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# Save the Drill!

# **Emergency in Nigeria – 550 Drills need your help!**

The rescue station and rehabilitation & release centre for the endangered Drills in Nigeria desperately need your help.

Since April 2015 the Nigerian government has withdrawn all financial support for the Pandrillus Organisation's projects in Calabar (rescue station) and the Afi Mountains (rehabilitation & release centre). Until then, Pandrillus had received the equivalent of 3,000 € per month from the government, most of which was used to cover personnel costs.

Also in 2015, the project's main individual donor died; his monthly donation of another 3,000 € was enough to cover feeding costs for the animals.

Now all the project's savings, including the private financial assets of its founders and leaders Liza Gadsby and Peter Jenkins, are exhauste.

To secure the long-term survival of 550 Drills, Pandrillus desperately needs your help!

In years to come, 6,000 € will be needed each month for running costs: almost 2,400 € to pay the staff of 35, and 3,000 € for feed, plus the costs for office, housekeeping, transport, vehicles, generators etc.

#### Right now, the project needs:

1. short-term financial support in the form of donations.

To avoid the high costs of single international bank transfers we're collecting donations on our association's bank account and will forward them directly to Nigeria. Pandrillus will be most grateful for any donation, no matter how modest!

Then:

2. Long-term continual financial support

For this we are seeking reliable, financially well-situated partners who would like to become principal

sponsors through a monthly direct debit. They can be private individuals, friends of the Drill, or companies and organisations. If you know potential partners in your circle of friends and acquaintances please put them in touch with us.

Pandrillus was founded in 1990 by Liza Gadsby und Peter Jenkins, beginning with the Calabar rescue station in southern Nigeria, where the first orphaned Drills were taken in and cared for.

Just two years later, in 1993, Gadsby and Jenkins set up the rehabilitation and release centre in the Afi Mountains about 280 km to the north. This mountain chain is the actual habitat of the Drills, and the centre is right on the edge of a large rainforest conservation area. Currently, 550 Drills live there in seven groups, along with 32 chimpanzees, in an area of over 27 hectares.

In Calabar there are also some grey parrots and 13 long-tailed monkeys that were given refuge when 'Cercopan' closed – another rescue station, whose work had to stop due to lack of support from the Nigerian government.

Liza and Peter are struggling from one day to the next to pay the staff and buy feed to keep Pandrillus running. They work untiringly to find sponsors – because Pandrillus is the last chance for the Drills in Africa! In the whole world there are estimated to be no more than 3-5,000 Drills; their only natural habitats are in small, isolated conservation areas in Nigeria and Cameroon, and on Bioko Island.

The 550 Pandrillus Drills that now desperately need your help represent 10-15% of the entire world population!

Please: Help us make sure that these wonderful animals do not disappear from the face of our shared earth.

For more information, contact us any time at info@save-the-drill.de or www.save-the-drill.org or direct: liza@pandrillus.org

Thank you!

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# **News from Cameroon**

Accidental tree falling in Quarantine severely damaging several cage.

The tree that fell in quarantine made important damages to our cages, that will need emergency funds to renovate and restore full functionality.

But fortunately, no physical harm to anybody to report.

There is still one drill the young orphan Eyole in the qurantine at this time and still now. The tree fell on her cage but hopefully no accident and no animals was injured but lot of stress. she had changed cage now because the other have no shadow for her.

The estimation of the cost it's around 2000€.





#### Look back:

Ossing arrived at Limbe Wildlife Centre on 25 January 2013 when she was only 6 month old. After her mother was likely killed by hunters for bushmeat, she was being held illegally in Ossing village by a man who was hoping to sell her as a pet for a profit. A volunteer living in the village informed the man that drills are class "A" species in Cameroon and that it is illegal to hunt, capture, sell, or hold them, but the man refused to give up the infant. Upon being contacted by LAGA, the man immediately gave Ossing to the volunteer, and she was transported to L.W.C. by our conservator, Mr. Nkeng Philip. When Ossing arrived, she was extremely dirty and had a broken finger on her left hand, She was exremly hungry and thirsty, immediately taking milk from our veterinary team.

## **Update December 2016**

Still as smart, she is used to escape from the enclosure to be able to live in complete freedom in the Centre. It is common to find her with Nancy, the oldest female of the colony, foraging around the drill enclosure and even venturing near the chimpanzee cages. At noon, we can find her in the kitchen, already with her evening ration in the hands. Recently, we decide that it was the time for her to join a male to form a new sub group in our colony. She is now with Rogamila and Chipo in social rehabilitation and they will be integrated in the big group in February. She has a strong character, so she succeeds easily to have an advantage on the males during the feeding.

Peggy Motsch Primate Well-being & Population Manager, Limbe Wildlife Centre (LWC)

# Looking back at the 12th annual general meeting on 27/08 2016 in Saarbrücken

Herbert Hader

Unfortunately only a few members took part at the meeting, but so we could enjoy the warm hospitality in a very small circle. The Zoo granted free admission to all members and provided with support of the Saarbrücken Zoo Friends for the lunch. A big thank you for this!

As the Board could not travel, had to be improvised in the end of the program a little. After the official part (activity reports, cash report and discharge of the Executive Board), we enjoyed a snack together. 14:30, the public part began with a series of interesting presentations:

Kathrin Paulsen: Visit to the LWC in Cameroon / information about the current political situation in Cameroon and Nigeria

Representative for Dr. Anne Fallner, Kathrin Paulsen still made a speech about the "children of conservation".

Carsten Zehrer, Coordinator of the conservation breeding program (EEP) for the drills: Inventory the drills in European zoos / Explanation of European Drill Initiative (EDI) and its objectives.

Alexandra Lagaly: about the history of the drill position in the Zoo in Saarbrücken.

Finally, Zoo Director Dr. Richard Franke invited to an exclusive tour of the Zoo.

With beautiful summer weather, the day ended with a dinner on the banks of the Saar.

## Dates:

Market days in Hanover Zoo on 20/21 may Zoo run at Hanover Zoo on 15 June Summer Festival at Hannover Zoo on 19/20 August

#### For our members: :

Annual general meeting at the Wuppertal Zoo on 26 August

## News of the drill:

<u>Hanover</u>: the 10 years old "Lolu" came on December 16 from St. Martin la Plaine to Hanover. There he is with the female "Liza" and "Daphne" and newcomers "Ebonji" and "Tsumba" (both from Valencia) to build a new breeding group.

Edinburgh: from Hanover came 12 years N' Guru

St. Martin la Plaine: 3 year old "Zuri" came from Edinburgh.

Saarbrücken: the 14 year old breeding male "Kantanga" died suddenly.

Barcelona: on the 25<sup>t</sup> of December the 18 year-old Inga brought a male cub to the world

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### We welcome the following new members:

Elisha Hernandez Inga Graber

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