided into four groups:

Group A

(15 individuals, aged between 15-20 years)

Group B

(13 individuals, aged between 13-16 years)

Group C

(9 individuals, aged between 14-21 years)

Nursery group

(5 individuals)

The latter includes children aged between 10 months and 4 years.

There's a total of 23 females and 19 males.

B) Bushbabies

A total of **5 bushbaby males** and **1 female** are on the list of J.A.C.K.'s prosimian residents. They don't yet have adequate structures for them, and the Founders would like to realize this great project in 2024.

C) Small primates

By the end of 2023, there were 127 of them, representing 19 different species (23 if we include subspecies), the majority of which have their own facilities adapted to their needs.

This year, due to a lack of space at the sanctuary, the new arrivals spent their quarantine at the Founders' private home. Construction is still underway to accommodate the new arrivals so that they can spend their quarantine period there before joining a group of their own kind.

Malbroucks are a subspecies of vervet monkeys. At J.A.C.K., they are 14 and used to live in two different groups.

As these primates are the subject of a pre-release project at J.A.C.K., the first two separate groups have been put together. Given the success of the current project, a future release is being considered. The aim is to return them to their natural habitat in the Upper-Katanga National Parks (Upemba NP and Kundelungu NP), where their wild relatives live.

We use contraceptive implants for Chimpanzees and Monkeys. Occasionally, individuals reach us very young - or so we think - and surprise us by giving birth. A birth took place at the end of October 2023 in the group of vervet monkeys destined for the forest: a female we didn't think was at all sexually mature was not under implant and gave birth to a little male.

Agile mangabeys are 5 ; the last two arrived in May 2023 during the Lodja 4 rescue mission;

The Golden-bellied mangabeys are 14. The last two were rescued and transferred in May 2023 during the Lodja 4 mission. J.A.C.K. currently supervises the largest captive population of golden-bellied mangabeys in the world;

The black-crested mangabeys are 14 and are living together with 2 grey-cheeked mangabeys. They form a group of 16 individuals

The putty-nosed monkeys : they are 5 – in 2023, not a single individual was added to the list ;

The red-tailed monkeys: went from 11 to 27 individuals because red-tailed monkeys arrived in a great number during Lodja 3 (8 individuals) & Lodja 4 (11 individuals). They are living in different enclosures according to their subspecies for, J.A.C.K. has 3 subspecies of red-tailed monkeys on the 4 that exist in the DR Congo:

Cercopithecus ascanius ascanius (1 individual)

Cercopithecus ascanius Schmidt (8 individuals)

Cercopithecus ascanius katangae (16 individuals)

L’Hoest’s monkeys: are 11. Most of them come from the seizure of the Congolese monkeys in Togo

Blue monkeys are 8 and belong to 3 different subspecies, such as :

Cercopithecus mitis opisthictus (5 individuals)

Cercopithecus mitis ehymansi (4 individuals)

Cercopithecus mitis stuhlmanni (1 individual)

De Brazza’s guenon are 7 in number ;

Swamp monkeys are 5 and are waiting an enclosure adapted to their needs for a swamp and aquatic flora;

Wolf guenon: This young male is the only individual representing its species at the moment at J.A.C.K.;

Dent guenon is alone and lives with the Wolf guenon

Lesula monkeys are 4 in number. To this date, J.A.C.K. is the only place in the world to rehabilitate this endemic species and highly endangered of the DR Congo ;

Patas monkey: a single specimen arrived at J.A.C.K. in 2023 and lives with the black-crested mangabeys ;

The owl-faced monkey arrived from Togo at the end of December. He is alone.

Olive baboons are 2 in number. One of them has a bullet impact in the skull and her health state is quite worrying. These individuals will need their own facilities, as they mix only with great difficulty, if at all, with the other primates they consume.



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2. SITE IMPROVEMENT

As the sanctuary *Jeunes Animaux Confisqués au Katanga* has become a Rehabilitation Center for Primates in general, there are two major projects on the site, namely

- (1) the chimpanzee project, totally separated in space from
- (2) the small primate project.

In this year 2023, major improvements have been made, mainly for the monkeys.

2.1 Electrical failure

A major incident seriously impacted both primate sites and the entire sanctuary when, in March 2023, J.A.C.K. experienced a serious power failure.

With the entire center affected and without power (no water, no external lighting for night-time security, no lights inside the night rooms affecting maintenance, feeding and staff safety, etc.), SNEL (national electricity company) technicians were quickly mobilized to solve the problem.



Since most of the electric cables were burnt, emergency funds from the **PAN AFRICAN SANCTUARY ALLIANCE** and a discount granted by **PANACO** on the purchase of 275 meters of VFVB connector cable and cable shoes allowed us to carry out this essential safety work at the Center.

2.2 Monkey project

To provide the best possible accommodation for different monkeys confiscated and entrusted to J.A.C.K. in 2023, a number of development projects have been carried out thanks to the generous support of various sponsors and partners. Three building projects were launched, but were not completed in December due to lack of funds.



2.2.1 A transparent sunroof

Dormitory n°2 is the night enclosure for

L’Hoest’s monkeys

(*Cercopithecus lhoesti lhoesti*)

putty-nosed monkeys

(*Cercopithecus nictitans nictitans*)

red-tailed monkeys

(*Cercopithecus ascanius Schmidt*)

and blue monkeys

(*Cercopithecus mitis opisthostictus*).

Given the low level of light inside the building, despite the lighting, and the high level of humidity due to a lack of ventilation, the work involved installing a new, transparent sunroof so that the internal structure would receive more daylight and could also be ventilated on a daily basis.

This major project was carried out by our team of welders. Metal corner pieces were welded to a base structure, to which transparent metal sheets were attached. The sunroof can be opened using a pulley and wired cables.

Finally, the painter applied some anti-rust paint to protect all metal parts from deterioration.

These developments were financed mainly through the generosity of **HUMANE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL** and our construction partner, **BSI STEEL**.



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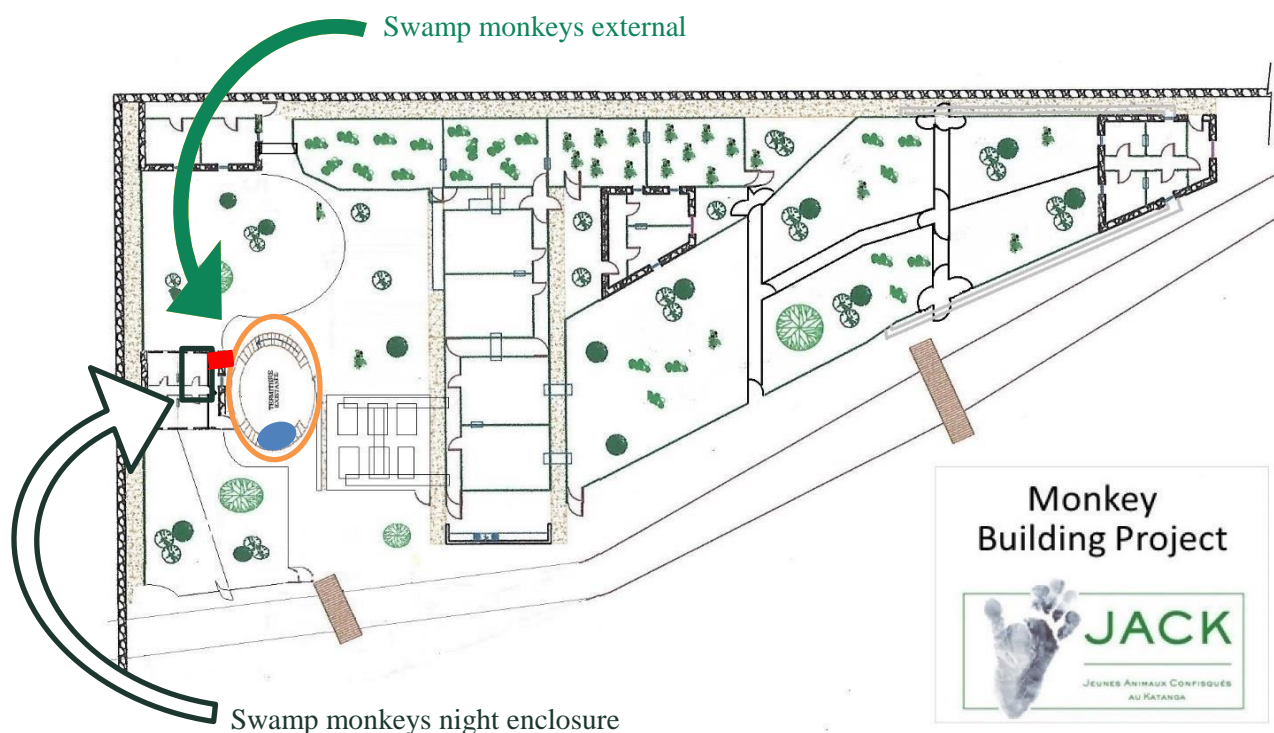


