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UWEC is Uganda's Wildlife window that show cases the country's wildlife variety and ecosystems. The centre is a member of World Association of Zoos and Aquarium – WAZA and also member of the Pan African Association of Zoos and aquarium PAAZA – where I serve as the chairperson of PAAZA.

## Executive Director's Message

We are currently working on the National Conservation Education Strategy that will guide conservation education in Uganda. This is as a result of the pressing need to carry out more conservation education amongst children and the youths to have their minds set positively towards wildlife conservation. According to the Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Centre Act 2015, we have redesigned the center to make sure effective conservation education is carried out.

As part of the Sustainable Development Goals, we enhance the global partnership for sustainable development. As a result, the centre is happy to note that it successfully held two international events: The International Zoo Educators Day on 14 November and the Zoonackathon held 16 – 17 November– where technology is applied to curb down the vice of animals trafficking.

The center is now an ultimate destination for conservation education, research, parties at the longest beach line in Entebbe and the floating restaurant, good camping sites, forestry walks, accommodation that caters for families, couples, schools and individuals.

A single visit to UWEC this festive season will change your life for the better!

Sincerely,

**Dr. James Musinguzi**  
Executive Director UWEC



## LEGACY OF ZAKAYO

Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Centre (UWEC) plans to construct a resource centre and monument in celebration of the legacy of Zakayo, the late celebrity Chimpanzee who passed on at 54

Zakayo died in April 2018 at the Entebbe Zoo after succumbing to chronic gastroenteritis, a form of infectious diarrhea, but was a beneficiary of Ex-situ conservation for 42 years at UWEC. He carved his name on the hearts of many. He is remembered for celebration, happiness, nostalgia, love, respect and decent leadership.

The Executive Director Dr. James Musinguzi says, “UWEC intends to construct a monument and a museum, rich with information on conservation and biodiversity in honour of Zakayo. The Chimpanzee died a year ago, but has continued to innovate further brands to attract more tourists into the centre.”

During this year’s celebrations held on November 1, an audience comprising environmental conservationists, officials from the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities (MTWA), institutions of learning, universities, media, and UWEC staff, all spoke highly of the contribution Zakayo extended to Uganda. Prior to the launch, guests were taken through



a mini-tour guide of UWEC where they witnessed feeding sessions of chimps, exhibits of the various animals, as well as Zakayo’s grave yard.

Mr. Stephen Asiimwe, the former Uganda Tourism Board CEO, also echoed Zakayo’s legacy and thanked UWEC for having maintained the wildlife centre green despite receiving thousands of visitors flocking the centre.

Mr David Musingo, manager of education and information, also acknowledged that Zakayo was a unique species, not only locally, but also internationally. He said they had introduced a junior Zakayo to be the successor. The new Executive Director of Jane Goodall Institute Mr James Hutchins, implored all stakeholders to uphold and restore the wildlife habitat.





# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZOO AND AQUARIUM EDUCATORS

UWEC joined the rest of the world to celebrate International Zoo Educators day through education efforts and raising awareness on biodiversity conservation.

The 2019 celebrations were flagged off by the UWEC executive director, Dr. James Musinguzi in the morning. Invited guests and students marched from Entebbe Mayors garden through Entebbe town to UWEC.

There was a press conference, thereafter educators took part in a webinar about effective communication among zoo and aquaria educators facilitated by Mr. David Musingo, the representative for Africa on the IZE board.

UWEC has embraced international conservation associations and partnerships, such as the International Zoo Educators (IZE) to promote a global campaign of achieving biodiversity conservation through encouraging sustainable behaviours among people who visit zoos and aquariums.



Founded in 1972, IZE is a non profit making organization that promotes the greater use of zoos and aquarium and other collections of living animals such as sanctuaries for educational purposes.

The association disseminates educational practices and information worldwide through conferences and publications.

The 2019 IZE conference was held at UWEC and a publication on the Use of Indigenous Knowledge to promote wildlife was published in the 2019 IZE journal.



