

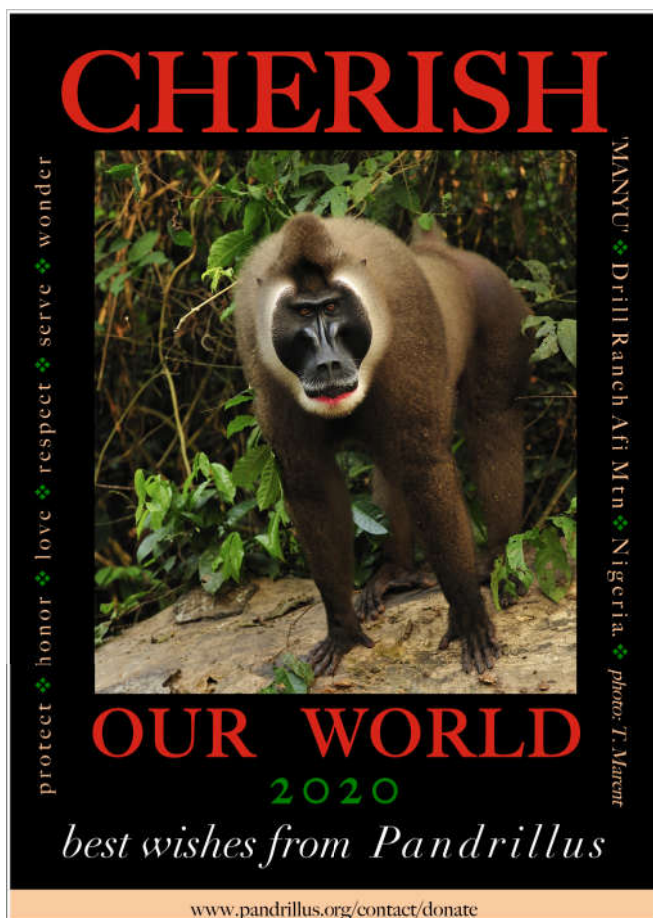
DRILL INFO



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Dear members and friends of the drill,

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!



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Please make a note:

Our next annual general assembly will take place September 5th 2020 at Berlin Zoo.

All members will receive a detailed invitation on time.

(Please note: Since there is also a big fair in Berlin this weekend, we recommend an early booking of sleeping accommodation.)

Visit from Nigeria

Kathrin Paulsen

According to association law, the invitation to our annual general assembly has to be sent to all members in due time. Fortunately, in the meantime most of our members have agreed

to receive the invitation by mail - a great way to save on postage and paper costs!

We also send out the invitation to Liza Gadsby, Peter Jenkins as well as their staff in Nigeria and the team of Limbe Wildlife Centre in Cameroon to inform them, since our work has been all about these rescue centers for more than 15 years now.

We were very excited when we received this answer from Liza:

"We have had the (crazy?) idea that Zack and I could come to the annual meeting in Nordhorn, next Saturday, August 10th. Peter must return to Nigeria but Zack and I could do it."

Liza Gadsby wanted to come to our assembly from the United States together with her colleague Zacharias (Zack) Schwenneker, a biologist who has worked regularly as project manager in Nigeria since 2015!

Of course, the entire board immediately agreed enthusiastically. But: Oh well, we only had one week left – and besides the various arrangements for such an assembly, we wanted to make the stay for our special guests as pleasant and interesting as possible.

First of all, we needed simultaneous translation for the assembly, because:

“I noticed that it says the meeting is in German in the announcement. Zack and I could do presentations, with PowerPoint, but we could not do it in German.”

Of course, our conference was held in German. But luckily our new board member Marco Dinter translated for Liza and Zack and so the frame for their visit was built quickly: The first two nights they stayed with Heike Weber in Rheine, then they came to my place in Hannover. Only the last night at Amsterdam airport we organized a hotel room for Liza (and also paid for the travel costs).

Before the annual general assembly

Dr. Heike Weber

Liza already stayed with me a couple of years ago. Zack on the other hand was a stranger to all of us. August 8th after thw work at the zoo I picked both of them up at the train station Bad Bentheim and took them to the house of my husband, Hans Röttger. During the car ride it quickly showed that Liza is a master of storytelling, while Zack tends to stay in the background. However, if you catch him alone - for example when Liza was walking through the garden with Hans or worked on her lecture – you get to know an informative, dedicated, young man. It sometimes was difficult to understand him since he talked pretty low and used many American expressions that I didn't know. Liza on the other hand spoke a very simple English. I can imagine she adopted this during all her years in Africa since English is also to a lot of Africans a foreign language as well as for me. In the villages a lot of them have their own tribal language. Although English is the official language and taught at school, it still is a foreign or at least a second language. Anyway it was very interesting to talk to Liza and Zack.

