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Message from the Director
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Celebrating World Chimpanzee Day: Advancing Science, Inspiring Conservation

Dear Colleagues, Partners, and Friends,



As we continue to celebrate World Chimpanzee Day, we honour the remarkable legacy of chimpanzee research that began in Gombe over six decades ago through the pioneering work of Dr. Jane Goodall.

Today, Gombe continues to serve as one of the world's leading long-term chimpanzee research sites, generating knowledge that supports conservation, informs science, and inspires future generations.

Our dedicated research team remains committed to monitoring chimpanzee communities every day, providing invaluable insights into their behavior, health, and ecology while contributing to the protection of this unique ecosystem.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our researchers, field assistants, TANAPA, The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania, our partners, and the local communities whose collaboration and dedication make this work possible. Together, let us continue to celebrate, protect, and ensure a sustainable future for chimpanzees and their habitats.

Dr. Deus Mjungu



Director
Gombe Stream Research Centre (GSRC)
The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania



14 July 2026

Celebration of World Chimpanzee Day

The Gombe Stream Research Centre (GSRC) under The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania celebrated World Chimpanzee Day 2026 through a series of awareness activities promoting chimpanzee conservation.

Community Jogging for Conservation

The celebration began with a community jogging event from Kigoma Town to Kitwe Forest, bringing together local jogging clubs and conservation supporters.

Participants wore conservation-themed T-shirts carrying messages that promoted the protection of chimpanzees and their forest habitats.









Media Engagement and Public Awareness

Following the jogging event, The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania held a media press briefing to highlight the significance of World Chimpanzee Day and ongoing chimpanzee conservation efforts.

The celebration was further amplified through social media campaigns, a podcast(find it on globioapes) and six local TV channels, reaching a wider audience and encouraging greater public support for chimpanzee conservation.



Digital Tiki Sheet Transform Chimpanzee Research

New reports from field



New Technology, A Promise to Stay Authentic

The new system does not change the data being collected or the research methodology. Researchers will continue recording the same observations using the same tick sheet format, but now in a digital form.

This will improve efficiency, reduce paperwork, minimize data entry errors, and enable faster, automatic uploading of field data while maintaining the integrity and continuity of Gombe's long-term research records.



For many years, the Gombe Stream Research Centre (GSRC) has used paper tick sheets to record daily observations of chimpanzees during field follows.

This month, GSRC introduced a Kindle Scribe tablets, with new sheet system, marking an important step in modernizing long-term chimpanzee research.



-Many thanks to AWS-

Retirement Tributes: honouring Assistant Conservation Commissioner (formerly chief park warden), head of the Park, Yustin Richard Njamasi' Dedicated Service to Gombe National Park

After nine years of dedicated service as the Commanding Officer of Gombe National Park, ACC Yustin Richard Njamasi has retired, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of leadership, cooperation, and commitment to conservation.





"Your leadership, dedication, and partnership have made a lasting impact on the conservation of Gombe National Park and the protection of its precious natural heritage." -GSRC-



District Administrative Secretary (DAS), Kigoma District Council

A Conservation Leader Who Strengthened Collaboration, Research, and Protection of Nature

During his time at Gombe, ACC Njamas worked closely with the Gombe Stream Research Centre (GSRC), providing valuable support to ongoing chimpanzee research, conservation initiatives, and efforts to protect the park's unique ecosystem.

His collaborative leadership, respect for science, and commitment to safeguarding nature made him an important partner in the conservation journey of Gombe National Park.

The GSRC family sincerely thanks an ACC, Njamasi for his service, support, and friendship, and wishes him a happy and fulfilling retirement.



STORIES BEYOND THE FIELD

SOKWEMTU FOOTBALL CUP 2026 IS MOVING AHEAD

The Sokwemtu Cup 2026 is currently going on, bringing together communities surrounding Gombe National Parkand the Gombe–Burundi Corridor through football and a shared commitment to conservation.

Organized by the Gombe Stream Research Centre (GSRC), the tournament is more than a competition—it is a platform for raising awareness about environmental protection, forest conservation, and safeguarding the chimpanzee, locally known as Sokwemtu.







Football Uniting Communities for Conservation

Under this year's theme, “Every Shot Counts—Protecting Chimpanzees, Preserving the Environment, Securing the Future for Generations to Come,” the tournament encourages players, fans, and communities to recognize that every action can make a difference in protecting nature for future generations.



As the matches continue, the SOKWEMTU Cup remains a powerful reminder that together, sport can inspire conservation and build a greener future for both people and wildlife.

JGI TANZANIA CONSERVATION EFFORTS AROUND GOMBE

JGI Welcomes a Representative from the Irene M Staehelin Foundation (IMS);

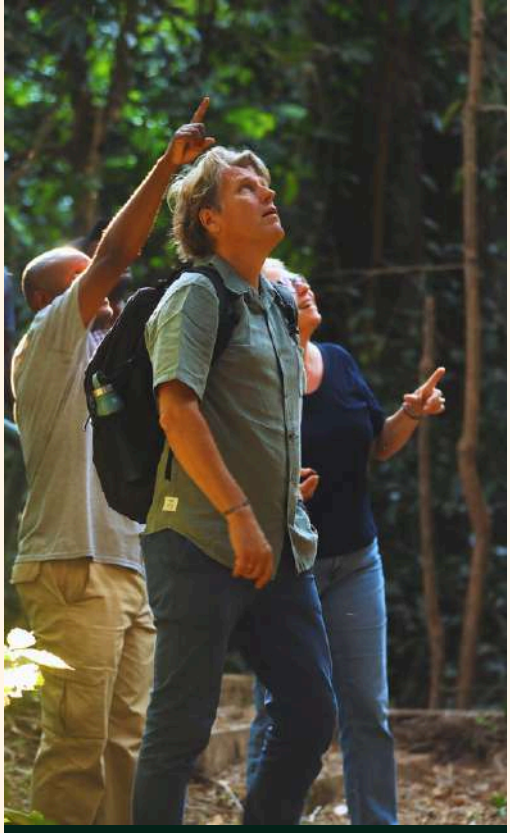
Strengthening Partnerships to Advance Community-Led Conservation Around Gombe

