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Centre for Education, Research and Conservation of Primates and Nature

Annual Report 2008

ABOUT CERCOPAN

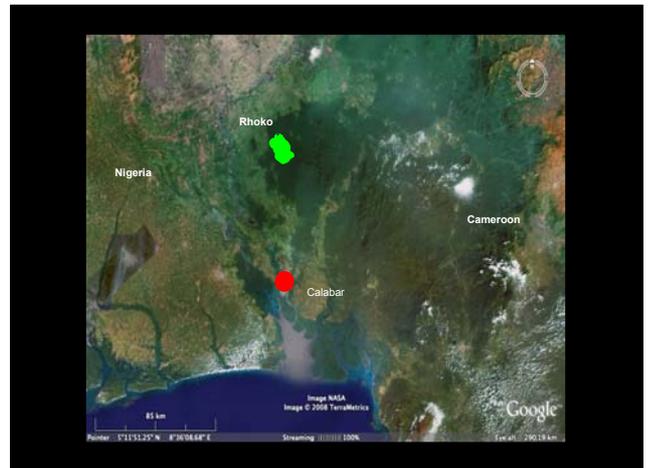


Founded in 1995, **CERCOPAN (Centre for Education, Research and Conservation of Primates and Nature)** is a non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) dedicated to conserving Nigeria's primate communities through forest conservation, community education and support, primate rehabilitation and research. Active in both UK and Nigeria, our work in forest conservation includes helping to protect over 15,000 hectares of community forest in Cross River State, which is contiguous with the Cross River National Park (CRNP). This work is in collaboration with Iko Esai, CERCOPAN's host community, and is vital to the future livelihoods of the people of Iko Esai, and to the long-term conservation of these rare tropical rainforests.

Rescue and rehabilitation of guenons and mangabeys who are victims of habitat loss and the unsustainable bush meat trade is also an integral part of our conservation work. To date over 160 primates of 6 species are in various stages of rehabilitation at both Calabar and Rhoko Centres. Three of these (the Sclater's guenon, Preuss's guenon and the red-eared guenon) are endemic to this extremely diverse region of Africa – designated a biodiversity 'hotspot' by many international conservation organisations.

Environmental education outreach programmes are the cornerstone of our success, and we reach thousands of young people every year through educational activities – which are helping to ensure the forests and primates of Cross River State will be protected in perpetuity. Research conducted at **Rhoko Education, Research, and Conservation Centre** adds to scientific data on this little known but highly diverse and valuable forest and its wildlife, and helps us to make sound management decisions.

CERCOPAN is funded solely through charitable donations (both corporate and private) and international grants. If you would like to help CERCOPAN in pioneering the way forward in rainforest and primate conservation, you can make a personal or corporate tax-deductible donation directly through our UK based charity and website (www.cercopan.org). In North America tax deductible donations can be made through PASA (Pan African Sanctuary Alliance; www.panafricanprimates.org), or the International Primate Protection League in the U.S.A. (P.O. Box 766 Summerville, SC 29484). In Nigeria, you are also very welcome to visit our office at 4 Ishie Lane, Calabar; we are open every day, including holidays.



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FROM THE DIRECTORS

ZENA TOOZE—DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER

As I look back on 2008, I have very mixed feelings. I spent very little time in Nigeria, and much of the year was spent mentally preparing for my role to change permanently in 2009.



Zena with Jane Goodall

Although preparations for this have been going on for about 5 years, I knew that this year was to be my final one as Director. Changing roles is a funny thing, and as CERCOPAN was 'my baby', I liken it to preparing for a child leaving the nest! Therefore it has been a tough, but very good and satisfying year for me. The highlight of my year has without a doubt returning in March to see the mona release group in the forest following their release in November 2007, thriving 4 months post release. To see and be part of the new information coming out on their behaviour was absolutely brilliant, and I was very proud to be able to present information on this at two international conferences this year - the first reintroduction congress at Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago (co-authored with Lynne Baker) and the International Primatological Congress in Edinburgh (co-authored with Sylvain Lemoine) - as well as at the PASA management meetings in Sierre Leone. Lynne and I also co-authored a case study in the new book on reintroduction published by the Reintroduction Specialist Group - 'Global Reintroduction Perspectives', edited by Pritpal Soorae. Although we could not consider the release 100% successful, we have learned a huge amount and will be releasing more monkeys in 2009. The other highlight was at long last, after two years, finalizing a new site for CERCOPAN with the University of Calabar - but I will let Claire tell you more about that, and other exciting developments at CERCOPAN this year! As this is my last 'From the Director' message, I would like to take the opportunity to personally thank everyone for all of your support, both emotional and financial, over the past 14 years of CERCOPAN's development.