2.2.2 Outside enclosure for swamp monkeys

Due to their young ages, the Allen's swamp monkeys (*Allenopiothecus nigroviridis nigroviridis*) were placed in a group with other monkeys (De Brazza's guenon and red-tailed monkeys).

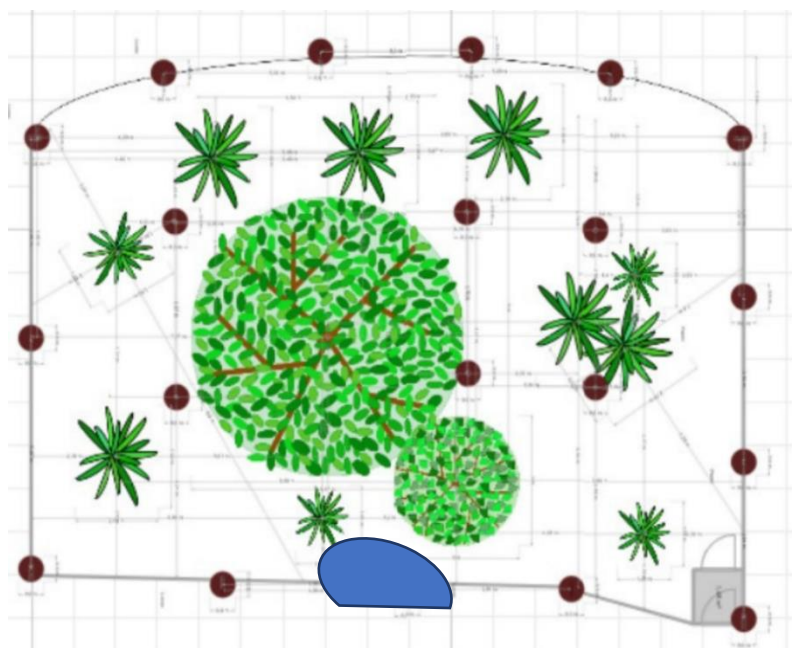
Unfortunately, as each species grows, it needs its own territory and facilities adapted to its needs.

Since then, a wooded enclosure with a basin and a marshy/aquatic environment has been on the agenda for 2023, to provide the swamp monkeys with an external enclosure all their own.



Located at the middle of the J.A.C.K. Center's monkey project, the outside enclosure is a 16 m long, 12 m wide and 8 m high structure. Meshed and wooded, it features platforms, galvanized bars and feeders and drinkers. The entire enclosure is built around a large fig tree on a former termite mound. A tunnel ■ links the external enclosure to the night rooms. For safety reasons, the monkeys will be brought in every evening just like the others.

Finally, a shallow basin ● will be fitted out with fish and small fish to maintain the hunting instinct of these primates, who dive to shallow depths in search of fish.



Outside enclosure project for Allen's swamp monkeys



Unfortunately, works had to be halted when one of the project's funders failed to respond financially to the request as planned. Consequently, by the end of 2023, only the poles of the enclosure structure had been anchored in the ground, and the perimeter wall of the entire termite mound had been completed. All the fencing and interior fittings (platforms, galvanized bars, water point, feeders and drinkers), the tunnel and access hatches to the dormitory, the basin and the entrance door with foot bath are still to be completed.

The Allen's swamp monkeys have not yet been able to take possession of the site.

We would like to warmly thank the 2023 partners/sponsors who helped to initiate this project, namely **GAIA NATURE FUND**, **THOIRY PEAUGRES CONSERVATION** and **BSI STEEL**.



