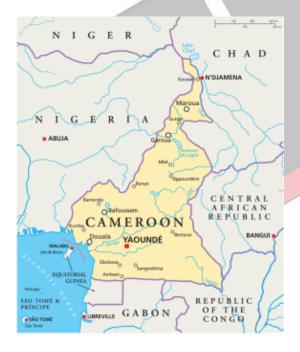


## **Chimpanzee Conservation**

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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 <u>Critically Endangered</u>.
- 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 Africa**

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

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

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