Claire at CERCOPAN HQ with Big Qua and Mickey

CLAIRE COULSON—DEPUTY DIRECTOR

This year has been very exciting, both for me personally and for the organisation as a whole. Many of the initiatives, developments and activities of 2008 will shape the organisation long into the future. Most notably, after many years hoping to move to new, more spacious premises, the University of Calabar has donated 11 hectares of land on their Calabar campus for the development of the CERCOPAN Rainforest Research Institute. A survey of the site has been completed and building is set to begin in 2009. In addition, thanks to a major grant from Esso, we have been able to start building a community and visitor centre in Iko Esai, which on completion will provide a base for all of our community and livelihoods work.

In 2008, we also formed a close and fruitful partnership with the Cross River State Ministry of Environment, assisting with their stakeholders Environmental Summit and subsequent Biodiversity and Forests Action Plan. This action plan is a huge step forward in terms of conserving the amazing biodiversity of the state and I am extremely proud to have been part of it. Other notable advances include the capacity building of our local veterinary team by UK wildlife vet Nic Masters, the donation of a much needed Hilux truck by the UPS Foundation and the construction of new enclosures and quarantine facility. Of course these are not the only highlights of the year and I will leave you to read about the rest in more detail throughout this report. I would however, like to take this opportunity to personally thank all of the volunteers and staff of CERCOPAN for their utter hard work and dedication this year. I could not possibly wish for a better team and without them none of the advances we have made would be possible.

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PROGRAMMES

CONSERVATION Community Forest Protection

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Work on the long proposed community centre began in earnest in 2008, thanks to generous support from our sponsors. A grant from Esso Exploration and Production Nigeria Limited, a subsidiary of ExxonMobil, has in conjunction with previous grants from the Leventis Foundation and the Iroko Foundation, allowed us to commence on a project of considerable scale.

Our chosen architect for the project, Mr. Offiong Asuquo, has produced the working drawings and bill of quantities for the building which have been presented to and approved by the village council. The donated area of community land has been cleared and prepared for building to commence, site infrastructure such as storage areas have been constructed and building materials have been delivered to site.

The project has not been without its difficulties; the late rains and extended wet season this year have not only made work and transportation to site difficult but, more seriously, have swept



Iko Esai children eager to help build their future

We have been in contact with the local government council, Ekperem youth and Ekperem chiefs' council regarding this problem. In fact, not only did the original bridge collapse, but once new materials had been gathered to the site for reconstruction, a second flood system unexpectedly hit the area and swept these away also. To assist our neighbouring village to meet the cost of again repairing this bridge we have provided funds to cover 50% of the material costs and pledged assistance with labour when required.

Despite these setbacks, work continues and is expected to complete mid 2009. Once operational this centre is envisioned to give a massive boost to youth empowerment schemes, access to learning and local capacity building as well as assisting the development of tourism in the area. The centre will incorporate a visitor area, small library with reading rooms, computer training room, assembly meeting hall and an office for the community development committee. We hope to hold adult literacy classes at night (after people have returned from farm), health seminars regarding prominent issues such as HIV and the benefits of clean water and sustainable livelihoods training. The centre will also be used as a focus for conservation education where we will offer lectures and show films on wildlife and nature.



Collecting materials to begin the build

away the bridge at Iko Ekperem along the only passable supply route.

Special thanks to Susan Eshett for all the help she has provided Iko Esai Community in securing the future of this venture and the myriad of benefits it brings.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR CONSERVATION

At the beginning of the year, eight bee hives were installed in Iko Esai and two were quickly colonised. The first harvesting of two hives took place on the 26th March 2008, yielding five litres of honey. The honey was sold and the money placed in the treasury of the women’s group. Bee wax training was also undertaken to use as



Beehives

baiting material for the additional hives. Two honey presses have subsequently been fabricated, one given to the women’s group and one retained for demonstrations of honey

production at the new community centre. DIN also held a workshop in Iko Esai in April 2008 on micro-enterprise development. The workshop was successful and at the end DIN presented the women’s group with copies of NTFP domestication and beekeeping manuals.

Our apprenticeships have also proven very successful. Paul Aidam Eyo completed his tailor training and a sewing machine was bought for his use by CERCOPAN. He has now opened a workshop and is truly self-reliant. Anthony Akposi and Arong Eyo were both given driving training by CERCOPAN. Anthony Akposi is now with a company in Netim as a driver and Arong Eyo is currently working as a driver in a State Government Ministry in Calabar.

