

Gorilla Agreement

Third Meeting of the Parties

18-20 June 2019, Entebbe, Uganda



Agenda Item 14: Discussion on Updating the Action Plans

Background

ARTICLE VIII Action Plan

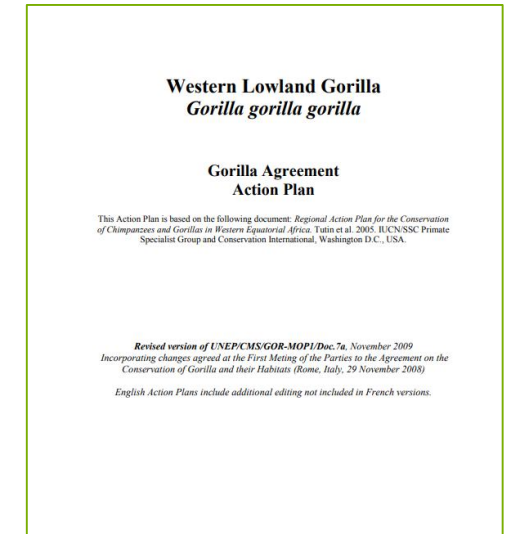
1. The Action Plan specifies the actions that the Parties shall undertake in relation to all species and sub-species of gorillas and priority issues, under the following headings, consistent with the general conservation measures specified in Article III of this Agreement:

- a) conservation of all species and sub-species of gorillas;
- b) habitat conservation;
- c) management of human activities;
- d) research and monitoring;
- e) education and information;
- f) implementation and enforcement of gorilla conservation policies;
- g) reduction of the impact of disease;
- h) contribution to the sustainable development of local communities; and
- i) reduction of human-gorilla conflicts.

2. The Action Plan shall be reviewed at each ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties

Background

- **MOP1 in 2008**
 - Adopted four Action Plans
 - UNEP/GA/MOP3/Inf.3 Western Lowland Gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*);
 - UNEP/GA/MOP3/Inf.4 Cross River Gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla diehli*);
 - UNEP/GA/MOP3/Inf.5 Eastern Lowland Gorilla (*Gorilla beringei graueri*);
 - UNEP/GA/MOP3/Inf.6 Mountain Gorilla (*Gorilla beringei beringei*).
 - Developed by the Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Science

