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Lola ya Bonobo Sanctuary

“Education for Protection”



2006 Annual Report

June 2007

Dear friends of the bonobos,

We have the great pleasure of sharing with you our accomplishments, and our challenges, of the past year.

The year started in full speed, with the release of Claudine's book "Une Tendresse Sauvage" (published by Calmann Levy) in March, accompanied with extensive media coverage in France and Belgium. After several years of work, we were happy to see our websites, both in French and in English (both accessible at www.lolayabonobo.org) up and running in time for the book release.

Our plans for the reintroduction of socialized groups of rehabilitated bonobos made good progress this year, with an expansion of educational activities toward the bonobo habitat and source areas for the bushmeat trade, administrative negotiations with the Environment Ministry and ICCN, and preparations for health and genetics testing of the release group all under way. Primate reintroduction and conservation education were two key themes presented by PASA Sanctuaries, including Lola ya Bonobo, at the annual Congress of the International Primatological Society in Uganda in June.

This report highlights our main accomplishments in 2006: the evolution of the number of bonobos in our care at Lola ya Bonobo; an update on other developments at the Sanctuary; the results of our educational program; collaborations with behavioral scientists and media; and the initial steps accomplished in our reintroduction plans. Plus an update on our staff, members, sponsors and volunteers...

All these results would not have been possible without the unfaltering support of each and every one of you. When we made an emergency appeal to help us procure a generator for the Sanctuary last Fall, for instance, everyone mobilized their resources and within 4 months, we had collected the required amount. We will never say enough: Thank you!

Kinshasa, 1 June 2007

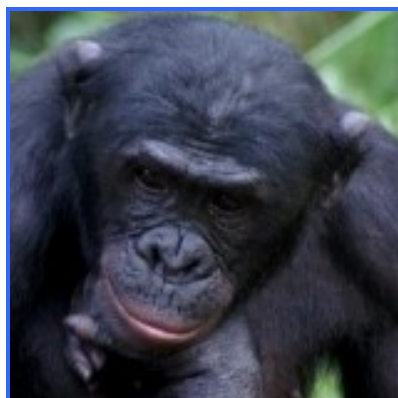


Welcome Bolobo (male, 3 years), Mwanda (female, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years), Pole ya Lola (male, born April 06 from Opala), Vanga (male, 2 years) and Yolo (male, 3 years) !

The Bonobos at LOLA YA BONOBO

Les Amis des Bonobos du Congo (ABC) received eight new bonobos in 2006 and lost three, bringing the total to 53 bonobos at the Sanctuary at end of year.

Two of the new bonobos were born at the Sanctuary of adult females in our care (Opala and Mimia); the other six were either voluntarily left at the Sanctuary by potential traders after they were "convinced" during an education session by Sanctuary staff or others, or rescued in the interior by other NGOs and transferred to Kinshasa. Waola, received on 24 December 2006, was cruelly mutilated and in exceptionally bad condition. In spite of all our efforts, she died in early 2007.



Farewell Mikenol!

The Sanctuary lost three bonobos in 2006. Bolomba, one of the bonobos rescued from the bushmeat trade, died within two days of arrival at the Sanctuary, due to pneumonia combined with high stress level. Elombe ya Lola, Mimia's newborn, only lived for 10 days due to lack of maternal care. Finally, Mikenol, a 14 year old male, the first bonobo ever entrusted in our care back in 1994, died suddenly in September. The autopsy revealed severe head traumatism, presumably resulting from an accidental fall.

Sanctuary update - Major Infrastructure & Equipment

The new **Nursery**, funded by Brigitte Bardot Foundation was inaugurated in January. It comprises many games - including a small bathing area - for the young bonobos. Both bonobos and substitute mothers are delighted!

Construction of a **kitchen-dietetics** adjacent to the 2nd enclosure was also completed this year, thanks to a second grant received from Foundation "30 million friends". The kitchen was tiled and fully equipped last year; work this year focused on installation of a large outdoors fruit and vegetable pantry, water drainage system, and construction of an external protection wall.

Emergency Mobilization: a Generator at LOLA!

