

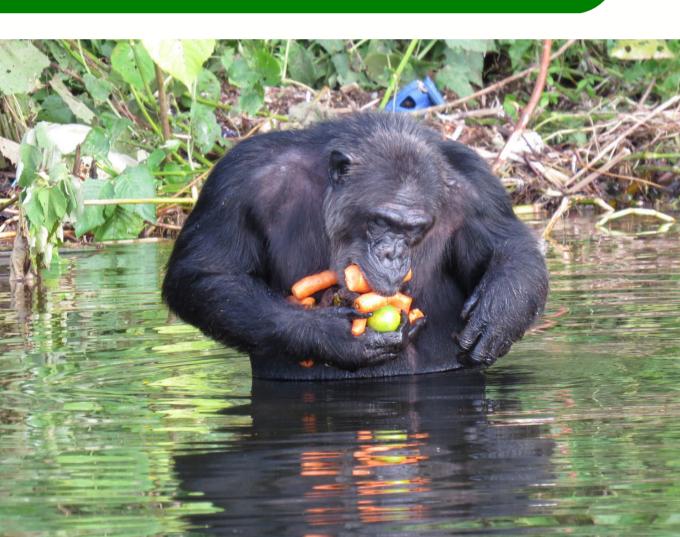


#### **OVERALL IMPACT**

Sustainable conservation of chimpanzees in their habitats and captive care to those who cannot survive in the wild

#### **LONG TERM OUTCOME**

Effective captive chimpanzee management, welfare and enhanced awareness of threats to chimpanzees in their natural habitats in Uganda



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### INTRODUCTION

The Chimpanzee Trust is a Non-Governmental Organization, locally registered in Uganda with the National Bureau for NGO's, registration number FORR63494678NB, and operating under Operating license number FORP62024678NB. The Chimpanzee Trust was established as a project of the Jane Goodall Institute – Uganda, to manage the Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary, and advocate for the protection and conservation of chimpanzees and their habitats and increase awareness on the plight of the chimpanzee.

Ngamba Island Chimpanzee sanctuary was established in October 1988 as a program to care for orphaned and rescued chimpanzees or others removed from their natural habitat, for whatever reason, with little to no chance of survival in the wild.

The Chimpanzee Trust was formally registered as a local NGO in 2006, with the then NGO Board and as a Trust under the Ministry of Lands Housing and Urban Development, in 2015. The Trust Deed indicates that the Trust is managed and operated by a management team headed by the Executive Director appointed by a Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is comprised of representation of the founding institutions that nominate expert representation to guide the strategic direction of the Trust towards achieving its goals as outlined.

In the Chimpanzee Trust constitution and Trust deed. The operations of the Board of Trustees are guided by the Board Charter of the Chimpanzee Trust of 2016. Working with lead agencies (Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities- MTWA, Uganda Wildlife Authority-UWA, Uganda Wildlife Education Center-UWEC, National Forestry Authority), National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA), as well as Civil Society Organizations (such as the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) Uganda. ECOTRUST), and Local Governments (Hoima, Kikubbe. Masindi, Kagadi, Bulisa) among others.





- Welfare of individual captive chimpanzees
- Long-term management of the sanctuary for confiscated individuals that cannot be returned to the wild,
- Integration of individual chimpanzees at the sanctuary 4
- In situ-oriented interventions to enhance the integrity of threatened 5 remnant chimpanzee habitats, health monitoring and conservation of individual chimpanzees therein
- Conservation education of the general Ugandan public with particular emphasis on chimpanzees
- Environmental education in schools and other teaching institutions 7
- Promoting ecotourism for the Trust's financial and institutional sustainability 8
- Capacity building through training both for the Trust's staff and communities around the chimpanzee hot spots in Uganda
- Building viable national, regional and international partnerships to steer 10 chimpanzee conservation.

As part of its in-situ chimpanzee conservation threat reduction interventions, the Chimpanzee Trust has been running several chimpanzee conservation projects in Hoima, Buliisa, Masindi, Kikuube and Kagadi in mid-western Uganda in partnership with other conservation organizations. These projects are aimed at creating awareness and improving livelihoods of local communities adjacent to chimpanzee hot-spots so that chimpanzees and their habitats are conserved sustainably in the wild.



Chimpanzee Trust views the role of the chimpanzee as one of the key flagship species for conservation of wildlife in general and as an opportunity to address wider issues affecting the plight of wildlife conservation in general, both ex-situ and in-situ.

The Chimpanzee Trust programs are strategically aligned to the Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and directly addresses 8 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, i.e.



By promoting equal opportunities to all genders in all our programs and documenting progress



All programs of the chimpanzee Trust encompass an element of access to clean and safe water not only at the sites it operates but especially for the communities with which we work.



We promote the use of alternative energy to reduce deforestation and carbon emissions and enhance sequestration. Projects to avail solar solutions and alternatives to wood fuel in local communities are embedded in all our field projects and at the chimpanzee sanctuary.



By contributing towards enhancement of local livelihoods through Chimpanzee tourism and community livelihood improvement projects supported by the Chimpanzee Trust:



Through our Cleaner Production policy and actions in all our projects.





By promoting alternative energy sources and enhancing the integrity of the Chimpanzee habitats (forests) which in turn contributes to low greenhouse gas emissions development and protection of carbon sinks (chimpanzee forest habitats).



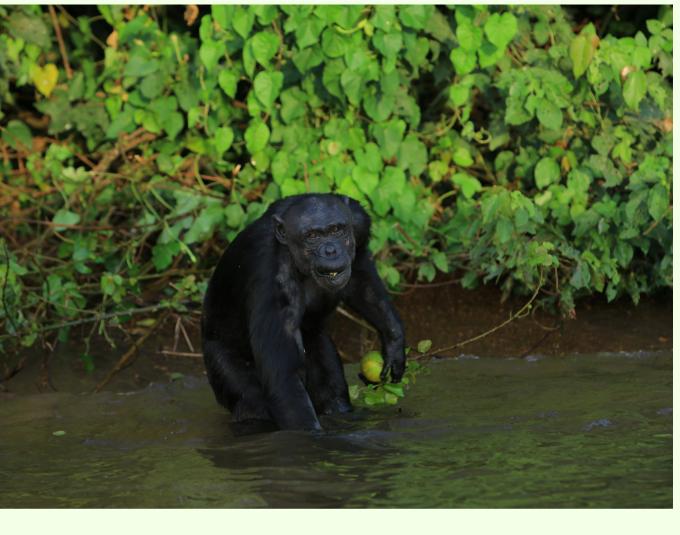
Through all our programs for balanced ecosystem establishment and protection.



The Chimpanzee Trust recognizes the value and effectiveness of developing, enhancing and growing strategic partnerships to achieve its goals and objectives.







The Chimpanzee Trust programs are also directly and indirectly linked to the aspirations of a number of global agreements and conventions like the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Nagoya Protocol (2010) as well as the Natural Heritage protection objectives enshrined in the National Constitution. The key laws on Natural heritage management include: The Wildlife Act, No. 17 of 2019, The National Environment Act No.5 of 2019, The National Forestry and Tree Planting Act 2003; and The Land Act, Cap 227 etc.

The Chimpanzee Trust programs define the strategic pathways of the Trust towards attaining our intended Overall impact; the sustainable conservation of Chimpanzees in their natural habitats and captive care to those who cannot survive in the wild and the Long-term Outcome (LTO) to provide effective captive chimpanzee management, welfare and enhanced awareness on threats to chimpanzees in their natural habitats in Uganda.



Our programs are aligned along 5 strategic pathways to achieving our intended impact and LTO. These are;

Pathway 1	Enhanced Ex-situ Chimpanzee Welfare and Health Management.
Pathway 2	Enhanced In-situ Chimpanzee Conservation and Management.
Pathway 3	Improved Chimpanzee Conservation Education and Awareness.
Pathway 4	Enhanced Research, Communication and Partnership
Pathway 5	Enhanced Chimpanzee Trust financial and Institutional Sustainability.

The pathways are a guide to achieving our Long-Term Outcome and expected impact goal. This requires a dynamic approach while recognizing the interdependent nature of the strategic pathways. Our main pathways are 1 and 2 and supported by 3-5. Our activities are aligned to these pathways which in turn are aligned to our internal departmental structure of;

- **Sanctuary Operations**; for the provision of ex-situ chimpanzee conservation, welfare management and research.
- Conservation; For the in-situ chimpanzee conservation and management
- **Education**; For the improved awareness
- ${\bf Tourism};$  For sustainable resources to support programs
- Administration and policy; for the governance and administration of all our programs.



#### WORD FROM BOARD CHAIRPERSON



#### Preserving Nature's Legacy

"Protecting nature isn't a choice; it's our moral imperative. Together, let's preserve our planet's beauty and biodiversity. As stewards of conservation, our actions today shape the legacy we leave tomorrow."

Friends, stakeholders, and supporters of the Chimpanzee Trust and Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary. welcome you to the annual report of the Chimpanzee Trust for 2023. I am very proud to introduce this report to you, highlighting and detailing the achievements the Trust of chimpanzee welfare and management, Education and awareness, and wild chimpanzee conservation in 2023.

The Chimpanzee Trust launched a new ambitious Strategic Plan for the year 2023 to 2027. The new strategic plan was developed to address the changing alobal economic and conservation environment to address the current challenges to conservation, animal welfare, and education and awareness, in Uganda. This plan presented new challenges for the management of the Trust to be able achieve the long-term to outcome as we continue to recover from the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the global and geopolitical environment with global inflation and high costs of

operations in 2023 remained a challenge. This affected donations to the Trust and the success of grant applications. As such income realized over the year 2023 UGX 2.98Bn against initial was projections of UGX 3.51Bn. The performance was short of the initial projections by 15%. Management was unable to make infrastructure investments as expected and reduced on investment in reserves and the endowment fund to avoid a deficit.

Despite all these financial challenges, the Trust has continued to post growth. thanks to its loyal and committed stakeholders. supporters, and the extraordinary efforts of the Chimpanzee Trust team, led by the; Executive Director Dr. Joshua Rukundo. and his management team comprising Finance Manager - Mr. John Kalonde: Business Development Manager - Ms. Martha Nansamba: the Sanctuary Manager - Dr. Titus Mukungu and the Ag. Conservation Manager Walwambe.