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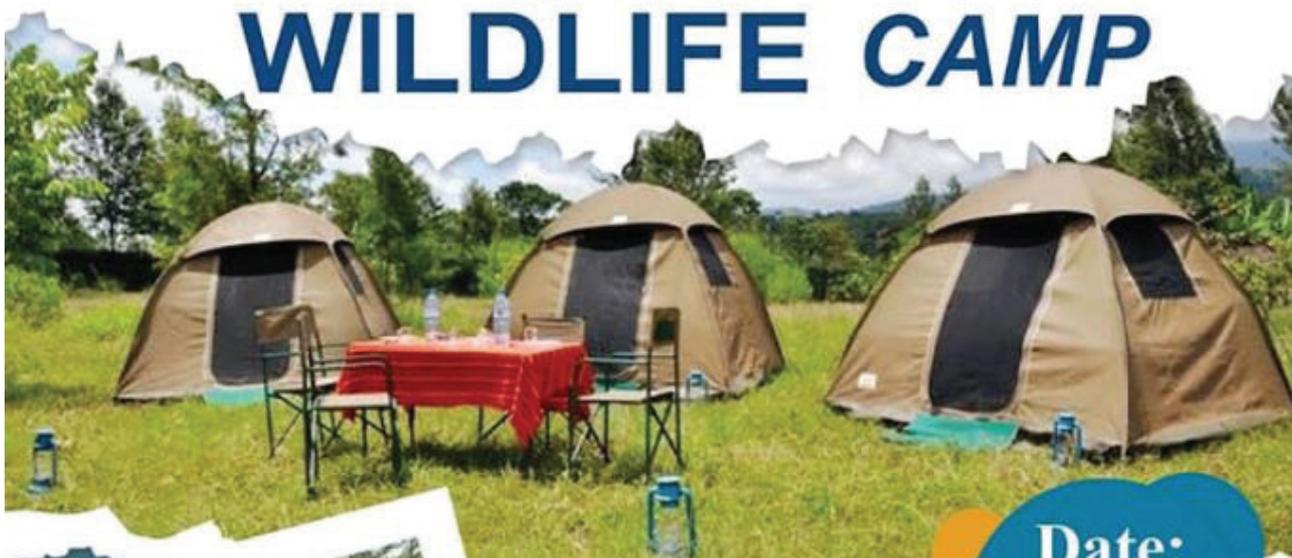
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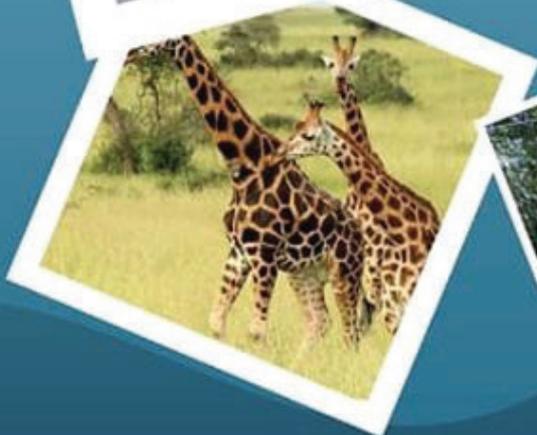
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## ICEA LION GROUP ROARS



We received a cheque of Ush.10 million from ICEA Lion Group-Uganda as a contribution to enhance the sustainable conservation of lions at UWEC.

ICEA Executive Director Emmanuel Mwaka referred to the Sustainable Development Goal 15 – Life on Land, its every one’s responsibility to make efforts in conserving the life on land with emphasis on wildlife flora and fauna.

The current population of lions in Uganda which is approximately between 400 – 500 is not satisfactory and there is great need to carry out breeding.

UWEC Executive Director James Musinguzi said, “ As we promote the global agenda 2030 of SDGs, partnerships are the way to

go. The financial support we have received is a gesture that ICEA is a conservation champion -taking bold, practical actions that benefit people,wildlife and their business,” says the Executive Director.

The insurance company will manage the lion exhibit for a period of one year. UWEC has a total of 7 lions; six female and one male which are the bedrock of conservation education in Uganda.

## WILD HEARTS



Generous supporters keep our zoo thriving and enable us to rescue, rehabilitate and release animals into the wild.

Their donations go where we need them most - whether helping to feed or enrich our animals, supporting breeding programmes for endangered animals, or purchasing new equipment for our veterinary hospital.



## ENSA AFRICA IS ABOVE THE LAW



ENSAfrica donated Shs. 1 million towards the welfare of Vin, the only leopard in our care. Vin is solitary, but loves hanging around his caregivers. ENSAfrica is arguably Africa's largest law firm with over 600 practitioners in seven countries and vast experience.