2006 started and ended with electricity-related emergencies. In February, lightning struck the Sanctuary, damaging the solar batteries, regulator and alarm system for one of the bonobo enclosures' fences, destroying computers and other equipment, and burning sections of our electricity supply system. Extensive repair and replacement work had to be conducted; generous support from the Great Ape Trust of Iowa covered most costs.

Then during the summer, power shortages became so frequent that they affected every aspect of the Sanctuary's operations: we need electricity to run the Sanctuary's water pump and water filtering system; to access internet and charge mobile phones; to clean the facilities and do laundry; to preserve the bonobos' vegetables, milk and yoghurt, as well as some of the medical supplies; etc. In September, we launched an emergency appeal to collect funds for the purchase of a generator powerful enough to supply the Sanctuary with electricity when the town's power supply is down.

Thanks to the mobilization of bonobo friends everywhere in the world, two months later, our dream had come true: we had collected close to \$23,000 and, with a little help from our reserve, we had purchased and installed a 60 kva generator at Lola ya Bonobo!



Both institutional and individual donors contributed to this collective effort, including Appenheul zoo (Belgium), Columbus Zoo and Aquariums (Ohio, USA), One Voice association, Hélène Quetier, Viviane Jurquet, Audrey Celarier, Philippe Pauwels, Annie Durand, John & Bretta Fox, Viviane Longtain, Julia Mongin, Anne Portelange, Corinne Taily, Philippe Frey, Brigitte Choteau, Dina Chipouline, Marie-Madeleine Delque, Virginie Fenasse, and some others who requested anonymity.

Education for Protection: Education Program 2006 Results

Les Amis des Bonobos du Congo has been conducting education activities targeted at Congolese urban youth since 1998. These conservation education activities are built around visits at Lola ya Bonobo Sanctuary for direct observation of bonobos, a Great Ape species unique to the DRC and in great danger of extinction. Over the past 8 years, ABC's educational activities have grown into an internationally-recognized education and advocacy program targeting school and other youth groups, Kindness Clubs, civil servants and other conservation actors, as well as the general public of Kinshasa.

In spite of the difficult political situation in the country during much of the past year, **12,197 students, officials and other visitors were reached by our education activities** in 2006, approximately 55% of them children and youth.

Organized activities with school groups had to be sharply curtailed during the 4th quarter of 2006 due to prevailing security conditions (only five school groups were received at the Sanctuary from August to November, for instance); however, overall results over the year show an increase in students reached through our school education program. Most of the decrease as compared to last year is due to a decrease in spontaneous week-end visitors.



Visits by school and other youth groups typically include direct observation of bonobos from the "stadium" (observation point); interactive discussions on bushmeat trade & consumption; project of video-documentaries; and educational games, such as imitating a bonobo walk (pictured above).

Highlights of our education program this year include:

A comparative evaluation of learning rates between 1ary and 2ary school students.

Primary school students had been observed to be generally more attentive and engaged during visits at the Sanctuary (e.g. asking questions, commenting on what they saw...) than their secondary school peers; our hypothesis was that this translated into higher learning rates.

The evaluation compared two groups of 100 students each from primary (ages 10-12) and secondary (ages 15-16) schools. Pre- and post-visit test results confirmed the hypothesis, but only marginally so (34% vs. 30%). The evaluation also showed that secondary school students had significantly higher rates of correct answers at both pre- and post-tests and that they were more consistently correct at the post-test than their younger colleagues. Most importantly, improvement in results between pre- and post-tests was high for both groups.

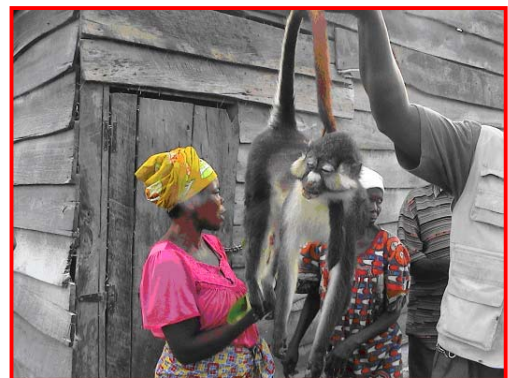
Expansion of education program in bonobo habitat

In addition to activities in Kinshasa, ABC has been expanding its focus toward the areas of origin of rescued bonobos in Equateur and Kasai Provinces, in the major market town of Mbandaka, and along the trade route from there to Kinshasa.