As part of our ongoing conservation efforts around Gombe, the Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania was delighted to welcome Mr Edwin Huizing from our donor partner, IMS. During his visit, Mr Edwin had the opportunity to witness the impact of our conservation work by visiting several project sites, including GSRC, Village Natural Resource Committees (VNRCs), the Gombe–Burundi Corridor, Roots & Shoots clubs, and local communities.



The visit provided an opportunity to engage with community members and observe how collaborative conservation initiatives are helping protect biodiversity, restore habitats, and promote sustainable livelihoods. It also highlighted the important role that partnerships play in advancing conservation and community development around Gombe.



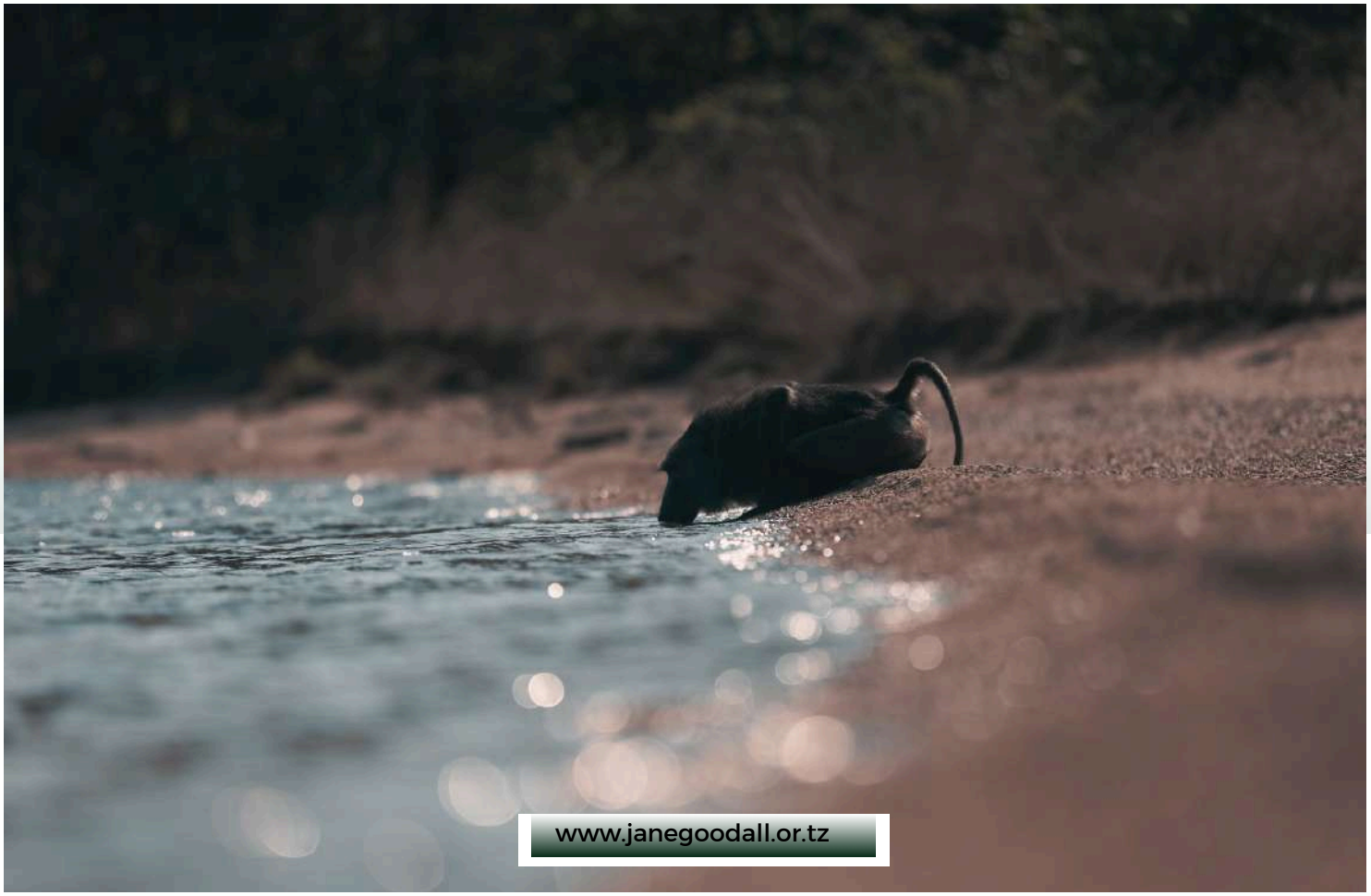




Partnership Driving Conservation Impact

We extend our sincere appreciation to IMS for its unwavering support and valued partnership in advancing conservation efforts, protecting Gombe's unique natural heritage, and improving the well-being of local communities





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