

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

CHIMFUNSHI



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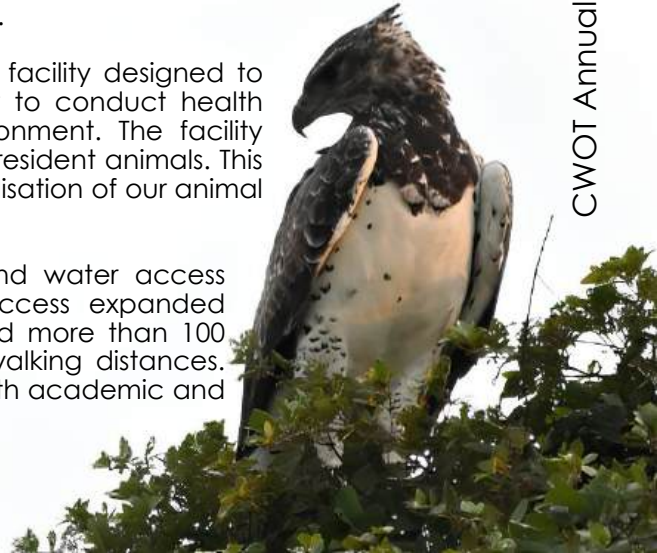
Dear Friends and Supporters,

In 2025, Chimfunshi operated in a stable climatic context, yet continued to face operational and conservation challenges. Infrastructure damage following heavy rains, increased wildlife confiscations, persistent threats such as bushfires and snares, and logistical constraints, particularly vehicle limitations, tested our operational capacity. However, these challenges also highlighted the strength of our systems, the commitment of our staff, and the effectiveness of our partnerships. Despite these pressures, we delivered measurable impact across animal care & rehabilitation, conservation, community development, and education.

From a conservation perspective, 2025 was a year of growth and responsiveness. In collaboration with government authorities, we responded to emergency wildlife seizures by constructing an emergency aviary within three days to receive confiscated turacos and later African grey parrots, which are classified by the IUCN as endangered. This highlights our status as a recognised Important Bird Area (IBA). These interventions expanded our rehabilitation portfolio and strengthened our technical expertise. We also completed our first full year of biomonitoring, documenting around 150 new bird species, including regular sightings of endangered species. Mammal observations, including African clawless otters, provided encouraging indicators of ecosystem health and water quality. At the same time, we continued to address ongoing threats such as bushfires, snaring, and overfishing, which remain priorities for 2026.

A key operational milestone in 2025 was the development of a new animal handling facility designed to improve both animal welfare and staff safety. This infrastructure enhances our ability to conduct health checks, transfers, and emergency interventions in a controlled and low-stress environment. The facility reduces risk for caregivers while improving handling procedures for rescued wildlife and resident animals. This investment reflects our long-term commitment to high welfare standards and professionalisation of our animal care operations.

Community impact remained central to our mission. Investments in staff housing and water access improved living conditions, while new boreholes increased resilience. Education access expanded significantly: the repair of an existing school bus and the addition of another enabled more than 100 children from surrounding communities to attend school safely, reducing long daily walking distances. Students participated in national competitions and sports tournaments, strengthening both academic and personal development outcomes.



Our sustainable agriculture programme progressed despite technical water challenges. Across our farming initiatives, we reduced reliance on chemical inputs and strengthened conservation practices. A key milestone was hosting our first conservation farming training day, attended by more than 120 neighbouring farmers, demonstrating our growing influence at a landscape level.

Organisationally, we strengthened visibility and inclusion. Our awareness efforts included podcasts, radio engagements, and visits from high-level stakeholders, reinforcing Chimfunshi's position within Zambia's conservation landscape. We also increased our local presence by opening a town office, improving accessibility, strengthening stakeholder engagement, and enhancing public visibility of our work. International engagement was further supported through the rebranding of the Chimfunshi USA website. Internally, gender empowerment progressed, with women taking on new operational roles, including animal care positions, supported by targeted capacity-building workshops.