In February, ABC Education Coordinator Pierrot Mbonzo spent 10 days in Kananga, capital of Western Kasai Province, at the invitation of several secondary and higher education institutions there. He presented the role of Lola ya Bonobo Sanctuary to local authorities; visited local markets to witness the extent of bushmeat trade and interview bushmeat traders; and organized awareness-raising workshops in several primary, secondary, and higher-education institutions. Close to 600 students and teachers participated in these events.

The visit to the meat market in Kananga evidenced that

- Bushmeat (mostly monkeys and antelopes) is sold on Kananga markets, fresh or smoked, without any control or hygienic considerations.
- Knowledge of potential health risks from manipulating or consuming bushmeat is inexistent;
- Great Ape meat (most likely bonobo meat) is also sold, though infrequently;
- Most of the primate meat being sold in Kananga originates from Dekese district, at the crossroads of Equateur, Kasai and Bandundu provinces, which encompasses part of Salonga national park.



Educational walkway along 2nd enclosure

A series of 8 educational posters were produced in collaboration with French conservation association Awely, in order to create an educational walkway alongside the 2nd bonobo enclosure. This complements the didactic posters and informational boards set up along the 1st enclosure and at the education center.



Education with Ministry of Environment Officials & other civil servants

ABC organizes quarterly visits of civil servants from different departments of the Ministry of Environment or related Ministries. The visits include general information and observation of the bonobos, but have a special focus on bushmeat trade issues and enforcement of existing wildlife hunting, trade and detention laws.



A first-ever visit by Environment Ministry officials from the provinces, namely the Provincial Coordinators of Environment, was organized in September. This was a great opportunity to educate those officials working at the source of the bushmeat trade, who often have very limited knowledge of bonobos and of existing laws.

Keynote visitors at Lola ya bonobo Sanctuary

In 2006, Lola ya bonobo Sanctuary was honored by the visit of a number of high officials, diplomats and other important visitors. These included:

- H.E. the Minister of Environment, Nature Conservation, Water and Forests (March)
- H.E. Honorary Minister of Environment and Honorary Ambassador of the DRC in France, Mr. Eddy Angulu (November)
- H.E. the Ambassador of France in the DRC & delegations from the French Embassy (January, July, August)
- H.E. the Ambassador of Greece in the DRC (April)
- H.E. the Ambassador of Italy in the DRC (April)
- H.E. the Ambassador of Israel in the DRC (May)
- H.E. the Ambassador of China in the DRC (May)
- H.E. the Ambassador of The Netherlands in the DRC and his family (July)
- H.E. the Ambassador of Brazil in the DRC (August)

Other distinguished visitors included General Damay, the Commander in Chief of EUFOR, the European Forces deployed to ensure security in Kinshasa during the presidential elections; the President of IUCN; a delegation from the Belgian Ministry of Defense; a crew from SN Brussels Airlines; and many others...

Public Education for greater knowledge on the bonobo

Une Tendresse Sauvage

Claudine's biography « Une tendresse sauvage » (288 pages, Published by Calmann-Lévy, France) was released on the market on March 15th.



The book was very well received in the media, with extensive coverage both in France and in Belgium: live interviews for well-known radio news and tv programs; over 30 newspaper and magazine articles published before or shortly after the book release; several book signing events; etc.

Radio interviews & talk shows

- Europe 1: "Direct" with Jacques Pradel
- Radio France International
- "Questions de Femmes", with Fanny Bijaoui
- France Inter, "le 13-14" with Alain Le Gougec
- France Inter, « Quand je serai grand », with Philippe Bertrand
- RTL with Patrick Durieux
- France Bleu, with Gilles Le Mouel
- « On a tout essayé » France 2
- « Continent Sciences », with Stéphane Deligeorges, France Culture

Claudine on the podium!

In recognition of her commitment to bonobo conservation, Claudine received two prestigious awards this year:

* In March, she received Belgium's highest recognition, the Prince Laurent award.

* On July 14th, she received France's highest recognition, the Legion of Honor.

Claudine gave interviews to journalists from Le Figaro, Le Monde and VSD magazine, and appeared on "Le Jardin Extraordinaire" and "le 13 heures" on Belgian TV.

