



# Chimpanzee Conservation

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**NGO Papaye International in Cameroon** has been in the news, which operates a sanctuary for **orphaned chimpanzees** in the **Douala-Edea National Park**.

- **About Chimpanzee:** Chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes ssp.*) are one of our nearest living relatives, sharing a common ancestor with humans that lived approximately 7-8 million years ago.
  - **Subspecies:** Four recognized subspecies: **Central chimpanzee**, **Western chimpanzee**, **Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzee**, and **Eastern chimpanzee**.
- **IUCN Status:** Chimpanzees listed as **endangered**, with **Western chimpanzees** classified as **Critically Endangered**.
- **Cultural Diversity:** Chimpanzees exhibit **culturally learned behaviors**, including **tool use**, **vocal dialects**, and **feeding techniques**, varying by subspecies.
  - They live in highly **structured social groups**, often consisting of 20 to 150 members, showcasing complex communication and behaviors.
  - Examples of tool use by Chimpanzees include **termite fishing**, **harvest honey** and **nut cracking**, with **variations in tools and techniques** across populations.
- **Feeding Habits:** Chimpanzees have diverse diets, such as **mangrove leaves** and **cave use**, particularly in **dry environments**.



- **Habitat destruction** and **hunting** threaten **genetic** and **cultural diversity**, making **conservation efforts** crucial.
- **About Cameroon:**
  - It is located in **Central Africa**, bordered by **Nigeria**, **Chad**, the **Central African**

**Republic, Congo, Gabon, and Equatorial Guinea.**

- It features diverse geography, including coastal plains, mountains, and rainforests.

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