Despite operational constraints, the results of 2025 demonstrate resilience, growth, and measurable impact:

- Emergency response to multiple wildlife seizures
- Construction of an emergency aviary within three days
- Over 150 bird species documented through biomonitoring
- More than 120 farmers trained in conservation agriculture
- Over 100 additional children accessing education through improved transport
- Four international medical professionals supporting community health

These achievements were made possible through the dedication of our staff, the support of partners, and the trust of our donors and corporate stakeholders. We extend our sincere gratitude to each of you, your continued belief in our work drives everything we do and makes this progress possible.

Yours sincerely,
Peggy MOTSCH



Key Figures

Animal Care

Residents
149 chimpanzees; parrots: 22 African grey, 1 brown necked; 1 common duiker; turacos: 2 Hartlaub, 1 Fischer.

2025: 29 rescued, including 19 Non endemic Species & 5 released to the wild





Community Development

- 30.000+ free meals served at school
- 400+ people living in the **8** communities
- 275+ students
- 80+ employees

2025: 10+ new staff and 25+ new students at school

Conservation Efforts

- 355+ birds species identified
- 170+ students attending each of the 3 nature camps

2025: 3.500+ children from 55 local schools sensitized about the importance of conservation





2025 Highlights

- Chimpanzee Population Control: 0 Births
- Rescue Of Birds - Turacos And Parrots
- New Handling Facility At Chimps Enclosure
- 2 Hockey Tournaments In Lusaka
- 2 New Dormitories For Our Staff
- Local Farmer Workshop With 120 Participants
- 1st Year of Biomonitoring Of The Wildlife And Landscape
- New Activities For Visitors: Educational Bush Trail











About US

- Our Boards
- Departments
- New Recruits


Sebastian


Lilly


William


Jörg


Daniel


Katja


Edwin


Katie


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Amélie

CWOT's Boards

Board of Trustees - Since 1995

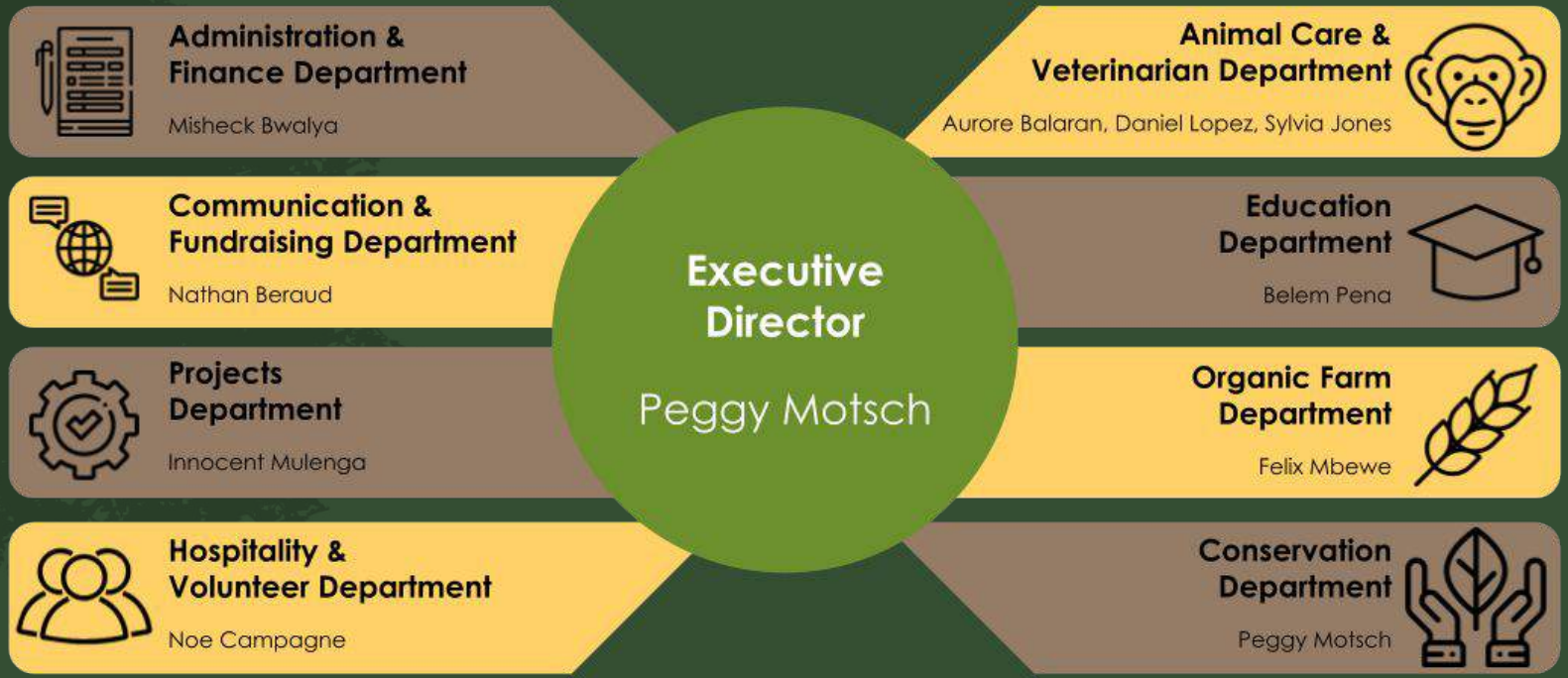
Chairman: Sebastian Louis
Members: Lilly Ajarova, William Nyirenda, Jörg Junhold, Daniel Haun, Katja Liebal

