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A Grauer's gorilla, Silverback Bonane, in Kahuzi-Biega National Park, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).



January 2017

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Dr. Martin and ICCN park personnel trek into the forest in DRC to check on the health of habituated gorillas; Dr. Eddy with ICCN trackers in the rain in Virunga National Park, DRC.

Our Daily Work

There are an estimated 880 mountain gorillas (*Gorilla beringei beringei*) left in the world, and their close cousin the Grauer's gorilla (*Gorilla beringei graueri*) is also critically endangered. Most mountain gorillas and an increasing number of Grauer's gorillas are habituated to the presence of people, which allows tourists from around the world to visit gorillas in their native forests in Rwanda, Uganda and Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Tourism brings in revenue, which in turn helps the countries protect and patrol the parks where gorillas live. Habituation also allows Gorilla Doctors and the park workers we train to observe gorillas for signs of illness or injury. This year, Gorilla Doctors performed more than 330 routine health checks and monitoring visits to follow up on reports of ill or injured gorillas.

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Infant Ganza, Sabyinyo group, Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda.



February 2017

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An ICCN ranger holds a wire snare removed from Kahuzi-Biega National Park, DRC; Dr. Ricky checks the heart rate of an anesthetized mountain gorilla in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda.

Saving Lives

For more than 30 years, Gorilla Doctors' most important work has been to provide life-saving veterinary care to gorillas suffering from human-induced illness or injury. This year, our veterinary teams in Rwanda, Uganda and DRC performed 41 clinical interventions on wild gorillas, including delivery of antibiotics to many gorillas suffering from respiratory illnesses. Some of this year's cases were among our most complicated ever, including a juvenile named Agasozindatwa in Volcanoes National Park (Rwanda) who suffered from severe progressive neurologic disease requiring intensive daily treatments. We also removed snares from the limbs of four gorillas this year, including an infant mountain gorilla, Bahoze, in Virunga National Park and an adult female Grauer's gorilla, Busime, in Kahuzi-Biega National Park, DRC.

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Adult female Kebirungi, from the Nshongi group, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda.



March 2017

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Dr. Methode, Gorilla Doctors Regional Laboratory Manager, displays equipment and supplies used by our staff in the field and the laboratory; Dr. Fred prepares a dart, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda.

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Finding Answers

While the death of a gorilla is always a sad event for Gorilla Doctors and our partners, a post-mortem examination is an opportunity to learn as much as possible about the health threats gorillas face. This year, Gorilla Doctors took huge steps towards improving capacity in the region for veterinary pathology. Thanks to generous donors who made the purchases of key equipment possible, and working over the internet with Gorilla Doctors' veterinary pathologist Dr. Linda Lowenstine and a dedicated group of volunteer wildlife pathologists in the United States, Gorilla Doctors determined the cause of death in 23 gorillas and other forest wildlife, substantially reducing the wait time between when an animal's carcass is found and when we know why the gorilla died.

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The Kyaguli group rests and plays in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda.



April 2017

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Dr. Gaspard and his colleagues take a break; and Dr Gaspard's team prepares to enter the forest to conduct mountain gorilla census surveys in the Virunga Massif.

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Rescued Grauer's gorilla orphan Lulingu sits in the lap of her caretaker.



May 2017

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Dr. Martin carries rescued orphan Grauer's gorilla Lulingu; rescued chimpanzee orphan Kindu receiving care from Gorilla Doctors at our Kinigi facility, Rwanda.

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Caring for Orphans

Gorilla Doctors continues to provide veterinary care for orphaned mountain gorillas Ndeze, Ndakazi, Maisha and Matabishi at the Senkwekwe Center in Virunga National Park. This year, we also cared for Grauer's gorilla infants Kalonge and Lulingu, who were rescued from poachers in DRC. These two infants are now at the GRACE center in Tayina, DRC, where they joined a family of 14 other Grauer's gorillas. Also this year, Gorilla Doctors cared for a confiscated infant chimpanzee at our Kinigi facility until he too could be moved to a more appropriate sanctuary in Lwiro, outside Kahuzi-Biega National Park, DRC.

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Young silverback Mambo in the Mapuwa group, Virunga National Park, DRC.



