

APE ACTION AFRICA

England & Wales · Charity number 1057061

Details

Other names	CAMEROON WILDLIFE AID FUND, APE ACTION AFRICA
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1996-07-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF NON-HUMAN PRIMATES IN CAMEROON WHO ARE IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION AND IN PARTICULAR TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN A PRIMATE RESCUE CENTRE,HOSPITAL AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF SUCH SICK OR ILL TREATED ANIMALS. 2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC INTO THE CONSERVATION,CARE AND TREATMENT OF SUCH ANIMALS

Activities: Ape Action Africa (formerly Cameroon Wildlife Aid Fund, CWAF) operates a sanctuary for gorillas, chimps and monkeys that have been orphaned, largely as a result of the bushmeat trade. Ape Action Africa has a growing education programme and works with the Cameroon government and the public to advance the conservation of primates in Cameroon.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON
- Cameroon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£434,492	£471,140	-	-
2023-12-31	£422,723	£406,241	-	-
2022-12-31	£431,899	£416,265	-	-
2021-12-31	£374,295	£326,434	-	-
2020-12-31	£179,418	£268,874	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CAROLINE MCLANEY		2003-03-12
Ian Bickerstaff		2023-01-24
Victoria Luke		2019-12-20

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Charity information

Principal office address: Lilac Cottage
Berwick Lane
Birlingham
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Trustees:	Mr I Bickerstaff	Chair
	Ms V Luke	
	Ms C McLaney	Treasurer

Bankers:

Triodos Bank
Deanery Road
Bristol

Barclays Bank
West Kirby
Wirral
Merseyside

SCB Cameroun SA
Siege Social
Avenue Monseigneur Vogt
BP 700
Yaoundé
Cameroon

Registered charity number: 1057061

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Trustees' report

1. Introduction

The Cameroon Wildlife Aid Fund was established under its constitution on 17th July 1996 as a registered charity and changed its name to Ape Action Africa in 2009. The registered charity number is 1057061.

2. Objects

The objects of the charity are to:

- relieve the suffering of non-human primates in Cameroon who need care and attention and in particular to provide and maintain a primate rescue centre, hospital and other facilities for the care and treatment of such sick or ill-treated animals.
- to advance the education of the public into the conservation, care and treatment of such animals.

3. Officers and trustees

The Trustees are:

Mr Ian Bickerstaff
Ms Victoria Luke
Ms Caroline McLaney Treasurer

Dr Jane Goodall was the president of the charity and we were saddened to learn of her death recently. She was an inspiration to many people across the globe, particularly to those of us working in primate sanctuaries. She carried out groundbreaking work in Gombe with chimpanzees that forever changed how we see our closest animal relatives. And she was a tireless advocate for wildlife, ecosystems and communities. She will be sadly missed and we carry on our work with primates that need our help in her memory.

4. Review of Activities in Cameroon

Overview

Despite its challenges, we had a productive 2024 and completed various new projects in the sanctuary and in the local community. Our dedicated staff and management team ensured that our rescued primates received the best of care, while also continuing with numerous other tasks, such as routine and emergency veterinary procedures, repairs and maintenance

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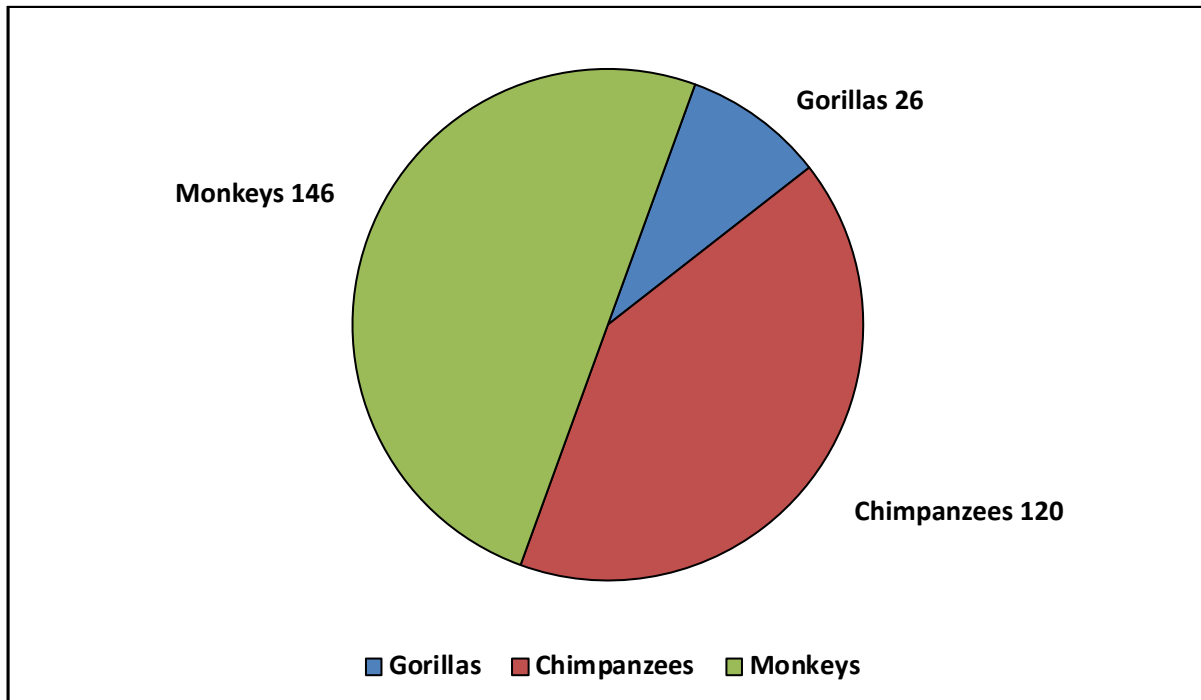
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to the enclosures, new construction projects and the continuation of the education programme.

Primate Numbers

As of 31 December 2024, we provided sanctuary for:

- 26 western lowland gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*),
- 120 chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes ellioti* and *troglodytes*), and
- 146 monkeys of the following species:
 - 46 guenons
 - 46 mandrills (*Mandrillus sphinx*),
 - 26 olive baboons (*Papio anubis*),
 - 6 red-capped mangabeys (*Cercocebus torquatus*) and
 - 22 agile mangabeys (*Cercocebus agilis*).



Rescued primates

Two infant chimpanzees were brought to the sanctuary in March and June. Both were estimated to be approximately 3 months of age on arrival. The first infant was introduced to a caregiver and, after the required health checks were performed, started spending time in our forested infant enclosure. The second chimpanzee arrived with a respiratory illness and was placed in quarantine. After his quarantine period was completed, the two infants were

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introduced to one another and have since bonded well with each other and with their caregivers.

In August, a female gorilla of approximately one and a half years of age arrived at the sanctuary. She was confiscated near the town of Lomié in the east of Cameroon when a man tried to sell her next to the road. Apart from being malnourished and dehydrated, she also had a wound on her wrist from the rope that was used to restrain her at the person's house. We could see that she was experiencing pain in her forehead, so an X-ray was taken which showed that she had two bullet fragments embedded in her skull. The vet team were able to remove one of the bullet fragments, but the second piece was not extracted because it was on the inside of the skull and the procedure could have caused neurological damage.

The removal of the one bullet fragment alleviated the pain she had been experiencing. She has fully recovered from her procedure and has since been integrated with a gorilla troop. We would like to thank the Wandering Bus Programme of Prague Zoo for assisting MINFOF during the confiscation of this gorilla, which ensured she was rescued from the illegal wildlife trade.



Photos showing the location of the bullet fragments on the infant's head and on the X ray.

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A juvenile male mandrill and an adult male mona monkey were surrendered to the sanctuary after being kept as pets in Yaoundé. The mandrill was reported to have been found in a forested area over a year ago and was missing his left foot, possibly because he had been previously caught in a snare.

The mona monkey was surrendered from a leisure resort in Yaoundé. Staff from the resort explained that the monkey had appeared there more than six months ago and had stayed on the property willingly. It is unknown whether he was an escaped pet or a wild monkey who had wandered into the city. After causing some trouble at the resort, the staff decided to capture the monkey and put him in a cage, where he was kept until he was surrendered.

A young female spot-nosed guenon was transferred to AAA from Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee Rescue. The monkey had been purchased at a village in the area and was kept as a pet for multiple months before being surrendered to the sanctuary.

After completing their quarantine period, the rescued monkeys were integrated into appropriate troops.

A researcher working in Lobéké National Park found a juvenile, male agile mangabey in a village near the park. The monkey was believed to be a wild primate but was in poor health, hardly being able to move. The researcher informed AAA of the situation and MINFOF staff transported the mangabey to our sanctuary. The monkey was examined by AAA's veterinary team and was found to be malnourished and dehydrated, with nasal secretions, diarrhoea and skin lesions across the body. Due to the skin lesions, our veterinary team suspected that the mangabey might have contracted Mpox and the Ministry of Public Health (MINSANTE) and MINFOF were informed.

The mangabey's condition unfortunately did not improve over the next few days, and despite our veterinary team's best efforts, the mangabey died. Samples were taken by staff from MINSANTE and were positive for the presence of the Mpox virus. Everyone that was in contact with the mangabey underwent a 15-day quarantine period and the park was closed to visitors. Fortunately, no one showed any signs of Mpox over the quarantine period as the appropriate health and safety measures had been followed when treating the mangabey. We would like to thank MINSANTE and MINFOF for their support during this period.

The final individual to arrive in 2024 was a juvenile male chimpanzee who was voluntarily surrendered to the sanctuary. After completing the quarantine period, he was introduced to the other two juvenile chimps and has settled well with both them and his caregivers.

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Construction

In May, the construction of a monkey satellite cage was completed at one of our gorilla enclosures, facilitating the introduction of two guenon monkeys into the gorilla group. For more information regarding this integration, see the section *Integrations and Transfers* below.

At another gorilla enclosure, some of the individuals had been refusing to enter their satellite cage, making it difficult to maintain and repair the enclosure. Construction of an additional satellite cage, funded by our Honorary President Mr Eran Moas, was completed in June. This gives the gorillas the opportunity to distribute themselves across more rooms, hopefully encouraging the entire group to enter.



The gorilla satellite cage during and after construction

Due to the age of some of the enclosures, the foundations had started to deteriorate and needed extensive repair. Reinforcement was provided at one gorilla and two chimpanzee groups by building a secondary foundation on the outside of the enclosures.

Our construction team also started work on a new chimpanzee enclosure, which we completed in the first half of 2025. This enclosure is initially home to two chimpanzees that have had to be caged because they had learned how to escape from normal enclosures. Once these two chimps are settled and secure, we will also attempt to integrate other individuals from one of our larger chimpanzee troops with these two individuals.

Our construction team built new climbing frames in our high security monkey enclosures. These elevated climbing frames simulate the arboreal environment that monkeys have in the wild and give the monkeys the opportunity to fully utilise the space within their enclosures.

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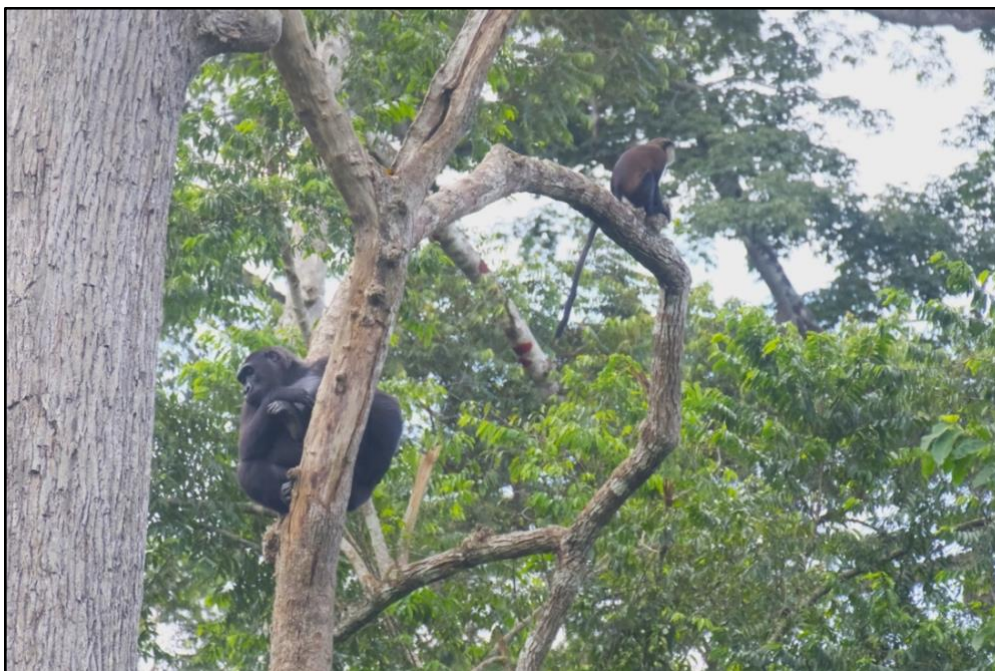
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In 2024, the construction team also completed many routine repairs of satellite cage systems, fences and buildings across the sanctuary.