Research Board - Since 2010

We welcomed Amélie Romain, from Akongo, a specialist on animal well being.

Chairman: Edwin van Leeuwen
Members: Katie Cronin, Jake Brooker, Katja Liebal, Daniel Haun, Amélie Romain, CWOT's Animal Care Manager, CWOT's Executive Director

Departments



New Team Members

Administration

PAUL CHIKOSOLA General Worker
ENALA PHIRI Cleaner

Communication

NATHAN BERAUD Marketing Manager
KATHLEEN RETOURNE Fundraising Officer

Other

SIBANDA MWEETWA Driver
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VIOLETTE MWALIMU Cleaner



Animal Care

MIRRIAM MUNGULUBE Keeper
FELIX MALAYA Keeper

Education

EMMANUEL CHIMPEMBELE Teacher
ROBERT SILWIMBA Teacher
BLESSINGS KOLALA Teacher

Organic Farm

MICHAEL LOMBAYA Gardener











2025 Achievements

- Chimfunshi Sanctuary
- Community
- Conservation
- Awareness



Chimfunshi Sanctuary (1/2)

Animal Care Major Achievements

- **44** birth control procedures and **62** general health checks (GHC) were carried out for chimpanzees, including **7** emergency interventions.
- **51** GHC were conducted for other wildlife rescued (birds, mammals, reptiles).
- New enrichment programmes were implemented to enhance animal welfare.
- More than **200** tons of food were provided to all animals, including **50** tons produced by the farm.
- **9** keeper workshops were delivered, covering topics such as enrichment and One Health.
- First steps toward pangolin sanctuary certification.
- Training provided to staff for the care of newly introduced species.
- Training opportunities offered to international and local wildlife and veterinary students.

Chimfunshi Sanctuary (2/2)

Rescue, Rehabilitation,and Release

- **29** wildlife individuals were rescued, including 12 Hartlaub's and Fischer's turacos and 6 African grey parrots.
- **2** successful chimpanzee integration processes:
  - Hans & Gus
  - Twins with Nicky
- ***5*** animals from the rescue programme were released back into the wild.

Infrastructures

- New handling facility completed at Enclosure 2.
- New 20-hectare enclosure for the Sudan group started.
- Enclosure 3 fence refurbishment begun.
- Bamboo fence successfully installed.
- Emergency aviary built for new rescues.
- New dedicated shelter built for Poppy, the duiker.
- Bachelor group roof fully renovated.
- Enclosure kitchen facilities completely refurbished.