In particular, I wanted to find out what motivated such a young man to spend years of his life to work under the simplest conditions in Nigeria, completely isolated from his normal social environment. I can't give you a clear answer on that question. But I think that Zack is a very



Dr. Heike Weber and Liza Gadsby (photo: Hauke Meyer)

thoughtful, calm and faithful person who really cares about the drill project. In the USA he almost does not have a chance to find a job as biologist. The past year, he worked on a jobsite and therefore gained many technical skills that are very helpful in Nigeria. He is excited to go back to Africa and would also absolutely stay there for longer – if there is a safe payment for the post of the project manager (and additional helpers). One can do this for a couple of months or maybe a year without money. But for being able to plan a safe future there has to be at least a small base salary. Liza and Peter do their best to pull their strings to find a sponsor. But as we all know, it's extremely difficult! People donate

for animals, nature conservation and so on. But it is quite difficult to securely finance a work place for years. Save the drill helps already a lot at this point since a big part of your (!!!) donations are actually used to finance the salary of the employees. Nonetheless, the position of a project manager is another category.

So the first evening in Rheine ended with dinner together – uncomplicated, amusing and quick.

The next morning, they needed to sleep in and work on their presentations. Then we went for a short visit at the animal park Rheine.

Because they should at least get to know the two large groups of geladas, the Berber monkey forest and the new lemur enclosure. Achim Johann, the zoo director of Rheine, even took time to guide us personally through the lemur house. That was extremely nice, especially since we had

registered at very short notice. There was an intensive discussion about the possibilities and problems of in-situ and ex-situ species protection measures of monkeys, which was certainly exciting and instructive for all participants. Liza was of course very enthusiastic about the two large groups of geladas and asked several times why such a large group keeping would not be possible with drills in German zoos. Well, what can you say...? On the one hand, of course, the requirements regarding the size of indoor enclosures have increased in the meantime (mammal expertise on keeping zoo animals). On the other hand, one would have to find more zoos that want to provide so much space for only one species. That would certainly make sense. And it also evidently corresponds to the natural social behavior of the drills. This monkey species lives in the wild in large groups with several adult males, many adult females, as well as subadult and juvenile animals of both sexes. The unfortunately still frequent classical zoo keeping of 1.3 drills is definitely unnatural. We all know that lack of space is one of the big problems of zoos and often there is not enough money to invest in large indoor enclosures. But in our climatic conditions we need them for drills. Compared to geladas, which live in the Ethiopian plateau at 25°C to a few degrees below 0 (!), they are much more sensitive to cold. As inhabitants of the tropics, drills therefore need spacious warm houses for the colder season in Germany. It remains to be hoped that in future even more zoos will recognise how attractive the keeping of a large, active drill group can be. We as an association and above all the EEP-coordinator Carsten Zehrer are working on this subject.

After the exciting day at the zoo, my husband, Hans Röttger, invited us all to dinner in a rustic restaurant. In the meantime and also afterwards at home there was a lot of chatting and drinking. And they are able to hold one's drink! Hans and I couldn't even closely keep up with them.

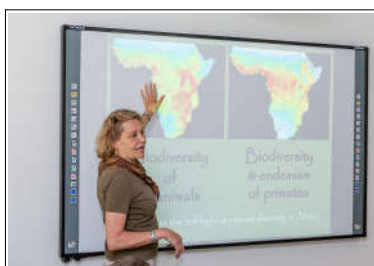
Saturday morning, the day of the annual general assembly, was once again full of work. But it was worth it, as you can read in Nadine Wack's report below. And it was great and instructive to hear so many stories and experiences of our two guests of honour from Nigeria. That encourages to keep going!

Annual general assembly at Nordhorn Zoo

Nadine Wack

August 10th 2019 the 15th annual general assembly took place at the Save the Drill founding zoo. Kathrin Paulsen welcomed all members and announced with joy that our special guest, Liza Gadsby, would join us with some interesting presentations in the afternoon.

