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# MESSAGE FROM CHIMP EDEN

We thank all our supporters and donors across the world. It is only through your love, encouragement and support that the 33 chimpanzees at Chimp Eden have been given a second chance at a life filled with care and hope after having been rescued from terrible circumstances.

Chimp Eden is a unique sanctuary; thanks to the visitors and the continuous donations of food from farmers and retailers in the greater Nelspruit area. With their support we were able to be self-sufficient and thus have a model for sustainability. However, we are still experiencing the real and hard impact left by the pandemic. In the interest of keeping the chimpanzees safe and healthy, we had to close the sanctuary for many months and relied on our staff living on the premises to ensure that the chimpanzees were well taken care of and were not subject to contracting COVID-19. It is with heartfelt sadness, that we need to report that due to the tourism sector in South Africa not yet displaying the return to pre-covid levels, that we are not seeing a significant return of visitors to Chimp Eden.

With the help of our Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) family, led by our founder Dr Jane Goodall, we are currently refocusing our strategy to ensure that Chimp Eden is self-sufficient and sustainable to safeguard the future of the chimpanzees. The plan will lead to a world-class organization - not only taking care of the 33 chimpanzees, but also playing a key role in the wider vision of JGI to end wildlife crime worldwide.

Today, we reach out to you and ask you to spread the word. We need visitors to return and we also appeal for donations to help us ensure that we can provide for the chimpanzees, as well as the team on the ground who take such good care of them.

Please support us if you can!

Evelyn Deiner  
JGI South Africa Board Chair

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The goal of the sanctuary is to rescue chimpanzees that have survived the bush meat trade, been orphaned, traded in the illegal pet market, or rescued from being traumatised for entertainment in circuses, beach resorts and night clubs.

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# WHAT IS CHIMP EDEN?

Situated within a beautiful 1,000 hectare nature reserve, 15 kilometres outside Nelspruit, this Jane Goodall Institute South Africa (JGI SA) sanctuary is home to chimpanzees that have been displaced from their natural habitats in Africa.

Chimp Eden was established in 2006 and is the first and only chimpanzee sanctuary in South Africa. This JGI sanctuary brings the world of chimpanzees closer to humanity through education and eco-tourism. The 33 chimps are currently in three different groups. There are viewpoints overlooking the forest and “foraging areas” from which visitors and volunteers can observe and study the chimpanzees.

The sanctuary is integral to JGI's work in ending illegal wildlife trafficking, the bushmeat trade and the use of chimpanzees in entertainment. Chimp Eden is especially close to Dr Jane Goodall's heart – as it provides a vital second chance to those chimps who have been rescued.





Being able to work with these amazing, intelligent animals is just great! My favourite chimp is known to be the oldest chimp in the world - Joao in group 2. He is very strong, even when the other boys in his family get crazy, he puts them back in their places. He reminds me of my grandfather. Looking after these guys and keeping them happy, healthy and safe is what motivates me.



**Zanele Patso / Caregiver**

# MEET THE CHIMPS



## AZZIE

Azzie's mother was shot by poachers in the Congo as bushmeat and Azzie was smuggled across the border into the Sudan. The Sudanese military confiscated her and she was taken to a safe house. Here she was introduced to six other infants (Marco, Mowgli, Mary, Bazia, Charlene and Tamu). They were all transferred to the sanctuary together and quarantined in 2008.

## CHARLES

Charles was kept in a South African circus along with Jessica. When he became too large and dangerous to handle, he was locked in a small cage in a dark room. He stayed in solitary confinement for several years. During this time, he appears to have been severely physically abused. When Charles arrived at the sanctuary in 2009., he was mentally in a very bad state and was also badly malnourished.



## SUZIE

Suzie was kept as a local attraction at a restaurant on a beach in Luanda, Angola. Though the owners apparently did not abuse her, she was not protected from the tourists on the beach. She was often teased and given cigarettes and alcohol. Suzie arrived at the sanctuary in 2008.



# MEET THE CHIMPS



## JOAO

Joao is known as the oldest chimpanzee in the world who is around 75 years old. Joao and a female were circus chimps in Mozambique and were given to the Maputo Zoo when they were still young. Unfortunately, Joao's companion died and before the zoo could arrange for another chimpanzee, the war broke out. Subsequently, Joao lived in social isolation for about 45 years. He learnt to communicate with a troop of yellow baboons in the enclosure next door. Kind people of the local community fed and looked after Joao during his stay at the zoo. He arrived at the sanctuary in 2006.

## COZY

Cozy was bred in a lab in the US and was obtained by an Italian and taken to Italy, where he was forced to pose for photos and do tricks for entertainment. He was castrated and, due to repeated beatings to the head, has brain damage. After his owner passed away, Cozy was kept in a caravan in a tiny cage for several years. Subsequently, he was very weak and could not walk or climb. Whereas his physical fitness has improved by almost 100%, his mental capacity will always be lower due to brain damage. He was transferred to the sanctuary in 2006.





I get to learn something new regarding these amazing animals everyday. My favourite chimp is the pretty, sweet, friendly girl Zee. When she sees that you are not happy she will feed you some of the leftover food that is lying around in the night rooms – chimps do not normally share food! I try to bring a change to what the people see and think about chimpanzees. I want to improve the lives of them.



**Vusi Monyane / Caregiver**

# CHIMP EDEN STAFF



From left to right, back row: Zack, Stany, Ernest, Vussie, Zama, Ronnie  
From left to right, front row: Jana, Natasha, Zanele, Oddette

## CURRENT TEAM:

- 1 Primate Manager
- 1 Assistant Primate Manager
- 5 Caregivers
- 3 Guides
- 1 Maintenance / Handyman

Did you know...?

Our Chimp Eden staff stayed at the sanctuary for months during the COVID pandemic, to ensure the chimps were safe and well looked after. We are so grateful!



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# YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

DUE TO THE GENEROSITY OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU OUR WORK IS MADE POSSIBLE

You provide sustenance, care, and safety for all the chimpanzees in Chimp Eden, the only chimpanzee sanctuary in South Africa, so they can live happy, healthy lives.

Today your support will help us to provide:

- Food and nourishment
- Medical treatment
- Repairs to enclosures and buildings
- Enrichment for chimpanzees
- Staff to keep the sanctuary running efficiently and effectively to properly take care of the chimpanzees

# WAYS YOU CAN HELP

## MAKE A DONATION:

Go to the Chimp Eden website and click the 'donate' button

Or donate via your local JGI Chapter (tell them it's for Chimp Eden) – find the list here: [janegoodall.global](http://janegoodall.global)

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

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 [facebook.com/JGISA](https://www.facebook.com/JGISA)

 [chimpen.com](http://chimpen.com)



A close-up photograph of a chimpanzee sitting in a field of tall, green grass. The chimpanzee is looking directly at the camera with a thoughtful expression, its hand resting near its chin. The background is a dense thicket of green foliage.

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