Integrations and Transfers

For the first time at Ape Action Africa, guenon monkeys have been introduced to a gorilla group. Being herbivorous, gorillas do not eat monkeys and are thus suitable to be integrated with other primate species that do not pose a threat. Mixed species enclosures are fairly common at zoos but have not been attempted at the sanctuary before. The two monkeys selected for the integration had previously been removed from their group due to frequent conflicts and no other suitable monkey groups existed for them to join.

The two guenons were first introduced to one another and, after the success of this initial integration, they were transferred to the satellite cage by the gorilla enclosure. After spending multiple weeks becoming familiar with the gorillas from the safety of the cage, the monkeys were released into the enclosure in early June. The success of this mixed species integration has opened many new possibilities for us to explore, which might allow us to move other individuals into gorilla enclosures and reduce the numbers in some of our monkey groups.

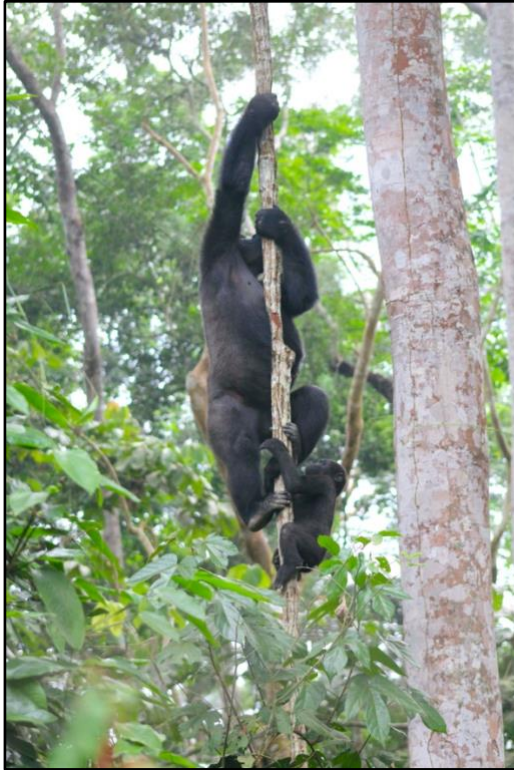


one of the monkeys and an adult female gorilla together in a tree

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After finishing her quarantine period, the infant gorilla who arrived with bullet fragments in her skull was integrated with one of our gorilla troops. She was introduced to the same troop where another young gorilla was integrated in 2023. The infant was quickly adopted by two of the females and has since been introduced to the whole troop.



The infant gorilla climbing and relaxing with her adoptive mother after recovering from gunshot wounds to her head.

Education and Visitors

Our education programme continued in 2024 with our education officers reaching 586 children from 14 schools around the sanctuary. The programme teaches local children about primate conservation, inspiring them to act to protect their natural heritage.

The Wandering Bus Programme, in collaboration with Prague Zoo, had another productive year and brought 203 students to visit the sanctuary over the course of 10 visits.

Our tour guides continue to welcome and educate both national and international visitors to the sanctuary. In 2024 we received 3,065 local and 2,399 international visitors.

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After a video of one of our silverback gorillas cradling a bushbaby went viral in 2018, two authors who are passionate about conservation and education approached the sanctuary with the idea of turning the story into an educational book. Through this collaboration “Bobo et le galago” was created, telling the story of gorilla Bobo and the tiny bushbaby in a child-friendly format with illustrations. The book was handed out to local children who came to the sanctuary for educational visits.



A group of students with the new book and children reading the book after a tour at the sanctuary.

In collaboration with AAA, a team from non-governmental organisation GLOBIO started a new project which aims to create educational films about primate conservation, with a specific focus on Cameroon. The project started in February with the team conducting surveys among children and teachers at schools around the sanctuary. The goal of this is to better understand what children and adults already know and do not know about primates and their conservation. Once the films are completed, they will form part of AAA’s educational outreach programme, teaching children in local schools the importance of Cameroon’s apes and monkeys and of their protection.

Community

We were very pleased to have conducted another training programme at Mefou Health Centre. In October, two qualified mid-wives from the United Kingdom conducted a 6-day training programme with health centre staff as well as pregnant women from the community. The training programme for the health centre staff focused on dealing with complications during delivery and the resuscitation of new-born infants, while the programme for the

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pregnant women concentrated on caring for new-borns. The programme was very successful and was well received by both the health care staff and the pregnant women.

Thanks to funding generously provided by the Palo Alto Rotary Club, we were able to complete three projects to support communities around the park. This funding allowed us to repair the roofs at the primary school in Mfida and the secondary school in Ndangueng, while also allowing us to build new toilets for the primary school of Ndangueng after a fallen tree had caused serious irreparable damage.

Volunteers and Internships

We received a new international volunteer at the sanctuary early in 2024, but also welcomed back two returners, one of whom is an artist. Robin Huffman used her creative skills to redo and touch up some of the signage at the sanctuary; we are very grateful to her and to all of the volunteers who give up their time to support our work.

Later in 2024 we also welcomed another two international volunteers, Dr Nadia Sbriller and Ms Haley Lewis. Dr Sbriller is a veterinarian who came to volunteer in our veterinary department and assist with various programmes and procedures. Ms Lewis is an experienced chimpanzee caregiver who volunteered to offer her expertise on the rehabilitation of some of our primates. We would like to thank both of them for offering their time to come and assist at the sanctuary.

During the year we also received five students for internships at the veterinary department. These students came from Ecole de Faune de Garoua and the University of Buea. These students each came with different projects and objectives, but also learned various other skills while completing their internships at the veterinary clinic.

We also received two students from the University of Buea for internships at our education department. These students were taking part in these internships as part of their Masters degrees in Ecology and Wildlife Management.

Donations

Our veterinary clinic received a donation of an ultrasound machine, an invaluable piece of equipment which allows our vets to more accurately diagnose patients and provide more specific treatment to the primates in our care. Previously an ultrasound machine was shared

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between the three primate sanctuaries in Cameroon, often delaying procedures due to the logistical difficulties of transportation. We would like to express our immense gratitude to our Honorary President, Mr Eran Moas, for this very generous gift.

We are also grateful to Nkouandjang Nestor, a Cameroonian artist, for kindly donating a beautiful gorilla statue, which now stands at the entrance to the sanctuary and has been very popular with visitors who love taking photos with “Bobo”.



The beautiful gorilla statue donated to the sanctuary by Nkouandjang Nestor, a local artist

New staff members

We welcomed a new international veterinarian, Dr Agustina Tapia, to our team and wish her great success with her work here at Ape Action Africa.

Threats

Cameroon's most significant threats to primate populations are deforestation, hunting and habitat destruction. The hunting and deforestation pressures around the park continue to increase. Our efforts to fight and reduce their impact in the park area continue in collaboration with MINFOF (Ministère des Forêts et de la Faune / Ministry of Forestry and

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Wildlife) and the villages around the park. In one such instance, staff became aware of forest being cleared very close to one of the gorilla enclosures. After being informed of the issue, MINFOF sent a delegation to address the situation with the villages involved and made it clear that no farming or bush clearing is allowed in the area.

Upon the request of MINFOF, AAA, in collaboration with MINFOF, created signs that were put up around the park boundaries, clearly stating that farming is strictly forbidden within the park. Ecoguards from MINFOF have also started patrolling the park twice a month to ensure that these regulations are respected. To assist MINFOF with this task, AAA donated a new motorbike to ensure that the ecoguards can travel to and from the park.

Veterinary department

Our veterinary team has continued to provide excellent healthcare for all our primates. Apart from attending to several emergencies, the department also carried out routine procedures such as health checks, vaccinations, deworming and changing implants. The veterinary team focused particularly on performing health checks on the monkeys this year and made use of these procedures to also administer deworming medication and vaccinations.

New project: Mfou wild chimpanzees

In March 2022, AAA were called to a chimpanzee snared in a small, forested area known locally as the Ngoandou Forest. This was the first indication that wild chimpanzees could be found less than 3km from Mfou town. Our staff engaged with the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOF) to discuss the potential of developing a programme to survey the area in order to determine whether chimpanzees are present and how many reside there.

A plan was agreed and, through funding from Twycross Zoo, the team was able to obtain the necessary equipment (camera traps, etc.) to start the survey. The first camera traps were placed in the forest on 30 January 2024 and to date have captured images of a single troop of 10 chimpanzees in the area. The team also conducted a socio-economic survey with six villages in the area.

This project is ongoing as we continue to monitor this group of wild chimpanzees and explore various possibilities of protecting these chimpanzees as well as the forest which they inhabit.

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Finance review

We are reporting a deficit for the year of £36,648 and net assets of £93,157. The deficit has been funded from reserves.

Our costs have increased from £406k to £471k which is largely due to increases in our most significant expenses: salaries have increased by £44k and animal care costs have increased by £13k. The increase in salaries is partly due to additional staff and also due to pay rises which are set out in the labour law in Cameroon. Animal care costs have increased largely due to an increase in the price of animal food. After salaries, animal food is our most significant expense and it is tightly controlled by our team in Cameroon. We buy food from local farmers whenever possible but with almost 300 animals to feed, we have to source food elsewhere and inflation has had an obvious negative effect on our expenses.

Our income for the year was £434k, an increase of £11k. 89% of our income is from donations and we are very grateful to everyone who has helped us by donating and to those volunteers who work tirelessly fundraising for us.

The balance sheet is in a net asset position with our major asset being cash at bank and in hand of £116k. Accruals and other creditors have increased due to money paid in advance to us for a project that has been postponed. We refunded the money in 2025. We are repaying the loan of £12k in accordance with the loan agreement.

We are delighted that following the award of a grant of \$100,000 in 2023, the Arcus Foundation have agreed to continue to help us with our running costs for the next 3 years. Two members of the board, Vicky Luke and Ian Bickerstaff, worked hard on the application along with our Director, Rachel Hogan and the management team in Cameroon. We are so pleased that all the hard work was successful and we look forward to continuing to work with Arcus in the future.

The trustees are content with the financial position of the charity but they are very aware of the difficult economic climates around the world that have a significant impact on the fundraising capacity of the charity.

Acknowledgements

We would like to express our gratitude to MINFOF (Ministry of Forest and Wildlife) for their continued support which has been ongoing for many years.

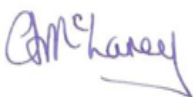
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We would also like to thank our Honorary President Mr Eran Moas, the Arcus Foundation, all our private donors, volunteers and long-term supporters who allow us to continue giving the best care possible to the primates who live with us at Mefou Primate Park.

The trustees are extremely grateful to everyone in Cameroon who continues to work so hard. We are also very grateful to our fundraisers who work so hard in their spare time to raise money for the charity. This is a difficult task at the best of times but fundraising during difficult economic conditions worldwide has been, and continues to be, particularly challenging.

Despite the numerous challenges of running a sanctuary as large as Ape Action Africa, we will continue to prioritise the care and rehabilitation of our primates so that they have a positive future with the highest standard of care that they deserve.



Signed on behalf of the board

Caroline McLaney

Trustee

27 October 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ape Action Africa

I report on the accounts of the Ape Action Africa for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 16 to 21.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Laurence Morgan
Chartered Accountant
ICAEW membership number: 9277845

27 October 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	£	£	2024 £	2023 £
		Unrestricted	Restricted		
Incoming resources					
Donations	2	377,609	8,661	386,270	292,792
Grant		0	0	0	80,141
Fees received	2	34,964	0	34,964	36,552
Fundraising	2	11,734	0	11,734	12,770
Interest received		1,524	0	1,524	468
Total incoming resources		425,831	8,661	434,492	422,723
Resources expended					
Animal care	3	64,242	36,153	100,395	87,261
Staff costs	3	220,957	22,355	243,312	199,526
Infrastructure costs	3	64,561	17,993	82,554	88,532
Education programme		7,806	0	7,806	2,076
Community support	3	9,195	10,155	19,350	10,891
Administrative expenses	3	10,527	2,145	12,672	11,598
Fundraising costs	3	3,499	0	3,499	2,905
Finance charges	3	1,551	0	1,551	3,452
Total resources expended		382,338	88,802	471,140	406,241
Net movement in funds		43,493	(80,141)	(36,648)	16,482
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		49,664	80,141	129,805	113,323
Total funds carried forward		93,157	0	93,157	129,805

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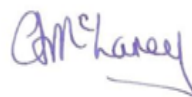
Balance Sheet

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Other debtors and prepayments		4,330	6,507
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>116,414</u>	<u>143,298</u>
		120,744	149,805
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
	4	<u>18,587</u>	<u>8,000</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>102,157</u>	<u>141,805</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			
	5	<u>9,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
Net assets		<u><u>93,157</u></u>	<u><u>129,805</u></u>
Charitable funds			
General fund		93,157	49,664
Restricted fund		<u>0</u>	<u>80,141</u>
		<u><u>93,157</u></u>	<u><u>129,805</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 27 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



I Bickerstaff
Chair



C McLaney
Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts

1) Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- Charities SORP (FRS 102): the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- The Charities Act 2022; and
- The historical cost basis of accounting.

b) Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

c) Recognition of incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

d) Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

e) Foreign currency translation

Transactions denominated in Cameroon francs have been translated to sterling at a rate of 660cfa/£1, being the average rate for the year. Balance sheet items have been translated at the year-end rate of 670cfa/£1.