This report allows us to look back and reflect on the various achievements of the Trust to help us adapt and determine our goals for 2024 and onwards, as we work toward achieving our Strategic goals by 2027. The report indicates the steps that the Trust and its management are undertaking under the three main programs to: Improve the welfare of orphaned and rescued chimpanzees at Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary, Improve the conservation of wild chimpanzees and their habitats and Improve the education and awareness of the plight of the chimpanzee, and the need to protect and conserve our Environment, under a strategic theme to promote harmonious living with wildlife, flora and fauna, on this planet.

One of the biggest achievements for the Trust, the board and staff, was the celebrations to mark 25 years of chimpanzee welfare management, conservation and education awareness in 2023. A series of events we organized and held by management, crowned a full week of activities to celebrate this milestone, graced by the chimpanzee icon, Dr Jane Goodall, DBE, in partnership with our founding trustees, JGI Uganda, the Uganda Wildlife Authority and Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Centre (UWEC). A special highlight was the launch of the National Chimpanzee Conservation Strategy 2023 - 2033 and getting the commitment from the President, H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni to support this strategy.

Finally, as I and my fellow board members come to the end of our tenure as the board of the Trust, I want to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the board of Trustees and their representative Institutions for all the support they have given to the Trust and its management for providing guidance that has driven the Trust to its current stature. I look forward to much more growth of the institution as we work toward attaining our overall impact of sustainable conservation of chimpanzees in their natural habitats and the provision of the best captive care to those who cannot survive in the wild.

#### Dr James Musinguzi Chair of the Board of Trustees



#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**



## A Year of Resilience for the Chimpanzee Trust"

"In 2023, the Chimpanzee Trust faced financial hurdles persisted in its mission. Achievements include launching a new strategic plan, celebrating 25 years of impact, and garnering support for conservation strategies. Gratitude is extended to stakeholders as the Trust looks forward to continued growth."

The management of the Chimpanzee Trust is happy to present the annual report and audited financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2023 to all our stakeholders and the general public. 2023 marked beginning of activities toward the implementation of the Trust's Strategic Plan 2023-2027. This is an ambitious plan aimed at streamlining the activities of the Trust towards an overall impact of "Sustainable conservation chimpanzees in their natural habitats and captive care to those who can not survive in the wild". The 2019-2023 Strategic Plan had a total budget of USD 4.7M (UGX 16.47Bn) with a funding gap of USD 717,290 (UGX 2.5Bn) against the projections that we had for income.

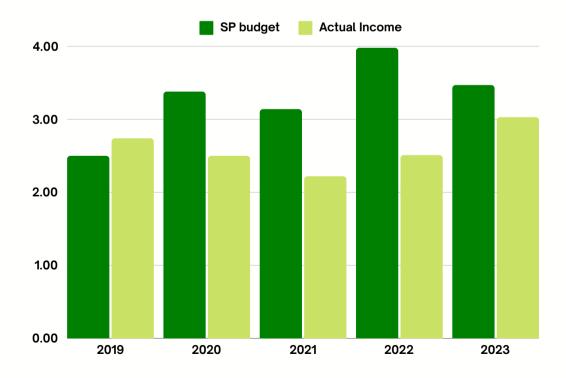
Management was on track to meet set targets from 2019 utilizing several strategies to boost income. We however suffered a major setback with the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns that affected operations for two years in 2020 and 2021. Even in 2022 as we struggled to resume operations, the emergence of variants of the pandemic virus as well and the global economic downturn continued to affect operations and as such affect income.



#### Income performance vs Strategic Plan Budget (UGX in Bns)

The table below shows the performance in income against the Strategic Plan funding requirements.

Year	SP budget	Actual Income	Variance
2019	2.5	2.74	0.24
2020	3.38	2.5	-0.88
2021	3.14	2.22	-0.92
2022	3.98	2.51	-1.47
2023	3.47	3.03	-0.44
TOTAL	16.47	13	-3.47

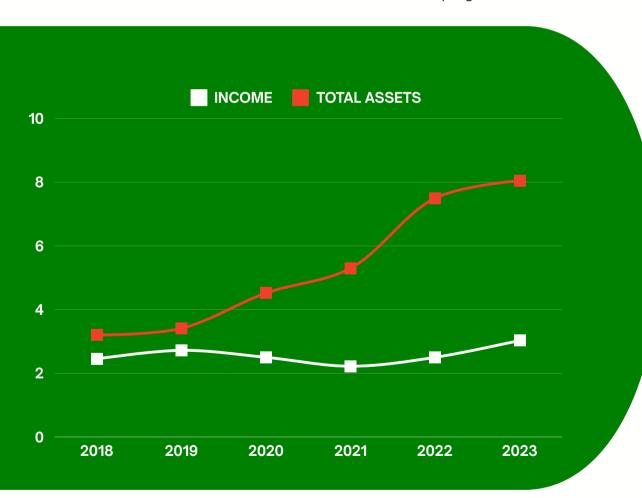


Management adjusted by making changes to its projections and advocated for a review of the strategic plan for a new one to start in 2023. Annual targets were reviewed annually as part of the annual budgeting and work plan design and targets were adjusted to realistic figures which were then approved by the board.

Management has developed strategies that have consistently increased the asset base of the Chimpanzee Trust over the period reviewed, 2019 – 2023, increasing total assets from **UGX 3.2 Bn** in 2018 to over **8Bn** by the end of 2023 as shown in fig 2 below.

The figures above show that income by 2023 has surpassed pre-COVID numbers by the end of 2023. This is despite the fact that visitor numbers are only at 75% of the pre-covid 2019 numbers. Management developed and implemented strategies to increase income including; increasing donation grants income through more consistent specific targeted. and campaigns to raise resources for programs.

Some programs have however not been able to attract the level of funding at the expected specifically the conservation program.





#### **Endowment Fund**

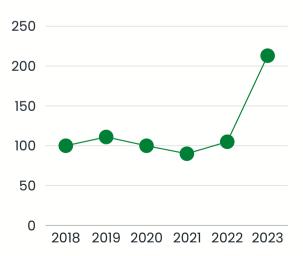
The endowment fund was launched in 2018 following a board resolution to create the fund earlier the same year. The fund is intended to secure the operations of Trust for the future in perpetuity. The fund accumulated UGX 100M in it's first year and the target was to grow it to over **UGX** 700M or USD 200,000.

Over the years, we have gradually grown the fund until 2022 to UGX 450M In 2023. Management made a strategic decision to utilize the 25-year celebrations to further grow the fund. We targeted to raise at least UGX 250M as part of our fundraising campaign we dubbed '25 for 25' campaign. We were able to meet and surpass the target and in addition to the interest earned in 2023, the fund is now at UGX 679M (USD 213,000).

## Required Fund \$2M USD

The fund requires at least USD 2M that would be invested in safe investments and whose proceeds would be able to cover the basic operations of the Trust.

#### Fund growth 2018-2023



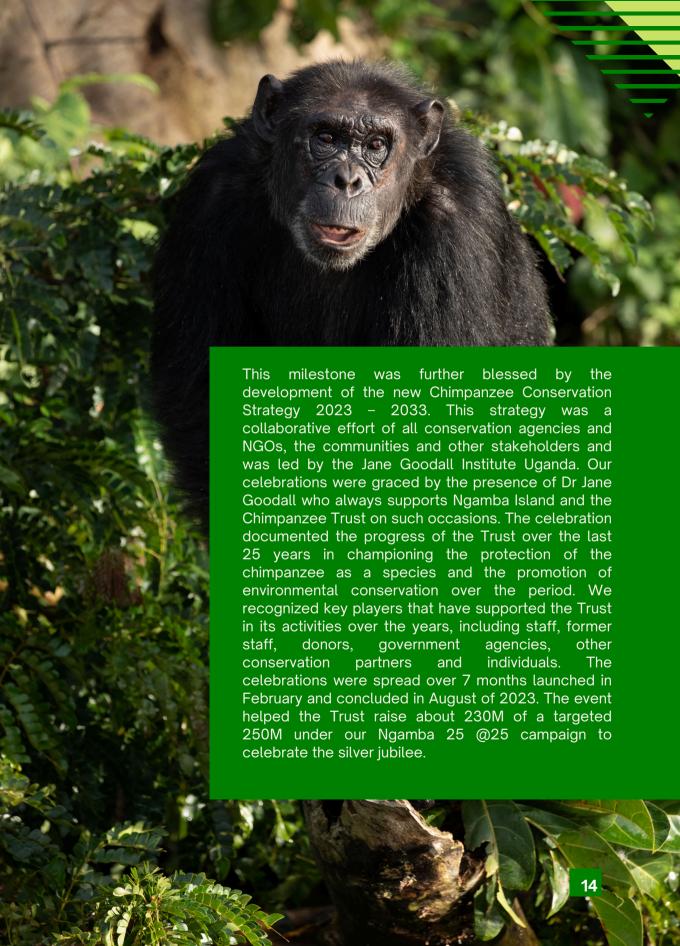


#### Strategic Plan 2023-2027

The Strategic Plan 2019 - 2023 implementation was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021. Following a mid-term review in 2021, the board recommended the development of a new Strategic Plan, after realizing that the trends in conservation and particularly, conservation, the emergence of new global challenges of health and disease, the exposure to risks caused by worldwide lockdowns and the slowing of global economies, had all changed organizations and business had to adapt to the new economic environment. A new Strategic Plan was developed in 2022 to build the brand of the Chimpanzee Trust and focus its activities on an overall realizable long-term goals and measurable impact on the protection of the chimpanzee as a species both in-situ and ex-situ in the country and on the continent. The old Strategic Plan was discontinued at the end of 2022 and the new Strategic Plan was approved to start from 2023 to 2027. The new Strategic Plan maintains the core business of the Chimpanzee Trust but uses the 'theory of change' approach to allow flexibility in implementation activities to achieve the expected long-term outcome and goal.

Plan (SP) 2023-2027 The Strategic new developed a 'Theory of change' where the Trust will work within and without to make a positive change in the in-situ and ex-situ conservation of chimpanzees in Uganda. A problem statement was prepared and the impact towards which, the Chimpanzee Trust contributed as well as the longterm outcome (LTO) was developed. The SP gives a guide to the annual planning and targets for the chimpanzee-focused conservation activities for the next five years. It is of no coincidence that the new Strategic Plan 2023-2027, comes into play at the time when Ngamba Island and the Chimpanzee Trust were celebrating 25 years of existence.