Animal Care Major Achievements

Caring for more than 175 animals each year is both a challenge and a responsibility that Chimfunshi takes seriously. Our dedicated team of veterinarians, animal care managers, and keepers works daily to ensure the health and well being of every individual. This year marked an important milestone in our population management efforts. After two years of strengthened birth control measures, we successfully recorded zero births, supporting our objective to prioritize space for chimpanzees in need from around the world.

Over 100 health checks were conducted, allowing us to closely monitor each animal and respond quickly when needed. This work relies on strong teamwork, continuous training, and careful planning. We also increased capacity building and knowledge sharing by welcoming students from Zambia and abroad, to train the next generation.







3 R' Achievements

- **Chimpanzees Hans and Gus** were reintroduced together in their enclosure after having been separated for several years, supporting their social reintegration and well being.
- **Nicky and the twins** were gradually integrated together to allow the twins to have interaction with another chimpanzee prior to their transfer to a larger group. This also enhances the well being of Nicky, who is a blind chimpanzee.
- In partnership with WCP and DNPW, **several turacos** were rescued and transferred for rehabilitation. Many turaco species face increasing threats from illegal wildlife trade, habitat loss, and capture for the pet market. These rescues highlight the importance of our rapid response capacity, ensuring confiscated birds receive proper care while contributing to conservation efforts.







Infrastructures and Well Being

Infrastructure development remained a cornerstone this year, driven by the vision to provide every rescued animal with the safest, most enriching environment possible.

The handling facility at Enclosure 2 involved a new design, additional indoor spaces, and overcoming significant construction challenges. The facility now allows all chimpanzees to safely access indoor holding areas, including individuals who previously refused to enter, greatly improving management, welfare, and veterinary care.

Also, the installation of a bamboo fence reduces visual disturbance for the chimpanzees. This natural barrier helps limit stress related to human presence, improve well being, and maintain an appropriate heath separation between guests and animals.

















In Memory of …

One of the hardest realities of running a sanctuary is that we commit to our residents for life. This means supporting them through aging and illness, and ensuring they are always treated with dignity, compassion, and comfort.

This year, we said goodbye to Sims. His story reflects both the challenges and the purpose of our work. Rescued in Lubumbashi at just 11 months old after being sold in the illegal wildlife trade, he arrived at Chimfunshi in 2003. Raised with care and surrounded by a supportive chimpanzee family, he lived many years in safety. Despite the dedication of our veterinary team, his chronic condition eventually could not be overcome.

We also remember other residents who passed away this year, including Grumps, Ida, Telma, Christopher, and Little Julius. We also lost Lucky, our beloved Meyer's parrot, and several rescued birds that arrived in critical condition. Each loss reinforces our commitment to rescue, rehabilitation, and compassionate lifelong care.



Twampane Community School

Academic Development

- Opening of **Form 1 with 276 Students.**
- 2nd graduation ceremony, with a pass rate of **100% for Grade 7** and **81% for Grade 9.**
- Evaluation of teachers and welcoming new teaching staff.

Student Enrichment and Extracurricular Activities

- Clubs Growth: Conservation, Art, Hockey, Music, and Library.
- **10** Students on social service activities from Grade 7 to 9.
- Ongoing feeding programme, with over **30,000** free lunches.

Infrastructure and Equipment

- Renewal of the solar system for the entire school.
- Installation of a water filter for the feeding programme.
- Acquisition of a new school bus.

Community Engagement and Fundraising

- **3** participations in races of 5 to 42 km for staff and pupils.
- **2** Big Hockey Tournament in Lusaka.
- **49** children supported through the sponsorship programme.