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2 Analysis of incoming resources		2024	2023
		£	£
Donations	Adopt an Ape scheme	2,876	4,340
	Volunteer programme	2,650	2,822
	Ape Action Africa Inc – transfer of donations	46,453	62,176
	Other donations	334,290	223,454
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		386,270	292,792
Fees	Mefou Primate Park - Visitor fees	<hr/>	<hr/>
		34,964	36,552
Fundraising	Merchandise	11,734	11,912
	Online auction	0	858
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		11,734	12,770
3 Analysis of resources expended			
Animal care	Animal food	74,344	66,084
	Mfou wild chimp project	2,678	0
	Vet supplies	23,373	21,177
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		100,395	87,261
Staff costs	Cameroon salaries	176,667	139,780
	CNPS and tax	33,251	27,943
	Staff medical fees	2,203	756
	Uniforms	2,900	1,022
	Staff training	439	372
	Staff awards	251	33
	Workers' food	27,601	29,620
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		243,312	199,526
Infrastructure	Construction and repairs	47,364	55,007
	Forest supplies	3,636	3,288
	Vehicle maintenance	31,554	30,237
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		82,554	88,532

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3 Analysis of resources, continued

		2024	2023
		£	£
Community support	Community support costs	10,689	1,551
	Children of conservation project	8,661	9,340
		<u>19,350</u>	<u>10,891</u>
Administrative expenses	Cameroon office and education supplies	12,331	10,962
	Accounting software	108	108
	Sundry expenses	233	528
		<u>12,672</u>	<u>11,598</u>
Fundraising expenses	Events	0	648
	Merchandise purchased	3,499	2,257
		<u>3,499</u>	<u>2,905</u>
Finance charges	Bank and fundraising platform fees	1,188	945
	Exchange differences arising on translation	363	2,507
		<u>1,551</u>	<u>3,452</u>
4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
	Other creditors	15,587	5,000
	Loan	3,000	3,000
		<u>18,587</u>	<u>8,000</u>
5 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			
	Loan	9,000	12,000

The loan is interest free, unsecured and repayable over 5 years.

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6 Restricted funds

Fund title	31/12/2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	31/12/2024
Children of conservation	0	8,661	(8,661)	0
Arcus Foundation grant	80,141	0	(80,141)	0
	<u>80,141</u>	<u>8,661</u>	<u>88,802</u>	<u>0</u>

The children of conservation fund pays for the school fees of the children of staff of Ape Action Africa who otherwise could not afford to send their children to school. The children must achieve target grades to qualify for funding.

The Arcus Foundation grant is restricted to funding our running costs and it was fully expended by September 2024.

7 Related party transactions

None of the trustees received either remuneration or expenses during the year (2023 – £703.90).

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Charity information

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Trustees:

Mr I Bickerstaff
Ms V Luke
Ms C McLaney

Chair

Treasurer

Bankers:

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Barclays Bank
West Kirby
Wirral
Merseyside

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BP 700
Yaoundé
Cameroon

Registered charity number:

1057061

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Trustees' report

1. Introduction

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2. Objects

The objects of the charity are to:

Relieve the suffering of non-human primates in Cameroon who need care and attention and in particular to provide and maintain a primate rescue centre, hospital and other facilities for the care and treatment of such sick or ill-treated animals.

To advance the education of the public into the conservation, care and treatment of such animals.

3. Officers and trustees

The Trustees are:

Mr Ian Bickerstaff	
Ms Victoria Luke	
Ms Caroline McLaney	Treasurer
Dr Sharon Redrobe	Resigned 4.11.2023

Dr Jane Goodall is the president of the charity.

Eran Moas has accepted the honorary role of President from October 2023 and we welcome his ongoing support as a key member of the Cameroonian community and with government liaison.

Dr Sharon Redrobe resigned from the board on 4 November 2023. Sharon has worked tirelessly for the charity over many years and she has been a key member of the vet team, including many operations on our primates in Cameroon. Her veterinary support over the years has been invaluable and her expertise will be missed both by the board and our team in Cameroon.

The board and the team in Cameroon wish Sharon well for the future.

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4. Review of Activities in Cameroon

Overview

Despite financial challenges due to the global economic situation and our subsequent limited resources, we had a productive year thanks to the efforts of our staff members and management team. We have successfully continued caring for all our primates, carried out routine and emergency veterinary procedures, completed routine repairs and maintenance, completed some pre-planned construction tasks and continued our education programme.

Primate Numbers

As of 31 December 2023, we provide sanctuary for 25 western lowland gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*), 116 chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes ellioti* and *troglodytes*), and 144 monkeys - 44 guenons, 45 mandrills (*Mandrillus sphinx*), 27 olive baboons (*Papio Anubis*), 6 red-capped mangabeys (*Cercocebus torquatus*) and 22 agile mangabeys (*Cercocebus agilis*).

Rescued primates

In January, a male chimpanzee of approximately 13 years of age was transferred from Mvog-Betsi Zoo to AAA. This individual was rescued by MINFOF officials following reports of a chimpanzee frequently visiting the village of Mandoumba in the Central Region of Cameroon. The chimpanzee was likely an ex-pet who either escaped or was released as he was very habituated to humans.

In May, a juvenile male mandrill of approximately two years of age was confiscated by MINFOF officials near the eastern boundary of the Dja Faunal Reserve. Staff from the Tikki Hywood Foundation, also situated in Mefou, were working in the area at the time and transported the mandrill to AAA. The young male had been kept in a small cage in a village for an unknown period of time and was ill on arrival. Despite our vet team's best efforts, he succumbed to the illness a few days after rescue.

A juvenile female spot-nosed guenon arrived at the sanctuary late in June. During an educational lesson at the sanctuary, a student informed AAA's Head of Education of the whereabouts of a monkey that was being kept as a pet. MINFOF officials were subsequently informed, and the monkey was swiftly confiscated and brought to AAA. She spent some time in the quarantine area of the sanctuary before being successfully integrated into a troop. This is a remarkable story, showing the impact and success of the education programmes. We would like to thank MINFOF for their collaboration and quick response.

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Construction

The construction of a new forested gorilla enclosure was completed in April. The enclosure currently houses eight western lowland gorillas.

As an extra security measure, wired mesh was installed around another one of the chimpanzee enclosures in May and an additional layer of wired mesh was fitted to two of the three high security guenon enclosures. These measures greatly decrease the likelihood of escapes.



Chimpanzee enclosure with newly fitted wired mesh

Following the construction of new baboon satellite cages in 2022, we have now built a tunnel connecting the old and new satellite cages. This allows us to distribute the baboon troops across more satellite cages when needed, decreasing the likelihood of conflict.

With funds raised by our previous Deputy Director, Larry Taylor, we were able to construct two new climbing platforms at two of the juvenile chimpanzee enclosures in June 2023, one of which is shown in the photo below.

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The replacement of the foundation at one of the older chimpanzee enclosures was finished in July 2023.

It was noted during the year that some of the foundations of other enclosures had also started deteriorating. The replacement / reinforcement of these foundations began towards the end of 2023 and was completed in the first half of 2024.



Photos showing the foundation at the baboon enclosure where an additional layer of bricks is being added to support the old foundations.

Construction of our new high security chimpanzee enclosure began in 2021 but had to be put on hold due to illegal deforestation in the area. In 2023 we were able to restart the project. Two of the five satellite cages were completed, and the roof was installed.

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Photos showing the progress of the satellite cages of the high security chimpanzee enclosure.

In August the addition of a new room to the agile mangabey satellite cages was completed. This allows us to divide the individuals across more rooms when needed, decreasing the likelihood of conflict.

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The new room of our Agile satellite cages

The bridge that crosses the river within the sanctuary was repaired in September. Our construction team made quick work of replacing the wooden beams and planks to ensure vehicles, motorbikes and people can cross the bridge safely. Fortunately, the metal beams that support the wood were still in good condition and did not need to be replaced.



During the year, the construction team have also completed many routine repairs of satellite cage systems, fences and buildings across the sanctuary.

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Integrations and Transfers

In February we completed the integration of a juvenile male and a juvenile female mandrill into one of our mandrill groups.

In March we started the integration of seven western lowland gorillas (three subadults and four juveniles) at our newest forested gorilla enclosure. The introductions took place in the satellite cages until construction of the enclosure was completed, after which the process continued inside the enclosure. Following the successful completion of this integration, we decided to also introduce a young juvenile, female gorilla from the baby group so that one of the older females could act as a surrogate mother. This integration started in July and has since been completed. All eight of these gorillas now share the new forested enclosure.

A male crowned guenon was integrated with a group of guenons in one of the high security enclosures in April.

After installing additional wired mesh around one of the chimpanzee enclosures in May, we were able to start with the reintroduction of a male chimpanzee who had previously escaped through the electrified fences. Although put on hold for a time due to an injury sustained by the male, the reintroduction progressed well and was completed in early 2024.

In early 2023, an adult chimpanzee with special requirements was being bullied by some of the other chimpanzees in his group. It was decided to transfer him to a different enclosure, along with a juvenile male chimpanzee from his group. They were successfully introduced to three other young chimpanzees in April. Another young male chimpanzee who arrived at the sanctuary in 2022 was also successfully integrated into this group in August.

Due to the frequent conflicts in one of the guenon groups, a male mona monkey had to be removed from his enclosure as he was constantly involved in conflicts and sustained numerous injuries. He is currently being housed in one of the satellite cages and will eventually be integrated into another guenon troop where the social dynamics are more favourable.

In August a male spot-nosed guenon sustained some injuries after being involved in a fight. After receiving treatment at the veterinary clinic, he was taken back to his group but refused to leave the satellite cage. Due to this, it was decided that he should be transferred to another guenon enclosure where he was introduced to another male spot-nosed guenon. The two

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were integrated successfully and have subsequently been integrated with the rest of the guenon group in their enclosure.

Also in August, we decided to separate a male spot-nosed guenon from his group after it was observed that the male was being prohibited from accessing food by one of the other guenons for multiple days. This male has since been introduced to another male spot-nosed guenon.

Education and Visitors

Our conservation education programme continued in 2023 and incorporated a new series of lessons focusing on forests, wild meat and conservation. Our education team reached 432 children from seven schools around the sanctuary, including a new school which joined the programme.

The first visit of 2023 by the Wandering Bus Programme in collaboration with Prague Zoo took place on 25 May. 140 children came to the sanctuary over the course of seven separate visits. The success of the program was emphasised when it led to the rescue of a spot-nosed guenon, as described earlier. Confiscations can often be difficult as individuals frequently do not want to hand over pet primates. In this instance it was reported that MINFOF faced no opposition as the child who attended our education class had spoken to the residents of the village about why monkeys should not be kept as pets.

Our tour guides continue to welcome and educate both national and international visitors to the park. We received 2783 local and 2366 international visitors. Although visitor numbers will not reach pre-COVID numbers due to group size limitations we have put in place, we have noticed an increase in the number of visitors over the course of the year.

Fundraising

On 19 May 2023, the British High Commission in Yaoundé hosted a fundraising dinner on behalf of Ape Action Africa. The evening was very successful and over £4,000 was raised for the sanctuary. This was our first in-country event of this sort, and we hope to have more events like this in the future to grow support and raise more awareness within Cameroon.

Volunteers and Internships

Our international volunteer programme reopened in March. A number of previous volunteers returned to Ape Action Africa in 2023, and we also welcomed four new international volunteers to the sanctuary.

