



PASA

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The Louisville Zoo welcomes Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA) as a new partner in conservation. PASA, a US-based umbrella organization, unifies African animal sanctuary efforts and standards through a series of husbandry, veterinary and education workshops.

Besides providing care and rehabilitation for orphaned and injured chimpanzees, gorillas, bonobos, drills and numerous monkey species, the 18 member sanctuaries offer community health care and education programs as well as employment opportunities for local people in 12 countries.

PASA sanctuaries also work with law enforcement to combat the illegal bushmeat trade, which is the unlawful hunting of wildlife often including endangered species.

In addition, PASA sanctuaries conduct research programs, such as the first wild chimpanzee study in Sierra Leone.

A recent exciting development is the initiation of reintroduction programs by several of the member sanctuaries for bonobos (DR Congo), gorillas (Gabon), guenons (Nigeria), and chimpanzees (Congo).



Louisville Zoo visitors may donate directly to PASA by utilizing the reverse ATM machine located in Gorilla Forest. PASA replaces Bushmeat Crisis Task Force (BCTG) as one of three conservation projects available for accepting donations.

BCTF formed in 1999 to build a network of organizations to develop solutions to effectively combat the illegal bushmeat trade. In 2009, BCTF phased out its organization, having accomplished all its original goals. PASA was a member of BCTF.

For more information on PASA, consult www.pasaprimates.org.

