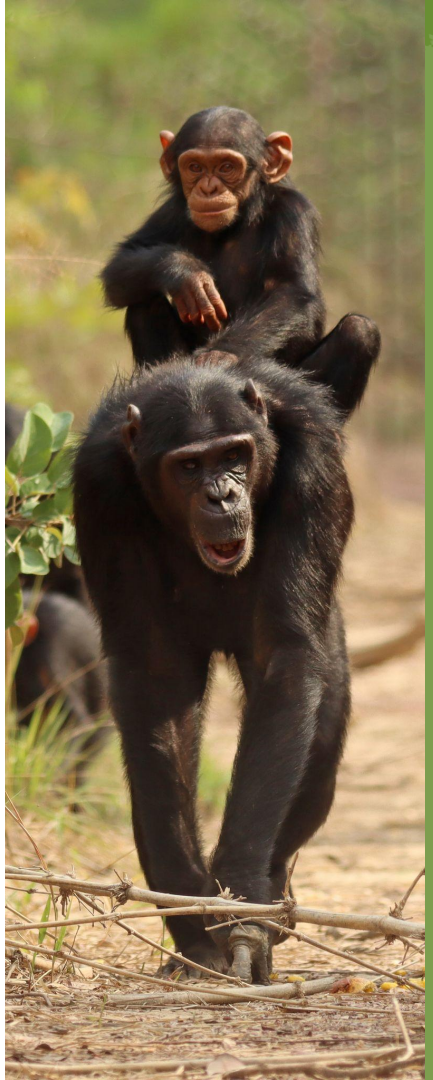


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Chimfunshi Sanctuary (1/2)

Animal Care Major Achievements

- 45 birth control and 76 general health checks were carried out, including 4 emergency interventions
- Launch of a new enrichment programme with daily activities for the enclosures and the orphanage
- Implementation of a new diet for chimpanzees and parrots, with 190 tons of food provided this year
- Collaboration with Zambia Primate Project for the transfer of 2 orphaned vervet monkeys rescued
- Surgical intervention on Collins to remove his old inguinal hernia
- Setup of an animal training programme in collaboration with an expert animal keeper
- Meeting with international keepers, including keepers from Liberia for specialized training
- Development of a training programme for both international and local vet students

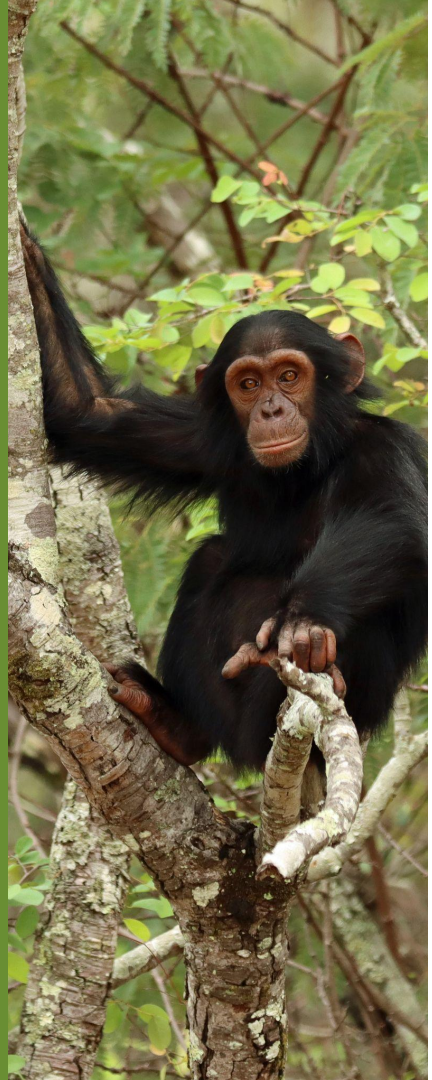
Chimfunshi Sanctuary (2/2)

Rehabilitation, Resocialisation and Release

- Andy and Charlie socialisation into enclosure 5
- Claire resocialisation into the enclosure 3
- Twins rehabilitation in the forest
- Release of Meyer's parrots

Infrastructures

- Expansive work on the new handling facility at enclosure 2
- New footbaths at the entrance of each building for improved health procedure
- Improve security of all the infrastructure with new high security padlocks
- Renovation of enclosure 5 facilities to become the new enclosure for Nicky, our blind chimpanzee



Andy and Charlie Introduction

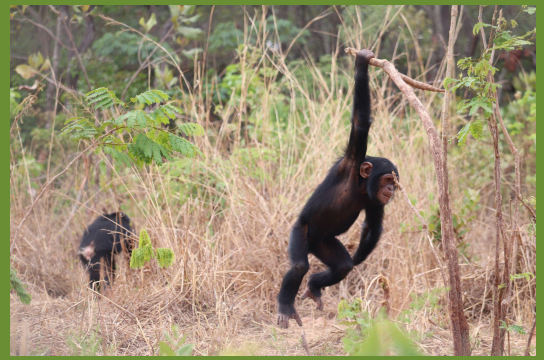
Charlie and Andy have taken big steps toward their integration in a new family. Transferred from the vet clinic to enclosure 5, they have gradually been introduced to five new members.

Charlie quickly showed interest in socialising, especially with CC, while Andy needed more time to settle in. Over the months, careful monitoring and structured interactions have helped them build trust. Milla played an important role as Andy's surrogate mother, helping him to settle in with the others, especially Chiffon.

Today, they continue to bond within their new group, learning essential social skills and enjoying their time in their new environment.







Training Session for our Chimps

Since October 2023, we have embarked on an important programme to provide the best possible care for our residents and to improve their wellbeing during routine procedures.

Ruben Gralki, an expert in ape training in Europe, came to share with all our keepers, positive training methods, in particular for medical reasons to reduce stress during anaesthesia or to monitor chimpanzees that have developed problems with either their heart, teeth or even chest. All of this is done on a voluntary basis by the chimpanzees.

Our keepers have shown great commitment to the process and have started to see improvements with each medical procedure.







Release of Jack and Jill

Jack and Jill, a pair of Meyer's parrots rescued last year, have taken an important step towards freedom. After quarantine and rehabilitation to regrow their feathers, which had been cut off by traffickers, they were moved to a larger aviary for flight training. Surprisingly, one of the parrots found an exit and flew away. It stayed nearby for a while, calling to its companion. Recognising this as an opportunity for a successful release, the second parrot was quickly released to join its companion. They continued to return from time to time to feed, showing a smooth transition to the wild, and are now completely gone, hopefully to another small group of Meyers' parrots. It was a nice conservation success for this species!