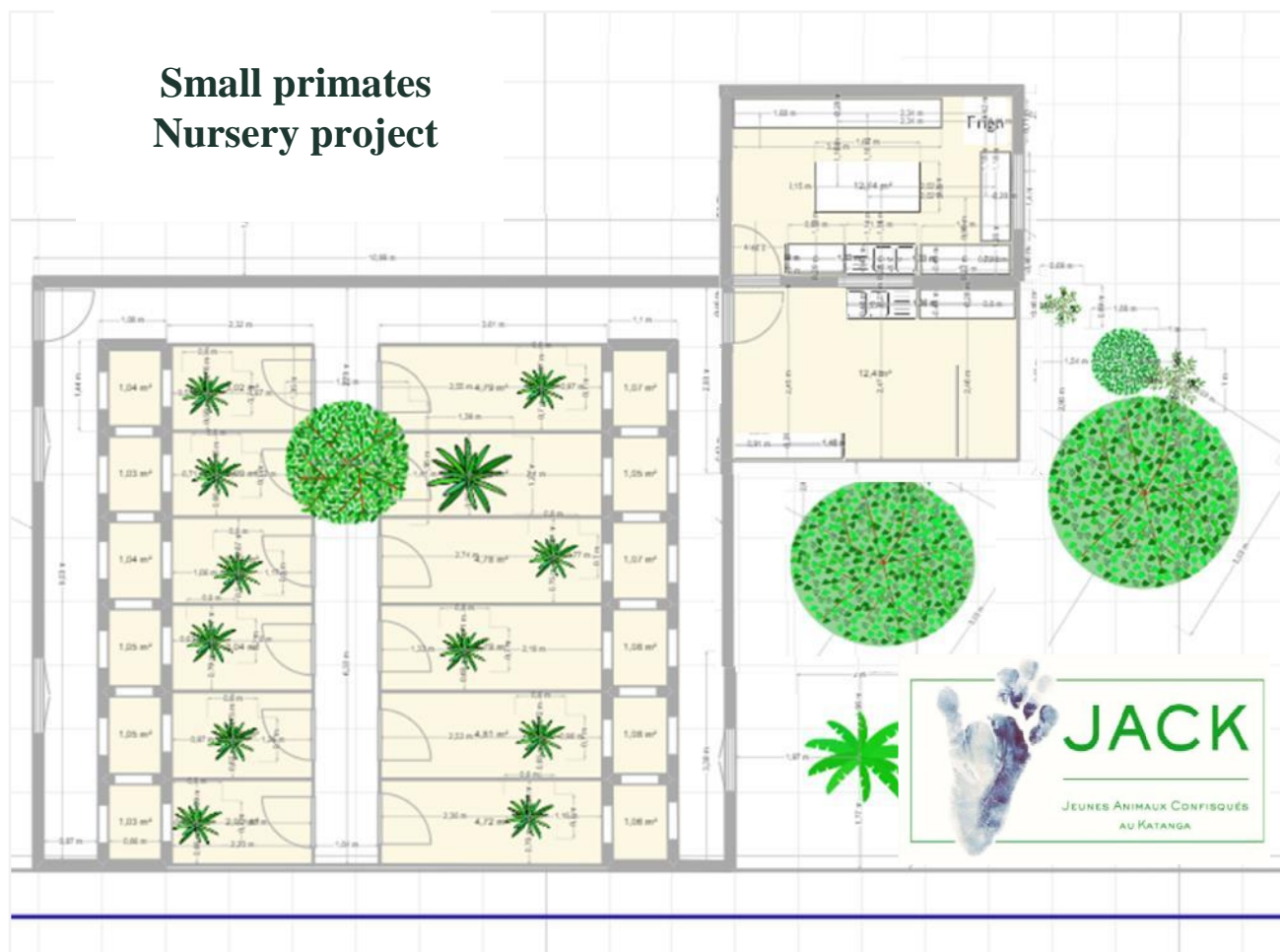


2.2.3 Nursery building for monkeys

Because of the vagaries of the climate, confiscated primates arriving from the country's hot and humid rainforests can suffer fatal thermal shock. Lubumbashi is located at an altitude of over 1,400 meters, and has two seasons: summer (November to April) and winter with temperatures as low as 5°C (May to October).

A warm and suitable place for all these new arrivals was therefore essential to welcome and house these orphans and relieve the pressure on the Founders' private home, as in 2023, the majority of individuals rescued from poaching and trafficking were housed at Franck & Roxane CHANTEREAU's house to spend their quarantine period before joining a group of their own kind

Small primates Nursery project



The building includes a kitchen, a mini-clinic, a small room for the vet or keeper to spend the night in case of emergency, and 12 night lodges attached to 12 eight-meter-high day enclosures with vegetation so that the individuals can move around by jumping in a natural environment.



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2.2.4 Vervet monkey pre-release initiation site

The Malbrouck vervet monkey (*Chlorocebus cynosuros cynosuros*) is a sub-species of vervet monkeys widespread in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Through the environmental authorities, J.A.C.K. has rescued several from private individuals.

Since the massive arrival of primates at the Center in recent years, J.A.C.K. decided to launch a pre-release project for Malbroucks, with the aim of releasing them in the near future (2024?) in the Upemba National Park (Upper-Katanga Province, DRC).

To complete this project, new facilities had to be built to train the 14 individuals of this species for release. Hence the construction of 2 wooded day enclosures and 4 night lodges.

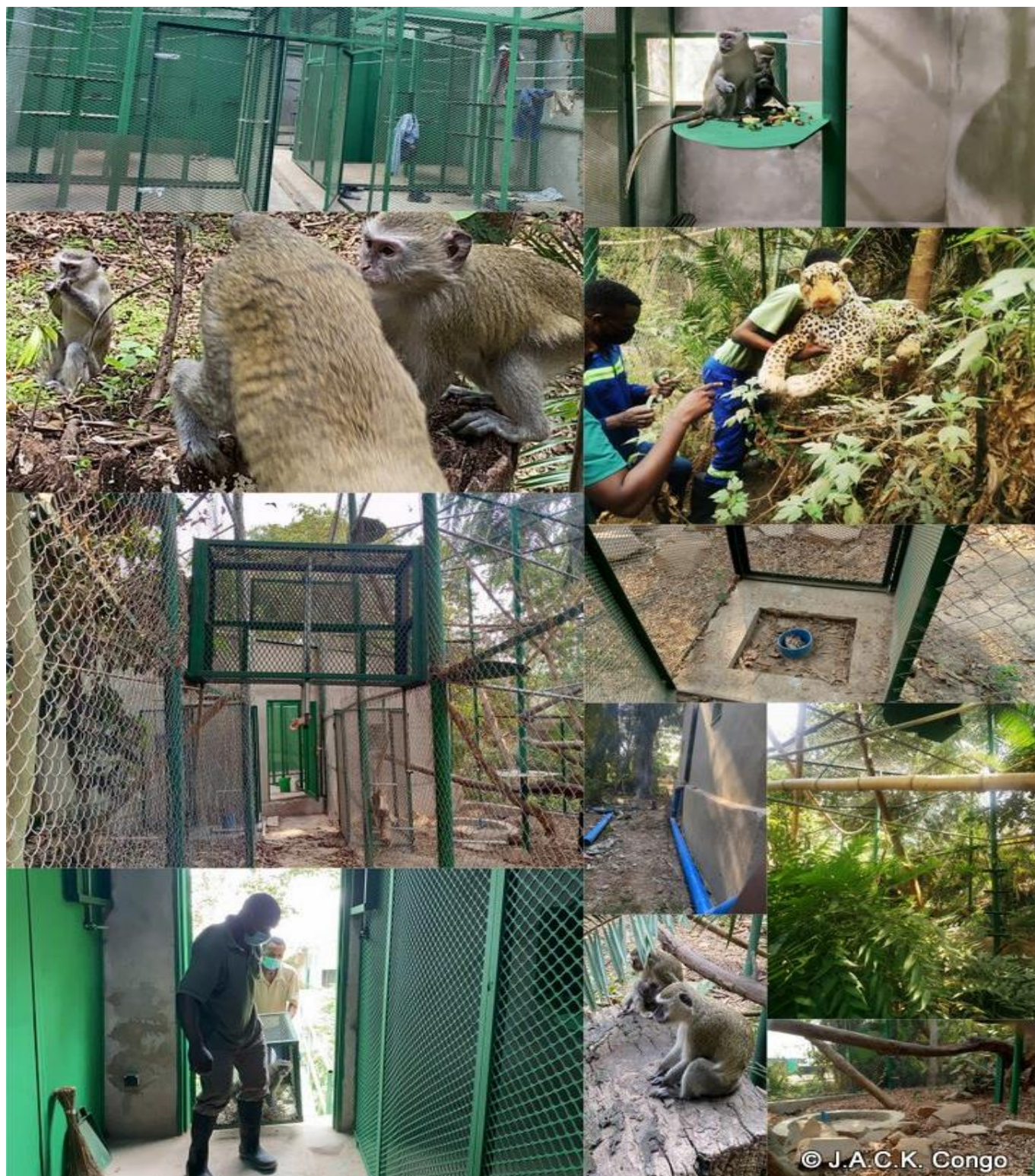
By mid-2023, with Malbrouck monkeys divided into two distinct groups, the priority was to make the necessary integrations to create a single troop. This took place on neutral ground in old facilities (satellite cages). Unfortunately, the introductions did not go smoothly, given the determination of some individuals to show their status and strength. As a result, 4 adult vervet monkeys (2 males and 2 females) did not join the troop destined for the forest and will be released in the future. One birth took place in the newly formed group.



Next, we had to put these animals in conditions quite similar to the forest, training them to recover some of their instincts to live easily in the wild, i.e. to regain the ease and balance to move from branch to branch at the top of the trees, to look for wild edible plants and fruits, to scrape old trunks and dig the ground in search of insects, to know how to recognize predators and to run away from them (leopards, snakes), and so on.



