



**African Golden Cat Conservation Alliance (AGCCA) Annual Report  
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**Commented [TP11]:** We need a logo! Any suggestions on how to go about the design? We could make a call for design suggestions maybe as a competition?? What I include is just a placeholder.

**Commented [TP12]:** Btw, the name (AGCCA) is also subject to change if we don't feel it or if we find it a mouth full. Your thoughts are welcome.

## Background

The African Golden Cat Conservation Alliance (AGCCA) is a species range-wide consortium for African golden cat (*Caracal aurata*) conservation across the African continent. The vision of the AGCCA is to extend conservation actions of the African golden cat across the species' range (21 known countries), involving like-minded and dedicated African conservationists and their local communities. As partners to the AGCCA, we harness our common interests in wildlife conservation and socio-economic development to ensure the sustainable conservation of the African golden cat in our respective countries. We are concerned by the human related activities threatening the long-term survival of the African golden cat across its range, while being cognizant of the key socio-economic drivers of these threats. We are aware that it is through organization and togetherness as an alliance that we can achieve the conservation of the African golden cat and the development of our local communities.

## Partners to the AGCCA

We are colleagues spearheading the conservation work of the African golden cat in our countries. As of 30.12.2021, the AGCCA has 16 partners representing 12 of the 21 known range countries of the African golden cat, so there is more work ahead. Efforts to expand the reach of the network are ongoing. All partners are implementing or yet to start implementing community-based conservation projects in their countries. Below is the list of the current AGCCA partners and their country projects.

	Partner	Country project
1	Eduardo Kivete Lutondo Lutondo	Angola
3	Franklin Simo	Cameroon
4	Rodrigue Batumike	Democratic Republic of Congo
5	Dr. Serge Ely Dibakou	Gabon
6	Sarah Omusula	Kenya
8	Peter Abanyam	Nigeria
9	Franck Barrel Mavinga	Republic of Congo
10	Felix Ndagijimana	Rwanda
11	Imran Ejotre	South Sudan
12	Johnson Mangie Sa	South Sudan
13	Dr. Emanuel Martin Gingi	Tanzania
14	Assou Délagnon Patrice	Togo
15	Mwezi Badru Mugerwa	Uganda
16	Emmanuel Akampurira	Uganda
17	Dr. Jim Sanderson	Global
18	Partner needed	Guinea Bissau
19	Partner needed	Guinea
20	Partner needed	Sierra Leone
21	Partner needed	Liberia
22	Partner needed	Ivory Coast
23	Partner needed	Ghana
24	Partner needed	Equatorial Guinea
25	Partner needed	Burundi
26	Partner needed	Central African Republic

## Communication

We communicate via email, WhatsApp and zoom. Every end of month we have our one-hour meeting via zoom. We had our first meeting in March 2021, and the meetings have continued to this day.

## Fundraising and country projects

As AGCCA, we have successfully raised funds to establish conservation projects focusing on the African golden cat in Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and South Sudan. We have

also continued (expanded) ongoing conservation projects in Uganda and Cameroon. These projects have been funded by the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund (MbZSCF), Small Wild Cat Conservation Foundation (SWCCF) and the Big Cat Rescue (BCR).

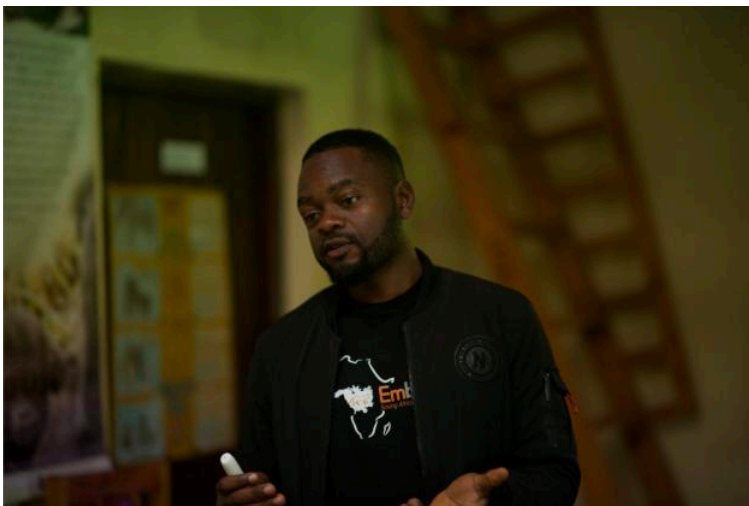
**Activities**

We successfully organized and held the AGCCA's inaugural meeting from December 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> at Bwindi Impenetrable National Park in Uganda. This meeting was organized by Embaka ([www.savingafricangoldenecat.com](http://www.savingafricangoldenecat.com)) and friends; SWCCF, Wildlife Conservation Network (WCN), Institute of Tropical Forest Conservation and Uganda Wildlife Authority. Ten partners from eight countries attended and visited Embaka's ongoing community-based conservation around Bwindi to discuss how these could be effectively implemented in their countries. The idea behind this meeting was to bring all of us together to learn from each other, witness ongoing conservation action and get inspired to strengthen our threat reduction actions in our respective countries.





**Photo 1** Participants of the inaugural meeting for the AGCCA on the first day at the CTC Conservation Center (A) and last day at Kazinga National Park (B).



**Photo 2** Franklin Simo presenting work from his community-based conservation project on the African golden cat in Cameroon.



**Photo 3** AGCCA partners visiting Embaka's community based "pig seed bank" projects and interacting with local communities.

**2022 targets**

Establish community-based conservation activities in the remaining nine of the 21 known range countries of the African golden cat; Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Equatorial Guinea, Central African Republic and Burundi

**Financial partners**

Our conservation partners include the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund, Small Cat Conservation Foundation, Wildlife Conservation Network and the Big Cat Rescue.