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In 2023 we hosted several interns in our veterinary department: two veterinarians (one local and one international), a local veterinary student, and a veterinary nurse from Mvog-Betsi Zoo in Yaoundé. All benefitted from further training by our Head Veterinarian Dr Julieta Mota and her team. We also hosted a local student that completed an internship with our education team.

We were fortunate to have Dr Karina Flores assist in our veterinary department for two months and want to thank her for assisting and sharing her experience and expertise with our team.

New staff members

We welcomed a new Cameroonian veterinarian, Dr Ebeke Edoh, to our vet team and wish him great success for his career at Ape Action Africa.

Threats

Cameroon's most significant threats to primate populations are deforestation, hunting and habitat destruction. The hunting and deforestation pressures around the park continue to increase. During the year, we noted multiple areas just inside the boundaries of the park where trees have been cleared and farms started. An additional concern is that alongside the deforestation, we frequently note that snares are set up on the boundaries of the farms. Still, our efforts to fight and reduce their impact in the park area continue in collaboration with MINFOF (*Ministère des Forêts et de la Faune / Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife*) and the villages around the park.

For the first time since Ape Action Africa has operated out of Mefou Primate Park, the road leading to the park flooded when the water level of the river rose and flooded some of the surrounding areas. Vehicles were unable to pass for multiple consecutive days. This is perhaps an example of the effects climate change is having on rain intensity in the area and might become more frequent in the coming years.

Veterinary department

Our veterinary team has continued to provide excellent healthcare for all our primates. As well as attending to several emergencies, the department carried out routine procedures such as health checks, vaccinations, deworming and changing implants.

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	Deworming	Vaccinations	Health Checks	Implant
Gorillas	0	0	8	8
Chimpanzees	0	12	30	23
Monkeys	5	4	43	0

Table showing the number and type of procedures performed across the various primate groups.

The most common infectious diseases among the primates this year were viral respiratory infections and amebiasis. Although both were relatively common, no severe cases were observed. The frequency of amebiasis and bacterial skin infections increased this year, especially bacterial skin infections among the chimpanzees. The bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* in particular was found to be prevalent among the chimpanzees. It was responsible for skin infections but was also found to have entered inside the tissue of some chimps causing abscesses, a corneal ulcer and some respiratory infections. Amebiasis was observed across all the primate groups but was most frequent in the chimpanzees, followed by the monkeys.

Although tumba fly infections are not uncommon at the sanctuary, an unusually high rate of infection was observed within some of the monkey enclosures. The exact reason for this is not clear, but we expect that it might have been a seasonal occurrence as the number of tumba fly infections greatly decreased in the second half of 2023.

A relatively high occurrence of wounds was reported in the monkeys and the chimpanzees, while a much lower frequency occurred among the gorillas. The majority of these injuries were due to conflicts within groups. Due to their severity, some required surgical intervention with some patients requiring longer than usual wound management. In some cases, wounds were accompanied by orthopedic trauma, but cases of a purely orthopedic nature were also seen. Suture wounds were the most frequent in the monkeys and were very low among the chimpanzees and the gorillas.

It is important to note the increased frequency of abscesses among the primates, particularly among the chimpanzees. Samples were sent to a laboratory for bacterial culture and sensitivity tests, the results of which allowed the veterinary team to decide on the best method of treatment and decrease the potential for antibiotic resistance to develop. As mentioned earlier, the bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* was frequently found to be the dominant bacteria in the samples. A disinfectant programme has been put in place to

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specifically focus on decreasing the presence of this bacteria in the satellite cages and to minimise the risk of infection.

Thanks to a collaboration with Limbe Wildlife Centre, we were able to access their ultrasound machine and perform echocardiography in 18 chimpanzees and seven monkeys at the sanctuary. During these scans, the veterinary team examined the reproductive system and various organs such as the heart, liver and kidneys.

Additionally, thanks to a collaboration with Sanaga Yong Chimpanzee Rescue, we were able to use their portable x-ray machine which allowed our veterinary team to perform a radiographic study of a chimpanzee's skull. He had a middle ear infection (otitis media) in his right ear, which had also spread to some of the surrounding tissue, causing an infection on the right side of his head. The study revealed that the infection had caused some changes to the bones surrounding the affected ear. Despite the antibiotic treatment having to be extended, we were able to transfer the chimpanzee back to his satellite cage to complete treatment while he recovered in the proximity of his group. A final health check indicated that he was recovering well.

Access to equipment such as the ultrasound and x-ray machines, that we do not permanently have at the sanctuary, makes a significant difference. The veterinary team are able to more accurately identify certain ailments, as well as identify potential future ailments and start treatment earlier, improving the overall wellbeing of the primates in our care.

We sadly had twelve deaths at the sanctuary during the year. They were two chimpanzees and ten monkeys (one mona monkey, one agile mangabey, a spot-nosed guenon, two olive baboons and five mandrills). Two of these deaths were due to euthanasia as the primates' quality of life significantly deteriorated.

Grant application success

We are delighted that the Arcus Foundation have awarded us a grant of \$100,000 (£80,000) to help us with our running costs. Two members of the board, Vicky Luke and Ian Bickerstaff, worked hard on the application along with our Director, Rachel Hogan. The team met Arcus in Cameroon and we are so pleased that all the hard work was successful. We look forward to working with Arcus in the future.

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Acknowledgements

We would like to express our gratitude to MINFOF (Ministry of Forest and Wildlife) for their continued support over the years. We would also like to thank all our private donors, volunteers and long-term supporters, who allow us to continue giving the best care possible to the primates who live with us at Mefou Primate Park.

The trustees are extremely grateful to everyone in Cameroon who continues to work so hard. We are also very grateful to our fundraisers who work so hard in their spare time to raise money for the charity. This is a difficult task at the best of times but fundraising during difficult economic conditions worldwide has been, and continues to be, particularly challenging.

Despite the numerous challenges of running a sanctuary as large as Ape Action Africa, we will continue to prioritise the care and rehabilitation of our primates so that they have a positive future with the highest standard of care that they deserve.



Signed on behalf of the board

Caroline McLaney

Trustee

30 October 2024

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ape Action Africa

I report on the accounts of the Ape Action Africa for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 15 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Laurence Morgan
Chartered Accountant
ICAEW membership number: 9277845

30 October 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes			2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
		Unrestricted	Restricted		
Incoming resources					
Donations	2	283,452	9,340	292,792	360,560
Grant		0	80,141	80,141	0
Fees received	2	36,552		36,552	27,968
Fundraising	2	12,770		12,770	43,353
Interest received		468		468	18
Total incoming resources		333,242	89,481	422,723	431,899
Resources expended					
Animal care	3	87,261		87,261	83,584
Staff costs	3	199,526		199,526	181,582
Infrastructure costs	3	88,532		88,532	96,947
Education programme		2,076		2,076	4,752
Community support	3	1,551	9,340	10,891	15,683
Administrative expenses	3	11,490		11,490	12,384
Fundraising costs	3	2,905		2,905	21,688
Website hosting		108		108	790
Finance charges	3	3,452		3,452	-1,145
Total resources expended		396,901	9,340	406,241	416,265
Net movement in funds		-63,659	80,141	16,482	15,634
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		113,323	0	113,323	97,689
Total funds carried forward		49,664	80,141	129,805	113,323

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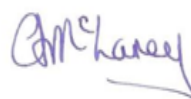
Balance Sheet

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Other debtors and prepayments		6,507	39,741
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>143,298</u>	<u>73,582</u>
		149,805	113,323
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
	4	8,000	0
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>141,805</u>	<u>113,323</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			
	5	12,000	0
Net assets		<u>129,805</u>	<u>113,323</u>
Charitable funds			
General fund		49,664	113,323
Restricted fund		<u>80,141</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>129,805</u>	<u>113,323</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 30 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



I Bickerstaff
Chair



C McLaney
Treasurer

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1) Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- Charities SORP (FRS 102): the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- The Charities Act 2022; and
- The historical cost basis of accounting.

b) Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

c) Recognition of incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

d) Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

e) Foreign currency translation

Transactions denominated in Cameroon francs have been translated to sterling at a rate of 671.76fcfa/£1, being the average rate for the year. Balance sheet items have been translated at the year-end rate of 659.76fcfa/£1.

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2 Analysis of incoming resources		2023	2022
		£	£
Donations	Adopt an Ape scheme	4,340	3,630
	Volunteer programme	2,822	0
	Ape Action Africa Inc – transfer of donations	62,176	75,000
	Other donations	223,454	281,930
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		292,792	360,560
Fees	Mefou Primate Park - Visitor fees	36,552	27,968
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Fundraising	Merchandise costs and postage	11,912	14,951
	Gala dinner, London	0	27,118
	Online auction	858	1,285
		12,770	43,353
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3 Analysis of resources expended			
Animal care	Animal food	66,084	70,796
	Vet supplies	21,177	12,788
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		87,261	83,584
Staff costs	Cameroon salaries	139,780	128,341
	CNPS and tax	27,943	24,484
	Staff medical fees	756	2,916
	Uniforms	1,022	660
	Staff training	372	0
	Staff awards	33	147
	Workers' food	29,620	25,034
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		199,526	181,582
Infrastructure	Construction and repairs	55,007	69,959
	Forest supplies	3,288	3,168
	Vehicle maintenance	30,237	23,820
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		88,532	96,947

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3 Analysis of resources, continued

		2023	2022
		£	£
Community support	Community support costs	1,551	4,910
	Children of conservation project	9,340	10,773
		<u>10,891</u>	<u>15,683</u>
Administrative expenses	Cameroon office and education supplies	10,962	11,565
	Sundry expenses	528	820
		<u>11,490</u>	<u>12,384</u>
Fundraising expenses	Events	648	15,045
	Merchandise purchased	2,257	6,643
		<u>2,905</u>	<u>21,688</u>
Finance charges	Bank and fundraising platform fees	945	1,205
	Exchange differences arising on translation	2,507	-2,350
		<u>3,452</u>	<u>-1,145</u>
4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
	Other creditors	5,000	0
	Loan	3,000	0
		<u>8,000</u>	<u>0</u>
5 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			
	Loan	12,000	0

The loan is interest free, unsecured and repayable over 5 years. The first repayment was made in August 2024.

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6 Restricted funds

Fund title	Balance B/F	Incoming resources	Resources expended	cf
Children of conservation	0	9,340	(9,340)	0
Arcus Foundation grant	0	80,141	0	80,141
	0	89,481	(9,340)	80,141

The children of conservation fund pays for the school fees of the children of staff of Ape Action Africa who otherwise could not afford to send their children to school. The children must achieve target grades to qualify for funding.

The Arcus Foundation grant is restricted to funding our running costs and it was fully expended by September 2024.

7 Related party transactions

None of the trustees received either remuneration or expenses during the year (2022 – £703.90).

Ape Action Africa Inc. transferred \$80,000 (£62,176) to Ape Action Africa (2022 – \$100,000; £75,000). The transfers from Ape Action Africa Inc. go directly to Cameroon to fund the charity's running costs. The trustees of Ape Action Africa are the directors of Ape Action Africa Inc.

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Charity information

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Registered charity number:	1057061	

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Trustees' report

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2. Objects

The objects of the charity are to:

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- b) To advance the education of the public into the conservation, care and treatment of such animals.

3. Officers and trustees

The Trustees are:

Mr Ian Bickerstaff	Appointed 24 January 2023
Professor Sandra Corr	Resigned 7 October 2022
Ms Victoria Luke	
Dr Gráinne McCabe	Resigned 1 February 2023
Ms Caroline McLaney	Treasurer
Dr Sharon Redrobe	Chair

Dr Jane Goodall is the president of the charity.

Eran Moas has accepted the honorary role of President from October 2023 and we welcome his ongoing support as a key member of the Cameroonian community and with government liaison.

We have sadly accepted the resignations of Professor Sandra Corr and Dr Grainne McCabe. Sandra has provided us with invaluable veterinary skills over many years and we are pleased that she is still committed to helping us with vet issues and advice. Grainne's conservation expertise has been a valuable addition to the board and we wish her all the very best with the next adventure in her life in Canada.

We are pleased to have appointed Mr Ian Bickerstaff to the board. Ian volunteered for us in 2007 for what was initially a 3 month placement but he stayed for 18 months! He has been a frequent visitor to our forest site since then and has therefore acquired an in-depth knowledge of the project. He is a talented freelance photographer and his prior experience in the IT industry is proving to be invaluable to the charity.

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4. Review of Activities in Cameroon

Overview

Despite the numerous challenges we faced in 2022, the efforts of our dedicated team ensured that we had another fruitful year. We have successfully continued to care for all our primates, carried out routine and emergency veterinary procedures and completed routine repairs and maintenance as well as some pre-planned construction projects.