FOREST PATROL



Night patrol keeping our forest safe

Patrol and security staff members in Rhoko were supplied with new uniform items in April including patrol rucksacks, protective boots and jerseys. The carbide face lights for night patrol were reconditioned in July 2008. Furthermore, patrol staff have been regularly accompanying research projects, receiving additional training on identifying forest flora and nocturnal primates.

ECOTOURISM

CERCOPAN experienced an increase in visitor numbers in 2008. We also designed a new tourist information package for visitors and began a short term working holiday volunteer programme, providing training and opportunities to those without previous relevant experience/ qualifications in the field.



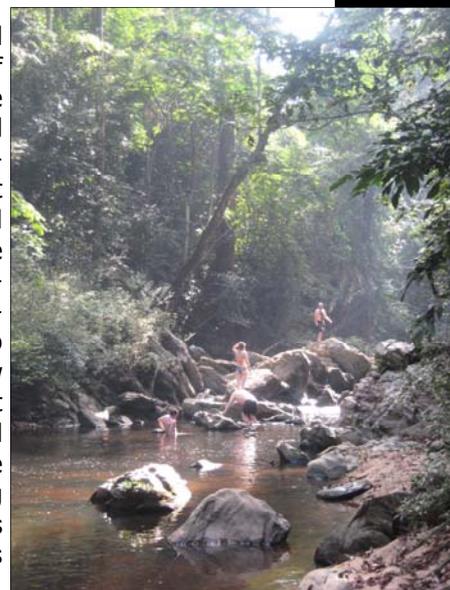
New shower



Tranquil interior

The existing tourist facilities were renovated and provided with new mosquito nets, curtains, bedding and furniture. Repairs to roofs, new signage and protective treatment of timbers were carried out and a new walkway has been constructed to lead to all tourist huts. Additionally feedback from visitors highlighted the need for improvement of the access road to Rhoko. Work on both clearing the route and repairing the road surface was carried out during October and November 2008.

We have hosted several groups of tourists since these renovations and have taken the opportunity to collect feedback which will help improve the overall tourist experience in the future. We intend to construct two new deluxe eco-tourist lodges in 2009 and are currently in the process of securing an area which has been identified as suitable.



Tourists enjoy an afternoon swim at the river

EDUCATION

CALABAR

Visitor numbers this year have shown a decrease compared to last year's record total, however, we are still attracting an average of over 55 visitors each day. Our visitors come from all walks of life - from church groups and conservation clubs to students and international guests. Entrance is free so as not to limit the audience our organization attracts. We feel it is of the utmost importance to spread the message of conservation as far as it can reach.

RAINFOREST RESEARCH CENTRE

After almost 15 years at our Ishie Lane premises, CERCOPAN has been allocated 11 hectares of land overlooking the river at the University of Calabar campus (see map left). The University has kindly donated land near their Forestry and Wildlife Faculty for a new Rainforest Research and Education Institute. Once we are able to raise the funds needed, we hope to construct new spacious open-top enclosures for our monkeys, veterinary facilities, quarantine area, administration block, accommodation for visiting volunteers and researchers, and education facilities (including a well-stocked reference library).



Nigeria currently lacks people trained in environmental disciplines with strong experience gained from field work. There are very few opportunities to learn in the field and generally university programmes do not include the subject matter needed to train people to effectively protect the environment. As a result, environmental projects tend to rely upon overseas consultants for expertise, a situation which is not sustainable in the long term. The new CERCOPAN Rainforest Research and Education Institute will address this problem by providing opportunities for Nigerians to undertake environmental study both in the city centre institute, and at our Rhoko site only 2.5 hours away. Institute attendees will benefit by learning the skills needed to both evaluate and implement environmental and conservation projects, and we expect that the biological wealth of this beautiful country will be better protected as a result.

In addition to providing training for University students, we intend to offer training programmes to State Government staff from both Forestry and Environment Departments (e.g. in identifying endangered species to allow the effective policing of wildlife laws etc.). Training will also be available for members of University staff to allow them to teach new techniques and courses to their students. We hope to achieve this by developing partnerships with international universities.

RHOKO

Rhoko has been host to many visitors this year, ranging from local students, researchers, surrounding villagers, to international tourists alike. Visitors to Rhoko get an inside perspective on what we do as most of our field work is undertaken in the surrounding forest and communities. Upon arrival they are cordially greeted and given a talk about the project in our education centre, which is located at the entrance to the forest. Afterwards, they can take a guided tour along our nature trail and even visit the mangabays in our open-top forest enclosure.