## EXLUBES oils the pride



Exlubes renewed the Lion sponsorship to the tune of Ush 20million. The support is a quick response to the center's challenge of feeding the animals – Each lion at the center consumes on not less than 5kilograms per single feed.

## UCAA flies with pride



Uganda Civil Aviation Authority sponsored the three Serval cats at the centre. The agency responsible for licensing, monitoring, and regulating civil aviation matters handed over Ush. 10 million to support the carnivores with food, veterinary care and enrichment.



## Cheyenne Mountain Zoo puts UWEC at the peak

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado, United States donated 30 radios, 35 radio batteries, 30 radio chargers with cables, 1 repeater and 1 transceiver duplexor (repeater for radios), 42 exhibit padlocks and a mobile X-ray machine to better our efforts in animal care, education, and strengthen our deep commitment to conservation.

## SOCIAL MEDIA POST OF THE MONTH



## Vervet Monkey rescue

Our Vets and Animal Keepers rescued a Vervet monkey in distress at the Entebbe Airport stage on 5, November 2019. Our skilled veterinarian Racheal Mbabazi fired a tranquilizer dart directly at the monkey which let go of the branch from which he was hanging. The primate was rehabilitated and released.

## PARTNERSHIP EVENTS OF THE MONTH



## AVIATION RUN

We took part in the Aviation Run organised by the Uganda Civil Aviation Authority (UCAA) to mark ICAO's 75 years of connecting the world on Sunday, December 10, 2019.



## UGANDA TOURISM DINNER



The UTA dinner is one of the most prestigious events on Uganda's tourism calendar. We attended the gala dinner hosted at Sheraton Hotel Kampala. The event attracted about 300 guests who networked and celebrated their achievements.



## ANIMAL OF THE MONTH



Here are amazing facts about Chimpanzees;

- Chimpanzees have an odd way of walking because they do it on the knuckles of their hands.
- Although chimpanzees are primarily quadrupeds (they walk on four legs), they can walk on two legs for some moments.
- The average life expectancy of chimpanzees is 31.7 years for males, and 38.7 years for females. However, they can live between 40 and 60 years, and even more.
- They all are native to central and western Africa.
- 21-22 countries have chimpanzees. Those with the largest populations are Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Cameroon, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Tanzania, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Rwanda, and Uganda.
- Male chimpanzees tend to be taller and heavier than females.
- Chimpanzees are omnivorous. They eat mostly fruits (and not just bananas!), but they can eat leaves, stems, and meat from small animals.
- Their favorite prey is colobus monkeys.
- Chimpanzees live in large communities, sometimes more than 100 individuals.
- An alpha male dominates a community of common chimpanzees, who is the one who has the right to mate with females in heat.
- Although chimpanzees can carry the Immunodeficiency Virus, they do not develop AIDS disease, like humans.
- Chimpanzees are not monkeys because they have no tail. They are part of the group of great apes.
- Chimpanzees have few predators, but some of these are leopards, lions, and pythons.
- Some common chimpanzees can kill and eat chimpanzees from another community.
- Both species of chimpanzee are in danger of extinction.
- Chimpanzees are one of the few animals that can use tools to solve some problems.
- They do not like to get wet, and they cannot swim. That's why bonobos and common chimpanzees do not cross the Congo River.
- They have passed the test of the mirror. Therefore, they could have some degree of self-consciousness.
- Chimpanzees sleep in the trees, on nests built with branches and leaves.
- Their main threats are the destruction and degradation of their habitat, commercial poaching, and diseases.
- Humans and chimpanzees shared a common ancestor less than 10 million years ago.

## FLORA OF THE MONTH



22 years ago, the First lady of Uganda Hon. Janet Kataha Museveni planted *Pseudospondias microcarpa* commonly known as African grape tree and Muziru in the native luganda.



The evergreen tree with rounded crown was planted on 15, November 1997 to commemorate the opening of the Budongo Chimpanzee Exhibit in UWEC. The tree has various uses; it is a habitat for squirrels and bees. Its fruits with a resinous flavor are eaten raw or cooked and at times seeds are consumed as a snack. It is also eaten as a powder in the treatment of various complaints including jaundice, cough, febrile lumbago, pains in the ribs, stomach complaints, asthenia, urethral discharge and toothache.

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