Work on the construction of the Malbroucks pre-release initiation site was funded by **24 GUTE TATEN, PRO WILDLIFE, LA RESERVE AFRICAINE DE SIGEAN, SAFE WORLDWIDE, and BSI STEEL**



3. PERSONNEL

3.1 Employees

To this day, the team has changed completely because, after the kidnapping of the three chimpanzees (September 2022), the J.A.C.K. Center lost 80% of its staff, who had to be renewed and trained. The team consists of 26 people, including 21 salaried employees, 3 National Park eco-guards and 2 permanent volunteers. The salaries of these 21 staff members are partially covered by the generosity of **L'ESPACE ZOOLOGIQUE DE SAINT-MARTIN-LA-PLAINE**.

The team is composed as follow

- **1 Project manager**

Mr. Jeancy WETHSAY supports and relieves the Founders in their daily work. An agricultural engineer, for several years he was the right-hand man of Mr. MPO Héritier, the Congolese partner of J.A.C.K. (APPACOL-PRN) in Sankuru Province. This young man was one of the association's investigators in Lodja and took part in many seizures, sometimes putting his life at risk against poachers and traffickers. After the chimpanzees were abducted, the Founders needed a trustworthy local man with no ties to the city of Lubumbashi. He has been selected to watch over the center and its residents;

- **1 Veterinarian**

Doctor Calvin KAPUNGU MIMBO arrived at J.A.C.K. in October 2022 after the kidnapping. The former veterinarian had resigned;

- **14 Keepers**

who work directly with the small primates and great apes (preparing meals, daily maintenance of night rooms and external enclosures, caring for chimpanzees/monkeys when sick, acting as surrogate Mom/Dad, observing groups, etc.) and are also responsible for keeping the site clean (cutting grass, burning garbage). All the keepers were trained by the Center. Some have never been to school, while others have had to drop out for lack of funds.

J.A.C.K.'s team of keepers is divided into two groups according to the projects to be managed.

9 chimpanzee project keepers

including a head-keeper: Jean, Emma, Clément, Alpha, André, Beau Paul, Alpha, Georges and Benito

5 monkey project keeper

including a head-keeper: Crispin, Faustin, Victor, Adriel and Patrice

- **1 Driver**

Didier who, every day, collects in-kind donations from one of the city's sponsors, and who regularly drives outside of Lubumbashi to buy fruits and vegetables from local communities;

- **1 Kitchen manager**

Maman Angeline, who also acts as a surrogate mother for newcomers: when baby chimpanzees arrive, she takes charge of them and one of the caretakers replaces her in the kitchen;

- **3 Administrative Assistants**

as the J.A.C.K. association grows, so does the team, and the Founders need to be able to delegate in order to perpetuate all the work already in place.

Since March 2022, Foundress Roxane Chantereau has been supervising three assistants who help her in her daily tasks: Shadrack, donation and sponsorship manager, Shado in charge of social media and fundraising and Ange, responsible for elaborating reports for Partners and Sponsors.



3.2 Eco-guardes

Three armed rangers from Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (I.C.C.N.) were detached from the DRC National Parks to ensure the safety of the project, the team and the J.A.C.K. residents.

These guards receive their salaries from the State, which J.A.C.K. supplements each month in the form of incentives which, in 2023, were partially financed by the **INTERNATIONAL PRIMATE PROTECTION LEAGUE** and **EDF LUMINUS**.



3.3 Craftsmen

When it comes to making major improvements to the living conditions of J.A.C.K.'s residents, the sanctuary always calls on a team of qualified, motivated craftsmen without permanent jobs to develop the project. They know the sanctuary and its residents very well, as some have contributed to its construction over the past 16 years.

Supporting these men in this way is part of J.A.C.K.'s social program and a way of supporting the local community.



3.4 Volunteers



J.A.C.K. does not have a volunteer program. However, the only volunteers at the Center today are the Founders, Franck & Roxane CHANTEREAU, who run the Center alongside their professional lives.

The couple completes each other in the daily management of the project. Franck is the Chairman and is in charge of finance, tax, staff, supplies, construction and public relations. Roxane is J.A.C.K.'s Treasurer. She is in charge of the office where she manages the correspondence with partners/sponsors/donors, is in charge of fundraising, elaborating reports and supervises the sponsorship program, social media, etc.



4. FOOD SUPPLY AND ENRICHMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

4.1 Food supply

4.1.1 Agricultural project and local communities

Since the start of the pandemic, and with the impact in Europe of the conflict in Ukraine, J.A.C.K. has faced a decrease in donations to cover food and veterinary care for the residents in its charge.

It's a very frightening situation because more and more orphans are being rescued and they need to have their daily routine as well as all the appropriate care to stay strong and healthy!

Food in local supermarkets and city markets is very expensive. The DRC province where J.A.C.K. is located is a mining area where very little fruit/vegetables are produced. Almost everything is imported from other provinces (e.g. pineapples from northern DRC) or from Zambia/South Africa (apples, oranges, flour, rice, milk, tea, etc.).

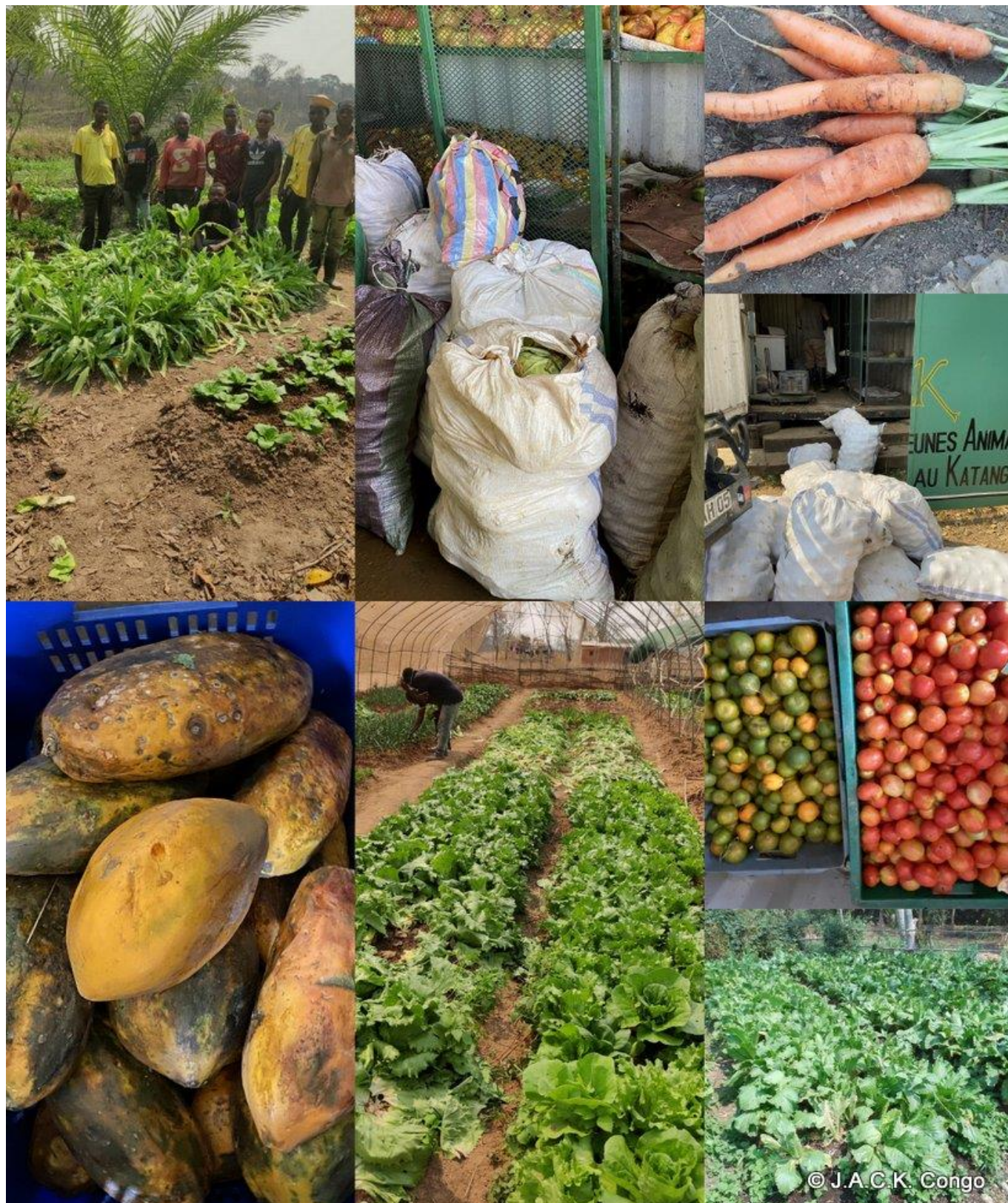
Due to the high prices of imported products, J.A.C.K. is looking for sustainable and less expensive solutions to motivate the population and raise awareness about the project and the conservation of endangered species. It's essential that people understand the impact of their gesture in selling their crops!