To be able to effectively implement the strategies in the SP, the Chimpanzee Trust needs a lean but skilled and highly effective team of committed individuals to champion the Chimpanzee Trust goals. Therefore, in this first year, the Trust undertook a minor restructuring of the team, and broadened its scope of partnerships to include strategic partnerships with the Government and the private sector. In particular to engage with local and multinational companies, whose activities directly and negatively impact the environment.

The revised structure though not fully implemented, is designed to retain experienced staff, and attract skilled human resources to the organization and boost its capacity to deliver on our intended long-term The outcome. salaries of the technical staff were enhanced to make them more competitive in the market. Management gradually implementing the new scales, to be completed by mid-2024.

In 2023, the Trust further strengthened securing the sanctuary assets, specifically the island, and its other land assets in Entebbe. Management has made good headway with this, securing two titles for the Office space and the commercial plot in Entebbe.

Management is also engaging, through its board, other partners and stakeholders to secure the sanctuary under its portfolio. Over the last few years, the management of the Trust has worked to gradually build the Chimpanzee Trust total assets from UGX 3.2Bn (equivalent to USD 900,000) in 2018 to now over UGX 8.17Bn (equivalent to USD 2 million) as of December 2023.

This has been possible through good asset management and prudence in the light of current challenges. The Trust relies on donations and grants for the biggest part of its annual budget to fund program activities in chimpanzee conservation and building awareness.

This is supplemented by revenue from tourism activities. Revenue from the tourism business is strictly sustaining the operations of the sanctuary and other conservation and education programs. As an NGO, nonprofit in its nature, this creates a complex that is usually not understood by the Tax authorities.

The Trust periodically applies for income tax exemption on this basis, (income from tourism business not for the benefit of the board or anyone else, but rather a strategy of building sustainability). We however encounter a number of challenges to secure the exemptions, often after protracted negotiations and tax audits. Nonetheless, the Trust has been able to secure exemptions for 2022 and 2023 in the past year.

This is significant as it helps the trust to gradually build on its self-sustaining capability.

#### Revenue 2023

In 2023, the donations and grants contributed 51% of the Trust's income, down from 56% in 2022 and over 70% in 2018, and 100% in 2011-12. The tourism business and other investment instruments, started in 2012 following a landmark board resolution for the Trust to manage the tourism business and build its capacity for self-sustainability.

Tourism contributed 49% of the revenue, up from 44% in 2022, 30% in 2019 and 0% in 2011. This positive trend is expected to grow the target of 50:50 within the year 2024. Management is confident of achieving this, despite the challenges in the business environment.

The tourism business was able to meet its revenue targets, despite the relatively low visitor numbers (at only 70% of precovid-19 numbers). This was due to a strategic pricing policy to ensure that guests are more willing to pay a little more for an improved experience at Ngamba Island.

Enhanced marketing and promotional developed activities were implemented to make the Ngamba destination more attractive. We have also been boosted by strategic partnerships with Government agencies particular UTB, which has driven business and has promoted our destination to other Government agencies as a preferred option for shortterm visitors.

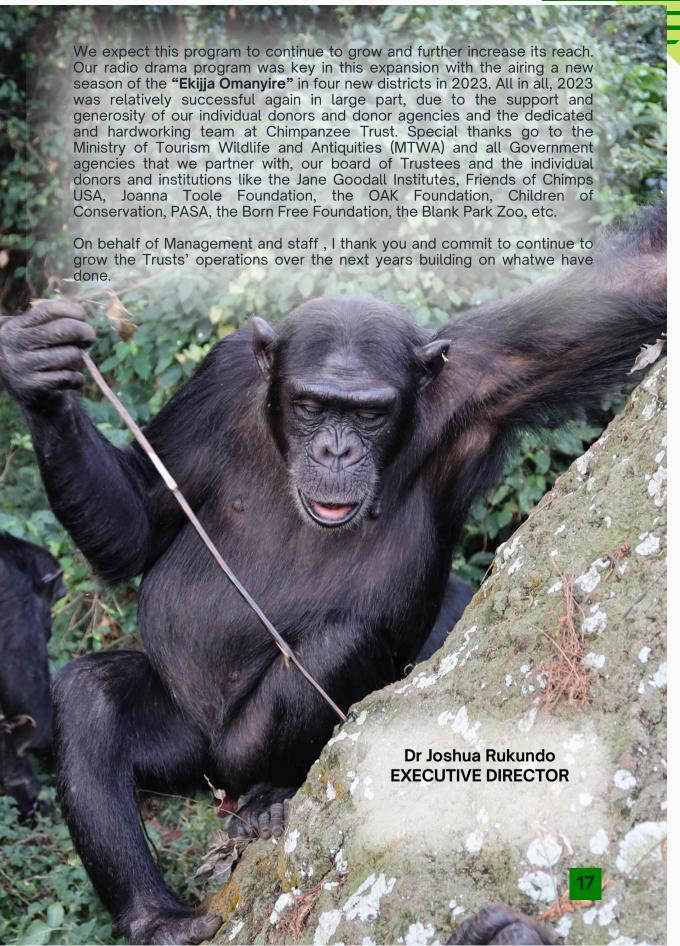
Our conservation program has faced funding challenges over the last two years. This has been exacerbated by a high turnover of staff in the program over the last 6 years. Many of the trained and experienced team members are often a target of larger conservation programs, organizations and companies.

We however appreciate these skills transfer as it builds on expanding our entities. influence in these Chimpanzee Trust management has been able to sustain the field programs including habitat restoration monitoring programs. In 2023, we were able to continue with the monitoring of over 2500ha of trees planted over the last 10 years and promote restoration through the provision of inputs to cover at least 1,300 ha of area. The tree planting program has been facing challenges in regions generally, the as organizations distribute seedlings for the same areas with a disproportionate impact in resultant tree cover, over the last 10 vears.

Trust The Chimpanzee with conservation partners operating in the area, under the Northern Albertine Rift Conservation Group (NARCG) are working together to address this challenge as well as other programs to maximize efficient use of resources for maximum output and maximum outcome. Working with these partners, the Trust intends to focus on the protection of planted and restored areas partnership with agencies that restoration undertake programs, bv boosting its monitoring program.

The Education and Awareness program got a large boost over the last two years, with a 100% increase in its funding through partnerships. These have increased the reach in schools and communities by widening our scope of reach to now include the districts of Buliisa, Fortportal, Kasese, in addition to areas we were already working in, namely Hoima, Kikuube, Kagadi, Kibale, Kampala, Wakiso and Mukono.









## CAPTIVE CARE PROGRAM



## Providing sanctuaries for orphaned and rescued chimpanzees.





The sanctuary has maintained a care routine that ensures the wellbeing of the chimpanzees, with feeding done four times a day following a carefully reviewed diet of mostly cereals, grains, fruits and vegetables and the necessary protein in the form of nuts and the occasional boiled poultry egg. No other animal protein is given, but the chimps do get access to ants in the forest enclosure. The chimpanzees are all in relatively good health.

The sanctuary has also maintained a vegetable garden established in 2022 for production of fresh vegetables for consumption on the island. This garden is both as a demonstration for the surrounding communities to ensure a steady and sustained supply of fresh and

organic vegetables for the chimps, as well as our staff and visitors. However, due to poor soils on the island, as well as extremely dry conditions for most of the year, the garden was only productive for about 6 months. We intend to revamp this garden with an irrigation system and has improved care. it demonstrated the capacity produce fresh vegetables daily all year round. The new irrigation system is expected to be in place in the first guarter of 2024.

Routine monitoring of chimpanzee behaviour unrelated to health is done. This includes monitoring of chimpanzee escapes, monitoring of chimpanzee nesting – chimpanzees that do not return from the forest to the night enclosure every evening.



## Chimpanzee health monitoring

The Ngamba chimpanzees are monitored daily with observations for behaviour and health parameters recorded and assessed by the resident veterinarian and sanctuary manager Dr Titus Mukungu. Any health or behavioural issues are flagged by the caregivers and addressed by the veterinary team. In 2023, we have recorded 28 incidences of injuries, most (25) minor, requiring simple side-cage management and three (3) requiring surgical intervention.



This is an 18% increase in incidents compared to last year and is caused by increased aggression when females are in cycle. Implants in the females usually prevent cycling, but we have had increased cases of implant removal and therefore active cycling, which has led to increased aggression in the males.

We also recorded one respiratory infection outbreak and this was well managed by the team in a short period. Only 2 other cases of infection were recorded and these were resolved with minimal intervention. Routine health protocols like deworming and health examinations were done.

The annual chimpanzee health examinations were conducted in July. checks intended The are for monitoring and prevention but also to check for the presence of underlying conditions, should they exist, review known chronic conditions the general health assess of individuals and the group. This activity also provides an opportunity to check for implants, attend to dental issues and collect samples for examination and future reference in our bio-databank.

The annual chimpanzee health examinations are also an opportunity to train young local vets in primate health and work with other veterinary specialists experts and volunteer their time to work with our veterinary team. This year, we had a group of volunteer specialists for dental and clinical veterinary medicine who worked with our team to examine the chimps.

We also worked with two local veterinarians who gained experience with chimpanzee health care. At the annual health checks. this year, there were no surprises, but a few flags were raised. A few individuals were monitored treatment/management protocols initiated until the were issues identified were resolved. No further intervention was needed. The veterinary team issued a general good health of the group.

Contraception in the captive management of the animals is a generally accepted especially in primates, to manage aggression in males and additionally, in the case of Ngamba Island, to manage the population of the group on the Island due to limitations with space. At Ngamba Island, we use subcutaneous implants as a means of contraception. This year, all the contraceptive implants were replaced in all the females in puberty. The level of success is varied due to a number of factors, one of which is implant removal by some of the females, and poorquality implants. This in turn has led to four births in the last five years and an increase in the levels of aggression chimpanzee in the community on Ngamba.

Fortunately, there have been no serious injuries to the chimps nor to any of the staff. Management has since procured better implants through the support of our donors and is to review the method of application to minimize incidence of removal.