Continued impact of Covid19

We were finally able to open the park and welcome visitors in October 2021, but the number of visitors, especially foreign visitors, has not returned to pre-covid levels. Visitors are still required to book beforehand, although some visitors are accepted ad-hoc if there is space in a tour group. For the safety of the animals and the staff, visitors are still required to wear face masks when visiting the park.

The volunteer programme was still closed in 2022 but after an extensive closure of more than two and a half years, we have been able to reopen the volunteer programme in 2023. The volunteer programme has undergone a complete overhaul and is designed to address the current and future needs of the charity while also providing volunteers with a memorable experience. The volunteer programme is now much smaller than it was in the past and we only accept two volunteers at a time.

Primate Numbers

As of 31st December 2022, we provided sanctuary for 25 gorillas, 117 chimpanzees, and 143 monkeys.

Rescued Primates

During the 12 months to December 2022, a total of four rescues were carried out.

The first rescue was that of a female De Brazza's monkey of approximately nine months old. She was brought to the sanctuary after a person attempted to sell her.

A young female mandrill was surrendered to us in April 2022. She had been kept as a pet in Yaoundé before being surrendered.

A young female gorilla of approximately 11 months of age and a young male chimpanzee of approximately 10 months of age were brought to the sanctuary in July and August respectively. Both of these individuals were very young when they arrived but adapted well to their new environment. After completing their quarantine period, they were introduced to one another and have since formed a strong relationship. Both are still in the care of their caregivers but spend plenty of time in the forested area.

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Deaths

We are sad to report that a total of nine deaths occurred in 2022. The deaths were four chimpanzees, two mandrills, one spot-nosed guenon and one agile mangabey.

Integrations and Transfers

A juvenile male mandrill was transferred from Limbe Wildlife Centre to Mefou Primate Sanctuary in June 2022. He was initially introduced to a juvenile female mandrill who had not yet been integrated into a troop. Multiple earlier attempts of integrating the juvenile female with other mandrills had failed as she did not respond well to the other mandrills, probably due to her being kept as a pet for many months before being surrendered to the sanctuary. Being introduced to a much younger mandrill though seems to have settled her and she responded well to the integration. They were both introduced to one of the mandrill troops and we expect that the integration was completed in 2023.

Two juvenile male chimpanzees were successfully integrated with the nursery chimpanzee troop in June 2022. Later in the year, three female juvenile chimpanzees were old enough to be separated from their caregivers and were initially introduced to their forested enclosure. They quickly adapted to their new enclosure and the three have been integrated into the nursery chimpanzee group.

Two De Brazza's monkeys and one spot-nosed monkey were transferred to the guenon satellite cages after completing their quarantine periods. The female De Brazza's monkey was successfully integrated with a lone male De Brazza's monkey. The remaining De Brazza's and spot-nosed monkeys have been integrated with other monkeys.

With the permission of the Minister of Forestry and Wildlife, two female and one male chimpanzee were transferred to Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee Rescue (SYCR) in November 2022. After the necessary health checks were performed at Mefou Primate Sanctuary, the individuals were transferred to their new home, where they will eventually be integrated with other troops. According to reports from SYCR, all three chimps are doing very well and have settled into their new environment.

Seven gorillas were transferred to the satellite cages of the new gorilla enclosure (see the construction section below) where their integration is underway. The seven gorillas consisted of two subgroups. The first subgroup was made up of three sub-adult gorillas, one male and two females. The second subgroup consisted of four juvenile gorillas, three males and one female that were transferred from the nursery enclosure.

Releases

A juvenile male chimpanzee was released in July 2022. In March, the chimpanzee was found with his right hand caught in a snare in a forested area near Mfou Town. The chimpanzee was

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darted and brought to the sanctuary for treatment. Despite the treatment of the wound being slow and difficult, the wound healed well and it was decided that it would be in his best interest to release him. Alongside MINFOF, a snare-removal patrol was carried out in the proposed release area and multiple snares were removed. With the permission of the minister and the assistance of MINFOF, the chimpanzee was released in the same area where he was initially found.

Construction

Communities in the area surrounding the park have long expressed their need for a medical facility that is easily accessible. With funding from a generous donor, we completed the construction of the Centre de sante du parc de la Mefou in 2022 and its doors have been open to receive patients.



the new health centre by Metet

Two new wooden satellite cages were constructed for the baboon troops. The old satellite cages are still in a usable condition, but the additional cages allow us to house the two troops in the satellites at the same time if required, which was not possible before. It also allows us to divide a single troop into smaller groups when they have to enter the satellite cages, which greatly reduces the risk of conflict and possible injury in the satellite cages.

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new baboon satellite cage

Replacement of the old wooden posts with new metal posts at one of the nursery enclosures was completed during the year. This has greatly increased the longevity of the enclosure.



new metal posts at the nursery enclosure.

Additional security measures have been installed at some of the great ape enclosures. The construction team has designed a new locking mechanism which has been installed at all doors of the great ape satellite cages that give access to the area outside of the enclosure when opened. Two additional security houses have also been built; one at a gorilla enclosure and another at a chimpanzee enclosure.

Due to the deterioration of the foundation of one of the older chimpanzee enclosures, the construction team started replacing the old foundation. The work on this has progressed fairly slowly as only small sections can be replaced at a time and it requires the whole chimpanzee troop to be inside the satellite cages. This work was completed in 2023.

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section of the new foundation at the chimpanzee enclosure

Construction of the satellite cages of a new forested gorilla enclosure was completed in 2022 after which construction of the enclosure started. Construction of the enclosure progressed well and was finished early in 2023. This enclosure will initially house 7 western lowland gorillas.



New gorilla enclosure: satellite cages and the fence posts

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The construction team has also been as busy as usual with general repairs and the maintenance of enclosures, satellite cages and buildings across the park.

Education

Thanks to funding kindly provided by Prague Zoo and the City of Prague, we were able to continue our conservation education programme 'Chimpanzee Champion' in nineteen schools surrounding Mefou Park and in nearby Mfou. The programme mainly focussed on the Mama P book produced by Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary, in association with Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA), and we received very positive feedback from all of the participants.

In 2022, our education team reached a total of 596 children, who showed increased awareness of the importance of chimpanzees and other primates, the threats they face in the wild and actions that can be taken to help protect them. In June we introduced sanctuary visits to the education programme and around 80 children were brought to the park to see the primates that they had been learning about. The visits were a huge success among both pupils and school staff.

During the year our educators guided over 4,500 visitors around the sanctuary, helping to raise awareness of primates and their conservation among both Cameroonian and international visitors.

Threats

Deforestation, hunting, the pet trade and habitat destruction are still the biggest threats to primate populations in Cameroon. The hunting and deforestation pressures around the park are increasing. Still, we continue our efforts to fight and reduce their impact in the park and the tampon area in collaboration with MINFOF (Ministère des Forêts et de la Faune / Ministry of Forest and Wildlife) and the villages around the park. Snares are frequently found in and around the park and are removed with the assistance of MINFOF. On one occasion, 86 snares were removed in a single morning.

Veterinary department

Our veterinary team has continued to provide excellent healthcare for all our primates. Through preventative programmes, our veterinary team aims to control and minimise the presence of disease among the primates. This is achieved through regular health checks, administering vaccinations when required, analysis of faecal samples for disease causing bacteria and bi-annual deworming.

Other measures that were also performed included the continuation of the water disinfection programme, food washing, disinfection of satellite cages, the use of foot baths when staff travel between different enclosures and the use of face masks. All staff were also dewormed twice during the year.

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In 2021, two of our male gorillas were diagnosed as obese. We are happy to report that both males have lost weight and are now at an appropriate weight.

We were very fortunate to host the international veterinarian from Limbe Wildlife Centre (LWC) for a few days in June 2022. The veterinarian is very skilled in sonography and brought along LWC's ultrasound machine to assist our veterinary staff at the sanctuary. This allowed us to examine some of our primates from a new perspective, giving us a new and better understanding of some of their ailments.

Volunteering and Internships

After an extensive suspension due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our international volunteer programme was reopened in 2023. The volunteer programme has undergone a complete overhaul to ensure it addresses the current and future needs of the charity while providing the participants with a memorable experience.

In 2022, we accommodated three local interns. Two of the interns completed internship in the veterinary department while the third completed an internship in the education department.

We also welcomed two new members of staff in 2022. In May the new Deputy Director (Arend van Blerk) and a new international veterinarian (Dr Noemi Lopez Gill) arrived. Dr Noemi has been assisting our head veterinarian with daily veterinary care of the animals at the sanctuary and has also spent a great deal of time training our two local vet nurses, while Arend has been tending to the daily management of the sanctuary.

Plans for 2023

Although our situation remains hugely challenging, we will continue to be ambitious in our efforts and hope to start multiple new projects in the coming year. Completion of the new gorilla enclosure was high on our list at the end of 2022 and we completed construction of the enclosure early in 2023. Despite funding being very challenging to acquire under the current financial climate, we have started the construction of a new high security enclosure in 2023. As an additional safety measure, we also plan to add additional fencing around one of our chimpanzee enclosures.

Acknowledgements

As the year draws to a close, we would like to express our gratitude to MINFOF (Ministry of Forest and Wildlife) for their continued support over the years. We would also like to thank all our private donors, volunteers and long-term supporters, who allow us to continue giving the best care to our primates.

The board of trustees is very aware of the difficult time that 2022 has been for the charity, difficulties that have continued due to pandemic-related lockdowns and restrictions that kept our animals and staff safe but led to reduced income compounded by 'donor fatigue' further


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impacting income. We continue to monitor our cash position closely and liaise with our fundraising team.

This period has, and continues to be, a stressful time for everyone and the trustees are extremely grateful to everyone in Cameroon who continues to work so hard. We are also very grateful to our fundraisers who work so hard in their spare time to raise money for the charity. This is a difficult task at the best of times but fundraising during a worldwide pandemic followed by difficult economic conditions worldwide has been particularly challenging.

Despite all the difficulties that have arisen in the last few years, we will continue to ensure that we give all our rescued animals a positive future and the highest standard of care that they deserve.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Caroline McLaney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Signed on behalf of the board
Caroline McLaney
Trustee
27 October 2023

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ape Action Africa

I report on the accounts of the Ape Action Africa for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 12 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Laurence Morgan
Chartered Accountant
ICAEW membership number: 9277845

27 October 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	£	£	2022	2021
		Unrestricted	Restricted	£	£
Incoming resources					
Donations	2	349,787	10,773	360,560	354,753
Fees received	2	27,968		27,968	9,601
Fundraising	2	43,353		43,353	9,933
Interest received		18		18	8
Total incoming resources		421,126	10,773	431,899	374,295
Resources expended					
Animal care	3	83,584		83,584	73,814
Staff costs	3	181,582		181,582	150,159
Infrastructure costs	3	96,947		96,947	69,764
Education programme		4,752		4,752	1,168
Community support	3	4,910	10,773	15,683	6,974
Administrative expenses	3	12,384		12,384	10,803
Fundraising costs	3	21,688		21,688	1,080
Website hosting		790		790	2,555
Finance charges	3	-1,145		-1,145	10,117
Total resources expended		405,492	10,773	416,265	326,434
Net movement in funds		15,634	0	15,634	47,861
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		97,689	0	97,689	49,828
Total funds carried forward		113,323	0	113,323	97,689

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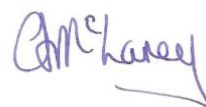
Balance Sheet

	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets		
Other debtors and prepayments	39,741	13,807
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>73,582</u>	<u>84,962</u>
	113,323	98,769
Current liabilities		
Accruals	<u>0</u>	<u>1,080</u>
Net assets	<u><u>113,323</u></u>	<u><u>97,689</u></u>
Charitable funds		
General fund	113,323	97,689
Restricted fund	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u><u>113,323</u></u>	<u><u>97,689</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 27 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr S Redrobe
Chair



C McLaney
Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts

1) Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- Charities SORP (FRS 102): the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- The Charities Act 2011; and
- The historical cost basis of accounting.

b) Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

c) Recognition of incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

d) Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

e) Foreign currency translation

Transactions denominated in Cameroon francs have been translated to sterling at rate of 680fcfa/£1, being the average rate for the year. Balance sheet items have been translated at the year-end rate of 655fcfa/£1.