From then on, the Primate Rehabilitation Center strives to obtain fresh food from local communities.





Since April 2023, J.A.C.K. has forged close links with several small-scale growers who deliver their fruit and vegetables to the sanctuary twice a week. These farmers cultivate their land and dedicate their crops to the consumption of J.A.C.K. residents





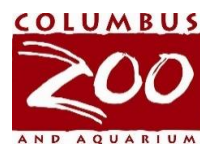
4.1.2 Contributions from generous sponsors

With the massive arrival of primates in 2023, the J.A.C.K. Center has had to increase the daily amount of food it supplies to its residents to just over 500kg per day. The food consists of vegetables, fruit, leaves, rice and cornmeal cooked with soy powder for the residents' protein intake.

In addition, a hundred liters of beverages: 100 liters of tea with honey (a completely natural nourishment consumed by chimpanzees in the forest, which helps strengthen their immune systems), a huge quantity of water supplied every day in basins in the external enclosures, but also via towers equipped with pig water nipples, recycled water bottles, ice cubes, etc., to keep the sanctuary's primates constantly hydrated. Around 13 liters of continuation milk are supplied on a daily basis to the youngest chimpanzees and small primates. Providing this amount of food every day is essential for everyone's development and growth!



In 2023, and as in previous years, J.A.C.K. had the generous sponsorship of the **VINMART FOUNDATION**, which gave the chance to buy good fruit and vegetables for all the residents cared for at the sanctuary. Other sponsors are also present to cover food supply, namely: **AUTO LUBUMBASHI, BRASIMBA, BRAS SECURITY, GLOBAL BROADBAND SOLUTION (GBS), COLUMBUS ZOO & AQUARIUM, HUMANE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, PRO WILDLIFE, OLSEN ANIMAL TRUST, RAWBANK, SAFE WORLDWIDE, FRIENDS OF JACK, SOCIETE HOTEL DU KATANGA, INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT (INL), HYPER PSARO**; sponsors from associations “**LES AMIS DE JACK**” and from the **SWEDEN CHIMPANZEE TRUST**, private Sponsors and particulars.



4.1.3 In-kind donations

The sanctuary lives on donations. In 2023, J.A.C.K has had the support of a farm and a supermarket (HYPER PSARO), both of which have agreed to donate fruit and vegetables that are slightly stained, damaged by transport/packaging and therefore not presentable to consumers. These donations are received and sorted on a daily basis. This year, over 35 tons of second-quality fruits and vegetables were collected in this way.



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4.1.4 Fruit trees

Many fruit trees (papaya, mango, guava, wild fig and banana) can be found on site, much to the delight of the Center's residents.



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4.1.5 Beekeeping project

The site abounds in wild flowers and, as chimpanzees love honey and it's excellent for boosting their immune defenses, a beekeeping project has been launched thanks to the sponsorship from the **VINMART FOUNDATION**.

Of the 5 hives and 2 bee colonies installed in 2019, only one is operational with the sole remaining bee colony. In May 2023, Mr. Abdon, the **VINMART FOUNDATION** beekeeper overseeing the project, was able to collect some 4kg of wild honey.



4.2 The enrichment program

Environmental enrichment is an essential technique for maintaining the mental and sometimes physical health of animals in captivity. At J.A.C.K. , the team varies the enrichment tools to be provided and ensures that:

Food is hidden (fruits, vegetables, pieces of banana tree trunk) every day before opening the gates to the external enclosures: as soon as they step out, chimpanzees seek their food – a way of keeping in them this natural instinct to search for nourishment;

Enrichment items are often accompanied by food to stimulate the individual's mind and curiosity:

Hide old bottles filled with treats (peanuts, bread, popcorn, dried raisins or fresh fruits) ;

Fill old socks with treats and hide or hang them here and there in the enclosures (peanuts, popcorn, sugar-free biscuits, etc.);

Cardboard boxes filled with dry leaves containing pieces of fruits/vegetables;

Fill old onion fillet with straw and/or dry leaves and hide pieces of fruit inside;

Fruit ice cubes or homemade fruit compote ;

Frozen fruits (oranges pieces, lemons, fresh raisins, cherry tomatoes);

Frozen fruit skewers (tomatoes and raisins) ;

Solid plastic toy (KONG) filled with good food, etc.



Enrichment of the environment is essentially food-based and depends **on donations received**.



Also, jungle gyms, fake termite mounds and water basins are enrichment tools. At J.A.C.K., enrichment takes place every day.





5. VETERINARY CARE

In 2023, Dr. Calvin KAPUNGU MIMBO, J.A.C.K.'s veterinary, carried out a number of operations, including (1) the insertion of contraceptive implants and (2) surgical interventions following serious assaults between individuals. He also had to deal with severe cases of (3) gastro-enteritis and septicemia, which almost cost the life of one of the old female chimpanzees of J.A.C.K.

The Veterinarian also had to call on colleagues with portable equipment to perform (4) X-rays.

In addition, with the massive influx of small primates, some had injured/superinfected tails and he proceeded to a few (5) caudectomy and conducted (6) necropsies following the death of primates.

Every month, the J.A.C.K.'s Vet Doctor carries coprology tests on all human and non-human residents to check for the presence of verminosis and Koch's bacillus (Tuberculosis). This insidious and deadly disease has been on the rise in Lubumbashi in recent years; hence the analyses conducted on J.A.C.K. staff and residents!

The sanctuary works with a laboratory in Lubumbashi, **INTERNATIONAL MODERN LABORATORY (IML)**, which gives a discount for each sample supplied for analysis.

Note that each time an individual is anaesthetized, a medical check-up is carried out, including taking blood samples (biochemistry and hematology) and urine (if possible), checking dentition, weight and height (length and thickness) of limbs.

Finally, four unusual events affected the Center's veterinary team this year: (7) the transfer of individuals to new facilities to introduce them to the pre-release program, (8) the first birth of primate at J.A.C.K., (9) the arrival of 2 veterinary interns to support Dr. Calvin in his daily work, and (10) a first-aid course offered to the entire Center team.

In 2023, all veterinary interventions, analyses and the purchase of veterinary and laboratory equipment were financed by the **VINMART FOUNDATION, INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, LES AMIS DE JAK, and SWEDEN CHIMPANZEE TRUST**. Contraceptive implants were generously donated, as every year, by **ESPACE ZOOLOGIQUE DE SAINT-MARTIN-LA-PLAINE**.