Climate Smart Farm

Climate smart farm

- 3-day farm workshop conducted with **120 participants**.
- Acquisition of a new tractor to support farm operations.
- Development of school gardens and orchard areas.
- Total production reached **52 tonnes.**
- Reduction in fertilizer use from 160 bags to 7 bags across 20 hectares in 3 years.
- Adoption of alternative fertilizers, including chicken manure, cattle manure, chimpanzee manure, liquid compost, and Bokashi.
- **6 tons** of sample maize saved and stored for the 2026 feeding programme.
- Farm revenue increased by **51%** compared to 2024.
- Recruitment of 3 new beekeepers and development of a new honey production logo.





Improving Well Being

Community Welfare

- Drilling of **2 boreholes** supporting more than 50 people.
- Health:
  - 4 international doctors visited: **489 different check-ups for 280 people.**
  - Malaria Initiative: community sensitisation with government-led vector control treatment to strengthen prevention and protection.
- Repairing houses damage by heavy rain.
- Building of **2 dormitories** for staff at the farm and ed centre.

Capacity Building

- Workshops:
  - **Beeswax** for income generating projects for women.
  - Managers **organization** to foster synergy between departments.
- New staff / support staff education:
  - Rodgers Chilombo: Keeper to teacher.
  - Felix Malaya: General worker to keeper.
  - Mirriam Mungulube: Our new female keeper.

Twampane School Updates

We believe that every child living in a rural area deserves access to a quality education, and our commitment now includes secondary school, ensuring that students can pursue their education all the way through to university.

To support their journey, we invested in a new school bus, giving students safe and reliable access to school regardless of where they live. Sport and broader development remain central to our vision, with our students proudly representing Chimfunshi at two major Hockey Tournaments in Lusaka. And because we know that a child cannot learn on an empty stomach, our feeding programme continues to provide over 30,000 free lunches, ensuring that every student has the nourishment they need to focus, grow, and reach their full potential.







Our Farm Transition

Located near the source of the Kafue River, the farm carries a strong responsibility to promote sustainable agriculture. Our transition to clean agriculture progressed significantly, despite water shortages and climate challenges, with chemical fertiliser use drastically reduced and replaced by natural inputs such as compost. Crop diversification improved resilience, while organic soil management ensures long-term productivity.

The farm also increased its community impact by opening its doors to neighbouring farmers. A three-day climate-smart agriculture workshop welcomed over 120 participants, sharing practical knowledge on soil fertility, water management, and sustainable practices. Mechanisation improvements and successful maize storage further supported operations.







Community Well Being Overview

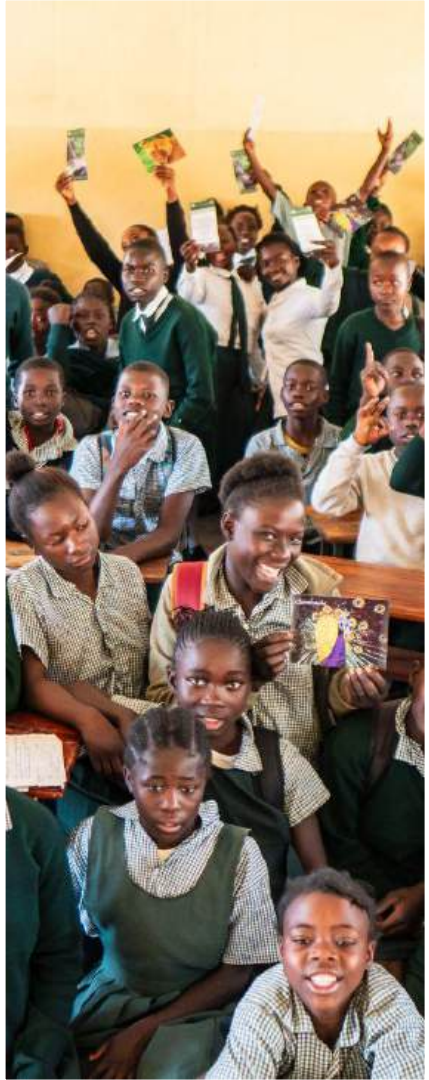
This year, our commitment to community well being translated into concrete, meaningful actions across health, housing, and capacity building, ensuring that the people who dedicate their days to Chimfunshi have a safe and comfortable place to live. Healthcare outreach also expanded, with four international doctors, including a dentist, providing services to staff and surrounding communities. These interventions improved access to essential healthcare in a region where services remain limited.