Finally, Dominique Hennequin's superb film on Lola ya bonobo, "Bonobos, le dernier refuge" ("Bonobos, the last haven") was shown on March 24 at the Grand Rex cinema in Paris, as part of the Jules Verne Festival. The projection was followed by a conference with Dominique Hennequin and Claudine.

www.lolayabonobo.org

Our long-awaited websites in French and English went on line at the occasion of the release of Claudine's book: the French site recorded 1,324 hits in April 2006 alone! Populated progressively throughout the year, the site includes general information on the bonobo, a description of the Sanctuary's work, news updates, photos of the Sanctuary's bonobos, a list of the Sanctuary's sponsors and a "how can I help?" page.

Conferences: IPS 2006

In June, Lola ya bonobo was represented at the Annual Congress of the International Primatological Society (IPS) in Entebbe, Uganda.

- Claudine André presented on "the role of a Sanctuary in law enforcement for primate conservation" as part of the "In situ Bonobo Conservation" symposium at the conference. Her talk will be published by Springer Publishing in an edited volume on bonobo conservation and ecology as part of the series "Developments in Primatology: Progress and Prospects".
- Pierrot Mbonzo, the Sanctuary's Education Coordinator, presented the impact of the Sanctuary's education program on children's knowledge of bonobo and attitude vis-à-vis bushmeat and conservations issues, as part of a pannel on "Education at PASA Sanctuaries."
- PASA also organized an extremely successful symposium on primate reintroduction, with presentations from selected PASA member sanctuaries and other scientists.



Other Conferences

- Reintroduction: In April, Claudine André participated in the Reintroduction Workshop organized by the Pan-African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA) and the Conservation Breeding Specialist Group (CBSG) in The Netherlands.
- PASA Veterinary workshop, March 2006, Tacugama Sanctuary, Sierra Leone: Lola ya bonobo Coordinator Crispin Mahamba being unable to attend, the Sanctuary was represented by Dr. Laurence Provot, a veterinarian volunteer who had just completed 3 months at Lola ya bonobo with support from PASA's Crisis Fund. Laurence presented our efforts in treating recurring skin infections in the bonobos.

- PASA Education and PASA Management: these workshops were organized in June 2006, just prior to the IPS Conference, for obvious cost and logistical reasons. ABC President and Vice-President Claudine André and Dominique Morel attended the management workshop, while Lola ya bonobo Education Coordinator Pierrot Mbonzo attended the Education workshop.

Photo-documentaries and films at Lola ya Bonobo

- ❑ Marie-Françoise Colombani, "Elle" magazine
- ❑ Katia Clarens & Stéphane Gladieux, "Figaro Magazine"
- ❑ Caroline Dumay, 30 million d'amis
- ❑ Roger Motte, "Envoyé Spécial" (Antenne 2)

In addition, Ushuia Nature's "Retour à la planète des singes", filmed in 2005 (see photo), was shown on French TV channel TF1 in June.



A selection of newspaper & magazine articles published in 2006

- ❑ Columbus Zoo magazine: *Lola ya Bonobo*
- ❑ FEMME ACTUELLE : *Vingt ans après* (January) & *Claudine André* (March)
- ❑ TRAIT D'UNION : *Première Conférence sur la survie des Grands Singes*
- ❑ Hewa Bora Airways onboard magazine : *Lola ya Bonobo*
- ❑ TRAVEL AFRICA: *Our closest cousins*, by Vanessa Woods
- ❑ OKAPI: *Zoom animaux*, by Emmanuelle Grundmann
- ❑ LA CROIX : *Les singes vont-ils disparaître ?*
- ❑ FEMINA : *Planète des Singes*
- ❑ ELLE : *Allo, Maman Bonobo*, by Marie-Françoise Colombani
- ❑ AVENTURES : *Festival du Film Jules Vernes, « Bonobo, le dernier refuge »*
- ❑ VSD : *Claudine André*, by Sandra Tosello
- ❑ TELE SAT magazine : *Bonobo sans papier* (on the confiscation of Malou at CDG airport)
- ❑ LE FIGARO MAGAZINE: *Congo*, by Katia Clarens with Photos by Stéphane Gladieux
- ❑ LE FIGARO: *En vue*, by Isabelle Brisson
- ❑ LA VIE : *Claudine André*, by Hélène Acquier
- ❑ FIGARO MADAME : *Le Prince Ecolo* (on Claudine's Prince Laurent award)
- ❑ 30 MILLIONS D'AMIS : *Bonobos pour la vie*
- ❑ QUESTIONS FEMMES : *Elle sauve les singes*
- ❑ Le Niçois, Le Cannois : *Les bonobos au NEGRESCO*
- ❑ CHOC : *Le petit paradis des bonobos*
- ❑ LIBRE MATCH : *Au cœur de l'Eden des singes*, by Christine d'Hauthuille