University of Calabar Field Course

In June 2008, UNICAL students undertook a week of training with Jerry at CERCOPAN Calabar HQ and then attended a six-day field course at Rhoko led by Volunteer Researcher Sagan Friant. Nine students attended and between the two sites they were given theoretical courses and practical sessions on behavioural data collection, primate taxonomy and distribution, primate research (methods, ethics, etc), habitat description and phenology, survey and census methods, conservation, and community partnerships/alternative livelihoods. They visited the enclosures, nature trail and surrounding farmland and were given a tour of the sustainable livelihoods projects initiated by CERCOPAN in the village. All students thoroughly enjoyed the course and we have already been requested to run another course in 2009.



Volunteer researcher teaching students from the University of Calabar

PRIMATE CONSERVATION

CERCOPAN has been rescuing and rehabilitating orphans of the bushmeat trade for 14 years, and today over 160 monkeys are cared for in different stages of rehabilitation in Calabar HQ and at Rhoko, our rainforest Research and Education Centre. On arrival in Calabar they must go through a rigorous three-month quarantine period to ensure that they are not carrying any disease which might affect both humans and animals alike. After this they are introduced to an existing social group whenever possible, with the hope that eventually they can be released back into their natural habitat, free in the forest.

Many new orphans entered our gates in 2008, and there were many other new captive births as part of our reintroduction programme, both in Calabar and Rhoko. Due to the resulting increase in our primate population, a number of new enclosures were built to help adequately accommodate them all. We constructed a new enclosure in Calabar for two Sclater's guenons, and thanks to funds donated in remembrance of Linda Howard, a forest release enclosure in Rhoko and two new large enclosures in Calabar. One of the latter enclosures is currently being occupied by the new Mona release group, to enable social bonding to take place prior to their being moved to the forest enclosure in 2009. With a grant from the Disney foundation, we were also able to begin construction of a much-needed new quarantine area, including seven enclosures of varying sizes surrounded by a protective barrier. Development of the new site at the University of Calabar is set for 2009, and new enclosures are planned to allow the monkeys to roam freely in spacious open-top enclosures like those of our Rhoko site.

MONA MONKEY REINTRODUCTION

The mona guenon release programme has provided a series of challenges this year necessitating some major changes to the group composition and providing us with some valuable lessons to be applied to future releases. The first five months of the release was very successful and the animals readily adapted to their new forest environment. Unfortunately, following an attack by a crowned eagle, the group returned to the original primate enclosures. Attempts were made to re-release the group at different sites further from their original enclosure and to supplement the group

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encourage them to remain independent as a group. However, despite this and an increase in provisioned food, the animals subsequently returned to their original enclosure within a matter of days.

The factors most influential in prompting the group's return to the captive primate enclosures are believed to be related to group size and site familiarity, and desire to form a polyspecific group as would occur in the wild. This hypothesis is supported by the the release monkeys' attempts to join existing groups of putty-nosed guenons in the core area, which were hampered by the nervous reaction of these wild monkeys towards human researchers. These issues have been addressed by increasing the proposed number of individuals in the second release, planned for next year, in addition to habituating the putty nosed guenon groups to human presence to enable released monkeys to more easily join the wild group if they wish.



CERCOPAN:Photo by Oskar Brattstrom



Released mona monkeys July and Nko

Members of the 2009 release group are all 'naïve' individuals that have not visited the locality previously and will therefore, have no site fidelity to the area of the original enclosures. Comparisons between the first and second release will therefore permit the assessment of the influence of pre-release training, site familiarity and group size.

RESEARCH

Research is a vital part of CERCOPAN's programming and over time we are dedicating more and more human and financial resources to this activity, and generating much interest in the research community for conducting exciting research in the area. Below are the highlights from this year.

MANGABEY STUDIES

Sagan Friant (MRes graduate) returned to CERCOPAN as a volunteer researcher from February to July 2008. During this time she focused on reviewing and implementing improvements to the mangabey research methodology, with a view to preparing for a future re-introduction programme at Rhoko. Since leaving Nigeria she has been actively working to promote her past research, focused on health issues involved in re-introduction programmes. In August 2008 she presented her masters research at the International Primatological Society Congress in Edinburgh, and also received an award from the IPS research committee. Sagan is currently at the University of Wisconsin in Madison doing a PhD in Environment and Resources. Her manuscript from her MRes is currently in review for publication.

From March 17 – May 31 2008, student researcher Lisa Reamer conducted behavioural data collection as part of her MRes in Primatology from Roehampton University, London. This study compared behavioural stress between populations of red-capped mangabeys, one housed in traditional cage enclosures (Calabar) and the other in a semi-free ranging environment (Rhoko), through the assessment of self-directed and stereotypic behaviour.