Investing in our people means investing in their growth. Through targeted capacity building like workshops, especially for women, we hope that everyone can access to the opportunity to provide for them and their family. We are equally proud of supporting the journeys of individuals within our community who wanted to grow their careers without leaving the place they call home.









Conservation (1/2)

Conservation Education

- Creation of the bird watching club.
- Average of **30 children** engaged weekly in conservation related clubs.
- Organisation of **3 nature camps**, in April, August and November attendances (200+170+247).
- Conservation Trip in Baluba Game Reserve.
- Outreach programme in **19 schools** with over 1.500 students.
- Inreach:
  - **26 schools** with over 2.000 students.
  - **2.000 visitors**, around 90% of which are Zambian citizens.
- New educational activity: Our 3.5 km Bush Trail offers visitors an experience that increases understanding of local ecosystems, wildlife, and the importance of conservation.

Conservation (2/2)

Conservation Actions & Biomonitoring

- **147 new bird species** identified with our bird survey to know more about the biodiversity of our landscape classified as IBA (Important Bird Area) and partnership with BirdWatch Zambia.
- Regular **patrols** to remove poacher's traps, snares and camps, utilising GPS to map patterns.
- Use of drones in the fight against **bushfire** to protect the wildlife natural habitats.
- **Camera trap** protocol implemented.
- Ongoing rain gauge monitoring to record water levels.
- **Tree survey** to determine food availability throughout the year.



Conservation Education in a Glimpse

The future of conservation lies in the hands of those who grow up alongside it. In 2025, Chimfunshi's Conservation Education Project reached thousands of children, visitors, and community members, planting the seeds of a generation of passionate, informed stewards of Zambia's natural heritage.

Through nature camps, school outreach, hands-on visits and activities, and field trips beyond our boundaries, young people from Chimfunshi and around engaged directly with the ecosystems around them. Conservation and bird clubs kept students connected throughout the year, while our Miombo Forest bush trail brought the living landscape to life for visitors of all ages.







Conservation Efforts

You cannot protect what you do not understand.

This year, our biomonitoring programmes expanded significantly. Through the increased use of camera traps, structured bird surveys, and the valuable contribution of international interns and technical partners, we continued to build a more comprehensive understanding of the biodiversity across the Chimfunshi landscape.

At the same time, we strengthened strategic partnerships to move from monitoring to long-term protection. A new collaboration with the Ministry of Forestry initiated the development of a Landscape Management Plan. In parallel, our partnership with BirdWatch Zambia focused on aligning our bird survey protocols with national standards while expanding community education around bird conservation.









Awareness - Public Relations

Internal milestones

- New Office in Town.
- **42nd** Chimfunshi anniversary and 30th CWOT celebration.
- New billboards, flyers, roll-up, honey branding.
- New branded items at our Gift Shop.
- Important online growth including new website (US + ZM), implementation of quarterly newsletter.
- Visit of European Union & Zambian Tourism Agency.
- In-reach with **4** international schools visiting over several days (Gonzaga U, Leipzig U, Trident & American School from Lusaka) with a total of **127 students.**
- New partnerships and collaborations.

External events

- Radio interview with Florentina and Deborah.
- Youtube Live by Felix Mbewe.
- Youtube podcast Misheck & Deborah.
- **2** agriculture shows in Lusaka and Mutenda.
- **1** tourism fair in Ndola.











Operations

- 2026 Objectives
- Budget
- Partners
- Contact

2026 Objectives (1/2)

As we move into 2026, our priorities are clear: strengthen anti-poaching efforts, expand biomonitoring, improve operational logistics, and scale community programmes. We remain committed to delivering measurable conservation and social impact, while building sustainable partnerships that support long-term success.