Liza Gadsby and Peter Jenkins are the founders of the Drill Stations in Africa and it was really very exciting for everyone to finally meet Liza. Kathrin Paulsen briefly explained the course of the day. Afterwards the commercial director of the Nordhorn Zoo, Karin Schleper, welcomed all members. The Nordhorn Zoo has been supporting the drill project for years, although they do not have drills yet. After the official opening of the general assembly the board of directors introduced itself as



*Liza Gadsby at our member meeting
(photo: Franz Frieling)*

usual and told about its work. They explained where there were and are actions, which newly added zoo shop has included which articles in its programme, and reported on the increased public relations work of the board.

The Drill Association currently has 174 members, Anne Fallner told us.

Dr. Heike Weber, curator and zoo veterinarian from Nordhorn, presented the cash report and reported about an anonymous donor who gave the association 40.000 Euros.

Then the new board was elected and is now composed of:

1st chairman Kathrin Paulsen, 2nd chairman Marco Dinter, treasurer Dr. Heike Weber, secretary Dr. Anne Fallner.

Now came a really highly discussed point in the program: A change of the membership fee

- yes or no? There were numerous expressions of opinion, some suggestions and finally the

democratic decision for an appropriate increase.

At the end of the agenda, there were several other items left on the program. Kathrin took this as an opportunity to suggest that a "Drill Day" could be initiated. There is a day for everything, so why not also for our valuable drills. A great idea, which we hope to put into practice soon.



group picture of the general assembly at Tierpark Nordhorn (photo: Franz Frieling)

After a break and a refreshing snack, it was time for the public part with many interesting lectures. Exciting for everyone were of course the lectures of Liza Gadsby, who talked for example about the Drill Ranch and her work in Nigeria, but also about Cameroon, about the conditions at the time when they found the first monkeys and how it all started. Liza was accompanied by Zack Schwenneker, who told us that he is currently organizing the succession of Liza and Peter by building up a team that can take over these important tasks in the future.

Of course there were other interesting lectures, for example by Carsten Zehrer, who explained the stock of drills in the zoos. Christian Meyer zu Natrup reported about his time in



Carsten Zehrer talk about the drill population in Europe (photo: Franz Frieling)

Nigeria and Marco Dinter presented his master thesis on the genetic basis for the EEP of the drills.

Kathrin reported on news from Cameroon. Anne Fallner held a very interesting lecture on species protection for high school students. She had managed to get a class to travel on site, where the students spent a very valuable time for everyone. It's a great project that everyone will surely keep on talking about for a lifetime.

The day was very exciting and thrilling, already alone because of the visit of Liza Gadsby and Zack Schwenneker.

In the evening, after dinner, there was plenty of time to talk to Liza and speak to her about her work. She is a very impressive woman who dedicates her whole life to the protection and rescue of these monkeys. The meeting was as always very nice and super organized by all participants,

especially by Dr. Heike Weber and Nordhorn Zoo. We've missed out on nothing, and I'm looking forward for next year's meeting.

After the annual general assembly

Kathrin Paulsen

After a long evening in a nice restaurant we went to Hannover the next morning. Since the Osnabrück Zoo with its really impressive big drill facility with 7 drills, (3 males and 4 females), red buffalos and diana monkey is directly on the way, we made a short stop over there. We were warmly welcomed by the curators and zoo keepers. Some of them had come although it was their day off. Our guests were impressed by the entire facility, especially by the equipment on the outdoor area. There is a big number of high climbing structures and there are many large tree roots, which are stacked up in a high pile, where the animals have the possibility to search for seeds scattered in it, and at the same time offer a natural screen. Also here, many technical discussions took place again. After we had a snack, we went on to Hannover.



group picture with Lady at Osnabrück; from left: Hans-Jürgen Schröder (Zoo inspector), Zack Schwenneker, Tobias Klumpe (Curator), Wolfgang Festl (Headkeeper), Liza Gadsby (photo: Hauke Meyer)