Analyses revealed that there were no significant differences in stress levels between males and females, those with different rearing histories (ie orphan or captive born) or between females of differing maternal status. Equally, the extent of either self-directed or stereotypic behaviour was not dependent on dominance rank or age. However, there were significant differences in pacing and stereotypic behaviour between groups. These results suggest that environmental factors, such as enclosure size and group density etc. may have an important impact on stress levels in the red-capped

mangabey. Shortly, an abridged version of this study will be submitted to the journal *Applied Animal Behaviour Science* for publication, titled 'Correlates of self-directed and stereotypic behaviours in captive red-capped mangabeys (*Cercocebus torquatus torquatus*)'. The data from Lisa's study will be used to inform site design at the new University of Calabar premises, currently under development.



Research Assistant Akposi with Mangabeys

PHENOLOGY

The phenology study in the core area has continued with surveys along 10 research grids being carried out each month. Several more staff and volunteers have been familiarised with the methodology of this study, which is currently being used to assess the abundance of food available to primates in our forest. A laminated identification key has been produced covering the most commonly recognised species samples;



this database continues to grow. Over 150 samples have been identified as edible by mona guenons and nearly 100 of these are now readily recognised by the research staff. 100 trees belonging to 24 of the common food producing species have also been selected for focal studies to greater supplement our knowledge in this area.

Early analysis has indicated that of all samples accepted as food by captive mona guenons, 95% are fruit samples and 5% flowers. Fruits are more prevalent during the rainy season while the availability of flowers is highest during the dry season.



BUTTERFLIES

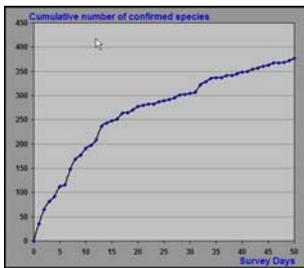
The butterfly survey that started in October 2007 continues. Robert Warren and Dr. Oskar Brattström were both regularly in the field during 2008, under the overall guidance of world-renowned expert Torben B. Larsen. While the work is a long way from being complete, the interim results continue to support our expectations for an outcome of major significance regarding the biodiversity of Rhoko forest. During 2008 the large and rare swallowtail *Papilio*



CERCOPAN-Photo by Oskar Brattstrom

Gilder

andronicus was identified at Rhoko, establishing its presence in Nigeria for the first time. To date 377 different butterfly species have been confirmed within the 200 square kilometre area. This is a high number, placing it already on a level with two longer-term surveys conducted in Western Nigeria. Of even greater significance is the rate at which further additions are still being made to the confirmed total. The graph shows that even after 50 days of surveying we are yet to see a tailing-off in the build up. It is only when the cumulative species curve begins to flatten out that we can start to have an idea of what the ultimate potential of the forest is for butterfly species. For now, the possibility of establishing the highest butterfly species density for a single location anywhere in Africa remains in our sights, although it will take as much as two more years before we will have the confidence to speak in such terms.



Butterfly species accumulation chart for Rhoko

transects with point surveys. She found that the former is more effective for sighting galagos while the latter is more effective with the pottos and angwantibos. Oxford Brooks is already recommending further work, with a visit planned by renowned Nocturnal Primate expert and Oxford Brooks Professor Simon Bearder in the new year. Leah presented a poster on her findings in September at Notre Dame University in the USA, hosted by the Midwest Primate Interest Group, and intends to give a poster presentation of her work at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists conference in early 2009. As a result of the aptitude shown by Leah's assistant Osam during this study, he has been moved from Security to Patrol Staff. Since Leah's visit he has been called upon to give numerous night walks to visitors and has impressed everyone with his knowledge.



Student Researcher Leah Schein with Patrolman Osam

NOCTURNAL PRIMATE SURVEY

Leah Schein an Oxford Brooks Primate Conservation MSc student came to CERCOPAN from the end of May to the beginning of August to undertake her thesis research on nocturnal primates in Rhoko Core Area. Leah identified six nocturnal primates within the 400 ha core forest area, *Arctocebus calabarensis*, *Perodicticus potto edwardsi*, *Eutoticus pallidus*, *Galagoides demidovii*, *G. thomasi*, and *Sciurocheirus alleni camerounensis*. In order to improve future research, she also undertook a comparison of data collection techniques, contrasting line



Photo by Oskar Brattstrom

Galago

VOLUNTEERS



Vet Nurse
Heather Macintosh

Once again we have been extremely lucky to welcome a variety of willing, hard working volunteers through our doors in 2008, all of whom have given of themselves and have in turn expressed their gratitude for the experiences they have gained. Carrying out a multitude of tasks ranging from administrative duties to research, this year's volunteers have assisted in every aspect of day to day life and operations at the two sites. Their input has played a major role in furthering the development of the

organisation and in the capacity building of local staff.

