

# Giving Wildlife a Second Chance

Wildlife rescued by the Jane Goodall Institute find a new home at our Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Center in the Republic of the Congo. Chimpanzees and other animals orphaned and/or injured by the illegal meat and pet trades receive expert care and rehabilitation by Tchimpounga's staff and are adopted into new families.

Founded in 1992, Tchimpounga is Africa's largest chimpanzee sanctuary, providing care to more than 150 individuals. Located within the Tchimpounga Nature Reserve, Tchimpounga's chimpanzees are cared for at a main sanctuary site as well as four forested island sanctuary sites. Their care is led by Dr. Rebeca Atencia, JGI ROC's Executive Director and Tchimpounga's Head Veterinarian, as well as a dedicated team of expert caregivers.

Tchimpounga's staff provides individualized care plans for chimpanzees while supporting and ensuring their welfare as they are integrated into communities of other chimpanzees, many of whom are unrelated. The work at Tchimpounga extends beyond the sanctuary and connects to the local community. Wildlife are fed fruits purchased and grown locally, and the RoC team supports law enforcement agency confiscations of endangered wildlife and offers school-based educational programs for youth.

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*"How should we relate to beings who look into mirrors and see themselves as individuals, who mourn companions and may die of grief, who have a consciousness of 'self?' Don't they deserve to be treated with the same sort of consideration we accord to other highly sensitive beings — ourselves?"*

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DR. JANE GOODALL, DBE | Founder, Jane Goodall Institute, UN Messenger of Peace

## Tchimpounga's Impact



150+

chimpanzees currently in JGI's care at Tchimpounga

80+

reintroductions of rehabilitated wildlife cared for at Tchimpounga into semi-wild environments

7

different species in JGI's care at Tchimpounga, including chimpanzees

### Chimpanzee Welfare Index

Through JGI's care model and evaluation system known as the Chimpanzee Welfare Index, we are proud that every chimpanzee in Tchimpounga is at or above 85% for positive welfare. Based on the Great Ape Welfare Index created by Australian primatologist Amanda Fernie, our model is one we share to improve standards and well-being of apes in human care around the world.



### Rescue & Rehabilitation

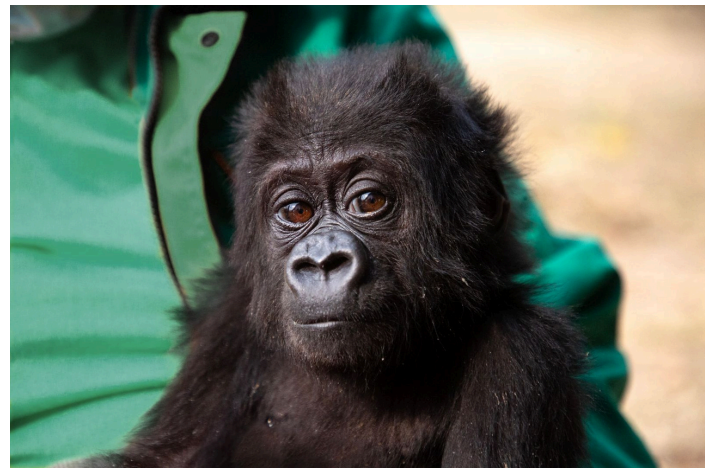
No two chimpanzee stories are the same. Each chimpanzee rescued by the Tchimpounga staff requires individualized care plans. JGI's staff carefully assess and monitor the health of each chimpanzee while learning about their patterns of behavior and personalities. All of this information is critical to ensuring their individual health and that their life can be enriched by social groupings with other chimpanzees who are compatible with their temperament and demeanor. This work takes specialized know-how, incredible attention to detail, and great compassion and altruism from JGI's caregivers and veterinary teams. Our expertise in wildlife medical care has resulted in groundbreaking practices and procedures, including what is known to be the first two chimpanzee-to-chimpanzee blood transfusions in Africa.



Tchimpounga staff have also led the successful re-wilding of many animals in their care, including African grey parrots (above).

### Multi-Species Care

With such an excellent reputation for animal care, Tchimpounga has become not only home for rescued chimpanzees but also other species, including a baby gorilla ("ZZ," pictured below), mandrills, small monkeys, pangolins, and a variety of birds and reptiles. The successful reintroduction of many of these rescues and subsequent wild births, especially with endangered mandrills, is a testament to our staff's dedication and skills.



### Triangle Approach Against Wildlife Trafficking

The illegal wild meat and pet trade threatens chimpanzee populations across the Republic of the Congo. To address these, JGI has adopted a dynamic, mindful strategy we call the "Triangle Approach" which relies on developing cooperation between three distinct entities: law enforcement, environmental education programs, and wildlife rehabilitation at Tchimpounga.

Thanks to this work and other incountry and cross-border partnerships, our ability to ensure rescued chimpanzees' confiscation and proper placement is growing. Law enforcement in the region increasingly notify JGI about issues with illegal trade, knowing that Tchimpounga is a best-in-class facility that will be able to care for rescued animals appropriately. In parallel with this, education and public awareness efforts diminish the behaviors that fuel the trade in the first place.