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2 Analysis of incoming resources		2022	2021
		£	£
Donations	Adopt an Ape scheme	3,630	7,900
	Ape Action Africa Inc – transfer of donations	75,000	200,395
	Other donations	281,930	146,458
		<u>360,560</u>	<u>354,753</u>
Fees	Mefou Primate Park - Visitor fees	<u>27,968</u>	<u>9,601</u>
Fundraising	Merchandise costs and postage	14,951	6,315
	Gala dinner, London	27,118	0
	Online auction	1,285	3,618
		<u>43,353</u>	<u>9,933</u>
3 Analysis of resources expended			
Animal care	Animal food	70,796	63,265
	Vet supplies	12,788	10,549
		<u>83,584</u>	<u>73,814</u>
Staff costs	Cameroon salaries	128,341	105,075
	CNPS and tax	24,484	17,463
	Staff medical fees	2,916	2,874
	Uniforms	660	1,246
	Staff training	0	789
	Staff awards	147	608
	Workers' food	25,034	22,104
	<u>181,582</u>	<u>150,159</u>	
Infrastructure	Construction and repairs	69,959	48,125
	Forest supplies	3,168	3,667
	Vehicle maintenance	23,820	17,972
		<u>96,947</u>	<u>69,764</u>

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3 Analysis of resources, continued		2022	2021
		£	£
Community support	Community support costs	4,910	1,138
	Children of conservation project	10,773	5,836
		<u>15,683</u>	<u>6,974</u>
Administrative expenses	Cameroon office and education supplies	11,565	10,243
	Sundry expenses	820	560
		<u>12,384</u>	<u>10,803</u>
Fundraising expenses	Events	15,045	0
	Merchandise purchased	6,643	1,080
		<u>21,688</u>	<u>1,080</u>
Finance charges	Bank and fundraising platform fees	1,205	1,888
	Exchange differences arising on translation	-2,350	8,229
		<u>-1,145</u>	<u>10,117</u>

6 Related party transactions

Victoria Luke received £703.90 to refund the costs she incurred when posting the Ape Action Africa 25th anniversary book. None of the other trustees received either remuneration or expenses during the year (2021 – nil).

Ape Action Africa Inc. transferred \$100,000; £75,000 to Ape Action Africa (2021 – \$315,000; £200,395). The transfers from Ape Action Africa Inc. go directly to Cameroon to fund the charity's running costs. The trustees of Ape Action Africa are the directors of Ape Action Africa Inc.

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Treasurer
Chair

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Registered charity number:

1057061

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Trustees' report

1. Introduction

The Cameroon Wildlife Aid Fund was established under its constitution on 17th July 1996 as a registered charity and changed its name to Ape Action Africa in 2009. The registered charity number is 1057061.

2. Objects

The objects of the charity are to:

- a) Relieve the suffering of non-human primates in Cameroon who are in need of care and attention and in particular to provide and maintain a primate rescue centre, hospital and other facilities for the care and treatment of such sick or ill treated animals.
- b) To advance the education of the public into the conservation, care and treatment of such animals.

3. Officers and trustees

The Trustees are:

Professor Sandra Corr	
Ms Victoria Luke	
Dr Gráinne McCabe	
Ms Caroline McLaney	Treasurer
Dr Sharon Redrobe	Chair

Dr Jane Goodall is the president of the charity.

4. Review of Activities in Cameroon

Overview

Despite 2021 being another very challenging year for us, mainly due to the financial impact of the Covid19 pandemic, it has still been productive, thanks to the efforts of our staff members and management team. We have successfully continued to care for all our primates, carried out routine and emergency veterinary procedures and completed routine repairs and maintenance as well as some pre-planned construction tasks.

Impact of Covid19

We re-opened our visitor programme in October and visitor numbers have been slowly increasing since then. Visits are currently strictly by appointment only, and all visitors must wear a mask throughout their time in the park to ensure we keep our staff and primates safe. Our volunteer programme remains closed and is unlikely to re-open until 2023, after a complete overhaul, to ensure it addresses the current and future needs of the charity while providing the participants with a memorable experience. These programmes are a vital source

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of income, with all funds going towards the running costs of the sanctuary, so for both to have been closed since March 2020 has had a substantial financial impact.

Throughout this year, we saw a significant drop in individual international donations and grant opportunities and have had to rely mainly on donations from our supporters and the occasional grant to pay the running costs of the sanctuary. In addition, the global effects of coronavirus meant that several key donors were unable to provide financial support to the same degree as they have in recent years. That said, our international volunteer fundraising team did an excellent job of keeping our social media feeds active and supporter engagement levels high, as well as successfully applying for several emergency grants, generating just enough funds to cover the running costs of the sanctuary and keep all 286 primates safe in 2021.

All staff continue to strictly adhere to the protocols developed following guidelines from the Cameroonian Ministry of Health and the World Health Organisation at the start of the pandemic. These protocols enhance the biosecurity measurements we already had and include using a stronger disinfectant to clean the primates' food and installing extra handwashing facilities around the park for staff and visitors. All our staff also received the AstraZeneca vaccination against Covid19 in 2021.

Unfortunately, despite these extra measures, several positive cases of Covid19 were discovered on 28th December 2021 amongst the workforce, our director included. The park was immediately closed to visitors. The infected individuals were quarantined. The management team reinforced the strict protocols around mask-wearing, regular handwashing, and social distancing to the remaining staff. For the time being, we have also introduced a new protocol for anyone showing symptoms of Covid19, which involves testing them (if we can get tests, which are proving very difficult to find), quarantining them for seven days if their result is positive and then screening them again before they are allowed back to work. We hope these measures will help keep our uninfected staff members and all the primates in our care safe and ensure that we can effectively manage this situation and continue with our work.

Primate Numbers

As of 31st December, we provided sanctuary for 24 gorillas, 123 chimpanzees, and 139 monkeys.

Rescued Primates

During these 12 months, we rescued one female chimpanzee, approximately four years old and one juvenile female mandrill. Both completed their quarantine and have been successfully integrated into different family groups.

Deaths

During 2021, we have sadly had a total of five deaths: two newborn monkeys died within 48 hours of birth, two other monkeys, and a male juvenile chimpanzee.

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Integrations and Transfers

At the beginning of this year, we finalised the integration of two of our chimpanzees who graduated from our pre-nursery to nursery group. Two five-year-olds, one male and one female, were both welcomed into their new family without any issues.

The integration of a three-year-old western lowland gorilla into our juvenile gorilla group has gone well during the second part of this year. He has adapted well to his new home, enjoys spending his days in his forested enclosure and his nights in the company of his new family. He has a good relationship with the dominant male and the female juvenile of the group and a special bond with the youngest male in the group, who is proving to be an excellent big brother.

Earlier in the year, we restructured some of our guenon groups to create a new family and incorporate some of the 'escapees' who had been confined to a satellite cage for their own safety. This family have now taken up residence in the new high-security enclosure, which was finished in early December and the remaining four 'escapee' monkeys moved in early 2022, so now all 139 of our monkeys are living in a forested enclosure, which is a considerable achievement.

In the meantime, the rest of the adult guenons welcomed the seven youngest of our guenons into their family unit without issue.

The integration process with our bachelor gorilla group was started in June. This group is the first of its kind in an African sanctuary, and so far, the individuals involved have responded well to their new family unit. Three out of the four silverback gorillas are now spending time in the forested enclosure, with one left to integrate.

At the beginning of the year, we worked together with Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee Rescue Centre to transfer one of our baby female chimpanzees to their sanctuary to join a lone male infant chimpanzee they had there and start a new family group.

We also had a wild female chimpanzee arrive at the sanctuary from an unknown location this year, who we ended up transferring to Sanaga-Yong. Unfortunately, she created an issue with several of our groups, as she sought out companionship, so with the permission of the Minister, she was captured, given a full health check and transferred to live out her life in a new family group.

Construction

Additional security measures have been installed at six of our eighteen enclosures. This grillage helps prevent the primates from coming out through the electric fences, thus increasing security. One of our in-country supporters provided funding for this project, which will continue until all enclosures that require it have been updated.

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In 2021, work began on a new gorilla enclosure to accommodate the increasing number of juveniles in our care as they get older and bigger. All of this work was completed in 2022.

We have also started reinforcing our existing nursery enclosures by changing the wooden posts for metal ones. They are old enclosures; however, they are still invaluable for housing one group of nursery chimps and one group of nursery gorillas. By making these upgrades now, we will be able to keep using the enclosures for many years to come.

Another upgrade project we started in the second half of 2021 was to change the water system for all the enclosures, as many had old systems which were constantly getting blocked. This new system enables each primate to drink directly from a water bidon and ensures everyone gets water without issue. We upgraded the system in two groups by the year end and the building and installation in the remaining groups was completed in 2022. This project has again been funded by one of our in-country supporters.

One of the few positives that came from closing the park for eighteen months was that the primates became very used to not seeing visitors and thrived in the quiet environment of their enclosures. Therefore, we decided to build viewing houses at the enclosures where visitors frequent to ensure that the impact of restarting this programme on the primates is kept to an absolute minimum. Work started in 2021 at two of our gorilla's groups. One was completed, and the other finished in early 2022. These viewing houses will also double as security posts around the park so that in the unlikely event of an escape, visitors will have a safe place to wait until the situation is resolved.

The construction team has also been as busy as usual with general repairs and the maintenance of enclosures, satellite cages and buildings across the park.

Education

Thanks to funding kindly provided by Prague Zoo and the City of Prague, we were able to restart our conservation education programme in the three of the schools surrounding Mefou Park in September of this year. The programme mainly focussed on the Mama P book produced by Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary, in association with Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA).

Our Head of Education was also able to start conducting guided tours of the sanctuary when we re-opened our visitor programme in October.

In 2022/3, we plan to re-introduce more of the educational activities and programmes that were in place before March 2020, including the Wandering Bus initiative in collaboration with Prague Zoo and the reforestation in the park project, with the support of our partner Globio.

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Threats

Deforestation, hunting, and habitat destruction are still the biggest threats to primate populations in Cameroon. The hunting and deforestation pressures around the park are increasing. Still, our efforts to fight and reduce their impact in our park and the tampon area collaborate with MINFOF (Ministère des Forêts et de la Faune / Ministry of Forest and Wildlife) and the villages around the park.

Veterinary department

Our veterinary team has continued to provide excellent healthcare for all our primates. This year, alongside routine procedures such as health checks and vaccinations, the department has also focussed on implementing preventive measures across the sanctuary to reduce illness. This has included treating the water and water containers we use for the primates with a controlled amount of bleach to keep the containers clean and reduce the number of primates with parasite diseases, such as amebiasis. Indications through stool sampling are that this process is working, and in comparison to last year, the number of parasites has reduced. In June and December, all staff and primates completed a deworming programme.

Volunteering and Internships

Volunteers are excellent support for our team; they assist the staff with daily tasks and carry out tasks they would usually not have time to do without the volunteers' support.

Unfortunately, we had to suspend our international volunteer and internship programme due to the pandemic. However, we were able to restart our national volunteer programme in the second half of this year, with one Cameroonian veterinarian technician assisting us for several months and one Cameroonian primate caregiver who is still with us.

Plans for 2022

Although our situation remains hugely challenging, we will continue to prioritise the care of our primates and staff and complete the integrations and construction projects we have already begun. We hope to re-open our international volunteer programme in 2023, after a complete overhaul, to ensure it addresses the current and future needs of the charity while providing the participants with a memorable experience.

Our current funding crisis due to the impact of COVID-19 means that fundraising efforts will continue to focus on raising enough money to cover the running costs of the sanctuary, re-engaging key donors and individuals and maximising grant opportunities that are now starting to accept applications again.

Acknowledgements

As our 25th year draws to a close, we would like to express our gratitude to MINFOF (Ministry of Forest and Wildlife) for their continued support over the years. We would also like to thank

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all our private donors, volunteers and long-term supporters, who allow us to continue giving the best care to our primates.

The board of trustees is very aware of the difficult time that 2021 has been for the charity, difficulties that have continued since 2020 due to pandemic-related lockdowns and restrictions that kept our animals and staff safe but led to reduced income compounded by 'donor fatigue' further impacting income. We have been monitoring our cash position closely and liaising with our fundraising team.

This period has, and continues to be, a stressful time for everyone and the trustees are extremely grateful to everyone in Cameroon who worked throughout the pandemic. We are also very grateful to our fundraisers who work so hard in their spare time to raise money for the charity. This is a difficult task at the best of times but fundraising during a worldwide pandemic has been particularly challenging.

Despite all the difficulties that have arisen in the last 2 years, we will continue to ensure that we give all our rescued animals a positive future and the highest standard of care that they deserve.