Sanctuary update: Preparations for reintroduction

In spite of the insecurity prevalent in the country for most of the second part of the year, significant progress was made towards the reintroduction of socialized groups of rehabilitated bonobos in a forest of their natural habitat. Results this year include:

- Official support from the Ministry of Environment and its specialized department the Congolese Institute for Nature Conservation (ICCN) for the reintroduction project;
- Coordination with scientists and conservationists working in the newly created Lomako National Park, the Maringa-Lopori-Wamba landscape more generally and other locations in the bonobo habitat;
- Initial negotiations with potential public and private sponsors for the reintroduction phase. Prior initial funding from the French government and Belgian Technical Cooperation (for site prospection) was complemented in 2006 by a grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) for preparatory education and health monitoring intervention. Further support will be needed in 2007-2009 for construction of a pre-release quarantine enclosure and light facilities for technical staff and behavioral scientists, as well as for actual reintroduction activities.
- Recruitment of a (female) Congolese veterinarian to complement the Sanctuary team and accompany the reintroduction process;
- Finalization of a partnership with Max Planck Institute's department of Evolutionary Anthropology (MPI-EVA) in Germany for their support in the genetic testing (for post-release monitoring) and health checks of the bonobos (actual work initiated in 2007).
- Professors Takeshi Furiuchi (Meiji-Gakuin University, Japan) and Benjamin Beck (Great Ape Trust of Iowa & IUCN reintroduction advisor) have accepted to serve as scientific advisors to Lola ya Bonobo for the reintroduction.



LOLA YA BONOBO Staff

The results discussed above would not have been possible without the commitment and diligence of the Sanctuary staff. This year, Jean Malonga joined our team as security guard and recruitment started for a (female) veterinarian and another educator.



At end of 2006, the following staff were working at the Sanctuary:

COORDINATION			EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM		
Coordinator, Sanctuary	Crispin	MAHAMBA	Education Coordinator	Pierrot	MBONZO
BONOBO CARE			Educator	Benoit	MULENGA
Nurse	Anne-Marie	NGALULA	HYGIENE & SECURITY		
Keeper	Stany	MOKANDO	Site & shelter upkeep	Alain	MITETI
Keeper	Jean Claude	NZUMBI	Site & shelter upkeep	Philippe	KUNAKA
Substitute mother	Henriette	LUBONDO	Site upkeep/environment	Adolphe	ZUKUKU
Substitute mother	Yvonne	VELA	Site upkeep/environment	Makabi	KINKANI
Substitute mother	Micheline	NZONZI	Site upkeep/environment	Pacha	N'SIALA
Substitute mother	Espérance	TSONA	Guard	Jean	MABESI
Keeper-Assistant	Claude	PALUKU	Guard	Jean	MALONGA
Keeper-Assistant	N'dombé	LUVUALU	ADMINISTRATION		
Keeper-Assistant	Amos	KISUNGU	Driver -quartermaster	Jean-Lambert	BOEKE
Keeper-Assistant	Kadogo	MANZAMBI	Accountant-Secretary	Hélène	NDONGO
			Driver	Sadiko	KASHI