The evening became very long again, because there were not only "club questions" to clarify, we also finally had time to get to know each other personally. Liza and I also had to prepare lectures quickly, because a press appointment with Liza and Zack at Hannover Zoo was planned for the next morning. There I first presented the work of our association and Liza then her work for the drills in Africa. Then it was off to the drill enclosure, where a surprise awaited them: Hannover Zoo handed them a cheque of 5,000 euros! Liza had reported in her talk at the meeting in Nordhorn that they would suffer especially under the bad situation with their vehicles in Nigeria (see Drill-Info 26). Actually 3 cars are needed: One to provide the drill ranch in Calabar, one to buy local food for the other drill ranch in the Afi Mountains, which are about 300 km away, but also to drive the employees home on their days off (the villages are sometimes many kilometers away from the ranch), and another one to bring materials, but also staff from Calabar to Afi. There are currently over 30 drills living in Calabar and it is also the "headquarters". More than 600 animals currently live in the up to 7 hectares of natural enclosures in the middle of the rainforest in the Afi Mountains. Because of the bad road conditions and since there is always something that has to be transported, all vehicles must be very solid and stable (Landrover). According to Liza only one car is driving reliably at the moment, the second sometimes, the third not at all. No way to run a sanctuary!

When we asked her, Liza said that they could actually only take older used cars because they needed to be regularly repaired, which was not possible with the complicated, modern technology of the newer cars in the rainforests of Africa. The purchase price of a good, used car is about 5000,- Euro. Therefore, it was immediately clear that the Hannover Zoo, with this year's donation to Save the Drill, would pay for a car. What a joy!



Check presentation at Hannover-Zoo; from left: Kathrin Paulsen, Zack Schwenneker, Liza Gadsby, Andreas Casdorff (Executive director from Hannover -Zoo) (photo: Erlebnis-Zoo Hannover)



Urgently needed: Landrover for Afi.... (photo: Zack Schwenneker)

Additionally some time later Christian Wagner, the chairman of the Zoofreunde Hannover, spoke to me. Not only many zoo friends, but also the association of Zoofreunde e.V. itself is a longstanding member of the drill association. To our great pleasure the zoo friends also decided to finance another car and also donated 5000,- Euro to our association. At this point: many thanks to the **Hannover Adventure Zoo** and the **Zoofreunde Hannover e.V.**!

But like so many things in Nigeria, it is not easy to buy a car: There are no good offers of used Land Rovers in the small town of Calabar at the moment. Zack has spent the last few months in the USA and other employees have not been

available. Thereupon Peter asked if it was okay to buy "only" spare parts from a donation to repair the existing vehicles. Gladly the zoo friends agreed to this suggestion.

But that was not the end of our guests' visit: After the day in Hanover, with the help of our colleagues there, we managed to arrange another appointment at the Wuppertal Green Zoo. The Wuppertal Zoo is a long-standing and important drill keeper for the European Conservation Breeding Programme (EEP). The local colleagues arranged a meeting with Dr. Arne Lawrenz, the zoo director and veterinarian in Wuppertal. Again there were many interesting conversations and Liza could tell about her worries about a missing veterinarian in Nigeria. Interesting technical discussions quickly developed and an important foundation stone for further international cooperation for the drill could be laid.

Of course, the extended drill facility was also admired here. And after a tough walk through the zoo it was already time to take Liza to the station. From Wuppertal her train went to Amsterdam, from where she had booked a flight back to the USA the next morning.

Zack came back with us to Hannover, where he stayed for another 3 days. Some more long nights with many interesting and also funny conversations followed, until he also travelled via Holland back to the USA.

It was a busy week. Due to the intensified and more personal contact to Liza and Zack, some questions of Save the Drill can now sometimes simply be clarified with a short Whats App message. But also forbearance and understanding have increased, when we again don't get any answers for weeks (in the Afi Mountains there is often no reception for days).

We are very pleased that Zack has now been back in Nigeria since the beginning of December and will be on site again for at least a year as project manager.

Since 2017, we have been in the fortunate position of being able to cover almost half of the total costs of the projects in Calabar and the Afi Mountains with 3000 Euros each month. This money can be used to buy food for the drills and to pay a part of the salaries of the almost 30 employees.

Now it is not that every month exactly the whole amount is used - sometimes, as for example now



Meeting with Liza at Wuppertal Zoo; from left: Matthias Schmitz (Drillkeeper), Liza Gadsby, Dr. Arne Lawrenz (Zoodirector and veterinarien), Kathrin Paulsen, Herbert Hader (Drillkeeoer), Zack Schwenneker, Steven Zschau (Drillkeeper) (photo: Hauke Meyer)

in December, a little more salary is paid so that the employees have more money available for Christmas. In return, the salary in January will be a little lower. The weather also plays a big role: In the rainy season, especially in August, the drills need significantly more and higher quality food, as they also consume more energy in this weather. Animal feeds such as peanuts, corn or beans are then also bought in order to provide the animals with an adequate diet. But of course this means that the food costs will rise in these months. Hence our monthly support is a "rough calculation", but through Zack's reports we can get a very good idea of how our (your!) donations are used.