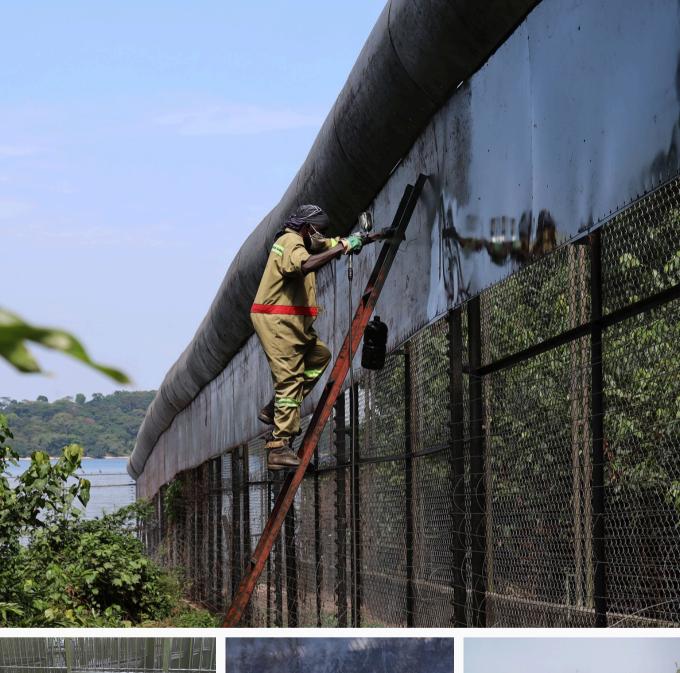
#### Ngamba Island Infrastructure

In 2023, Ngamba Island chimpanzee sanctuary marked 25 vears existence. This is an indicator of the age of some of the chimpanzee structures. One of the critical structures, the chimp house houses the chimpanzees at the sanctuary. every evening, after they return from their day in the forest. The chimp house or holding facility as it is often referred to by the caregivers, is important to provide housing and shelter for the night, to avoid nesting in the forest that would inevitably deplete the forest foliage, but also to allow daily close observations of the chimpanzees by the team for any issues and behavioral changes. It provides a unique opportunity to ensure that all the chimps are well cared for with two of the major feeding times, the early morning feeding and the evening feeding, conducted in the structure. This structure is a 6meter high structure made of reinforced steel panels welded together to make a large space of 2880 cubic meters. It is divided into 'rooms' with visual contact across the structure to enable the chimps to be easily managed for whatever case.

This structure had aged over time and in 2023, with support from the JGIs -Austria, Switzerland and Germany, was reconstructed. All old and rusted panels were removed and replaced. The floor removed was reconstructed as well as reinforcement of the foundations and the entire structure to improve its rigidity, making it less prone to compromise by displaying males. The reconstruction work was completed with a new roof for the structure and a new paint job.

Another of the structures, that is relatively new. but needed reinforcement and improvements is the high-security enclosure, which houses a couple of chimpanzees that are prone to escape. This structure was constructed in 2021 and 2022. but needed further reinforcement to prevent escapes. With support from the PASA emergency fund, this was also done in 2023 and the enclosure is in full use. Chimps Mawa and Asega, that had spent over 15 years staying indoors every day, now have access to the outdoors, separate from the rest of the group, who often are not welcoming to them.

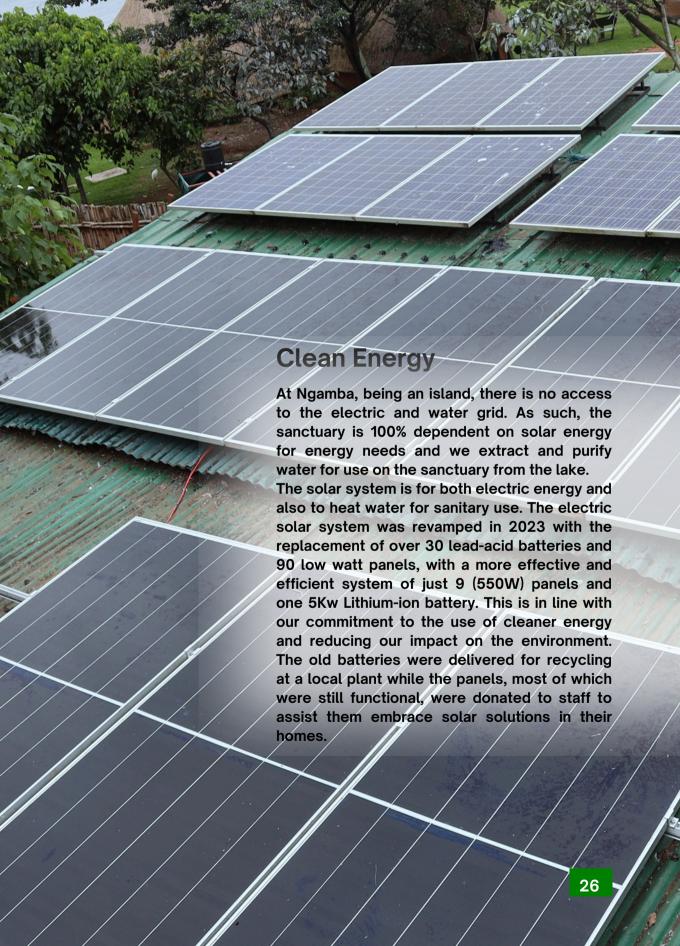












#### **Solar System**

The older lead acid batteries were replaced by the system of Lithium batteries longer life and cleaner energy.





#### Generator

A new backup generator was also installed as a back stop to any emergencies that may arise from any faults in the solar system.



#### Solar Water Heater

The Sanctuary utilizes solar with heaters for hot water these have proved to be efficient and economic over the years.

#### **Energy Stove**

The sanctuary also boasts of a modern energy stove, that utilizes volcanic rock for cooking needs. In a country where over 90% of the population still use wood fuel in the form firewood and charcoal for cooking, Ngamba demonstration, especially in Island communities, on the benefits of the use of energy savings stoves and gas for cooking. Our stove utilizes a small solar panel and electric fans to build and maintain heat for cooking on Ngamba Island.







# IN-SITU CHIMPANZEE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT







#### **Improving Community livelihoods**

The Trust continues to partner with other institutions to realize this objective. Currently the Trust has completed the 2nd of a 3-year project, in partnership with WCS Uganda, for the recovery of the Eastern Chimpanzee, by de-risking their habitat in the Albertine Rift of Uganda. Under this project, we have strengthened relationships with the protected authorities. area and the particularly. NFA local communities. through the development of community action plans to enhance the protection of forest habitats for community and wildlife benefit. This is done through engagement with the communities, in organized groups, as village savings loan schemes, or village Business Savings Groups. This year, the groups are trained in governance financial management to enhance their ability to manage their funds and ensure proper and prudent use to enhance the benefits that can be accrued to the memberships.

This had led to a growth in their savings, thereby enabling benefits available for individuals through their groups. The groups are based on location formed proximity to forest habitats and they agree as members on interventions to employ to combat or human-wildlife reduce, conflict, encroachment on protected forest, preservation of private forests, etc. One of the major risks to habitat preservation, has been the Human-Wildlife conflict that has led to active destruction of forest to 'drive away' wildlife from farming areas. In the trainings and community engagements, these issues are addressed and interventions minimize conflict and understanding of wild animal behavior has led to a marked decrease in conflict and thereby forest destruction in the areas we have engaged with.





## Enhancement of remnant chimpanzee forest – habitat monitoring

The Trust mobilized and trained 200 farmers in the selected parishes in Kikuube District. These were selected based on their proximity to the Bugoma Central Forest Reserve, home to over 600 wild chimpanzees. The farmers selected have a capacity to plant 50,000 seedlings for forest regeneration. However, we were only able to supply 42,000 seedlings to 104 farmers in Kaseeta and Bubogo parishes. Thes comprised of indigenous tree species, including Prunus Africana, Mahogany, Cordia Maesopsis and spp distributed to 104 farmers from Kabwoya Sub-county, Kikuube District each receiving varying quantities of tree seedlings.

22,000 seedlings were donated by the National Forestry Authority, NFA as part of our ongoing partnership to support reforestation in the areas close to Bugoma CFR. However, the rate of deforestation far exceeds efforts of restoration. A huge area of aged and prime natural forest in Bugoma CFR as well as privately owned forest land is being deforested for timber and agriculture respectively.







Monitoring of the issued seedlings, revealed an 81.2% planting rate, with a number of seedlings drying out or dying due to delayed planting by some farmers, who cited delayed rains. However, of the planted seedlings, over 90% survival rate was registered.

The Trust monitors planted seedlings over a 3-year period and typically, after the period, we usually have a 75% survival rate. The loss of forest cover in Uganda is estimated to be over 50,000Ha annually by the NFA. The rate of deforestation has increased since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.





#### **Human-Wildlife Conflict monitoring**

We monitor and track incidents of HWC in our areas of operation and beyond to be able to identify hot spots for HWC and to design suitable mitigation and awareness campaigns for the communities involved.

We recorded four major incidences that involved major injuries and fatalities and a few other incidences that caused loss of farmers' produce to crop raids. The major incidents included the death of a baby, killed by chimpanzees and another of two chimpanzees, a mother and its infant, killed by farmers, a chimp killed by a vehicle and an injury to a young human toddler by chimpanzees in his home.

His genitalia suffered injury requiring surgical intervention. Whereas, the incidences of serious injuries are lower compared to previous years, it is tough when there is loss of life, especially for babies that are injured or killed by chimps or any other wild animal.

It creates animosity in the communities and inevitably leads to killing of wildlife. The Trust program engages with the families of those who have suffered these losses to devise ways and means to prevent the recurrence of such incidences in the areas where they have occurred.



The Trust has not been able to retain skilled personnel in the in-situ conservation program. This has caused an efflux of a number of our officers over the last couple of years, affecting the operations of the program. Many of these skilled and committed guys have moved on to do similar work in larger NGOs in the area, for which we are happy for them. Unfortunately, this has depleted the program however management is committed to finding replacements early in 2024, to ensure that the programs do not lose the momentum gained over the last 15 years.





# CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND AWARENESS





The education program was started as far back as 2000 and over the period, we have built our education program from communities around the sanctuary on Lake Victoria, to schools in urban areas of Kampala, Wakiso and beyond, to community schools in areas where the communities are in close proximity to chimpanzees and their habitats.

#### School outreach program

In 2023, the education program of the Chimpanzee Trust continued to implement a project to increase awareness of the plight of the chimpanzee and as environmental education to schools, targeting areas that are impacted by the ongoing oil exploration works in western Uganda. Our project seeks to reinforce the need for the preservation of forested areas, by teaching school-going children of the importance of forests and the maintenance of healthy forests through wildlife clubs that the Trust has helped to set up at the select schools. We appreciate the effort of TOTAL Energies EP Uganda (TEPU) in funding the implementation of those activities.





