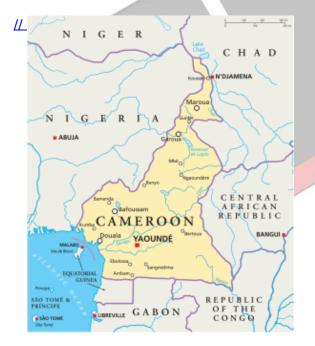
Chimpanzee Conservation

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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 African

Republic, Congo, Gabon, and Equatorial Guinea.

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

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