5.1 Contraceptive implants

As the majority of female chimpanzees are in their reproductive years, and given the lack of space at the sanctuary to give them the possibility to give birth, contraceptive implants are placed in the individuals' shoulder blades and changed every two and a half years. Obviously, this contraceptive will be removed the day they return to the forest!

The same applies to some adult female monkeys also put on implants for the same reasons.

In 2023, 10 implants have been placed on great apes and 2 on small primates.



5.2 Surgical interventions



Various surgeries were carried out on small primates. The most important was for Syllio, a young adult Malbrouck vervet monkey, who was seriously injured during an integration process: another adult male took over the management of the group and showed dominance by inflicting serious wounds on his face.



5.3 Gastroenteritis and septicemia

Dr Calvin's daily life was put to test as 3 female anzees were very sick, including an adult one who lost her life.

In fact, Kaly and Zumba were isolated for several weeks as they were unable to recover from gastroenteritis, which took all their energy and caused them to lose a lot of weight. Thanks to the right treatment, they have recovered in weight and vitality.

Lynn's case was more worrying. Chimpanzees are a very proud species of primate who don't like to show their weaknesses. As a result, they remain very active until they can no longer stand upright and collapse.

This was the case with Lynn who, one evening, didn't answer the call of the keepers to enter the night facilities. She was found unresponsive and without strength in the bushes of her outdoor enclosure, and tests were carried out immediately. Weak, lethargic and with no appetite, Lynn had a very pronounced infection in her blood and her condition did not improve.

Thanks to an antibiotic susceptibility test, Dr. Calvin was guided on the treatment to be given, but Lynn continued to regress to the point of not moving.

Fortunately, we were able to give her something to eat and drink. It took a couple of months before she showed the first signs of recovery, and Lynn survived thanks to the good care of the team and our Founder who had been in constant contact with a veterinary friend, Dr. CALVI Thalita.



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5.4 X-Rays

Many of the primates entrusted to J.A.C.K. in 2023 arrived with fractures.

This was the case for 2 black-crested mangabeys and a baby chimpanzee. X-rays were organized with the help of an external vet doctor equipped with a portable device.

Depending on the severity of the fracture, follow-up x-rays are scheduled almost every month to assess its progress.



5.5 Caudectomies



Three monkeys arrived with injured and super-infected tails. The vet had to remove the damaged part of them (tail-docking).

5.6 Necropsies

The year 2023 saw a number of deaths. Individuals recovered from trafficking sometimes come to us very damaged, both mentally and physically.

For each death, the veterinarian performs an autopsy to verify the reason and to be sure of eliminating the idea of spreading fatal infectious diseases.

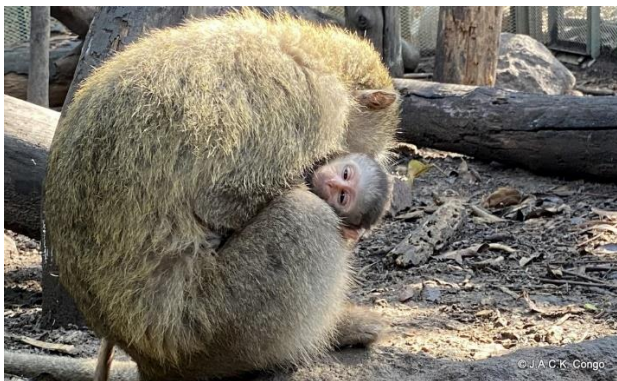


5.7 Malbrouck vervet monkeys: transfer and pre-release initiation

As mentioned previously (see page 28) the two groups of Malbrouck vervet monkeys were integrated into one. This did not go smoothly, and all presentations and transfers from one structure to the other were supervised by the veterinary team and the keepers.



5.8 Birth



Still in the group of the Malbrouck vervet monkeys and before the integration period, one of the young females we thought was still not sexually mature gave birth to Chris, the first baby primate born at J.A.C.K. since its foundation.

Both mother and baby were part of the integration program and all went very well.

5.9 Veterinary interns

In November and December 2023, the veterinary team at J.A.C.K.'s Center was joined by two motivated ladies: Betty and Rachel. One of them will be lucky enough to be hired by J.A.C.K. as the number of primate increases and so does the need of veterinary assistance.



5.10 First-aid course



Doctor SPARROW, sponsor and friend of J.A.C.K., volunteered to train the staff members in emergency first aid for both human and primates. An enriching experience much appreciated by all.





6. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

6.1 On-site education

6.1.1 Visit of the sanctuary

Thanks to the generosity of its precious sponsors, J.A.C.K. now has an Educational Center composed of 4 hut-shaped buildings. Made of drawings and also embellished with photos, these educational areas are very popular with young and old alike. Each hut has a specific theme that answers the following questions:

- What is a sanctuary? Why does J.A.C.K. exist?
- What is a chimpanzee? Why are great apes disappearing?
- What is the difference between a great ape and a monkey?

Access to J.A.C.K. is free. Visitors include mainly schools, families and authorities. The Founders of J.A.C.K., Franck and Roxane, welcome visitors and give tours of the site.

Following the kidnapping of the three baby chimpanzees, J.A.C.K. was advised to by the Ministry of the Interior to be careful about the introduction of strangers into the site, hence the ban on access to the Center for any foreign person.

In 2023, came to the J.A.C.K. Center:

- Sponsors and partners of J.A.C.K.: Mrs. LANZL Linda from SAFE WORLDWIDE and Mrs. PATARO Susana (Ambassador and Director of Jane Goodall Institute Global);
- The Director General of ICCN and his Cabinet;
- The ICCN DTS (technical and scientific Manager);
- Some classes of the Lubumbashi-based French Lyceum

6.1.2 Volunteers

The volunteer program has been suspended since the Covid-19 crisis.

6.2 Off-site outreach

6.2.1 Events in Lubumbashi

In April 2023, during Mrs. PATARO Susana's stay in Lubumbashi, and by virtue of her status as Ambassador and Director of JANE GOODALL INSTITUTE GLOBAL, an important meeting was organized with the Provincial Minister in charge of the Environment, His Excellency Mr. Serge MAGHOMA, in order to learn more about the evolution of the investigation into the three kidnapped baby chimpanzees and to testify to the importance of the conservation of Congolese fauna and flora.

- In addition to this, Mrs. PATARO wished to speak with the Metropolitan Archbishop of Lubumbashi, Abp. Fulgence MUTEBA MUGALU, in order to raise awareness of the conservation of the environment and of endangered species in particular. They also participated in a working meeting with the Provincial Minister of the Environment.



In May 2023, the Provincial Minister in charge of the Environment made it a point to be present at Lubumbashi airport during the arrival of 23 confiscated primates transferred from Lodja (Sankuru Province). With his communication team (journalist & cameraman), His Excellency Mr. MAGHOMA wanted to be the voice of all these innocent creatures poached to raise awareness among the population about wildlife crime, zoonosis, and the protection of the environment, forests, and their inhabitants.

His message was broadcasted on television and on the social media platforms of the Upper Katanga Governorate.



6.2.2 Events abroad



In France

Through the French Charity, "**LES AMIS DE JACK**", the sanctuary manages to make itself known and to raise awareness among many people through craft fairs, garage sales and Christmas markets held mainly by the association's volunteers. In 2023, some sponsors and members organized fundraisers, set up booths, or sold crafts/postcards/photos in support of the residents of J.A.C.K.