CERCOPAN Vet nurse manager Heather Macintosh left us in April 2008 and was replaced by Kristine Krynitzki, in the newly created role of Office and Finance Manager. Richard Carroll and Sylvain



Office and Finance Manager
Kristine Krynitzki

Lemoine, both with CERCOPAN since 2007, continued in their roles as Rhoko Manager and Mona Project Coordinator, whilst Sagan Friant joined us once again to coordinate Mangabey Research from February to July. Finally Lisa Reamer found time following the completion of her Masters studies to return in September assisting at both sites, but concentrating on the research and habituation programs in Rhoko.



Rhoko Manager
Richard Carroll

We were also joined by a number of short term volunteers; Sarah Martyn-Fischer, Sophie Edwards, Amy Thomas and Emma Higgs. A big 'thank-you' to all of these people; who have contributed during the year in one way or another.



Short term vet nurse
Emma Higgs

CERCOPAN TEAM

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 Claire Coulson, Deputy Director
 Uche Anayorah, Veterinarian
 George Wudiri, Veterinary Intern, Calabar
 Richard Carroll, Rhoko Manager & Community Coordinator
 Kristine Krynitzki, Office & Finance Manager, Calabar
 Sylvain Lemoine, Mona Project Coordinator, Rhoko
 Jerry Akparawa, Senior Education Officer, Calabar
 Obio Owai Obio, Assistant Operations Manager, Rhoko
 Martina Ezama, Education Assistant, Calabar
 Etan Bernard Egorborim, Admin. Assistant, Calabar
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 Egu Arikpo, Primate Care Staff, Calabar
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 Gabriel Aidam, Forest Patrol, Rhoko
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 Wayas Julius Obuo, Security, Calabar
 Abraham Enya Utuma, Security, Calabar
 Emmanuel, Security, Calabar
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 Chief Elijah Okom Obun, Security, Rhoko
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 Charity Enwa, Camp Assistant, Rhoko
 Michael Ekpe, Education & Community Liaison Officer, Rhoko

STAFF



Some of CERCOPAN staff at HQ in Calabar

CAPACITY BUILDING OF CERCOPAN VETERINARY TEAM

Nic Masters visited CERCOPAN from 15th- 21st April 2008 on behalf of Wildlife Vets International who agreed to support the project through the provision of veterinary training. Nic works with the International Zoo Veterinary Group and is the veterinarian for Twycross Zoo, which houses one of the most diverse collections of primates in the world and includes 8 species of *Cercopithecine*. The purpose of his visit was to work clinically



Nic Masters at work in the UK

also made an assessment of the current facilities, equipment and protocols to determine how they could be improved upon at the new site. CERCOPAN greatly benefited from Nic's knowledge and experience and since this visit he has helped us with advice via email and phone on numerous occasions. Nic hopes to visit us again to conduct further capacity building in the future.

STAFF CHANGES

Most significantly, Zena Tooze, Director and Founder of CERCOPAN will turn over day to day running of CERCOPAN to Claire Coulson who will take over as Director on 1st January 2009. Claire started at CERCOPAN as Deputy Director in 2007,

having worked previously with wild primates in Peru and Madagascar, primates in captivity at Banham Zoo and at international animal welfare organisation WSPA.

As a further step towards ensuring long-term sustainability, Jerry Akparawa, formerly Senior Education Officer, has also been promoted. Jerry will start in his new role as Acting Operations Manager on the same date. In his more than 10 years at CERCOPAN, Jerry has fulfilled his duties in an exemplary fashion receiving international awards for his work with CERCOPAN; we wish him well in his transition to a management role.



Jerry Akparawa

Eme Utin, well loved by all CERCOPAN volunteers and staff, left CERCOPAN on the 25th August. Eme first began work in 1996 as a house keeper and in her 12 years with the project has cooked and cared for countless volunteers and animals at the Calabar site. During her time she also worked as a Project Assistant, she leaves to pursue other opportunities.

Victoria Esin Isangediglu joined the organisation on a part time basis in October as house keeper, assisting Mercy Ononokpono. Graduate veterinarian George Wuderi also started working for CERCOPAN in the National Youth Corps Service programme on the 26th September. George is assisting the veterinary team based in Calabar. Osam Oyira Osam moved from Rhoko security to the position of forest patrol on 1st August and Isoyip Aidam Eyo was hired to take his place as security.