#### Radio Drama For Environmental Education



Radio is one of the easiest and most effective media of communication in rural and urban areas. Literally every household has a radio and with the increased penetration of mobile devices, surveys have shown a marked increase in the use of both radio sets and mobile phones for listening in to radio programs.

Back in 2017, the Trust revamped its radio drama program and has since developed a storyline that addresses day-to-day issues that local communities face and how actions taken by different households have an impact on the environment and the social and economic well-being of individuals.

As such, we have strived to ensure that annually, a new storyline is developed into a script played by professional actors and aired on select radio stations in the areas we target, to impart messages of environmental conservation and increase awareness of the chimpanzee. Our radio drama is in the 4th season and has reached over 5 million people in about 8 Districts of western Uganda.

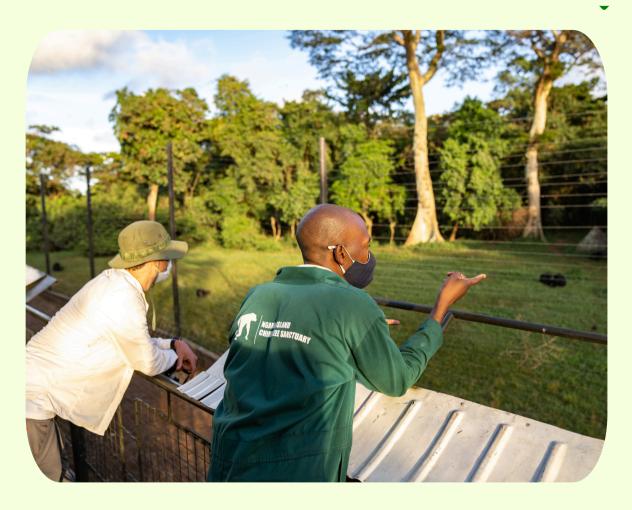




# RESEARCH COMMUNICATION AND PARTNERSHIP

Ngamba Island and the Chimpanzee Trust have been conducting research on chimpanzees since its foundation 25 years ago. Partnerships with leading Universities in primate research and leading primatologists have helped us and the world understand chimpanzees better and in particular to understand our chimpanzees on Ngamba Island.





#### Research on Ngamba Island

Our research policy calls for non-invasive research on primates with special consideration to their welfare and willingness to participate. Any chimpanzee that indicates an unwillingness to participate should not be coerced and management retains the right to suspend or stop any research proceedings should it be deemed not to conform to our standards and principals of animal welfare. Currently the Trust has a couple of MOUs with three Universities to conduct research on a long-term basis, 3-5 years, and is renewable and in the last year, we also agreed to have an additional research project to study cooperation in small groups of individuals. Our research programs can be accessed on our website <a href="https://www.ngambaisland.org/research">www.ngambaisland.org/research</a>



#### **Partnerships**

The Chimpanzee Trust relies on partnerships to be able to achieve its goals. As such, a number of strategic partnerships are developed natured with strategic partners for mutual benefit. This year we have been able to finalize the sign MoUs with the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre (UWEC), the Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA), the National Forestry Authority (NFA) and Local Authority of the Kakumiro District Local Government. We have also renewed our co-operation with the Wildlife Clubs of Uganda (WCU)

We are maintaining operational activities through ongoing MoUs with other entities including the District Local Governments of Kikuube District. Kagadi District and Munteme Vocational Technical College, etc. We partnership however. also have programs to aid with raising funds for the sanctuary with the Jane Goodall Institutes of; Germany, Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland and the USA. We also have continued to nurture and grow our partnerships with Friends of Chimpanzees - USA, the Born Free Foundation - UK, the Discovery Center, the OAK Foundation, the Ruparelia Foundation.





#### Volcanoes Safaris Partnership Trust

The Volcanoes Safaris Partnership Trust (VSPT), established in 2009, is a non-profit organisation that connects Volcanoes Safaris lodges to the communities neighbouring conservation activities. VSPT aims to long-term, self-sustaining create projects that enrich the livelihoods of local communities. promote the conservation of the great apes, restore natural habitats and work with communities and institutions to reduce human-wildlife conflict.

### The Lost Chimpanzees of Kyambura Gorge

VSPT launched the Kyambura Ecotourism Project in 2019 to undertake a series of projects that support the threatened chimpanzee population at Kyambura Gorge.

The projects include the reforestation of a buffer zone, a coffee cooperative and a regeneration of a wetland. The buffer zone is a 3km long buffer between the wildlife of Kyambura Gorge and Queen Elizabeth National Park and the neighbouring communities. By reducing the human-wildlife conflict the buffer zone protects both the wildlife and the people.

VSPT has partnered with the Jane Goodall Institute Uganda to safeguard the Kyambura ecosystem.







#### The Albertine Apes Alliance

To celebrate our 25th anniversary in 2022, we hosted a retreat with the Uganda Wildlife Authorities and twenty-five conservation partners to formulate new approaches to the conserve the great apes in the Albertine Rift. The stakeholders formed a collaborative action plan for the priority areas, including the 'Lost Chimpanzees in Kyambura Gorge, and formed the Albertine Apes Alliance for continued dialog and actions.

To find out more, please visit www.volcanoessafaris.com/community





# SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE TOURISM





#### Ngamba Island Visitor Program

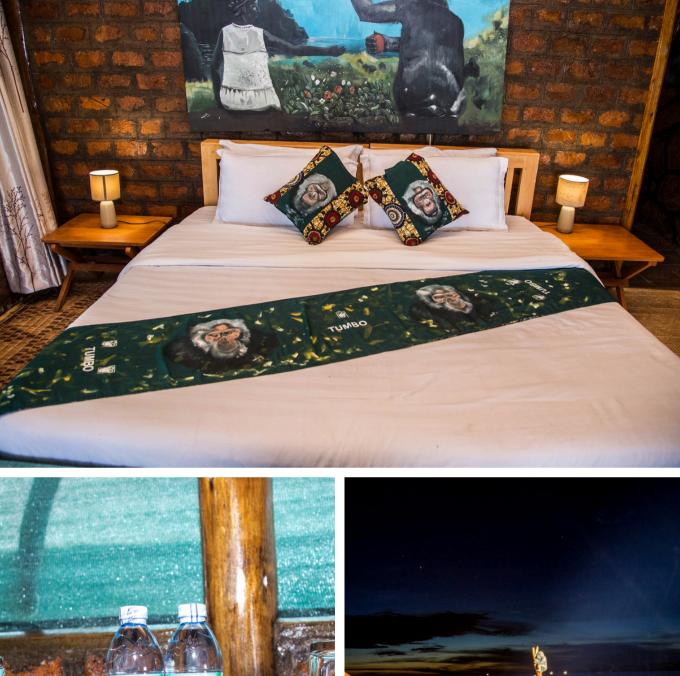
The Chimpanzee Trust operates a modest tourism business to support the operations of the sanctuary. Visitors come to Ngamba Island to watch the chimpanzees and learn about their behavior and characteristics and challenges they are facing as a species. Visitors are guided and given education talks by the team of chimpanzee caregivers at the sanctuary.

We also receive overnight visitors that come for short stays of 1-3 days or more. These get to a more in-depth experience of the operations of the sanctuary and get to see the caregivers and staff work with the

chimpanzees, including exclusive behind the scenes activities involving food preparation, observational records, veterinary side-cage care, integration of the individuals and groups, as well as maintenance works about and inside the holding areas and the chimpanzee forest.

The sanctuary avails amenities to our visitors, including deluxe self-contained accommodation facilities, a restaurant and lounge area, serviced by well-trained chefs able to present a variety of cousins, from local to international to exotic – clients choice.













We also avail additional activities for over night visitors like leisurely cruises around the sanctuary to reveal the beautiful island and observe unique picturesque sunsets in the evenings. Local fishing experience is another unique activity. This may vary from trawling to net casting with the local fishermen, to night fishing for the nutritious silverfish, a local delicacy. We have partnered with our neighbors to include other products like village homestay, where quests experience the local culture from fishing to local dish preparation, experience fishing village culture through direct interaction with the community people.

The islands on Lake Victoria and in particular at and around Ngamba are famed for the variety of birds that dwell on them. On Ngamba, we have recorded between 150 to up to 250 different bard species at the annual birding days, in which we actively participate. We also have over 100 species of other insects, reptiles and mammals at the sanctuary and in the neighboring islands: from the Nile monitor lizard, to the spotted-naked otters, to the nocturnal mongoose and even pythons and other snakes! Ngamba Island is a full ecosystem with the chimpanzees the as 'dominant' species.





#### **Volunteer Program**

The sanctuary receives and accepts short to long-term volunteer programs at the sanctuary. The volunteers are a crucial part of successful sanctuary operations as they bring a variety of experiences and expertise that is needed at the sanctuary, construction, maintenance, veterinary care, animal care, feeding nutrition, social media marketing, content development. teaching, to mention a few. The volunteer program also gives an opportunity to gain experience and skills in the management of primates, or chimpanzees in particular, as well as to fulfil innate desire to work with animals, especially those as intelligent as chimpanzees and to make a contribution to the survival of the species or to simply support the sanctuary. We receive and review applications for volunteering at the sanctuary and select those of mutual benefit.

www.ngambaisland.org/volunteering



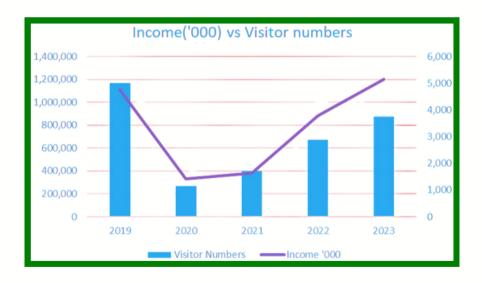


#### **Marketing and Promotions**



The Chimpanzee Trust is involved in a number of promotional activities locally, regionally and internationally to increase awareness of our programs, seek donor support and primarily to market our tourism business and improve our sustainability efforts.

Our marketing has seen a steady increase in the trend of visibility, translating into increased visitor numbers at the sanctuary.



As the figure above shows, visitor numbers are currently still below the numbers of 2019, which was our highest number of visitors over the last 10 years. However, the income generated has come to match that of 2019 due to strategic marketing, improved amenities and services to guests and reduced operational costs.