Collaboration with research & publications

- ❖ Dr. **Peter Jones'** research on the cause of the death of Tshikapa in late 2001, which was the first likely identification of the encephalomyocarditis virus on a bonobo, was published in last quarter of 2005. (This first case was suspected two years before the dramatic EMCV epidemics suffered at Lola ya Bonobo in Spring 2003.) *Fatal inflammatory heart disease in a bonobo (Pan paniscus)* by P. Jones, C. Mahamba, J. Rest and C. André was published in the Journal of medical primatology (2005:34:45-49).
- ❖ Veterinarian Dr. **Laurence Provot** completed and extended her three month stay at Lola ya Bonobo, to help us address the bonobos' unrelenting skin trouble. Her stay with us was made possible by a grant received from the PASA Crisis Fund. Laurence presented the results of her work at the PASA Veterinary workshop, held in Sierra Leone in March 2006.
- ❖ Dr. **Brian Hare** of the Hominoid Psychology Research Group (hosted at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany) spent two months at the Sanctuary in 2006 in spite of the political uncertainty in the country. His research focuses on comparing cognition in primates in captive environments vs. in sanctuaries, as well as studying competition and collaboration in bonobos and chimpanzees. Initial results were accepted for publication in Current Biology (2007) under the title *Tolerance allows bonobos to outperform chimpanzees on a cooperative task*.
- ❖ Dr. **Simone Pika** and research assistant Anne van de Kuilen spent several months at Lola ya Bonobo in Spring 2006. Simone is studying vocalizations in bonobos under Professor Klaus Zuberbuhler of St. Andrews University in England.
- ❖ Negotiations were completed this year with Professor **Svante Paabo**, Director of the Department of Evolutionary Genetics at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (MPI-EVA), for genetic testing of the bonobos and concurrent health checks for pre-release health screening. Genetic testing is an essential tool for post-release monitoring. The first visit of MPI-EVA geneticist Anne Fischer and veterinarian Michel Halbax was eventually postponed until early 2007 due to security conditions in Kinshasa.

Other interested candidates for behavioral observations at Lola ya Bonobo include a student of Frans de Waal (Director, Living Links Center, Emory University) and Japanese researchers Satoshi Hirata and Yasuko Tashiro of the Great Ape Research Institute in Japan. Given the number of applications for research, a rigorous application process has been designed to ensure efficient coordination of efforts and minimize the possible disruption on the Sanctuary's daily routine.

Fundraising efforts & results

Coloring book and children's stuffed bonobos

In 2005, the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Department sponsored the production of a coloring book "The Wild Animals of Congo", featuring 15 endemic and endangered animals of the DRC, including bonobos. A French version of the coloring book was finalized in mid-2006. Print copies of the French version will be donated for sale at Lola ya Bonobo Sanctuary.

Columbus Zoo also sponsored the production of a first-ever bonobo stuffed animal. The bonobo and coloring book are being sold at the Zoo gift shop and are also available at cost for sale at fundraising events.



When our website in French at last became operational in March, we were faced with a dilemma: the French typically like to make donations by check, while Belgian banks (like ours) discourage this practice with high fees. (Both checks and wires incur heavy charges in Kinshasa...) We cannot open an account in France until we have registered as a French association, a process started several years ago, but stalled for way too long...

The problem was promptly solved by Renaud Fulconis, executive director of Awely, a French association that sponsors projects on animal-human conflicts and conservation education - including education activities at Lola ya Bonobo. Renaud very kindly agreed to receive check donations from French sponsors through Awely on our behalf. Little did he realize the work that this would entail, with more than 13,000 euros received from 65 individual sponsors for Lola ya Bonobo via Awely in 2006!

Sponsors, members, adoptive parents

The activities presented in this report would not have been possible without the support and the ever-renewed confidence of our donors, sponsors, members and friends. Behind the impersonal nature of figures and statistics, we would like to step back and acknowledge the institutions and individuals who allow us daily to make our dreams come true.

Bonobo adoption program

Three years ago, ABC initiated an adoption program for selected bonobos of the Nursery. With the launch of the websites this year, the bonobo adoption program took off, with more than \$16,000 raised through the program in 2006 (60% via ABC and 40% via Friends of Bonobos). Adoptive parents in 2006 included 40 second-grade students from Chime Charter Elementary School in Woodland Hills, California. Chantal Garnier mobilized the maternity ward where she works in France to collectively adopt Lodja. Novelist Sara Gruen, whose next book will feature bonobos, adopted quite a few of our Nursery's bonobos. Some of the adoptive parents listed below have sponsored bonobos for two or three years now, and several sponsors adopted bonobos as gifts to friends or family.