Dr Sharon Redrobe OBE

Chair

1 November 2022

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ape Action Africa

I report on the accounts of the Ape Action Africa for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Laurence Morgan
Chartered Accountant
ICAEW membership number: 9277845

1 November 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	£	£	2021 £	2020 £
		Unrestricted	Restricted		
Incoming resources					
Donations	2	348,916	5,836	354,753	165,760
Fees received	2	9,601	0	9,601	6,861
Fundraising	2	9,933	0	9,933	6,718
Interest received		8	0	8	79
Total incoming resources		368,458	5,836	374,295	179,418
Resources expended					
Animal care	3	73,814	0	73,814	63,118
Staff costs	3	150,159	0	150,159	137,615
Infrastructure costs	3	69,764	0	69,764	42,812
Education programme		1,168	0	1,168	1,259
Community support	3	1,138	5,836	6,974	1,939
Administrative expenses	3	10,804	0	10,804	9,486
Fundraising costs	3	1,080	0	1,080	1,801
Website hosting		2,555	0	2,555	2,272
Finance charges	3	10,117	0	10,117	8,572
Total resources expended		320,598	5,836	326,434	268,874
Net movement in funds		47,861	0	47,861	-89,456
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		49,828	0	49,828	139,284
Total funds carried forward		97,689	0	97,689	,49,828

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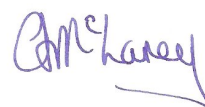
Balance Sheet

	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets		
Other debtors and prepayments	13,807	14,207
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>84,962</u>	<u>35,621</u>
	98,769	49,828
Current liabilities		
Accruals	<u>1,080</u>	<u>0</u>
Net assets	<u><u>97,689</u></u>	<u><u>49,828</u></u>
Charitable funds		
General fund	97,689	49,828
Restricted fund	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u><u>97,689</u></u>	<u><u>49,828</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 1 November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr S Redrobe
Chair



C McLaney
Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts

1) Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- Charities SORP (FRS 102): the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- The Charities Act 2011; and
- The historical cost basis of accounting.

b) Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

c) Recognition of incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

d) Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

e) Foreign currency translation

Transactions denominated in Cameroon francs have been translated to sterling at rate of 760fcfa/£1, being the average rate for the year. Balance sheet items have been translated at the year-end rate of 781fcfa/£1.

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2 Analysis of incoming resources		2021	2020
		£	£
Donations	Adopt an Ape scheme	7,900	5,169
	Volunteer programme	0	1,071
	Legacies	0	20,271
	Ape Action Africa Inc. – transfer of donations	200,395	28,151
	Other donations	146,458	111,098
		<u>354,753</u>	<u>165,760</u>
Fees	Mefou Primate Park - Visitor fees	<u>9,601</u>	<u>6,861</u>
Fundraising	Merchandise	6,315	6,718
	Online auction	3,619	0
		<u>9,933</u>	<u>6,718</u>
3 Analysis of resources expended			
Animal care	Animal food	63,265	51,806
	Vet supplies	10,549	11,312
		<u>73,814</u>	<u>63,118</u>
Staff costs	Cameroon salaries	105,075	96,684
	CNPS and tax	17,463	13,986
	Staff medical fees	2,874	3,980
	Uniforms	1,246	1,221
	Staff training	789	0
	Staff awards	608	135
	Workers' food	22,104	21,609
	<u>150,159</u>	<u>137,615</u>	
Infrastructure	Construction and repairs	48,125	24,110
	Forest supplies	3,667	2,523
	Vehicle maintenance	17,972	16,179
	<u>69,764</u>	<u>42,812</u>	

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3 Analysis of resources, continued

		2021	2020
		£	£
Community support	Community support costs	1,138	1,939
	Children of conservation project	5,836	0
		<u>6,974</u>	<u>1,939</u>
Administrative expenses	Cameroon office and education supplies	10,243	9,486
	Sundry expenses	561	0
		<u>10,804</u>	<u>9,486</u>
Fundraising expenses	Events	0	1,205
	Merchandise purchased	1,080	596
		<u>1,080</u>	<u>1,801</u>
Finance charges	Bank and fundraising platform fees	1,888	1,900
	Exchange differences arising on translation	8,229	6,672
		<u>10,117</u>	<u>8,572</u>

6 Related party transactions

None of the trustees received either remuneration or expenses during the year (2020 – nil).

Ape Action Africa Inc. transferred \$315,000 (£200,395) to Ape Action Africa (2020 – \$40,000; £28,151). The transfers from Ape Action Africa Inc. go directly to Cameroon to fund our running costs. The trustees of Ape Action Africa are the directors of Ape Action Africa Inc.

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Treasurer
Chair

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Registered charity number:

1057061

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Trustees' report

1. Introduction

The Cameroon Wildlife Aid Fund was established under its constitution on 17th July 1996 as a registered charity and changed its name to Ape Action Africa in 2009. The registered charity number is 1057061.

2. Objects

The objects of the charity are to:

- a) Relieve the suffering of non-human primates in Cameroon who are in need of care and attention and in particular to provide and maintain a primate rescue centre, hospital and other facilities for the care and treatment of such sick or ill treated animals.
- b) To advance the education of the public into the conservation, care and treatment of such animals.

3. Officers and trustees

The Trustees are:

Professor Sandra Corr	
Ms Victoria Luke	
Dr Gráinne McCabe	
Ms Caroline McLaney	Treasurer
Dr Sharon Redrobe	Chair

Dr Jane Goodall is the president of the charity.

Susan Lutter resigned from the board on 23 March 2021 but she remains a director of Ape Action Africa Inc. and is therefore still very much involved in the project.

Victoria Luke was appointed to the board on 20 December 2019. Vicky is a solicitor and she volunteered for us in Cameroon in 2007. She has managed our volunteer programme for several years and is very involved in our fundraising. Her passion for the project and legal skills are very welcome additions to the board.

4. Review of Activities in Cameroon

Overview

2020 has been one of the most challenging in the history of the charity, a situation that has been repeated across the globe as everyone struggles to cope with the worldwide covid-19 pandemic. We cancelled some significant UK and US fundraising events in 2020, which are now planned for 2022. In Cameroon, we closed the Mefou Primate Sanctuary to visitors and we suspended our volunteer programme to protect our staff and our animals. All of these measures have had a negative impact on our income but we cannot significantly reduce our

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costs because we still need to pay our staff and give high quality care to our animals every day of the year.

In addition to these measures our director, Rachel Hogan, was in the UK for a fundraising event that we had planned for the end of March 2020. Rachel had a flight booked to return to Cameroon when we cancelled the event but on the day of her flight, Cameroon closed its borders. Rachel was therefore unable to return to Cameroon for 3 months but she continued to do an excellent job, managing the project remotely from the UK with daily conference calls with the team in Cameroon.

We are pleased to report that none of our staff or our animals contracted covid-19.

Animal Facilities

The illegal bushmeat trade continues in Cameroon and we are home to 121 chimpanzees, 24 gorillas and 141 monkeys who are largely victims of that trade.

Providing sanctuary for confiscated animals plays a key role in supporting the enforcement of wildlife protections laws by the Cameroon Government. Whilst we work hard with the government and other sanctuaries to reduce poaching, it is inevitable that whilst the illegal bushmeat and pet trades continue, we will need space to accept new orphans. In addition, when the youngsters mature into adults, groups will have to be separated, particularly in order to separate adult males who would not normally live together in the wild.

Many of our animals are now adults, which pose security challenges for the team in Cameroon. We are constantly working on enclosures to keep them secure and one of the key elements in our strategic plan deals with how to develop Mefou so that animals are housed in social groups that are safe, secure and also continue to provide excellent animal welfare. With that in mind, construction projects have continued to be a key objective for the year, although there are now delays because of the impact of covid-19 on our funding position.

- High security chimpanzee enclosure
We have several adult chimpanzees that are very talented escape artists and no matter what additional security measures we have added to our current enclosure, they have always been able to find an escape route. Therefore, for their safety and the safety of all the people in the park, these chimps are currently in satellite cages, which is not a suitable long term housing solution for them. We are very grateful to funding from a private UK donor that has allowed us to start to build a 'high security' chimpanzee enclosure. The perimeter lines were completed in 2019 and in the first quarter of 2020, we built the foundations for the satellite cages, which is where the chimps will sleep at night.



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However, we had to halt the construction because of the economic impact of covid-19 on our project. We are still really looking forward to the day when we can let these chimps go back into a forest enclosure and we will complete the construction as soon as we have the funding to do so.

- Gorilla enclosure

As explained in our 2019 trustees' report, we completed the construction of our biggest construction project to date – an enclosure that will house adult, male gorillas.

We started to integrate a bachelor group in the new enclosure during 2019, which is the first time that a bachelor group of gorillas has been established in an African sanctuary. As with any of our introductions, we take things slowly and we are guided by the behaviour of the gorillas. We expected the full integration to take up to a year but there is no time limit and the integration is still on-going.

We are very grateful for the generosity of one of our long term UK supporters and the support of Bristol Zoo that has enabled this enclosure to be built.

- We continue to work on enclosure maintenance and repairs to satellite cages to ensure the safety of all our animals and the people who live in and around the park.

Our matriarch has died

We are very sad to report that one of our oldest chimpanzees died in May 2020. Ashmael had spent more than 20 years in a small cage in the Mvog Betsi Zoo in Yaoundé with her lifelong companion, Bertie. One of the highlights of our work over the years is transferring Bertie and Ashmael to a large forested enclosure. We purposefully built it away from other enclosures so that they would live in peace and would not be seen by visitors. It took many years to get permission from the government to move Bertie and Ashmael but finally, we got the great news that they could go to the forest in 2006. For several weeks after the move, Ashmael was too scared to leave the satellite cage – scared of the space, scared of the grass under her feet - until one day, she ran out screaming, Bertie ran to her and they hugged! Ashmael had 14 happy years in the forest with a large family of young chimps that we slowly introduced to them and she loved nothing more than mothering our infant orphans.



Ashmael © Ian Bickerstaff

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As Rachel said:

“Ashmael was our matriarch. She was there even before me, in that cage with Bertie sat watching, waiting patiently for the day something may change.

Ashmael was the peacemaker, the only one that could calm Bertie down when he would get anxious and agitated.

Ashmael became the mother and friend of many at Mefou.

There is a lot we can learn from her. One of the big lessons for me is courage, because the thought of feeling the grass under your feet can be really scary, but sometimes you need to just run out of your safe place, screaming your head off”



Alfia, Ashmael and Poppy. © Ian Bickerstaff

Integrations

We began the process of integrating three subadult gorillas into a family group. This is usually a long process as gorillas are highly sensitive animals and get stressed easily. We expect to finish this integration in the next 12 months.

We successfully integrated all of the juvenile guenons we received at the end of 2019 into one group. These individuals now live together in an enclosure and have started developing natural behaviours thanks to the interaction between them. When they are older, they will join one of our adult guenon groups. The infant guenons rescued in 2017 and 2018 are now old enough to be integrated into an adult group, so they were introduced to their new family in the first half of 2020, which went well.

In February we finalised the integration of three of our chimpanzees that graduated from nursery to an adult group. The integration went smoothly, and they are enjoying being part of a large chimpanzee family.

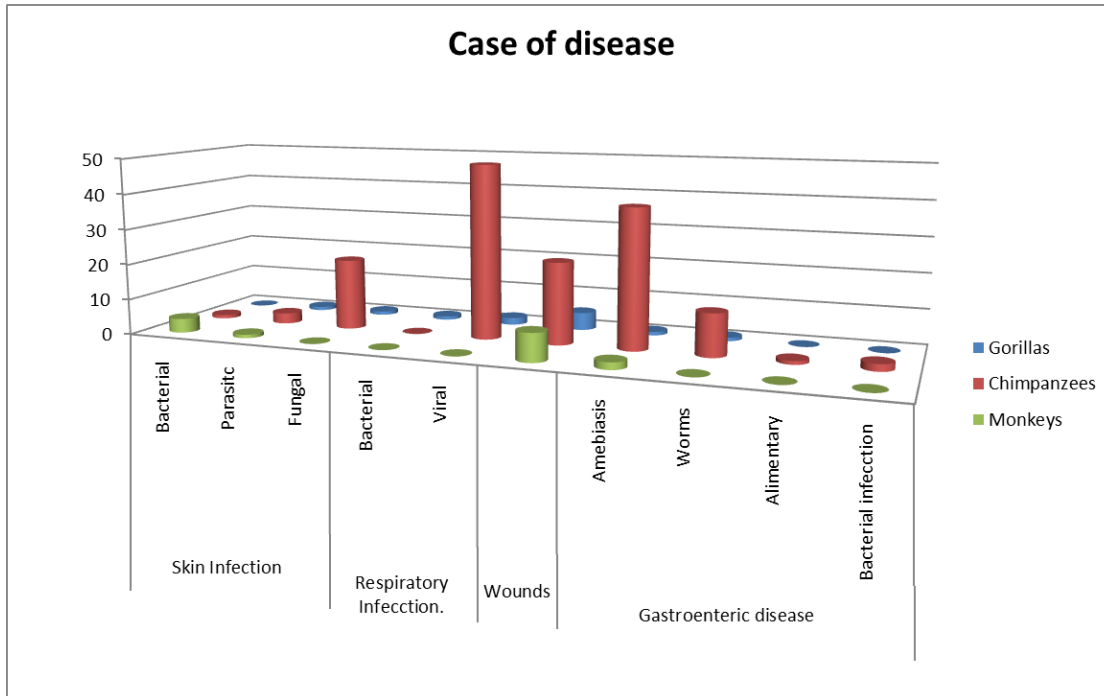
Veterinary department

Our veterinary team has continued to provide excellent healthcare for all the primates in our care. The most common problem among the gorillas was wounds. The most common problems in chimpanzees were respiratory infections (not covid-19 related), followed by

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gastroenteric disorders secondary to amoebiasis, and then wounds. The most common problem in the monkeys was wounds. The veterinary cases are summarised below:



Our youngest female baboon suffered a multiple fracture of her femur that required surgery. It was complicated surgery so we asked for help from human orthopaedic surgeons. They fixed the displaced fracture with two orthopaedic plates, and the other two fractures healed with restriction of movement. After a good recovery and a period of rehabilitation, the baboon is now in the process of being re-integrated into her group.