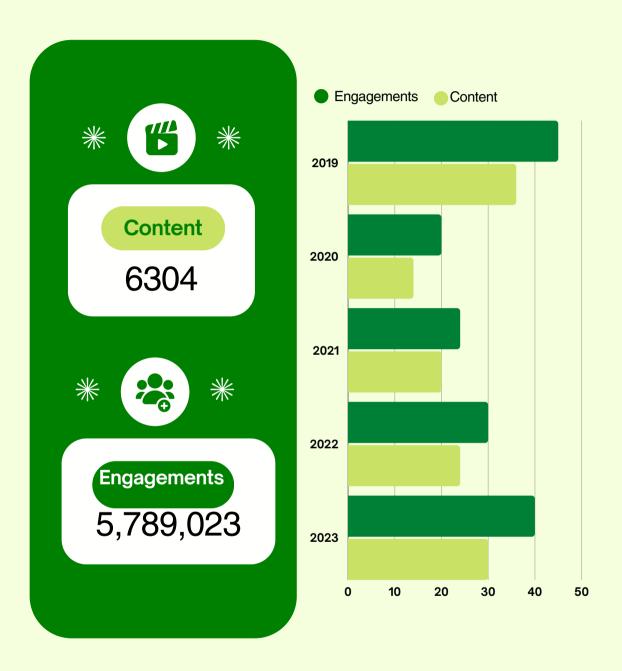








#### **All Social Media Insights**







# NGAMBA 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Ngamba Island chimpanzee sanctuary forest chimpanzee received its residents in August of 1998. The sanctuary had been set up from the previous and preliminary vear structures were set up in early 1998 to receive be ready to rescued chimpanzees. This started as a project of the Jane Goodall Institute Uganda and was patroned by H.E. Mrs Janet Kataaha Museveni, the first lady of the republic of Uganda on 12th October 1997. In 1998. This marked the beginning of the Chimpanzee Sanctuary and Wildlife Conservation Trust - Chimpanzee Trust. This year, from April 2023, we launched our celebrations to mark 25 years of chimpanzee conservation, education and awareness!



























































# DONATIONS COLLECTED AT THE SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – TOWARD THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Name of Donor	Amount Received (UGX)
Ruparelia Foundation	25,000,000
JGI Uganda	1,000,000
UWEC	5,000,000
Yash Brothers	925,000
Volcano Safaris	9,250,000
Sebastian Louis	9,250,000
World Class Technologies	250,000
25 by 25 campaign on Global Giving platform	4,865,500
Padre Pio Insurance	2,500,000
Mitchel Stumpe	9,250,000
Pelican Lodge and Marine	37,000,000
Dr.Kristie	1,000,000
СТРН	1,500,000
Synad Associates	500,000
UWA	25,000,000
Arts Treasure	437,500
Oak Foundation	92,500,000
Farmer	925,000
UTB	9,250,000
Nvuuma Shoppers	200,000
Lumala Agencies	200,000
SWICO	925,000
Total Collected	236,728,000



# ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE



## Registered offices and places of operation



#### **Head Office**

Chimpanzee Trust Plot 1 Bank Close, Entebbe Town P.O. Box 884, Entebbe (U)

Tel:+256414320662 Fax: +256414321737

Email: <a href="mailto:info@ngambaisland.org">info@ngambaisland.org</a>
Website: <a href="mailto:www.ngambaisland.org">www.ngambaisland.org</a>

#### **Animal WelfareBase:**

Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary Koome Sub-County Mukono District, on Lake Victoria

#### Regional office

Hoima City, Hoima District, Mid-Western Uganda

#### **Bankers**

Name	Address	
Stanbic Bank (U) Ltd	Entebbe Town Branch	
ABSA Bank (U) Ltd	Entebbe Kitoro Branch	
Post Bank (U) Ltd	Entebbe Branch	

#### **Investment Partners**

Bank of Uganda Kampala (U)	Long-term investments Short term investment (staff benefits)
UAP Old Mutual Insurance Kampala (U)	Endowment fund



#### **Auditors**



The internal audit partner is a certified audit firm, appointed by the Board of the Trust, to perform quarterly audit of the finances and operations of the Trust and report to management and the board.

Martin Path and Associates Certified Public Accounts Marahaba Apartment, Kiwamirembe Road, Kajjansi Tel:+256772500734, P.O. Box 5421-Kampala, Uganda

#### Lawyers

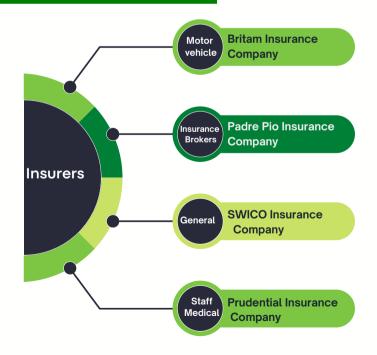
Rezida & Company Advocates Kampala, Uganda

#### **Independent Auditor**

This is also appointed by the board to undertake comprehensive audit of the operations of the Trust and the annual financial statements of the Trust for a period of 3 years.

MDJ and Partners
Certified Public Accountants,
P.O. Box 271, Entebbe, Uganda.
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0772-635101

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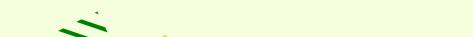


#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



The Board that held office during the reporting period comprised of the following members:

Name	Position	Organization Represented
Dr. James Musinguzi (PhD)	Chairperson	UWEC
Ms. Pauline Nantongo Kalunda	Member	ECOTRUST
Mr. John Makombo	Member	UWA
Mr. James Byamukama	Member	JGI
Ms. Maggie Balaskis	Member	Born Free Foundation
Mr. Sebastian Louis	Member	Independent
Ms. Gorreti Masadde	Member	Independent
Ms. Michelle Stumpe	Member	Independent
Ms. Lilly Ajarova	Member	UTB
Dr. Joshua Rukundo	Secretary	Chimpanzee Trust



#### **Working Committees of the Board**

The work of the Board is supported by three working committees each chaired by a member of the Board. The committees and their membership that served during the reporting period comprised of:

#### **Operations and Governance Committee**

Name	Position	Organization Represented
Ms. Pauline Nantongo Kalunda	Chairperson	ECOTRUST
Mr. John Makombo	Member	UWA
Mr. James Byamukama	Member	JGI
Ms. Michelle Stumpe	Member	Independent
Dr. Joshua Rukundo	Secretary	Chimpanzee Trust

#### **Finance Committee**

Name	Position	Organization Represented
Ms. Gorreti Masadde	Chairperson	Independent
Mr. Sebastian Louis	Co-Chairperson	Independent
Mr. Emmanuel Mwanja	Member	UWA
CPA David Kasumba	Member	UWEC
CPA Jim Mukasa	Internal Auditor	MartinPath Associates
Ms. Nairah Mayanja	Member	ECOTRUST
Dr. Joshua Rukundo	Secretary	Chimpanzee Trust

#### **Resource Mobilisation and Investment Committee**

Name	Position	Organization Represented
Ms. Michelle Stumpe	Chairperson	Independent
Ms. Maggie Balaskis	Member	Born Free Foundation
Ms. Gorreti Masadde	Member	Independent
Ms. Lilly Ajarova	Member	UTB
Dr. Joshua Rukundo	Secretary	Chimpanzee Trust

## MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF THE TRUST

During the reporting period, the Trust was run by a team comprising of both management and staff headed by the Executive Director. The senior management team comprised of the following key personnel:

Name	Position
Dr. Joshua Rukundo	Executive Director
CPA John Kalonde Kintu	Finance and Administration Manager
Dr. Titus Mukungu	Sanctuary Manager
Ms. Martha Nansamba	Business Development Manager
Ms. Janephar Atuhairwe	Ag. Conservation Manager (Jan – Sep 2023)

#### **Gender Parity**

Chimpanzee Trust closed the year 2023 with 32 employees including Volunteers out of which 09 were female and 23 were male, compared to a total of 41 that was maintained in the year 2022. It should be noted that in the course of the year, 09 of the 41 staff we started the year with, left the organisation and their positions are yet to be filled by management.

### Management -employee relationship

Despite the challenges of turnover at both middle and lower management levels, which created staffing gaps that are yet to be filled up by the Board, the relationship between Chimpanzee Trust's existing employees and management for the vear 2023 was generally good. There unresolved no complaints between the two parties during the year. Chimpanzee Trust is an equal opportunity employer. It gives equal access to employment opportunities and ensures that the best available person is appointed to take up any given position free from discrimination of any kind and without regard to factors such as gender, marital status, tribes, religion and disability which does not impair ability to discharge duties.



#### **Employee's Benefits**

All employees of the Trust have valid contracts which they have all signed, with benefits to include a monthly salary, medical insurance for them and their families, accident cover, meals and uniforms while at work as well as tools to enable them perform their duties.

All eligible employees are members of the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) which is an approved pension fund, established by an Act of Parliament. The entity contributes 10% whereas the employee contributes 5% of the gross salary towards the scheme. The NSSF is a defined contribution scheme with Chimpanzee Trust having no legal or constructive obligation to pay further top-up contributions. Further, as per the Human resource Manual of the Trust, employees who complete their contractual terms are entitled to receive end of Contract Terminal benefits. The Trust maintains an Operation Reserve account in which funds are annually appropriated to cater for such obligations as and when they arise.

In this respect therefore, during the year 2023, the Trust paid UGX 164,645,313 to all eligible staff as compared to UGX 66,068,029 that was paid out in the year 2022.



#### Long Service Award

Bageya Moses receives his 20 Year Service Award certificate

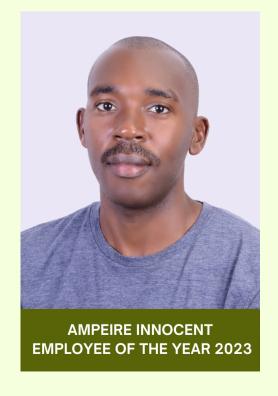


#### Employee's of the year



**MANAGER OF THE YEAR 2023** 





### Employee's of the Month



**Ms.Dorothy Basemeera Team player February** 



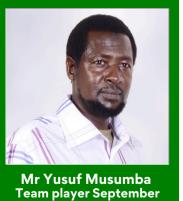
Ms. Joan Mukisa **Team player July** 



**Mr Innocent Amprier Team player November** 



Ms. Christine Nyange **Team player August** 





Mr Musumba Yusfu **Team player October** 



#### **STAFF TEAMS**



**Island Team** 



**Business Team** 

Administration Team



#### Benefits and Remuneration of Board members

The Chimpanzee Trust is a Non-profit making entity and therefore, there was neither declaration nor payment of dividend to any Trustee or founding member during the financial year. The Board members are volunteers to the Trust and may only be facilitated when conducting official business of the organisation.