Tragically in July, we lost hard working Rhoko Head Keeper Eno Okikpo Okom to long-term terminal illness. Eno originally joined us as forest patrol then moved to primate keeper duties before finally being promoted to head keeper. All who knew him know how deeply he cared for the monkeys entrusted to him; he will be hugely missed by staff and volunteers.



Eno with mona monkey

CERCOPAN UK ACTIVITIES

Part of our mandate as a registered charity in the UK is to raise awareness about the plight of primates and rainforests in Nigeria. The Board of Trustees in the UK geared up activities this year to help CERCOPAN become better known here in the UK, and hopefully generate additional support through our web fundraising efforts.

EVENTS: Several successful events were held which exhibited CERCOPAN's work and sold items for fundraising. These included the Aylsham Show in Norfolk, the Chipstead Flower Show in Surrey, the Africa Fair in Wales. Trustees also gave presentations to the general public: Bob Baxter gave a talk to the Sutton and Banstead Rotary clubs and Nicky Pulman to the West London branch of the WI. Lin Marshal, our first UK volunteer, led the way giving an astounding 13 talks in the first 4 months of 2008! These included 9 WI's, Llanrumney Pensioners, Whitchurch Mothers Union, Ely Pensioners, Llandaff Friday Club, and Barry OAP's, raising lots of awareness as well as over £800. Lastly Director Zena Tooze gave scientific presentations at 3 international conferences this year: the 1st International Reintroduction Congress held in Chicago, the International Primatological Congress, this year held in Edinburgh and at PASA's annual management workshop, this year in Sierre Leone.

OTHER NEWS: CERCOPAN is a member of the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance, and Zena Tooze was elected to the Steering Committee of PASA in 2008 as one of 2 representing sanctuaries. In September, PASA asked Zena to travel to South Africa to assist with the review of a sanctuary there.



Nicky Pulman (centre) with friends and colleagues in Nigeria

For personal reasons, in October 2008 Nicky Pulman regretfully announced her resignation as Board member this year. We would like to thank Nicky for her service to CERCOPAN, both as Deputy Director for 3 years and more recently as a trustee, and wish her all the best in future. We earlier also made the decision to expand the board to 7 members, and have therefore advertised for 3 new trustees to begin in 2009 to fulfill vacant roles in accounting, fundraising and marketing; response has been encouraging, and we hope to announce new board members early in 2009.



Chipstead Flower Show Stall, Surrey

PUBLICATIONS/PRINTING: To assist in spreading the word about our work, a new general colour flyer was designed and 5000 printed, and posters, post cards and greeting cards were designed and printed to sell at events and through our new online shop (greeting cards right) accessed from our website. Finally we printed a large fold out banner for use at events.



Greeting Cards for sale online

CERCOPAN COLLABORATION WITH STATE GOVERNMENT

In 2008, CERCOPAN played a key role in the planning and implementation of the Cross River State Stakeholders Environmental Summit. The Summit was held in Calabar at the Cultural Centre from 25th -28th June and focused on Forests and Biodiversity, Urban Environmental Management, Climate Change, Energy, Industrial Ecology, and Environmental Governance. The aim of the summit was for stakeholders to come together and contribute towards shaping the future of environmental policy in Cross River State. It was attended by representatives from Federal and State Governments, overseas experts, members of the Diplomatic Corp, National and State Assemblies, academia, development partners, NGOs, media and the general public. Representatives from the communities that work with CERCOPAN were also invited. CERCOPAN assisted with all aspects of the planning and organising of the event and has subsequently played a major role on the "Action Plan

Committee"; helping to formulate a four-year Forests and Biodiversity Action plan and budget based on the recommendations arising from the summit. Claire Coulson (CERCOPAN's Deputy Director) was formally thanked for her tireless work by the State Governor, and now sits on the Action Plan implementation committee, helping to ensure that the vision and activities of the Action plan are realised. Work with the State government will continue in 2009 and hopefully long into the future.



Deputy Director Claire Coulson at the high table at the CRS Environmental Summit

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

CERCOPAN Nigeria	Nigerian Naira
Programme Funds C/F 2007	304,414.00
INCOME	
Private Donations	394,450.68
Grants from CERCOPAN UK	14,832,355.00
Corporate Donations	17,069,856.50
Other Income	539,100.00
TOTAL INCOME	33,140,176.18
EXPENSES	
Conservation & Awareness Programmes	14,449,219.25
Infrastructure Development	4,562,970.00
Administration & Operations	3,769,109.31
Capacity Building & Coordination	3,828,973.00
Transport and Travel	1,939,275.00
Fundraising & Publicity	14,050.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	28,563,596.56
Programme Funds C/F 2008	4,576,579.62