June 2017

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Drs. Noel, Fred & Eddy participate in a Uganda Wildlife Authority giraffe translocation as part of their Master's training at Makerere University in Uganda.

Advancing Veterinary Medicine

Gorilla Doctors are among the most skilled wildlife veterinarians in the region – the result of a commitment to our veterinarians acquiring skills and knowledge through unique training opportunities and advanced degree programs. This year, Drs. Eddy, Fred and Noel started Master's degrees in Wildlife Management at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, guided by our Capacity-building Coordinator Dr. John Bosco Nizeyi and thanks to support from the Houston Zoo. They are now embarking upon thesis projects, thereby contributing greatly to Gorilla Doctors ongoing research program on health threats facing eastern gorillas. We also hired Dr. Luis Flores to spend a year at the Lwiro Sanctuary outside Kahuzi-Biega National Park to help young Congolese veterinarians gain hands-on training to become excellent primate and wildlife clinicians.

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Mugaruka, a lone Silverback, sits in an agricultural field outside Kahuzi-Biega National Park, DRC.



July 2017

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Jean Paul Lukusa, Gorilla Doctors' Employee Health Program manager, meets with a park worker;
Kwitonda's infant, Nkuringo group, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda.

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One Health

Gorilla Doctors was one of the first great ape conservation organizations to recognize the importance of ensuring that the people who come into daily contact with mountain and Grauer's gorillas do not themselves pose an infectious disease risk to the gorillas. Through our Gorilla Conservation Employee Health Program, park workers are screened annually by a physician. Their spouses and children also receive quarterly deworming medication and health and hygiene education. This year, Gorilla Doctors coordinated more than 3,000 preventive health care interventions for park personnel and their family members in Rwanda and the DRC.

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Infant Kamara, Nkuringo group, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda.



August 2017

PHOTOS LEFT FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:

Dr. Julius illuminates a wild bat outside Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda; Dr. Jean Claude sorts frozen wildlife samples in the RAB Wildlife Virology Laboratory, Kigali, Rwanda.

Surveillance for Health Threats

Since 2009, Gorilla Doctors has been the implementing partner in Rwanda, Uganda and eastern DRC for a global initiative called the Emerging Pandemic Threats PREDICT project. Funded by USAID and led by Gorilla Doctors Board member Dr. Jonna Mazet at the UC Davis One Health Institute, PREDICT discovers viruses in wildlife that could pose a health threat to people. This serves the health of mountain and Grauer's gorillas too, because viruses that infect people can also infect gorillas. The improved infrastructure for diagnostics and surveillance that PREDICT has enabled has advanced our ability to conduct laboratory testing of gorilla samples in the region. In fact, this year a new laboratory partner in Rwanda started screening wildlife samples for viruses in-country for the first time.

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Silverback Rafiki, Nkuringo group, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda.



CBS's 60 Minutes correspondent Lara Logan with Drs. Mike & Eddy; Dr. Mike with host John Bishop in the Panda Award-winning documentary "John Bishop's Gorilla Adventure."





An endangered golden monkey in Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda.



October 2017

PHOTOS LEFT FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:

A forest elephant in Virunga National Park, DRC; a golden jackal after receiving care from Gorilla Doctors for injuries sustained by a snare in Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda.

Wildlife Health

Gorilla Doctors is often called upon to help our government partners with other wildlife. This year we investigated causes of illness and mortality in many endangered golden monkeys in Rwanda. Drs. Mike and Eddy spent two weeks in August helping Virunga National Park and Save the Elephants anesthetize 15 wild forest elephants so that the park could put tracking collars on them to help provide protection from poachers. We also helped Virunga National Park monitor wild chimpanzees that are undergoing human-habituation to facilitate tourism. Our team in Rwanda helped rescue a golden jackal from a snare set outside Volcanoes National Park, and were ready to provide emergency treatment for an orphan forest elephant who wandered outside of the park.

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Silverback Guhonda, Sabyinyo group, Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda.
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Dear Gorilla Doctors,
 I am a 10 year old, (turning 11 in a week.) Gorillas are one of my favorite animals. I wanted to raise money for them. I saw an article about your organization in a scholastic kids magazine. so I started making ~~amazing~~ little things to sell. I made a sign which explained about your organization. I talked to the principal at our school and sold things in the hallway during lunch with one of my friends. We raised \$67.95. We had our customers sign a booklet saying thank you for your work. Thank you for all of your great work saving gorillas.