#### **Corporate Governance**

Chimpanzee Trust is committed to the principles of good corporate governance and recognise the need to provide services in accordance with generally accepted best practices. In so doing, the Board therefore;

- They meet as and when it is necessary throughout the year;
- They retain full and effective control over the entity;
- They accept and exercise responsibility for strategic and policy decisions, the approval of budgets and the monitoring of performance;
- They bring skills and experience from their own spheres of operation to complement the professional experience and skills of the management team.

In 2023, the Board continued to carry out its role of formulating policies and strategies for the organisation, reviewing the work plans, ensuring that the accounting system is maintained in accordance with acceptable standards, the Books of Account for the entity are kept properly, and that accounts are checked by authorised auditors, as well as recruitment and development of key personnel.

#### **Solvency and Going Concern**

Chimpanzee Trust confirms that applicable accounting standards have been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Board has a reasonable expectation that the Organisation has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. However, whereas the continuous negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the financial affairs of the entity cannot be reliably estimated in the short-run, the funding levels of the entity has gradually improved since the post-COVID-19 era.

The Trust was able to realise adequate revenue from both internal and external approved sources, which continues to guarantee its solvency and improvement in the going concern status after the pandemic.





#### Risk management

The Board accepts final responsibility for the risk management and internal control system of Chimpanzee Trust. Management ensures that adequate internal financial and operational control systems are developed and maintained on an ongoing basis in order to provide reasonable assurance regarding:

- The effectiveness and efficiency of operations;
- · Safeguarding of the entity's assets;
- Compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- · The reliability of accounting records;
- Business sustainability under normal as well as adverse conditions; and
- Responsible behaviour towards all stakeholders.

The efficiency of any internal control system is dependent on the strict observance of prescribed measures. There is always a risk of non-compliance of such measures by staff. Whilst no system of internal control can provide absolute assurance against misstatement or losses, the Entity's risk management system is designed to provide the Board with reasonable assurance that the procedures in place are operating effectively



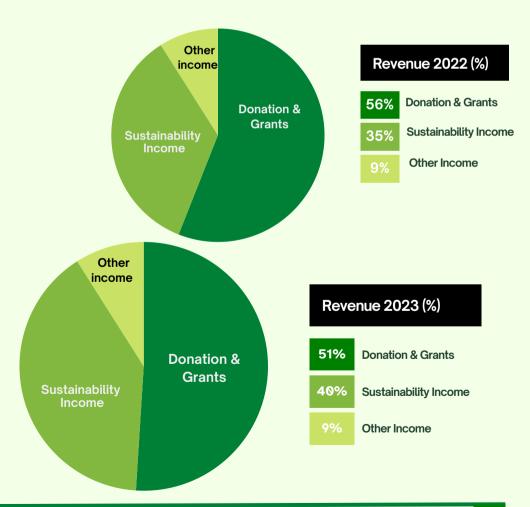
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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

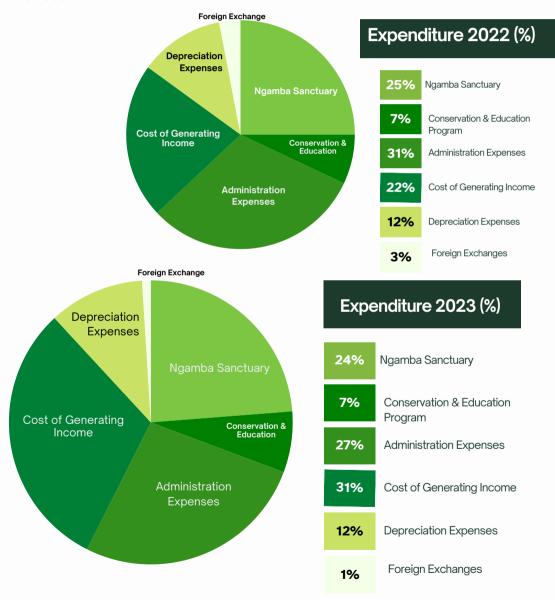
#### Revenue

The Trust's revenue earnings grew from UGX 2,525,870,525 reported in the year 2022 to UGX 2,980,546,692 reported by end of the year 2023. This represents 18% growth. The increase in revenue was mainly influenced by availability of more business opportunities in the Tourism sector and more contributions realised from Well-wishers who periodically donated towards food and other related items for the general welfare of the Chimps.



#### **Expenditure**

The Trust's expenditure increased by 19.6% thus; from UGX 2,272,775,191 ported in the year 2022 to UGX 2,719,065,758 reported by end of the year 2023. The was mainly influenced by the expenditure incurred on hosting the celebrations for Ngamba@25, the increased cost of carrying out the Tourism business and the losses caused by volatility of the foreign currency against the local functional currency in which the Trust predominantly uses for transacting its business.



#### **TOTAL ASSETS**

The total asset base of the Trust arew from **UGX** 7,506,752,899 reported as at end of the year 2022 to UGX 8,164,372,188 reported at end of the year 2023. This represents 8.8% growth in total Assets and is attributed to the fact that more capital developments were undertaken during the year especially to do with the new facilities put up at Ngamba Sanctuary and the ongoing construction Works at Plot 17A.

#### **TOTAL LIABILITIES**

The total liabilities of the Trust increased from UGX 1,595,500,099 reported as at end of the year 2022 to UGX 1,715,738,096 reported at end of the year 2023. This represents 7.5% increase in total liabilities and was mainly due to outstanding bills payable at the end of the year but which are within the means of the Trust to finance

GROWTH 2023 Vs 2022

ASSETS LIABILITIES

8.8% 7.5%

**EQUITY** 

9.1%

#### **TOTAL EQUITY**

The total Equity base of the Trust increased from UGX 5,911,252,800 reported as at end of the year 2022 to UGX 6,448,634,092 reported at end of the year 2023. This represents 9.1% increase in total Equity and is mainly increase attributed to in revenue which translated into net a Surplus at the end of the year after financing the year's budget as well as the mobilization that were done for growing the endowment reserve fund.



#### **KEY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS AND FUNDING SUPPORT**

























#### **Friends of Chimps**

Supporting the care and conservation of chimpanzees worldwide











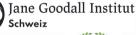






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## POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

Whereas the year 2023 was meant to be the last period for implementing our old strategic plan that was enacted in 2019, the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic led to change in re-thinking the organisation's strategy to fit in the prevailing economic conditions thereafter. As result, the Board had to prematurely terminate the old strategic plan in the year 2022 before its full implementation. with Eventually support of the management team and external consultants, a new strategic plan that will guide the strategic direction of the Trust for the next five-year time horizon was developed and approved by the Board and this took effect from the year 2023. Besides, there were no other new policies enacted during the year and as such, management continued with implementation of the existing

Formulation of new policies and updating of the existing ones will be embarked on in the year 2024 to close the existing gaps as recommended by our auditors and also to ensure we re-align them with new strategic plan to ease its implementation.





## ACCOUNTABILITY AND FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Trust contracts qualified auditors to perform yearly audits to ensure complete disclosure, transparency, and compliance with the relevant Ugandan laws and regulations. For the year 2023, Chimpanzee Trust re-appointed MDJ and Partners-Certified Public Accountants as **Auditors** in accordance with provisions set in the organisation's Constitution and the Ugandan NGO Act Cap. 113 as amended to date. They have to date served the Trust for a period of three years and their continuity in office will be subjected to review and approval by the Board.



#### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The NGO Act Cap.113 of the Laws of Uganda under which Chimpanzee Trust is regulated together with the Trust's Constitution requires the Board of Trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial period, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation as at the end of the financial period and of the operating results for that period. The Act and the Trust's Constitution further requires the Board to ensure that the organisation maintains proper Books of Account, which disclose with reasonable accuracy its financial position. The Board is also responsible for safeguarding the Trust's assets and to take reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Board accepts the responsibility for the financial statements which have been prepared using appropriate accounting policies supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates and are free of material misstatements, and are in conformity with the International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the NGO Act Cap. 113 as amended to date. The Board further asserts that the financial Statements as audited by the External Auditors give a true and fair view of the state of the financial position of Chimpanzee Trust as at 31 December 2023 and of its operating results and cash flows for the period then ended. The Auditors issued unqualified audit opinion over the financial statements.

With exception of the continuous effects of the post COVID-19era and the threats by some of the Global Development Partners to withdraw funding support to Uganda as a country, which actions have a bearing on the country's tourism sector but the direct impact of which on the entity's financial position could not be reliably estimated, as at end of the reporting period, there was no other matters that had come to the attention of the Board which could threaten the going concern status of Chimpanzee Trust. It is therefore highly probable that the Trust will remain a going concern for at least the next twelvemonths from the date of issue of this statement.

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the Board at their meeting held online on the 26th day of February 2024 and is signed for and on behalf of the Chimpanzee Trust by;

Dr James Musiguzi, (PhD)	Dr Joshua Rukundo



# THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2023

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Chimpanzee Sanctuary and Wildlife Conservation Trust as set out on page 22 to 48. The financial statements comprise of; the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash flows, the Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies for the year ended 31 December, 2023.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present in all material respects, a true and fair view financial of the position Chimpanzee Sanctuary and Wildlife Conservation Trust as at 31 December 2023, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with requirements of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and the Ugandan NGO Act Cap.113 as amended to date

#### **Basis Opinion**

We conducted our audit in with accordance International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and Guidelines issued by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants Uganda. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We independent of the organisation in accordance with the International **Fthics** Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IFSBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Uganda, and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities other in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Key Audit Matters**

Key audit matters are those that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.



## The following are the key audit matters that have been identified for the year:

### Key Audit Matter identified (KAM)

Disposal of some Fixed Assets

The Financial statements include a material amount of UGX 65,858,827= relating to the cost of the disposed old set of solar equipment that had been installed at Ngamba Sanctuary in the past years of operation. At the time of disposal, this asset had an accumulated depreciation of UGX 64,798,933= while its Net book value stood at UGX 1,059,894=.

According to the Trust's policies, Fixed Assets that are fully depreciated and have out lived their purpose of deriving economic benefits to the entity are disposed off in accordance with the procurement and disposal guidelines and thereafter appropriate entries are passed in the financial records as provided for in the finance policy manual.