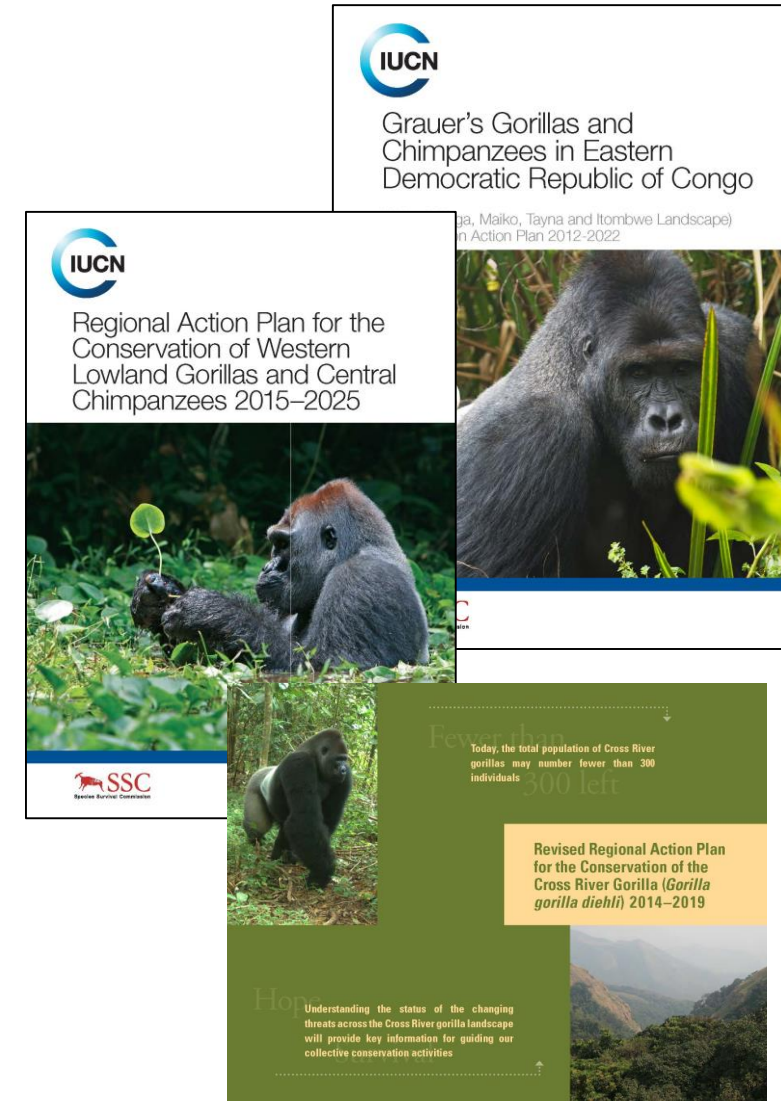


Background

- **MOP2 in 2011**
 - UINEP/GA/MOP2/Doc.16: Review of the Agreement's Action Plans
 - The Interim Secretariat noted the development of action plans by IUCN and other organizations including the following:
 - G. g. gorilla: IUCN Action Plan workshop, October 2012
 - G. g. diehle: IUCN workshop, February 2012
 - G. b. graueri: Plan in preparation based on workshop in 2011
 - G. b. beringei: part of the 10-year Transboundary Strategic Plan
 - The Interim Secretariat suggested that:
 - Focal Points should participate in the process of updating Action Plans
 - Organizers were encouraged to include Focal Points
 - The Secretariat would liaise with organizers, ensuring applicability of revised Action Plans to the Gorilla Agreement
 - Adoption of newly developed Action Plans should be considered at MOP3
 - Range States could provisionally adopt the Action Plans, with their finalization to come during the interim period
 - It was agreed that national focal points would endeavour to be part of the processes.
 - [Resolution 2.4](#): Instructed the Interim Secretariat to monitor the revision process of the Action Plans for the four sub-species

Development of Action Plans since 2011

- Since MOP2 in 2011 the following Action Plans were developed
 - Western Lowland Gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*)
 - **IUCN (2014) Regional Action Plan for the Conservation of Western Lowland Gorillas and Central Chimpanzees 2015-2025**
 - Cross River Gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla diehli*)
 - **IUCN (2014) Revised Regional Action Plan for the Conservation of the Cross River Gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla diehli*) 2014–2019**
 - Eastern Lowland Gorilla (*Gorilla beringei graueri*)
 - **IUCN (2012) Grauer's Gorillas and Chimpanzees in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. Conservation Action Plan 2012-2022**
- Parties were informed of the development through:
 - Notification 2014/23
 - Notification 2015/016



Recommendations

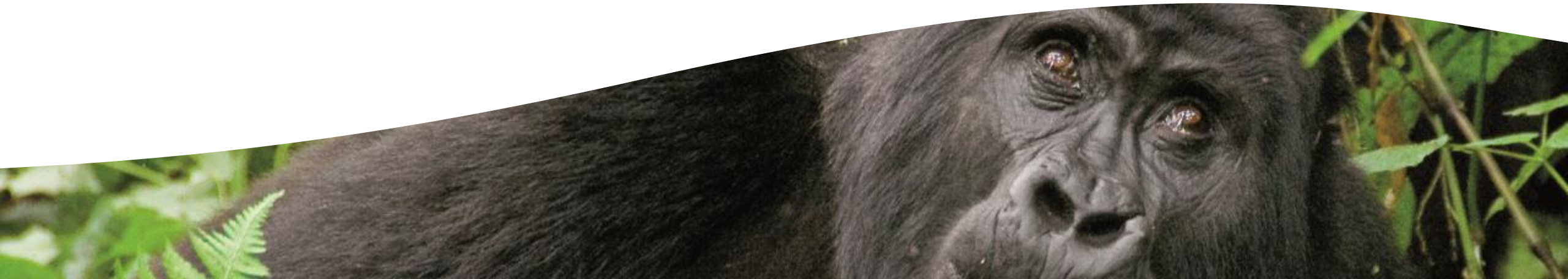
- Consider the adoption of the three Action Plans under the Gorilla Agreement, which were developed by IUCN during the intersessional period:
 - Regional Action Plans for the Conservation of Western Lowland Gorillas and Central Chimpanzees 2015-2025;
 - Revised Regional Action Plan for the Conservation of the Cross River Gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla diehli*) 2014–2019; and
 - Grauer's Gorillas and Chimpanzees in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, Conservation Action Plan 2012-2022
- Continue implementing the Action Plan 2008 - Mountain Gorilla (*Gorilla beringei beringei*) as contained in document UNEP/GA/MOP3/Inf.6;