Likewise, some zoological parks supporting J.A.C.K. planned events to highlight the work done by the NGO in the field in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

SIGEAN – World Chimpanzee Day at the RESERVE AFRICAINE DE SIGEAN - from 14 to 16 July 2023

A special day dedicated to chimpanzees during which a team of motivated caregivers from the Reserve Africaine de Sigean set up booths and lead fun activities aimed at raising awareness among visitors about the cause of our closest cousins.

In 2023, the donations collected on this occasion were donated to J.A.C.K. and the CCC (Chimpanzee Conservation Center), the two NGOs working for the protection of chimpanzees and other primates supported by the Reserve.

The Charity "LES AMIS DE JACK" also participates in it thanks to kind volunteers always ready to promote the work of the Congolese Rehabilitation Center.



[Link Réserve Africaine de Sigean](#)



THOIRY ZOO SAFARI – Great Ape Conservation week-end August 12-13, 2023

A special day dedicated to raising awareness about the conservation of great apes such as chimpanzees.

The funds from this day were generously donated to J.A.C.K. and other NGO's supported by the Thoiry Zoo Conservation program.

[Link Thoiry Conservation](#)

SIGEAN – Christmas market November 26th, 2023

Great members and sponsors of the association LES AMIS DE J.A.C.K. ran a craft stand during the Sigean Christmas Market.





In Sweden

The Swedish association, «**SWEDEN CHIMPANZEE TRUST**», also allows J.A.C.K. to make itself known ex-situ because Ms. PERSSON, president of the Trust, regularly participates in radio broadcasts during which she speaks about the work of the Congolese sanctuary. The Swedish association therefore continues to manage its sponsorship program for the chimpanzees of J.A.C.K. (see page 51).

[Link website Sweden](#)

In the USA

After the "**LES AMIS DE JACK**" association in France, the J.A.C.K. sanctuary expands to the United States through the creation of "**FRIENDS OF JACK PRIMATE SANCTUARY**" in March 2023.

It is a non-profit organization (501(c)(3)) that raises awareness about the plight of primates and other endemic wildlife affected by illegal wildlife trafficking in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

As an official partner of the Rehabilitation Center in the DRC, this American association aims to provide funds to help save primates and other wildlife from illegal wildlife trafficking and to finance projects supporting the care and well-being of rescued animals at the sanctuary.

This year, Ms. Linda LANZL, a friend of J.A.C.K. and President of FRIENDS OF JACK PRIMATE SANCTUARY, introduced J.A.C.K. and all its work in the field to hundreds of academics and visited American zoos to also present her association and the rehabilitation work done by the Congolese sanctuary.

[Link website Jack Sanctuary](#)



Lastly, in September 2023, Ms. LANZL had the opportunity to meet Dr. Jane GOODALL during her visit to California. A unique opportunity to showcase the important work that J.A.C.K. has been doing for over a decade in combating chimpanzee trafficking and rehabilitating these primates.



6.3 Sponsorships and Memberships

Members and sponsors are "Ambassadors" for J.A.C.K.'s cause; which is why membership and sponsorship programs are very important for the Primate Rehabilitation Center. Not only do they represent a significant financial source for its residents, but these programs also help spread messages of Species Conservation for endangered species. It often happens that our Members, and Sponsors rally other friends to their commitment. To date, the membership and sponsorship program is conducted in French (www.jackchimpscongo.org/agir-ensemble/) and English (www.jacksanctuary.org/lets-make-the-difference/) primarily online.

The program is entirely managed by our Founders, Ms. Chantreau, and her assistant, Mr. Shadrack NGOY.

Each membership includes receiving a Membership Certificate.

Likewise, each 'Godparent' receives their 'Sponsor a primate Certificate', the biography of the sponsored chimpanzee/primate, and every month the sanctuary sends fresh news about the apes or monkeys through photos and/or videos highly appreciated by the sponsors.

Each primate sponsor is automatically a Member of the association unless they express a refusal.

The membership and sponsorship program is supported by two other associations, "**LES AMIS DE JACK**" (France) and "**SWEDEN CHIMPANZEE TRUST**" (Sweden), which have their own sponsorship platforms on their websites:

In France

In Sweden



6.4 On-line fundraising campaigns

Every year, J.A.C.K. and 'LES AMIS DE JACK' organize fundraisers to support the residents of the sanctuary and to raise awareness about the project in the DRC.

- 1) **Membership page of the association "LES AMIS DE JACK":** a page on HELLO ASSO in order to obtain new members and members

[Link](#)

- 2) **Various fundraising event were carried out online**

- FEBRUARY 2023: BANDA & BUNIA

[Link](#)

- MARCH 2023: MISSION LODJA 3, 20 PRIMATES READY FOR TRANSFER

[Link](#)

- MAY 2023: LODJA 4 MISSION IN PREPARATION

[Link FR](#)

[Link](#)



- JUNE 2023: A NURSERY FOR OUR LITTLE PRIMATES [Link](#)
 - JULY 2023: RESCUE IN PROGRESS BUTA [Link](#)
 - SEPTEMBER 2023: A SAFE HAVEN FOR ORPHANED CHIMPANZEES RESCUED FROM TRAFFICKING [Link](#)
 - DECEMBER 2023: BE THEIR CHRISTMAS MAGIC [Link](#)
- 3) **As every year, and thanks to GFAS, the NGO J.A.C.K.** Participated in the GIVING DAY FOR APES event. On October 3, 2023, the Center conducted a global fundraiser to build a nursery for baby chimpanzees recently rescued from trafficking. [Link](#)
- 4) **A petition has been posted on the CHANGE.ORG platform** in support of the 3 young chimpanzees kidnapped from the sanctuary. [Link](#)

6.5 Advertising and media

Articles about J.A.C.K. and interviews took place in the course of 2023. These are:

February 2023

- Article in the BIODIVERSITY MAGAZINE sur « RASCO, UN RAYON DE SOLEIL » [Link](#)
- Article in the newsletter of L'INTERNATIONAL PRIMATE PROTECTION LEAGUE (IPPL) [Link](#)

March 2023

- PASA report on the STATEGIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE held in Lilongwe, Malawi. The safety of J.A.C.K was raised after the terrible attack of the kidnapping of 3 young chimpanzees at the sanctuary. [Link](#)

April 2023

- Article JANE GOODALL INSTITUTE on the September 2022 kidnapping [Link](#)

June 2023

- Article JANE GOODALL INSTITUTE on the visit of Mrs. Pataro susana to j.a.c.k. [Link](#)

November 2023

- Article de TRACY SUBSTRACT.COM on the visit of Mrs. Pataro susana to j.a.c.k. [Link](#)
- Rapport du cites. Le kidnapping des 3 chimpanzés au sanctuaire a été mentionné [Link](#)



September 2023

The media “WHAT DOES THE GIRAFFE SAY” had a live online interview with Franck Chantereau about day-to-day life at the sanctuary

[Link](#)

December 2023

At the grasp (great apes survival partnership) meeting, doctor Jane goodall discussed the abduction of the 3 chimpanzee babies on 9 September 2022.