Chimfunshi Sanctuary:

- Welcoming New Chimpanzee Rescues from South Africa
- Finishing the New Enclosure for the Sudan Group
- Integration Brian and Clement in their Group
- Design new aviary for rehabilitation

Twampane Community School:

- Upgrading Sanitary Facilities to Improve Attendance
- Developing Feeding Program for better Learning
- New teacher accommodation
- Opening Form 2 and preparing Form 3









2026 Objectives (2/2)

Farm:

- Developing Irrigation System
- New reproduction planning for the Cattle
- Development of one Cash Crop

Community:

- Developing Ape-iary Chimfunshi Honey
- New houses Community
- Reducing our Carbon Footprint with more Bicycles for Staff and Community

Conservation:

- Protecting Biodiversity with Anti-Poaching & Ecosystem Unit
- Continuing Wildlife Biomonitoring and Research
- Continuing Conservation Education Awareness
- Improvement in Waste Management





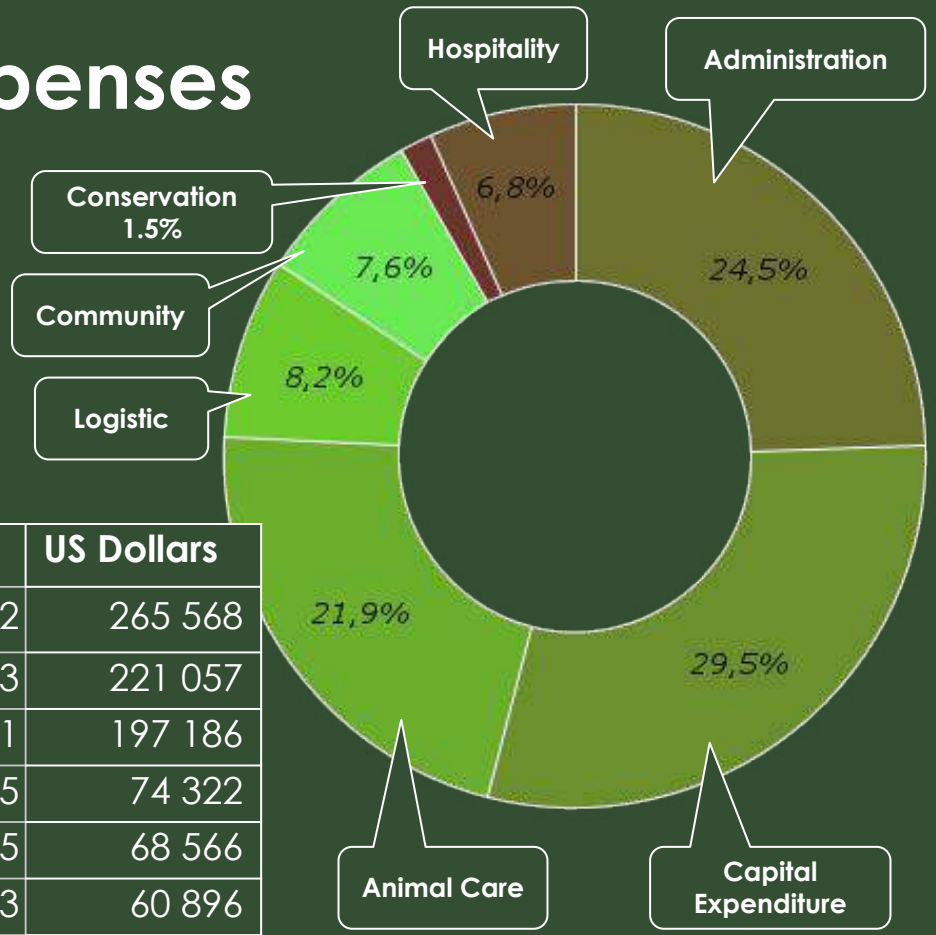




Finance - Expenses