Also we do not transfer the money every month, but about 3 times a year in larger amounts, because the transfer costs are about 50,- Euro each time. Fortunately, these costs have been completely covered by the **Nordhorn Zoo** for two years now. Therefore: Many thanks!

We hope that in the future we will also receive enough donations to help keep the Drill Ranch in Nigeria alive...

Many thanks again to the Rheine Nature Zoo, Nordhorn Zoo, Osnabrück Zoo, Hannover Adventure Zoo and the Wuppertal Green Zoo for the friendly welcome, the food and above all for the time and interesting discussions with all of us!

And please have in mind:

We gladly accept donations, also for the project manager position of Zack and other helpers!

Whereby it is always easiest for the association if the donations are not transferred to the association's account for a specific project. Because then we have the freedom to use them exactly where they are needed most urgently.

But we are also pleased about contacts to e.g. companies, which we could contact for donation requests.

Or do you have other tips for us on how we could support the drill projects even better financially?

Please feel free to contact us at info@rettet-den-drill.de

News from Cameroon

Anniversary at Limbe Wildlife Center (LWC)



Birthday Cake for the 25-anniversary (photo: Peggy Motsch)

A very important event at the LWC in Cameroon this year was the 25th anniversary of the sanctuary in the southwest of the country. Right now, 77 Drills (44 females and 33 males) live there, animals confiscated from the illegal animal trade or animals born there in a large social group. Celebrated was the cooperation between Pandrillus and the government of Cameroon (represented by: MINFOF = Ministry of Forests and Wildlife) with a big party on September 14th.

Therefore an employee of the ministry travelled

from the capital Yaoundé to Limbe. After a guided tour through the station he attended the official ceremony.

Guillaume Le Flohic, manager of LWC, said:

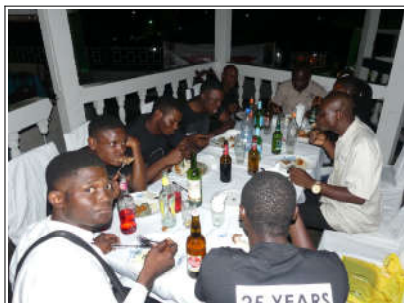
"This is a great celebration of the long and fertile cooperation between Pandrillus and the MINFOF over the last 26 years to ensure the best possible management and highest conservation impact of the Limbe Wildlife Centre.

Pandrillus works with the Ministry to support the daily



Group picture of the staff (photo: Fiona La mendola)

management on site, to provide a vision and to develop projects. These three essential elements are unfortunately too often missing from programmes to preserve biodiversity. We would like to thank all employees, managers, MINFOF representatives, Pandrillus directors, institutional donors and of course all of you who contribute to make this endeavour possible."



LWC staff at dinner (photo: Peggy Motsch)

We from the Drill Club put together a birthday greeting video message that was shown to colleagues at the party that evening. In the video we personally congratulated each of the 44 employees of the center, the conservator, the managers Peggy and Guillaume, the animal keepers, cleaners, drivers, etc. to the anniversary. Representatives of our institutional members sent a greeting to the whole team.

Peggy Motsch, the manager of the LWC, wrote us about it:

"It's great!!! Everyone was happy about the evening and the video. They were very proud to be so well known all over the world now."

(see: <https://www.rettet-den-drill.de/index.php?id=118>)

Winner of the renowned Clark R. Bavin Award

The Limbe Wildlife Center received the Clark R. Bavin Award on August 20th in recognition of its remarkable efforts to combat illegal wildlife trade. This was awarded at the conference of the contract parties to CITES in Geneva / Switzerland.

CITES= Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora, also known as the Washington Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora, was already founded in 1973. Germany was one of the first signatories of this agreement, which was concluded in view of the dramatic decline of many species through poaching and trade. Since its official international taking effect, 181 contract parties worldwide belong to the agreement by now. It currently comprises about 5000 animal and 29,000 plant species. In our country, the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation is the German enforcement authority for the implementation of the Washington Convention on biological diversity.