Our most popular bonobos in 2006: Mabali, Lodja, Kasongo and Vanga

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| ✧ Julia, Matthew & Dashiell
Alison (*) | ✧ Olivier Devos | ✧ Eva Mendes (*) |
| ✧ Jean Amic | ✧ Cameron Eisler Ritchie (*) | ✧ Françoise Millot |
| ✧ Anne Arduin | ✧ Stéphane Ferdyn | ✧ Julia Mongin |
| ✧ Tatjana Bagaglio | ✧ Fabienne Folch | ✧ Katia Ortiz |
| ✧ Hélène Bergeron (*) | ✧ Chantal Garnier | ✧ J.M. & Katia Perret |
| ✧ Aude Bertholier | ✧ Marie-Christine Golano | ✧ Colette Poujol |
| ✧ Hombeline Chardot | ✧ Sara Gruen (*) | ✧ Cécile Rejczyk |
| ✧ Chime Charter Elementary
School (*) | ✧ Joséphine von Houwald | ✧ Séverine Renard |
| ✧ Dina Chipouline (*) | ✧ Véronique Huens | ✧ Société SATICO |
| ✧ C. & Henri Clermont | ✧ Justine Judson (*) | ✧ Laurence Sauvage-Lebreton |
| ✧ Célia Coulon | ✧ Isabelle Jungo | ✧ Patricia Scheer |
| ✧ Raphaël Coureau | ✧ Groupe Kananga | ✧ David Sensey |
| ✧ Josyane Delcroix | ✧ Virginie Kippelen | ✧ George Serre |
| ✧ Anne Déthier | ✧ Lida Klarsfeld | ✧ Cindy Spiegel (*) |
| ✧ Marie-Hélène Dorleans | ✧ Martine Lampernesse | ✧ Emma Sweeney (*) |
| ✧ Michel Duplat (*) | ✧ Ilona Langer | ✧ John Vandermeersch |
| ✧ Annie Durand | ✧ Chloé Lescaut | ✧ Magali Vaultier |
| | ✧ Christine Le Tenier | ✧ Béatrice Willemaerts |
| | ✧ Chloé Martin | |

() Adoption conducted via Friends of Bonobos*

The Board of Directors of ABC

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Effective and supportive members of ABC in 2006

Supportive Members

- ☐ Vicky Adair
- ☐ Bernard Barman
- ☐ Pierette & Dieter Baumesteir
- ☐ Mark Biedlingmaier
- ☐ Audrey Celarier
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- ☐ Peter Jones

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- ☐ Dominique Morel
- ☐ Anne-Marie Oudart
- ☐ Brigitte Pedro

Other key sponsors

Major institutional sponsors of Lola ya Bonobo Sanctuary in 2006 are listed on the next page. Among these, the Wasmoeth Wildlife Foundation (TWWF) formally cancelled a no-interest loan that it had given us in 2003-2004, in complement to a grant for the construction of the 3rd enclosure. Other major sponsors in 2006 included Pierette & Dieter Baumesteir, Sara Gruen, Hélène Quetier, the Memphis zoo chapter of the American Association of Zookeepers, Catherine Salomon, Emmanuelle Grundmann, Seekers Church, Cossanex S.A., Lamarche & Planchon, Loopez, Vicki Adair, Audrey Celarier, Emmanuelle Brochard and the Friends of Montpellier.

In-Kind donations

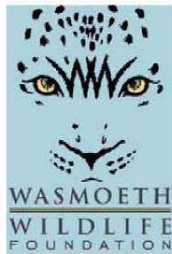
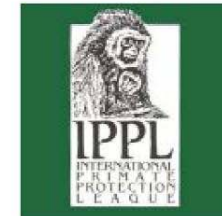
As in 2005, we would like to acknowledge the continued support of local businesses and organizations, including Air France, Beltexco, Celtel-Congo, Cilu, Fina-Congo, Fujifilm, Memling Hotel, Interconnect, KPGM, MONUC, Nova Products, SN Brussels Airlines, Trans-Benz, TRC, Vodacom, and Wimbi Dira Airways. They donated free flights, phone credit, communication support, milk powder, soap, cement, office supplies and much more.

Main institutional sponsors of Lola ya Bonobo Sanctuary in 2006

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