Bertie is one of our oldest chimps and is now well into his forties. He was found one morning with a nasal haemorrhage. We suspected he had suffered thermal shock due to high temperatures during the dry season and, because of blood loss, he developed anaemia. We treated his anaemia and in conjunction with a strict diet, he has made a complete recovery.

We care for 2 chimpanzees with long term, chronic illnesses:

- Samburu often suffers from convulsions as a consequence of the meningitis he had as a baby. At the moment he is stable thanks to his daily medication.
- Bertie has chronic ear infections. The reason for this is his lack of external ear pinnae, which usually work as natural protection for the internal ear. His ears were cruelly cut off long before he came into our care. We manage his condition by close monitoring of his behaviour and medication when necessary.

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Adaptations to the pandemic

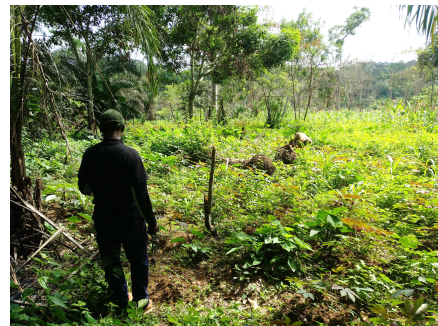
When Covid-19 started spreading in Cameroon, our team created new protocols to protect the staff and animals. All our protocols have been developed following guidelines from the Cameroonian Ministry of Health and the World Health Organisation. These protocols enhance the biosecurity measurements we already had in place:

- We are using stronger disinfectants to clean;
- we have installed extra hand washing facilities around the park;
- workers have their temperatures checked twice a day;
- everyone wears a face mask while working and
- we encourage social distancing where possible.



Deforestation

Deforestation, hunting and habitat destruction are still the biggest threats to primate populations in Cameroon. The hunting and deforestation pressures around Mefou Primate Park are increasing but so are our efforts to fight and reduce their impact in our park and the surrounding area. We are working in collaboration with MINFOF (*Ministère des Forêts et de la Faune / Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife*) and the villages around the park to preserve the forest.



Education

During the first quarter of 2020, we carried out our environmental education programme in the village schools around the park. This programme consists of five interactive lessons about nature and conservation. Our education team taught in 4 schools, reaching a total of 141 students. Before and after the course we gave each student a test to allow us to measure the impact of our lessons. The results were very positive, showing that the children had assimilated the content of the programme.

In March, we developed a new educational programme in collaboration with Miku Conservation, a Mexican NGO focused on environmental education. The programme, called “Cameroon’s wildlife through the eyes of the children”, was focused on finding out what the children think about the ecological issues in their villages and on empowering them to find solutions. The approach they use is an innovative technique called Photovoice; they teach the children how to use cameras and let them go around their village taking pictures of examples of what they consider to be environmental problems. These cameras enable children to record and bring to life their community’s strengths and concerns, while prompting critical thinking and debate when discussing their content. The children are encouraged to be creative and playful, and to put their own experiences, imaginations, and emotions into the stories their photos tell. We ran this initiative with about 20 students from

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Metet School, and it proved to be very successful and interesting. We are looking forward to extending the programme to other schools when possible.



We continued with our programme “The wondering bus”, an initiative funded by Prague Zoo, where children from the Dja area visit the park to learn about wildlife and nature once a month.

Our education team continued to conduct guided visits of the sanctuary as usual until the pandemic started in Cameroon. During this period we had 755 international visitors and 2,009 national visitors, including 13 local schools and over 1000 children from different schools who came to visit in Youth Week.

Sadly, due to the Covid-19 situation we had to close the park to all visitors in March and, in addition, halt the rest of our educational activities and programmes. We will resume our education programmes when it is safe to do so.

Volunteer programme

We had five international volunteers up until March 2020. Our volunteers work alongside our staff and help with animal care and construction and maintenance projects. They also raise money for the charity and help to raise awareness of the issues facing the primates of Cameroon.

We also had three Cameroonian interns during this period: one veterinarian, one veterinary technician and one tourism student.

We had to suspend the volunteer programme in March 2020 due to the worldwide pandemic and the programme is yet to resume. We will be accepting volunteers again when it is safe to do so and depending on travel restrictions.

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As always, we are very grateful to our volunteers who donate time and money to the project, many of who continue to be involved with the charity after they return to their home countries.

5. Finance report

The charity reports a deficit of £89,456 for the year to 31 December 2020, which has decreased the net assets to £49,828.

Our income has been severely negatively impacted by the covid-19 pandemic. In comparison to the prior year, income from our volunteer programme has fallen by £20,000, donations have fallen by £50,000 and Mefou Primate Park visitor income has reduced by £22,000. These reductions in income largely explain the charity's deficit for the year.

The aim of the Board is to have six months' running costs in reserves available to the charity. The reserves in the UK charity as at 31 December 2020 represented around two months' running costs. The reserves in Ape Action Africa Inc, a related non-for-profit organisation in the USA used to facilitate donations for the benefit of the charity from USA donors, represented around 7 months' running costs at 31 December 2020. The current position (in October 2021) is that the reserves held in the charity, coupled with reserves held in Ape Action Africa Inc., total around three months' running costs.

In considering the charity's current funding position, the Board has also taken into account the charity's expected future receipts. The charity has recently been successful in some grant applications and had a good campaign on Great Apes Giving Day a couple of weeks ago, such that when those funds are received the Board expect to have total funds available equating to around five months' running costs. The Board consider this level of funding to be adequate to ensure the charity's going concern, albeit below the charity's targeted level, and a relatively good result in the context of the restrictions and disruption caused by the Covid pandemic. However, the Board is not complacent about the charity's funding and we will continue to work hard to build our reserves - some of our plans are detailed below.

We have not been able to do any fundraising events in either 2020 or 2021 because of the ongoing covid restrictions so we are busy making plans for the rest of this year and into 2022:

- We had a gala dinner in London booked for March 2020 and ticket sales were going well. When it became clear that we would not be able to go ahead, we postponed it and hoped that we would be able to reschedule in 2021. However, that plan did not come to fruition and it is currently booked for March 2022.
- We are working on plans for fundraising events in America next year, which again were cancelled in 2020. These events have been very successful in the past so we are optimistic that we can repeat that success.
- We will be running a donation matching campaign this year in conjunction with Twycross Zoo.
- We are planning some merchandise sales before Christmas which have been popular in previous years.

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- Our fundraising team has been working hard throughout the covid crisis to raise money through online events and they have also applied for several emergency grants. As noted above, we have received some emergency funding and other applications are currently being reviewed. We will continue to research grant availability and apply for them when we meet the criteria.

We receive no government funding so we are entirely dependent on grants and donations to fund the charity. We are continuing to work hard to source consistent, stable funding, which is always a challenge, even more so in today's economic climate.

The board of trustees would like to thank our worldwide supporters for continuing to help the charity with donations of money and time.

6. Summary

The board of trustees is very aware of the hugely difficult time that 2020 has been for the charity, difficulties that have continued in 2021. We have been monitoring our cash position closely and liaising with our fundraising team. We hope that we will be able to reinstate our volunteer programme next year which will raise much needed funds for us. We have recently reopened the park to visitors but numbers will be reduced because we are asking people to book in advance so that we can control the number of people in the park.

This period has, and continues to be, a stressful time for everyone and the trustees are extremely grateful to everyone in Cameroon who is working throughout the pandemic. We are also very grateful to our fundraisers who work so hard in their spare time to raise money for the charity. This is a difficult task at the best of times but fundraising during a worldwide pandemic has been particularly challenging.

Despite all the difficulties that have arisen in the last 18 months, we will continue to ensure that we give all our rescued animals a positive future and the highest standard of care that they deserve.



Caroline McLaney
Trustee
27 October 2021

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ape Action Africa

I report on the accounts of the Ape Action Africa for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 12 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Laurence Morgan
Chartered Accountant
ICAEW membership number: 9277845

27 October 2021

Ape Action Africa

Year ended 31 December 2020

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Incoming resources			
Donations	2	165,760	346,197
Fees received	2	6,861	29,121
Merchandise		6,718	4,372
Interest received		79	17
Total incoming resources		179,418	379,707
Resources expended			
Animal care	3	63,118	55,225
Staff costs	3	137,615	138,968
Infrastructure costs	3	42,812	55,604
Education programme costs		1,259	14,663
Community support		1,939	3,159
Administrative expenses	3	9,486	7,557
Fundraising costs	3	1,801	2,706
Website hosting		2,272	3,588
Finance charges	3	8,572	26,291
Total resources expended		268,874	307,762
Net movement in funds		-89,456	71,945
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		139,284	67,339
Total funds carried forward		49,828	139,284

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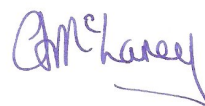
Balance Sheet

	2020 £	2019 £
Current assets		
Other debtors and prepayments	14,207	5,000
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>35,621</u>	<u>134,284</u>
Net current assets	<u><u>49,828</u></u>	<u><u>139,284</u></u>
Charitable funds		
General fund	49,828	139,284
Restricted fund	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u><u>49,828</u></u>	<u><u>139,284</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 27 October 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr S Redrobe
Chair



C McLaney
Treasurer

Ape Action Africa

Year ended 31 December 2020

Notes to the Accounts

1) Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- SORP (FRS 102): the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- The Charities Act 2011; and
- The historical cost basis of accounting.

b) Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

c) Recognition of incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

d) Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

e) Foreign currency translation

Transactions denominated in Cameroon francs have been translated to sterling at rate of 740fcfa/£1, being the average rate for the year. Balance sheet items have been translated at the year end rate of 734fcfa/£1.

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Notes to the Accounts

2 Analysis of incoming resources		2020	2019
		£	£
Donations	Adopt an Ape scheme	5,169	2,070
	Volunteer programme	1,071	20,931
	Legacies	20,271	0
	Ape Action Africa Inc. – transfer of donations	28,151	160,945
	Other donations	111,098	162,251
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		165,760	346,197
Fees	Mefou Primate Park - Visitor fees	<hr/>	<hr/>
		6,861	29,121
3 Analysis of resources expended			
Animal care	Animal food	51,806	45,345
	Vet supplies	11,312	7,976
	Gorilla release costs	0	1,904
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		63,118	55,225
Staff costs	Cameroon salaries	96,684	93,688
	CNPS and tax	13,986	15,799
	Staff medical fees	3,980	6,504
	Uniforms	1,221	1,292
	Staff training	0	401
	Staff awards	135	0
	Workers' food	21,609	21,284
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		137,615	138,968
Infrastructure	Construction and repairs	24,110	32,408
	Sundry forest supplies	2,523	2,403
	Vehicle maintenance	16,179	20,793
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		42,812	55,604

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Notes to the Accounts

3 Analysis of resources, continued		2020	2019
		£	£
Administrative expenses	Cameroon office and education supplies	9,486	7,557
		£	£
Fundraising expenses	Events	1,205	1,302
	Merchandise	596	1,404
		<u>1,801</u>	<u>2,706</u>
Finance charges	Bank and fundraising platform fees	1,900	1,101
	Exchange differences arising on translation	6,672	25,190
		<u>8,572</u>	<u>26,291</u>

6 Related party transactions

None of the trustees received either remuneration or expenses during the year (2019 – nil)

Ape Action Africa Inc. transferred \$40,000 (£28,151) to Ape Action Africa (2019 – \$251,500; £160,945). The transfers from Ape Action Africa Inc. go directly to Cameroon to fund our running costs. The trustees of Ape Action Africa are the directors of Ape Action Africa Inc.