[Link](#)

7sur7.cd - 24 – 40 monkeys sur 40 singes volés interceptés au Togo ramenés à Lubumbashi

[Link](#)

Release monkey traffic : «in fifty years, 70% of great apes have disappeared»

[Link](#)

Pasa.org - largest seizure of monkeys in Africa welcomed to j.a.c.k. sanctuary in the democratic republic of congo

[Link](#)

Biodiversity mag

[Link](#)

Project to end great ape slavery (pegas) - largest seizure of monkeys in africa welcomed to j.a.c.k. sanctuary in the democratic republic of congo

[Link](#)

6.6 J.A.C.K. on Internet Advertising and media

1) J.A.C.K. Sanctuary has its own websites:

- ITS FRENCH LANGUAGE SITES ARE

[Link](#)

- •ANGLOPHONE

[Link](#)

- A NEW SITE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND CAN BE TRANSLATED INTO SEVERAL LANGUAGES

2) Also at the internet level, Jeunes Animaux Confisqués au Katanga was annexed to the sites of various Partners/Sponsors:

PAN AFRICAN SANCTUARY ALLIANCE/PASA (USA)

[Link](#)

ESPACE ZOOLOGIQUE ST-MARTIN-LA-PLAINE (FRANCE)

[Link](#)

FONDATION BRIGITTE BARDOT (FRANCE)

[Link](#)

ZOO DE LA PALMYRE (FRANCE)

[Link](#)

INTERNATIONAL PRIMATE PROTECTION LEAGUE (IPPL - USA)

[Link](#)

SWEDEN CHIMPANZEE TRUST (SUEDE)

[Link](#)

PRO WILDLIFE (ALLEMAGNE)

[Link](#)

3) J.A.C.K. is on social media

FACEBOOK

[Link](#)

INSTAGRAM

[@jackprimatescongo](#)

TWITTER

[@JackChimps](#)

YOUTUBE

[Link](#)

LINKED IN

[Link](#)

7. TRIPS

The founders had the opportunity to take part in various events around the world

MARCH 2023

Franck Chantereau took part in three important activities in Lilongwe, MALAWI, including:

The annual meeting of PASA member sanctuaries (PASA Strategic Development) from March 24 to 28;

A workshop in the context of education (Social Behavior Change Communication) from March 29 to 31;

And finally, in his private capacity, he met with the LILONGWE WILDLIFE TRUST team to learn about their experience in pre-releasing and releasing vervets, a project that is being developed at J.A.C.K.

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2023

As Vice President and Treasurer of PASA, Franck CHANTEREAU attended the Board of Directors meeting in Atlanta.

This stay in the USA was an opportunity to:

Meet whit member of the FRIENDS OF JACK PRIMATE SANCTUARY in NEW YORK;



Present our work to the Zoos de JACKSONVILLE and COLUMBUS ZOOS & AQUARIUMS who have warmly opened their doors

SEPTEMBER 2023

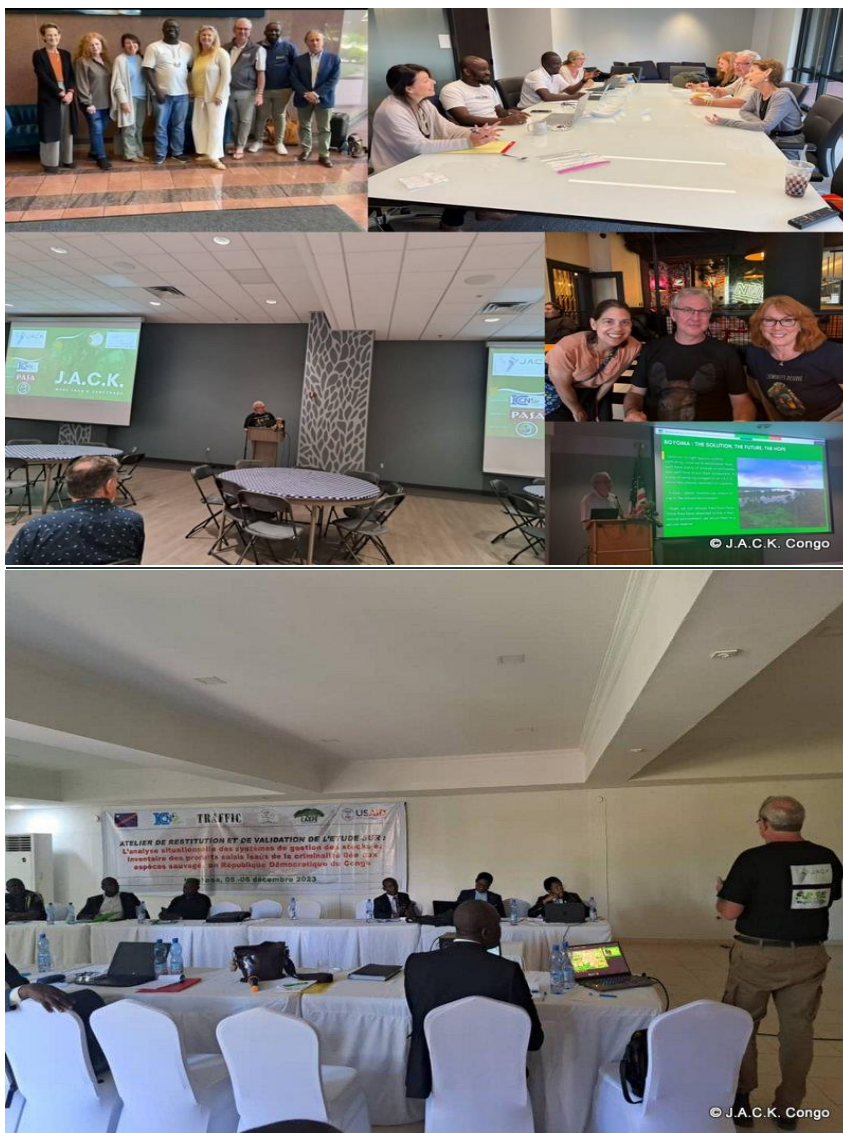
Meeting with Mrs. TENEAU Florence, Wildlife Manager at the BRIGITTE BARDOT FOUNDATION, to report on the rehabilitation and conservation work of primate species carried out in the field by J.A.C.K.;

NOVEMBER 2023

Meeting with Mrs. VANCOSK Catherine, Scientific Director of PAIRI DAIZA and establishing contact with Dr. QUIEVY Alicia, Chief Veterinarian at PAIRI DAIZA, who offered her remote assistance;

DECEMBER 2023

Mr. CHANTEREAU was invited to speak at the WWF TRAFFIC event held from December 5th to December 6th, 2023 in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo.





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Thank you to all those who give their time and expertise for the residents of the Congolese project

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Thanks to all our small-scale farmers from local communities who do their best to cultivate and share their harvests to keep our residents healthy.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to all Members, Sponsors, and chimp-sponsors who have helped to assist the sanctuary's residents in their daily lives.

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1) TRUST MERCHANT BANK

Account: J.A.C.K. asbl

Number: 00017-25000-00116060001-83 USD

Bank : TRUST MERCHANT BANK SARL

SWIFT : TRMSCD3L

No IBAN for RD

2) RAWBANK

Account: J.A.C.K. asbl

Number: 05130-01011415901-16 USD

Bank : RAWBANK

SWIFT : RAWBCDKI

Pas de code IBAN pour la RDC



ATTACHMENTS

J.A.C.K. 2023/PRIMATES					
END 2022				99	
Rescue /recover, individuals		Haut Katanga	DRC	5	5
Confiscations/ rescue mission			DRC	20	
1	LODJA 3	Sankuru			
2	LODJA 4	Sankuru	DRC	23	
		Maniema			
3	BUTA	Bas Uele	DRC	7	
		Tshopo			
4	EPULU	Ituri	DRC	2	
5	OPIENGE	Tshopo	DRC	2	
6	TOGO	Lome	TOGO	24	78
Births				1	1
Deaths				14	14
END 2023				169	

J.A.C.K. 2023/OTHERS					
Rescue	Owls	Lualaba	DRC	4	
Released	Owls	Haut Katanga	DRC	4	
	Slender snouted crocodile	Haut Katanga	DRC	1	