CERCOPAN UK	UK Sterling
Funds C/F 2007	5,790.12
INCOME	
Donations (Individual)	14,617.10
Donations (Grants and Corporate)	61,452.31
Revenues / Other Income	6,106.22
TOTAL INCOME	82,175.63
EXPENSES	
Grants to CERCOPAN Nigeria	67,500.00
Conservation & Awareness Programmes	5,098.49
Infrastructure Development	0
Administration & Management	11,287.54
Transport and Travel	1,960.40
Fundraising & Publicity	1,167.86
TOTAL EXPENSES	87,014.29
Programme Funds C/F 2008	951.46

Average exchange rate over the period: Naira 219.5= £1

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all of those who graciously donated financial assistance or assisted our organisation in other ways in 2008. It is because of the support from each and every one of you that we are able to continue our work, helping to create and uphold a sustainable environment for Nigeria's primates and people alike.

SPECIAL THANKS

ADDAX PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT NIGERIA – Programme Support



Thanks to Addax's unwavering support we have been able to stay on target with our forest protection, primate rehabilitation, community development and education programmes. Such help has been invaluable to us. Thank you Addax!

MOBIL PRODUCING NIGERIA UNLIMITED – Programme Support



Mobil has been one of CERCOPAN's most generous sponsors over the years and 2008 was no different. We would like to send out a big Thank You to their continued support, for without such assistance we would not be where we are today. Thank you!



UPS – Toyota Hilux Truck



UPS has paved a smoother path for CERCOPAN with their generous donation of a new Hilux truck. Our efficiency in operations has markedly increased allowing us to focus on the more important tasks of protecting the environment and its inhabitants.

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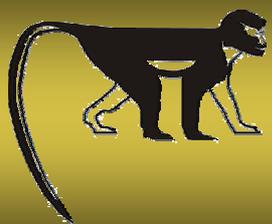
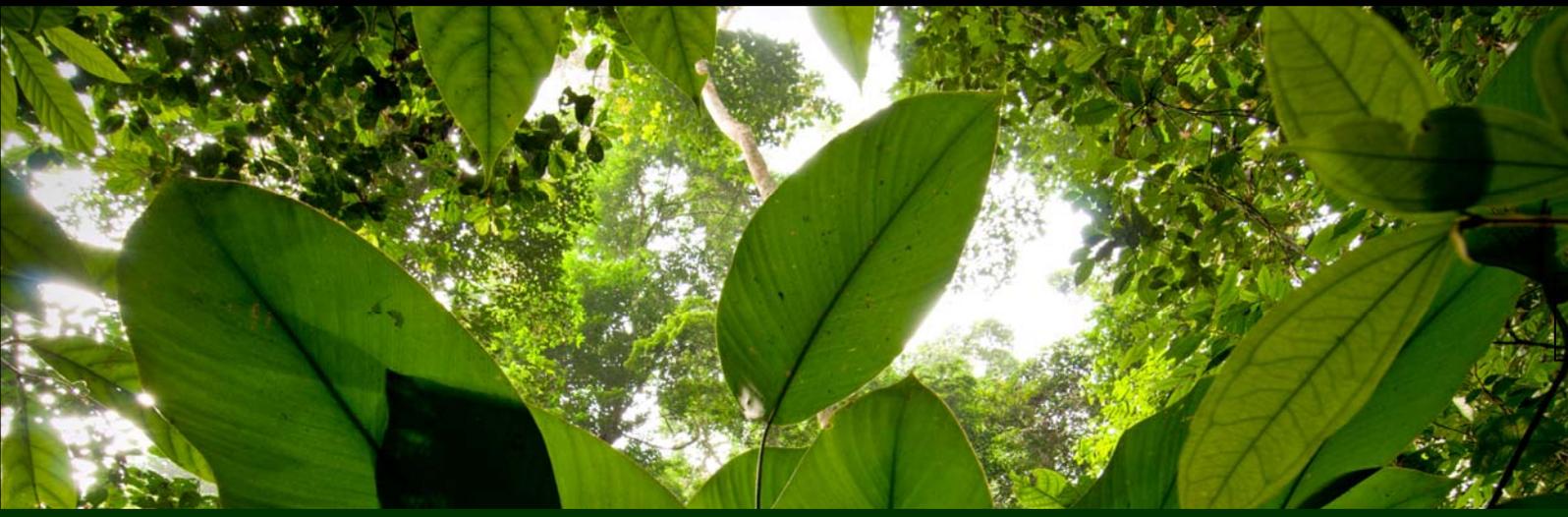
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Cross River National Park	Peak Milk
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Friends at Bristow Helicopters	Twycross Zoo
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International Union for the Conservation of Nature	Wildlife Vets International
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