The award was officially granted by the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI, a non-profit organization based in the USA) for the following reasons:



Recipients of the Wildlife Law Enforcement Awards (Photo by IISD/Kiara Worth) (<https://enb.iisd.org/cites/cop18/20aug.html>)

"The Limbe Wildlife Centre in Cameroon provides a safe haven and rehabilitation for thousands of parrots and hundreds of primates and offers conservation education to thousands of children. The centre also employs local families, including former hunters and poachers, who collect aframomum, a type of wild ginger, and sell it to the centre to feed the monkeys they care for."



Award handover to the Conservator of the LWC Mbelem Rim Serge (photo: Steven Janssen)

At this 18th conference, the Co-Director of the Forestry and Wildlife Department of the Government of Cameroon, Mrs. MAHA Ngalie, received the award for the Limbe Wildlife Center. The small rhinoceros figure, as a symbol representing endangered species worldwide, was handed over to LWC conservator Mbelem Rim Serge at the festive ceremony. The Clark R. Bavin Wildlife Law Enforcement Award is presented in memory of the late Chief of Law Enforcement of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS, an agency of the US Department of the Interior). The prize is traditionally presented by the Secretary-General of CITES during meetings of the conference of the contracting parties. The conservation of wildlife is often difficult, dangerous and

sometimes deadly. The Bavin Award recognizes the extraordinary efforts made by law enforcement officials and others working on the scene to protect wildlife. This internationally renowned award is

given to individuals, organizations and agencies that have proven to be outstanding in the fight against wildlife crime.

Planned reintroduction of the drills into the wild

The planned preparations for a later reintroduction of the drills into the wild are continuing. The monitoring of the group (see Drill-Info 26) is almost finished, only some microchips have to be set (small transponders with a number - letter code, as they are also used here in Europe, in order to identify the animals later without any doubt). Also, all sexually mature female animals are provided with an implant to prevent further enlargement of the group by births.

In Mount Cameroon National Park, large, natural enclosures will be built in the rainforest in order to gradually introduce the animals to a life in freedom.

The area must of course be carefully explored and suitable regions need to be found. Flora and fauna, a potential drill population as well as the population of other primates has to be precisely recorded. It is important to ensure that sufficient feed is available to the animals all year round. And, of course, it must be ensured as far as possible that



Exploring an area at Mount Cameroon Nationalpark (photo: Peggy Motsch)

the "introduction" of the drills into the area does not have a negative effect on the existing biotope.

In compliance with the IUCN guidelines for the reintroduction of primates, this project is expected to take at least 10 years in total.



construction of the "overhang" for the drill enclosure at LWC (photo: Peggy Motsch)

Until then, a good care of the drills in the LWC must be ensured.

Again, we contribute to this by covering the costs of the Green project. Wild feed crops are harvested by former hunters in the forests, their wives grow more food in gardens. Thus the former hunters and their wives (!) have their own secure income and the hunting pressure on the wild animals is significantly reduced.

Most of the enclosure has now been completely renovated, the so-called "overhang", a protection of the upper edge of the enclosure is almost finished.

Here as well, Save the Drill was able to cover part of the costs.

Currently: Sensation with the drills

On October 6th 2019 the only three year old female "Lucy" (born on June 6th 2016 in the LWC) gave birth to a healthy female cub. She already had a complete mating swelling in April 2019 and became pregnant at the age of two years and ten months.

Such an early pregnancy has been observed very rarely for drills. Although, according to Liza Gadsby, drill females born in human care may become pregnant earlier than those born in the wild, the youngest female in zoological gardens was three years and ten months old when she gave birth. However, the average age is significantly higher at around four to five years.



"little" sensation : "Muma" (photo: Peggy Motsch)

Introduces a new board member

Hey!

My name is Marco Dinter, I've been elected deputy chairman of Save the Drill at the last annual assembly in Nordhorn. Hence, I would like to introduce myself a little further.



Marco Dinter (photo: Andrew Gall)

Since 2015, alongside my studies, I have worked as a scout in Hanover Zoo. If you're working there, you can hardly avoid the drill: The zoo has held a long tradition of keeping these monkeys, has recently built a new, highly modern enclosure and with Kathrin Paulsen, our chairperson, the zoo has someone strongly advocating for this extremely endangered primate species. And as species conservation – especially for primates – is particularly close to my heart, I've been an easy catch.

