

First Meeting of the Technical Committee Kigali, Rwanda, 29-30 March 2011

Report of the Interim Secretariat



Agreement on the Conservation of Gorillas and their Habitats



Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)

- International biodiversity treaty managed by UNEP with its Secretariat based in Bonn, Germany
- Aim: conservation of migratory species of wild animals
- Global scope, 115 countries are Parties to CMS
- Primary legal tools: species listings (Appendix I, II) and regional agreements



CMS Species Coverage

6 Primary Species Groups



Migratory Birds



Terrestrial Mammals



Marine Mammals



Marine Turtles



Fish



Insects

CMS Family

Binding and non-binding agreements



Aquatic Warbler



Bukhara Deer



Dugong



Great Bustard



Pacific Cetaceans



Raptors



Ruddy Headed Goose



Saiga Antelope



Sharks



Siberian Crane



Slender-billed Curlew



West African Aquatic Mammals



High Andean Flamingo



Marine Turtles Africa



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Mediterranean Monk Seal



West African Elephants



Grassland Birds of South America



Central Asian Flyways A.P..



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Gorilla



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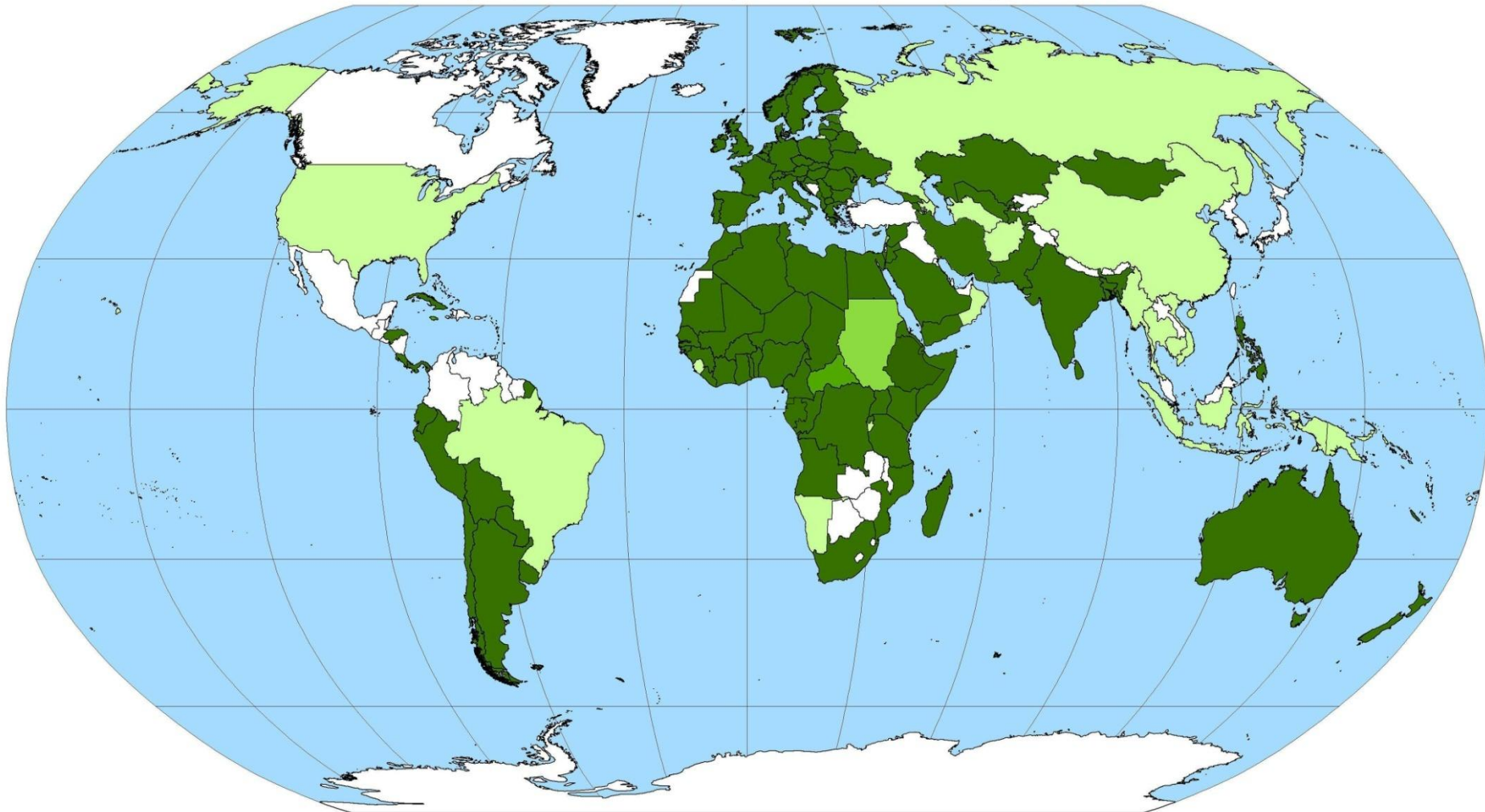
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Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

Map of 115 Parties (as of 1 March 2011)



The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.



