

## End of 2020 Update from Drill Ranch, Nigeria

### What's happened since our year-opener cascade of disasters:

We've had little resolution to the robberies/looting/attack crises since January. The bodies of Kyrian Tah and Peter Eyo remain in the morgues, the families haven't taken the needed steps for burials. We've assured both families we'll assist with costs, while hoping tempers cool. Zack Schwenneker, Pieter van Heeren, Kerrie Grant Senior, Nsikan Eninekit, Raphael Asiba, trainee Isaac Oyegbami, and all the Staff have held the project together thru these crazy times.

### Who we care for right now:

Animals are the easiest part of the job: give them what they need, they generally do the right thing - if only people were so predictable! The chimpanzees recovered from a respiratory infection that affected almost the whole group; adult female **Lucy** was critical for a few days. We may never know what microbe it was, but it terrified staff and kept them up monitoring 24/7. Adult male drill **Adrian** was moved to Calabar for a broken leg and we are hopeful he recovers to resume his dominant role in Group 2.



**575 drills**  
*Mandrillus leucophaeus*  
6 Afi groups/1 Calabar



**11 Sclater's guenons**  
*Cercopithecus sclateri*  
Calabar



**28 chimpanzees**  
*Pan troglodytes*  
Afi Mountain



**1 softshell turtle**  
*Trionyx triunguis*  
Afi Mountain



**1 putty-nose guenon**  
*Cercopithecus nictitans*  
Calabar



**1 patas monkey**  
*Erythrocebus patas*  
Calabar



**2 Mona monkeys**  
*Cercopithecus mona*  
Calabar



**6 Dwarf crocodiles**  
*Osteolaemus tetraspis*  
Calabar



**1 Lanner Falcon**  
*Falco biarmicus abyssinicus*  
Afi

### Animals rehabilitated & released to the wild at Afi:

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|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 3 | Gambian giant rats          | <i>Cricetomys emini</i>             |
| 3 | forest genets               | <i>Genetta sp.</i>                  |
| 1 | African dwarf crocodile     | <i>Osteolaemus tetraspis</i>        |
| 1 | hinge-back tortoise         | <i>Kinixys sp.</i>                  |
| 1 | Western Little Sparrow-hawk | <i>Accipiter erythropus zenkeri</i> |



*the genets when wee!*

## Current challenges - How we're managing for COVID-19:

Many **staff** do not accept **COVID** as real, believing Africans are immune, making protocol compliance tough. Early on, we **locked down** staff, but this proved untenable, especially in Calabar. Monitoring behavior 24/7 is impossible, enforcing hygiene rules stresses staff-management relations. We're doing the best we can but it's not easy! **No testing facilities** in Cross River State mean true numbers are unknown. **Mask-wearing, distancing** from animals & each other, and rigorous cleaning of animal food complicate already-long days, especially

in rainy season. Our primates are also susceptible to COVID.

**Drill Ranch is closed to the public** for the **1<sup>st</sup> time in history** - no donations, no guest fees, and no chance for public and school advocacy about Nigeria's special wildlife.

**The show must go on**, and Zack has successfully led the team thru this time. **So far, so good!** More staff now live in camp, with **free meals** as a benefit for extra hours.



## Progress in 2020: New Animal Food Barn

The day the **giant achi tree** (photo above) fell in 2018 (same day Senior Drill Keeper **James Ebe** died in the village) it destroyed our animal food storage & prep area (plus other structures). The new Animal Food Barn is underway: posts, rafters & purlins are up. The drive-thru design eases food unloading - over 1 ton daily! The



**cooking shed** for boiling beans, coco yams & more for the animals is relocated next to the barn. Our improved, **food washing procedures** are accommodated in the design.

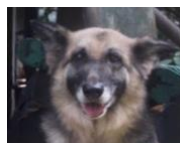
In **Calabar**, our small, **food room** got a **makeover**: new steel mesh doors and windows to safeguard animal food from city rats! **Nasiru** (left, with keeper **Edet**) did all welding and fabrication on site for the Calabar food room and Afi food barn.

**Costs:** **COVID** restricted transport for months, **increasing costs** of all goods, including food. Recently, anti-police violence, **#EndSARS** protests swept the country, furthering inflation. In Calabar, **mass rioting and looting** occurred, police went into hiding, **curfew was imposed**. The army provides some security but bandits on the highways further drive up food prices. This affects all our purchases and for our staff and their families. Imported goods are scarce. Crime is way up.

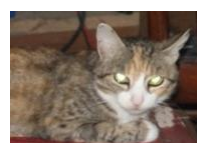
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Yogi



Lulu



Goblin



Melek