November 2017

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A letter sent from 10-year old Ayla, who raised money for Gorilla Doctors.

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Donors Make the Difference

The generosity and creativity of our donors never ceases to humble and amaze us. We are inspired by events like the Gorilla Love 2 fundraising event held in Beverly Hills in October 2015 and the Columbus Zoo's annual Partners in Conservation gala that is held every fall. From music fans like The Clams, who bonded through live music but came together to support our work, to individuals like Ayla, a 10-year old in the US who made and sold items at her grade school to raise money for Gorilla Doctors - every donor is making a difference for mountain and Grauer's gorillas, helping Gorilla Doctors save a species one gorilla at a time. Thank you all!

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Kibande's infant, Rushegura group, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda.



December 2017

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Drs. Noel, Fred and Eddy and fellow Master's degree classmates from Makerere University, training in the field in Uganda; Infants Rukara and Mukiza from the Kyaguliro group in a hug, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda.

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The Gorilla Doctors Family

Gorilla Doctors' veterinarians, technicians, administrative and facilities staff work year-round in Rwanda, Uganda and DRC to help conserve eastern gorillas through life-saving veterinary medicine using a One Health approach. Our Africa-based teams are joined in their dedication by a Board of Directors, who meet regularly to uphold Gorilla Doctors' mission and ensure the stability and success of the program. Our Science Advisors are a tremendous resource, as are the volunteers who give energy and time to the organization. And as previously noted, we couldn't do our work without our generous donors. As the year comes to a close, we thank all members of the Gorilla Doctors family, and wish you a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

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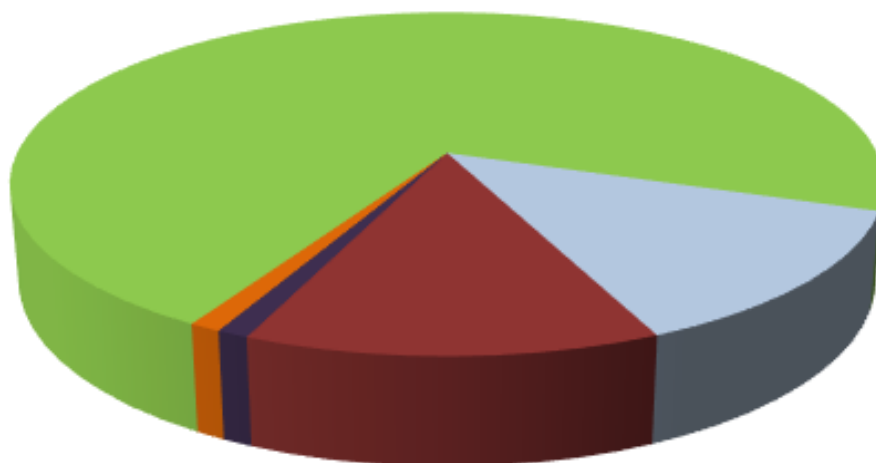
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- Personnel: 13%
- Administration: 13%
- Travel: 1%
- Development: 1%



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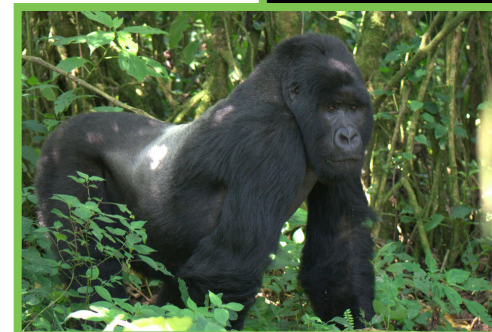
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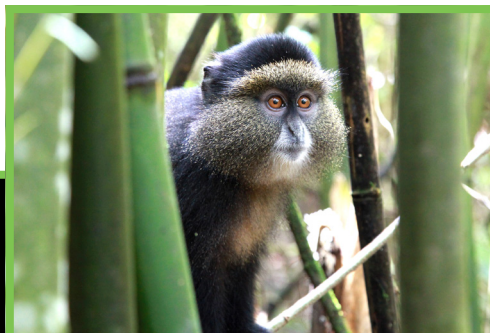


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