#### How our Audit addressed the KAM

Our procedures in relation to this matter included performing tests to confirm the accounting policy adopted and procedures followed by management to carry out the disposals. We confirmed that the items were given away in kind to the beneficiaries and therefore disposed off at no sales value.

We obtained a list of all the items that were disposed off during the year and matched them with the details of the individual Assets and Asset classes recorded in the Fixed Assets Register of the Entity. On a test basis, we reviewed the cost values, the accumulated depreciation and the carrying amounts of all the disposed items at the time of disposal and compared them with the amounts reported in the previous financial statements to confirm the net gains/losses realized on disposal of the respective items.

Whereas the original cost value of the disposed items was significant in nature, the assets had almost been fully depreciated by the time of disposal. We tested and confirmed that all the relevant entries regarding the retirement of the disposed items from the Asset schedule and other financial records of the Trust were appropriately delt with. Although the movements in the Fixed Asset base of an entity due to acquisitions, discontinued operations or disposals usually have an impact on its financial position, through our audit tests, we were satisfied that the amount for the total fixed assets presented in the financial position of the Trust has been adjusted to the appropriate fair values reported therein after the respective disposals were done. We have no further disclosures to make about this matter.

Besides, the above matter, we have no other significant key audit matters that were identified and would qualify for disclosure in this audit report. The above key audit matter doesn't modify our audit opinion as stated herein earlier



#### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If based on the work we have performed on the other information that we have obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this information, we are required to report that fact

## Responsibilities of Management and those with Governance for the Financial Statements:

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the IFRSs, and for such internal controls as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material statement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparation of the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organisation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organisation or to cease operations, or has no realistic atternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organisation's financial reporting process.

## Responsibilities of Management and those with Governance for the Financial Statements:

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a quarantee than an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if. individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken onbasis of these of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit.

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#### We also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and opinion. The risk not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than or one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management

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Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and eventsin a manner that achievesfair presentation.



We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguard. From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters.

We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

#### Report on other Regulatory requirements

As required by the Ugandan NGO Act Cap. 113 and the regulations made there under as amended to date as well as the TrustDeed, we report to you based on our audit, that:

- 1. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
- 2. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by Chimpanzee Trust so far as appears from our examination of those books;
- 3. The Trust's statement of financial position and statement of comprehensive income are in agreement with the books of account kept during the reporting period.
- 4. The Trust's business has been operated efficiently and within the acceptable standards.

The Engagement Lead Practitioner on this audit resulting in the independent auditors' report is CPA Mwase Daniel Balibonaki (P0138), whose signature and seal are hereby appended and /or fixed this 6th day of March 2024.

CPA Mwase Daniel
Engagement Lead Practitioner
MDJ AND PARTNERS
Certified Public Accountants
P.O. Box 271, Entebbe – Uganda

### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
	0120020	0100022
REVENUE:	UGX	UGX
Donations and Grants	1,510,864,501	1,415,544,749
Sustainability Income	1,204,787,350	883,500,982
Other Income	264,894,841	226,824,794
Total Income	2,980,546,692	2,525,870,525
EXPENDITURE:		
Ngamba Sanctuary expenses	637,931,408	595,803,232
Conservation & Education Program expenses	184,778,690	157,513,814
Administrative expenses	726,081,474	720,272,276
Cost of Generating Income	837,544,485	511,853,797
Depreciation & Amortisation expense	332,729,701	287,332,072
Total expenditure	2,719,065,758	2,272,775,191
Surplus for the year	261,480,934	253,095,334
Other Comprehensive Income/Loss:		
Foreign Exchange Gain / Loss	(27,791,291)	(72,973,352)
Comprehensive income for the year	233,689,643	180,121,982

The Statement of Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the accounting policies and notes forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 26 to 48



#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
	UGX	UGX
ASSETS		
Non-Current Assets		
Property and Equipment	4,249,030,506	4,029,202,484
Long Term Investments	3,212,354,707	363,998,598
Total Non-Current Assets	7,461,385,213	4,393,201,082
Current Assets		
Inventories	14,291,235	25,746,970
Accounts Receivable	45,717,360	17,423,232
Short Term Investments	228,376,560	1,907,157,017
Cash and bank balance	414,601,820	1.163,224,598
Total Current Assets	702,986,975	3,113,551,817
TOTAL ASSETS	8,164,372,188	<u>7,506,752,899</u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
EQUITY		
Capital Outlay	483,872,099	483,872,099
Revaluation Reserve	2,358,620,029	2,358,620,029
Endowment Fund	769,618,144	479,241,182
Operations Reserve Fund	395,959,662	382,644,975
Retained Surplus	2,440,564,157	2,206,874,515
Total Accumulated Funds	6,448,634,092	<u>5,911,252,800</u>
LIBILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Payables and Accruals	208,189,434	87,951,437
Deferred Income	1,507,548,662	1,507,548,662
Total Current Liabilities	1,715,738,096	<u>1,595,500,099</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	8,164,372,188	7,506,752,899

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
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	UGX	UGX
Cashflows from Operating activities		
Surplus for the year per Income Statement		180,121,982
Adjusted for non-cash items		
Depreciation expense	332,729,701	287,332,072
Provision for doubtful debts	5,329,210	0
Round off effect	0	(2)
Loss on disposal of Fixed Assets	<u>1,059,894</u>	<u>4,972,315</u>
Surplus Before Working Capital Changes	572,808,449	472,426,367
Changes in working capital items		
Decrease / (Increase) in Inventories	11,455,735	(16,374,811)
Decrease / (Increase) in Receivables	(33,623,338)	38,230,797
Decrease / (Increase) in Short-term Investments	1,678,780,457	(407,721,460)
Increase / (Decrease) in Payables & Accruals	120,237,997	(17,762,463)
Increase / (Decrease) in Deferred Income	0	331,067,627
Increase in Retirement Benefit provisions	<u>13,314,687                                    </u>	<u>72,914,256</u>
Net cash from/ (used in) operating activities	2,362,973,986	472,780,313
Cashflows from Investing activities		
Cash paid for purchase of property and equipment	(553,617,617)	(185,145,888)
Long Term Investments	(2,848,356,109)	(142,392,551)
Net cash from/ (used in) investing activities	<u>(3,401,973,726)</u>	(327,538,439)
Cashflows from Financing activities		
Endowment Fund Collections	290,376,962	147,997,38
Net cash from/ (used in) financing activities	<u>290,376,962</u>	147,997,388
Movement in cash and cash equivalents	(748,622,778)	293,239,262
Add: Cash and Cash Equivalents at start of the year	1,163,224,598	869,985,336
Cash and Cash Equivalents at year end	414,601,820	1,163,224,598

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS AS AT 31 DECEMBER2023

FY 2023 (Current Year)	Revaluation Reserve	Retained Surplus Account	Endowment Fund	Operations Reserve Fund	Capital Fund	Total Equity
rear)	UGX	UGX	UGX	UGX	UGX	UGX
Balance as at 1st January 2023	2,358,620,029	2,206,874,515	479,241,182	382,644,975	483,872,099	5,911,252,800
Additional Contributions	0	0	238,656,438	120,000,000	0	358,656,438
Interest on Investment	0	0	51,720,524	57,960,000	0	109,680,524
Withdrawals during the year	0	0	0	(164,645,313)	0	(164,645,313)
Surplus for the year	0	233,689,643	0	0	0	233,689,643
Round off effects	0	(1)	0	0	0	(1)
Balance as at 31 December 2023	2,358,620,029	2,440,564,157	769,618,144	395,959,662	483,872,099	6,448,634,092

FY 2022 (Previous Year)	Revaluation Reserve	Retained Surplus Account	Endowment Fund	Operations Reserve Fund	Capital Outlay	Total Accumulat ed Fund
	UGX	UGX	UGX	UGX	UGX	UGX
Balance as at 1st January 2022	868,310,000	2,026,752,531	331,243,794	309,730,719	483,872,099	4,019,909,14 3
Additional Contributions	1,490,310,029	0	115,240,287	120,000,000	0	1,725,550,316
Interest on Investment	0	0	32,757,101	18,982,285	0	51,739,386
Withdrawals during the year	0	0	0	(66,068,029	0	(66,068,029)
Surplus for the year	0	180,121,982	0	0	0	180,121,982
Round off effects	0	2	0	0	0	2
Balance as at 31st December 2022	2,358,620,029	2,206,874,515	479,241,182	382,644,975	483,872,099	5,911,252,80 0



# PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Amounts 000')

Name of Asset	Land	Permanent Buildings	Semi- Permanent Buildings	Other Semi- Permanent Buildings	Construction Work in Progress	Motor Vehicles	Marine Boats	Furniture and Fittings	Computer and Accessories	Office and Other Vet Accessories	Total
Cost or Valuations:	חפא	ugx	חפא	חפא	ngx	NGX	חפא	ngx	ngx	ngx	псх
As at 01 January 2023	2,065,000,000	772,865,482	319,924,099	770,836,173	85,813,300	260,880,000	240,000,000	59,432,235	81,816,962	442,476,581	5,099,044,832
Additions / Transfers	-		247,391,506	27,292,500	172,021,337			2,500,000	3,907,200	100,505,074	553,617,617
Disposals / Write off	1		1			-			-	(65,858,827)	(65,858,827)
As at 31 December 2023	2,065,000,000	772,865,482	567,315,605	798,128,673	257,834,637	260,880,000	240,000,000	61,932,235	85,724,162	477,122,828	5,586,803,622
De preciation:	%0	4%	2%	12.50%	0.00%	25%	25%	12.5%	33.30%	33.30%	
As at 01 January 2023	,	229,639,016	15,996,206	143,500,416		65,220,001	60,000,001	52,153,503	71,381,918	431,951,287	1,069,842,348
Charge for the year		30,914,619	28,365,780	99,766,084		65,220,000	60,000,000	2,130,327	6,519,779	39,813,110	332,729,701
Disposals	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	(64,798,933)	(64,798,933)
As at 31 December 2023	-	260,553,636	44,361,986	243,266,500	-	130,440,001	120,000,001	54,283,830	77,901,697	406,965,464	1,337,773,116
Net Book Value											
As at 31 December 2022	2,065,000,000	543,226,466	303,927,893	627,335,757	85,813,300	195,659,999	179,999,999	7,278,732	10,435,044	10,525,294	4,029,202,484
As at 31 December 2023	2,065,000,000	512,311,846	522,953,619	554,862,173	257,834,637	130,439,999	119,999,999	7,648,405	7,822,464	70,157,364	4,249,030,506





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