
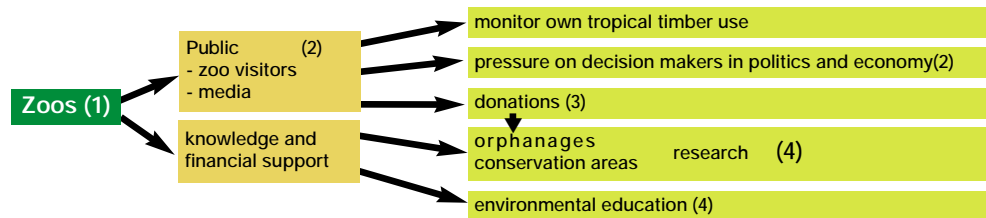


## What can zoos do?

Each year, about 600 million visitors visit zoos worldwide.

This is a unique opportunity to explain the threat to animals from the bushmeat trade - as this exhibition does!

But zoos can do even more: 



### Source of zoo animals

Modern, scientifically led zoos assume **responsibility for the protection and preservation of wild animal populations**. In Europe, 133 species were in EEPs and over 90% of the animals are born in zoos. Animals from these breeding programs are available to be reintroduced to the wild when possible. Members of the European zoos, EAZA, exchange their animals according by breeding loans among themselves. Only in exceptional circumstances, for instance in the case of confiscated smuggled animals, do animals from the wild enter zoos. **Current zoo management no longer considers taking animals from the wild**, as noted in EAZAs code of ethics.

### EAZA Bushmeat Campaign

At the EAZA conference in 1999 in Basel, a working group was established and a year later in September 2000, the official EAZA Bushmeat Campaign began with financial support from IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare). Zoos throughout Europe informed the public about the problem of bushmeat. Money raised during the campaign will be spent on supporting projects aimed at solving the bushmeat crisis (see 3 + 4).

EAZA has close contact with other bushmeat working groups, such as *Ape Alliance and Bushmeat Crisis Task Force (BCTF)*, where American zoos and conservation organisations are active.

On the 8th Nov. 2001, the EAZA Bushmeat Campaign Petition with over 1.9 million signatures ~~was~~ presented to the European Parliament. These petitions will then be presented to the leaders of Central and West African countries, where bushmeat trade is a problem.

If you would like to support the fight against the illegal bushmeat trade, you can send a **donation** to the EAZA Bushmeat Campaign account:

- **Fortis Bank**  
Account No. 80.66.04.409  
SWIFT code: GEWA-NL-2R

Donations will support projects chosen by the EAZA Bushmeat Working Group (see 4).

Rangers from  
the Virunga  
National Park



Photo: V. Katembo

Equipment by  
Berggorilla &  
Regenwald  
Direkthilfe and  
Zoo Apenheul

Three projects with the topics **research, conservation and environmental education** have been chosen for support by EAZA:

#### Project 1: Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA)

To date, 17 orphanages run by different organisations in Africa united for mutual informal and financial support. Environmental education, research and conservation are their main working areas.

#### Project 2: Research in the Dja Faunal Reserve, Cameroon

Researchers Phillippe Auzel and Jef Dupain try to establish a communal wildlife zone together with local communities. The area covers 70 sqkm and is situated outside the protected area. Data will be collected on the gorillas and chimpanzees and on human influences on the natural environment.

#### Project 3: Protecting Great Apes in the Wild

*Berggorilla & Regenwald Direkthilfe* (Mountain Gorilla & Rainforest Direct Aid) supports rangers with equipment, who work in National Parks where gorillas live. Land purchase, information workshops and local initiatives get financial support. These activities run in collaboration with other organisations and local authorities.



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Environmental  
education on the  
Drill Ranch from  
Pandillus in  
Nigeria, a PASA  
member

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