-  CMS Party
-  CMS Signatory
-  Agreement Party
-  MoU Signatory
-  Non-Party

History of the Gorilla Agreement

- 2007, October: Paris Negotiation meeting in October 2007 leads to final text of Agreement



**RENCONTRES DE PARIS SUR LES
PRIMATES ET LEURS HABITATS**

22-26 Octobre 2007, PARIS, FRANCE

**PARIS MEETINGS ON PRIMATES
AND THEIR HABITATS**



History of the Gorilla Agreement

- 2008, June: Agreement enters into force in June 2008 with six Parties
- 2008, December: First Meeting of the Parties in Rome



First Meeting of the Parties

- Action Plans adopted
- Annual contribution of €3,000 agreed
- Two Resolutions adopted, one on Monitoring and Reporting, and one on the establishment of the Technical Committee



History of the Gorilla Agreement

- 2009: Year of the Gorilla campaign



- 2009, June: Ad-hoc meeting of Agreement stakeholders in Frankfurt, Germany



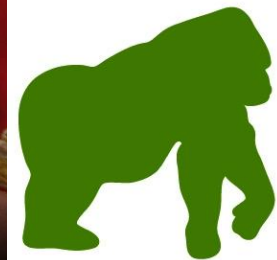
Interim Secretariat Arrangement

- CMS Secretariat is acting as the Interim Secretariat to the Gorilla Agreement, as agreed at the 32nd CMS Standing Committee in November 2007
- Establishment of an independent secretariat depends on financing
- Payment of annual contributions by Parties key for basic funding and eliciting donations



The Year of the Gorilla 2009 - an overview

THE YEAR
OF THE
GORILLA
KAHUZI-BIEGA/POPOF/DR Congo



Year of the
GORILLA

Année du
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2009

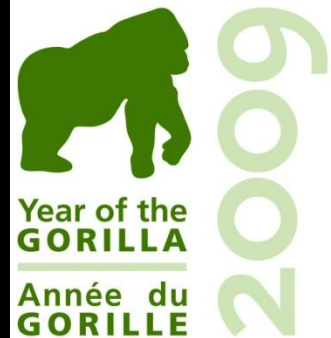
Year of the Gorilla 2009 - Rationale

- All gorilla species are listed as Endangered or Critically Endangered by IUCN
- Stands for many other species in an essential ecosystem
- To promote the CMS Gorilla Agreement, which came into force in June 2008



YoG Objectives

- Support implementation and generate publicity for CMS Gorilla Agreement
- Support projects addressing threats
- Educate and raise awareness among the public and stakeholders
- Support conservation cooperation
- Promote sustainable cultural attitudes and traditions

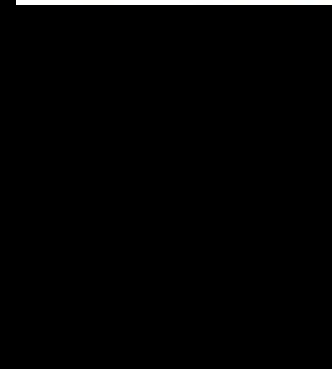


The YoG Partnership

- 3 partners:
CMS, GRASP and WAZA
- Patron: Dame Jane Goodall
Ambassador:
Ian Redmond, OBE
- Part of the 'UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development'
- Numerous individual supporters



Education and Awareness





A RAPID RESPONSE ASSESSMENT

THE LAST STAND OF THE GORILLA

ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME AND CONFLICT IN THE CONGO BASIN



All About Gorillas

A Resource for Conservation Educators



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CMS Technical Series Publication N°17

GORILLA

Report on the conservation status of Gorillas.
Concerted Action and CMS Gorilla Agreement
in collaboration with the
Great Apes Survival Project-GRASP

Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences
2008



YEAR OF THE GORILLA





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The YoG Website

Welcome to the Year of the Gorilla 2009 - Mozilla Firefox

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http://yog2009.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=44&Itemid=1

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The UNEP Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the UNEP/UNESCO Great Apes Survival Partnership (GRASP) and the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) have joined hands to declare 2009 the Year of the Gorilla (YoG).



The [Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals \(CMS\)](#) works for the conservation of a wide array of endangered migratory animals worldwide through the negotiation and implementation of agreements and species action plans. With currently 110 member countries, many of them in Africa, CMS is a fast-growing convention with special importance due to its expertise in the field of migratory species.



The [Great Apes Survival Partnership \(GRASP\)](#) is a strategic alliance of UN agencies, governments, NGOs, foundations and corporate sponsors. CMS is one of the members of the international GRASP partnership to stop the decline of great ape populations. Mobilizing and pooling resources by providing a communication platform for scientists will improve coordination among NGOs. National plans have helped great ape range countries develop tailored conservation strategies.