My dedication in conservation and my “specialization” (a few of my friends call it fanaticism...) for primates, goes further back than being a scout. I volunteered in animal rescue centers in Ecuador and Uganda, which not only made me fall in love with this taxon, but also made me realise how desperately they need protection. Working with these animals – mainly woolly

monkeys and spider monkeys in Ecuador, chimpanzees in Uganda – imprinted upon me in a way that made me dedicate my whole career to primate conservation: after finishing my bachelor's degree in biology at Hanover University, I started my master's degree, with a major in Nature Conservation, in Göttingen. Now, I am close to graduation.

Based on all this, the topic of my master thesis was on hand. At the time of this edition of Drillinfo being published, I am working myself through the DNA sequences of drills kept in European zoos. This way, I hope to be able to support the European Endangered Species Program (EEP) and resolve some issues which can't be clarified purely on pedigree basis. Namely, there are a few genealogical relationships to unravel and the origin of the founder animals to determine, which came to Europe in the middle of the last century. Therefore, all German zoos keeping drills and a few foreign members of the EEP have sent fecal samples of their animals. From this, I was able to extract the genetic information of the individuals in question. At this point, I would like to once again thank all involved zoos and especially keepers who made this project possible from the start.

The collected samples will now be compared to the genetic information of wild-born drills. Those are archived at the German Primate Center in Göttingen, where I am working on my thesis. Hereby, I will be able to show where exactly the founder animals, which were brought to Europe mostly in the 1970's, were caught. Different populations from Nigeria, Cameroon and Bioko are distinguishable in the DNA of the animals. Often, this kind of data was not noted too precisely forty to fifty years ago, but nowadays, it is quite easy and cheap to unravel their origins.

Hopefully, zoos will be part of my career beyond my master thesis. This way I could make a living out of my hobby and dragging my friends to each zoo we come across would be for “professional interest”. A very pleasant excuse!

So, in a nutshell, I've become involved with the drill so deeply that I couldn't resist falling for this particular species. Passing on my own enthusiasm to visitors is part of my job in Hanover Zoo. Sadly, I had to realize that the drill is still “the forgotten monkey of Africa” and its threats and conservation status is poorly known. An unacceptable state!

Hence, I've decided to become more active in Save the Drill and stand for election to deputy



The new board of save the drill: from left: Dr. Heike Weber (treasurer), Dr. Anne Fallner (Secretary), Marco Dinter (2. chair), Kathrin Paulsen (1. chair) (photo: Franz Frieling)

chairman. This way, I hope to raise awareness and make the drill more popular. Due to my studies, I hope to bring some knowledge being able to reach this aim. I'm excited to see where we can go from here.

First, however, I would like to thank everyone, who voted for me in Nordhorn, for their trust.

Yours truly

Marco

Events 2020

4. Mai:
international Drill Day

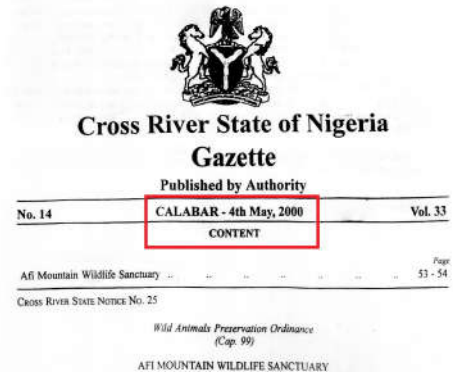
16./17. Mai, 19./20. September:

Farmersday at Hanover Zoo

20. September: Species-and-nature conservation- day at Tierpark Nordhorn

21. Juni: Children festival at Zoo Saarbrücken

06. September: Family day at Zoo Saarbrücken



Brief news about the drill

Wuppertal: On October 8th the three year old "Pandillus" came to Wuppertal from Barcelona Zoo

Hannover: On September 26th, the five and six year old males "Pinto" and

"Napongo" arrived at Hannover Adventure Zoo from Munich Zoo. On October 11th the three females "Mubi" (five years), "Dutse" (four years) and "Zaria" (three years) joined them from Port Lympne. These animals are supposed to form the new breeding group.

Hannover: On September 23rd a dead female baby was born. Mother was 24 year old "Daphne", father was 13 year old "Lolu".

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