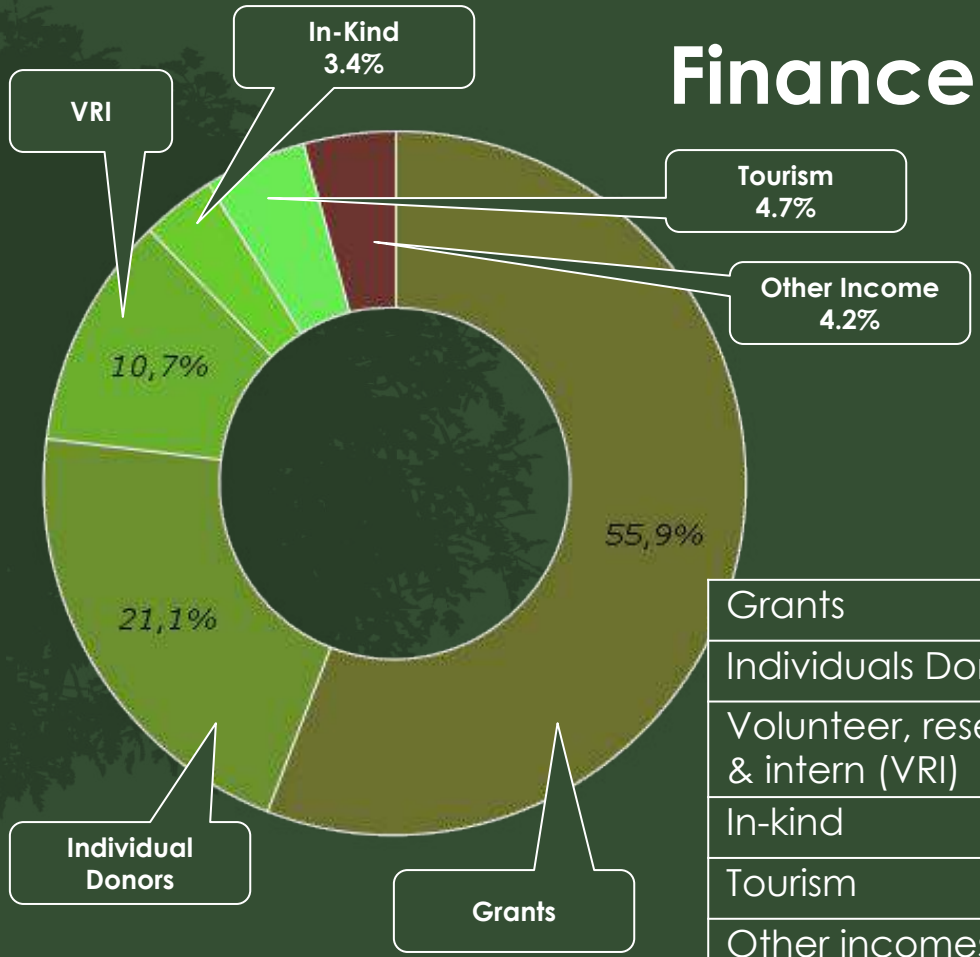
Capital Expenditure Repartition:
65% for Community (new bus, staff house, boreholes, …)

30% for Animal Care (enclosure, fences, bamboo, kitchen …)



	Zambian Kwacha	US Dollars
Capital Expenditure	6 705 062	265 568
Administration	5 581 233	221 057
Animal care	4 978 551	197 186
Logistic	1 876 465	74 322
Community (Farm excl.)	1 732 155	68 566
Hospitality	1 537 513	60 896
Conservation	339 721	13 455
TOTAL	**22 750 700**	**901 050**

Finance - Revenues



In-Kind value:
$19 544 for Donations (Mealie Meal, Fuel, Construction Material, Books,..)

$21 450 for Services (1 430 days of work equivalent to **11 440 working hours of volunteers**)

	Zambian Kwacha	US Dollars
Grants	15 343 118	607 696
Individuals Donors	5 801 648	229 786
Volunteer, researcher & intern (VRI)	2 939 393	116 420
In-kind	922 434	40 994
Tourism	1 296 993	51 370
Other incomes	1 139 022	45 113
TOTAL	**27 442 608**	**1 091 380**

Thank You



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