The [World Association of Zoos and Aquariums \(WAZA\)](#) is the umbrella organisation for the world zoo and aquarium community. Its members include selected zoos and aquariums, and regional and national Associations of Zoos and Aquariums, as well as some affiliate organisations, such as zoo veterinarians or zoo educators, from all around the world.

The world-renowned great ape conservationist Dr. Jane Goodall (DBE) will lend her voice to




HOW LOSING GORILLAS AND ELEPHANTS CHANGES AN ECOSYSTEM - VIDEO

Category: [DRC](#), [Eastern Lowland Gorilla](#), [Gorilla Range States](#), [Grauer's Gorillas](#), [Political situation](#), [Videos](#), [Year of the Gorilla](#), [bushmeat](#) | Date: Oct 02 2009 | By: Daniel

Here's another of Ian Redmond's YoG interviews, this time with John Kahekwa at the Kahuzi Biega National Park. The park has lost most of its gorillas and elephants to poaching related to coltan mining and the war which started in 1994, and the absence of their 'gardening' activities has led to profound changes in vegetation cover and other ecosystem features.





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MONTHLY

Cross River Gorilla \$50	<input type="text" value="QTY"/>
Open donation	<input type="text" value="USD"/>
Total	0.00

DONATE

ONE-TIME

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Law Enforcement \$50	<input type="text" value="QTY"/>
Open donation	<input type="text" value="USD"/>
Total	0.00

YEAR OF THE GORILLA



To celebrate Gorillas and help raise funds, WildlifeDirect brings you day to day news about gorillas in collaboration with the following partners below. All funds raised on this blog will benefit gorilla conservation projects - check out the sidebar to identify specific projects.

YoG Symposium in Frankfurt, June 2009











GORILLAS - Gentle Giants in Need



photo: Ian Redmond

Frankfurt Declaration on Gorilla Conservation



Federal Ministry for the
Environment, Nature Conservation
and Nuclear Safety



Federal Ministry
for Economic Cooperation
and Development



State of the Gorilla Journey August/September

- 7 out of 10 range states visited by Ian Redmond
- Interviews with stakeholders at all levels
- Regular blogs & videos documenting journey





REDMOND'S ROAD TRIP

Beginning in the comparatively serene Gloucestershire town of Stroud on 9 August, Ian Redmond flew from London to Addis Ababa in Ethiopia to begin his adventure. He tried to use public transport where possible, though the sheer distances involved meant he often had to take planes.

- Gorilla subspecies**
- Cross River gorilla
 - Western lowland gorilla
 - Eastern lowland gorilla
 - Mountain gorilla



MOUNTAIN GORILLA
Gorilla beringei beringei
 ■ WHERE IN THE WORLD
 Mountain forests on the borders of Rwanda, Uganda and DRC.
 ■ THREATS TO SURVIVAL
 Poaching, illegal charcoal production, disease and civil war.
 ■ NUMBERS REMAINING
 About 720; increasing.



CROSS RIVER GORILLA
Gorilla gorilla diehi
 ■ WHERE IN THE WORLD
 Forests on the Nigeria/Cameroon border.
 ■ THREATS TO SURVIVAL
 Habitat loss and hunting for bushmeat.
 ■ NUMBERS REMAINING
 Fewer than 300 in the wild, split between about 11 sub-populations.



WESTERN LOWLAND GORILLA
Gorilla gorilla gorilla
 ■ WHERE IN THE WORLD
 Forests and swamps in Angola, Cameroon, CAR, Congo, DRC, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon.
 ■ THREATS TO SURVIVAL
 Hunting and disease.
 ■ NUMBERS REMAINING
 160,000 to 200,000.



EASTERN LOWLAND GORILLA
Gorilla beringei graueri
 ■ WHERE IN THE WORLD
 Forests of eastern DRC.
 ■ THREATS TO SURVIVAL
 Hunting for bushmeat, habitat loss (including mining for cobalt) and civil war in DRC.
 ■ NUMBERS REMAINING
 Probably lower than 5,000.

Activities in Gorilla Range States



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Did you KNOW?

Only 10 countries worldwide host naturally occurring gorilla populations



All year round: numerous events at WAZA zoos, through GRASP NGOs and individual supporters





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Last but not least: supported projects

Wildlife Law Enforcement

Conservation Justice, Gabon: €23,400 from Germany (2010)

PALF, Republic of Congo: ~€14,200 raised during YoG

(Sources: Monaco, YoG, WAZA fundraising)



Projects

- *Fuel-efficient stoves, DRC*: Gorilla Organisation project supported through YoG fundraising. The project helps mitigate deforestation in the Virunga NP. The funds raised were sufficient to cover project expenses for one year (~€14,500).



Projects

- *Community involvement in Cross River Gorilla conservation, Cameroon/Nigeria. Funds raised for this WCS Project by WAZA for YoG: ~€13,000.*
- *Surveillance and monitoring of Eastern Lowland Gorillas, DRC. Funds raised for this GTZ project during YoG: ~€56,000 (€50,000 by Germany plus €6,000 by WAZA)*

Second Meeting of the Parties, 26-27 November, Bergen, Norway