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Brief introduction of the Action Plans by IUCN





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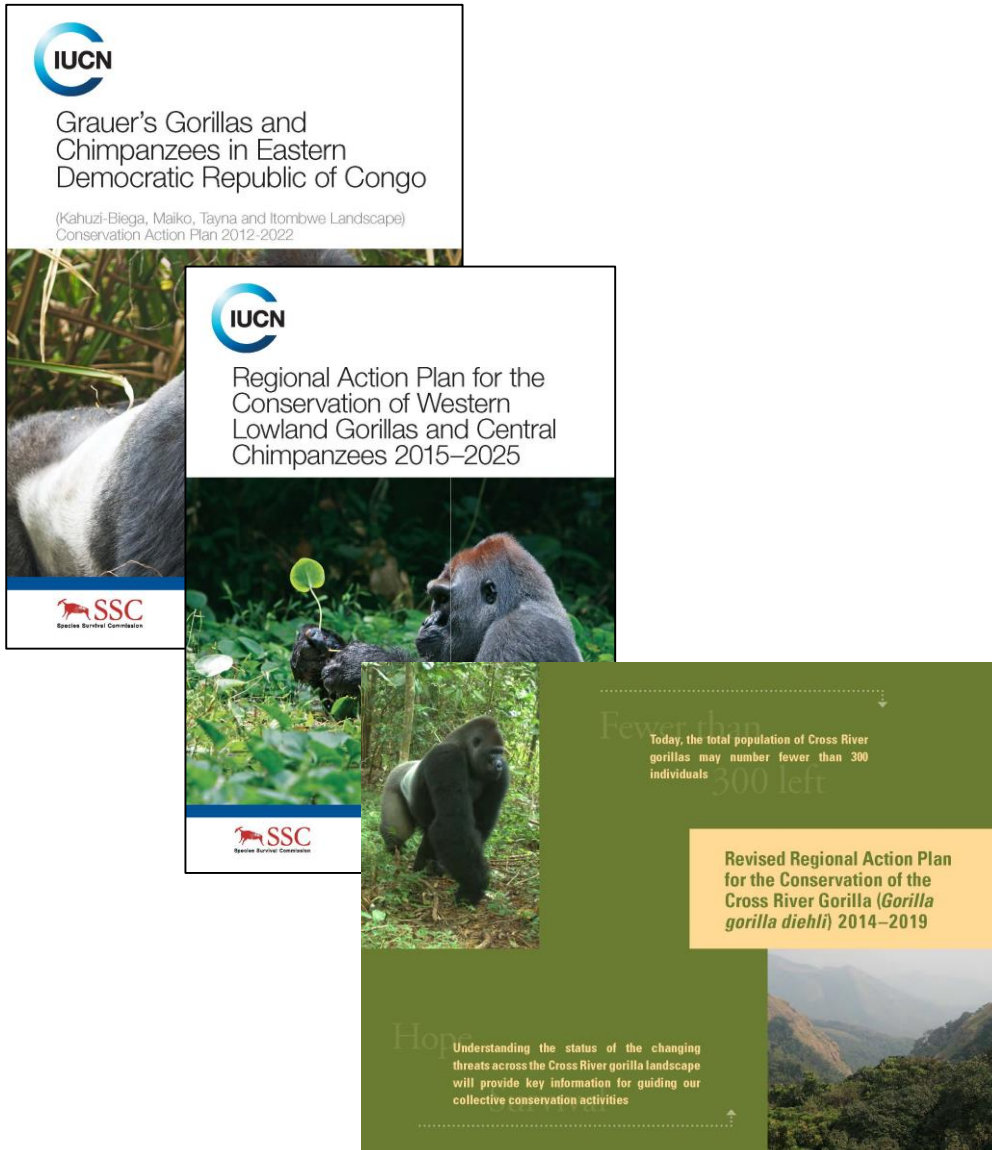
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144 Members

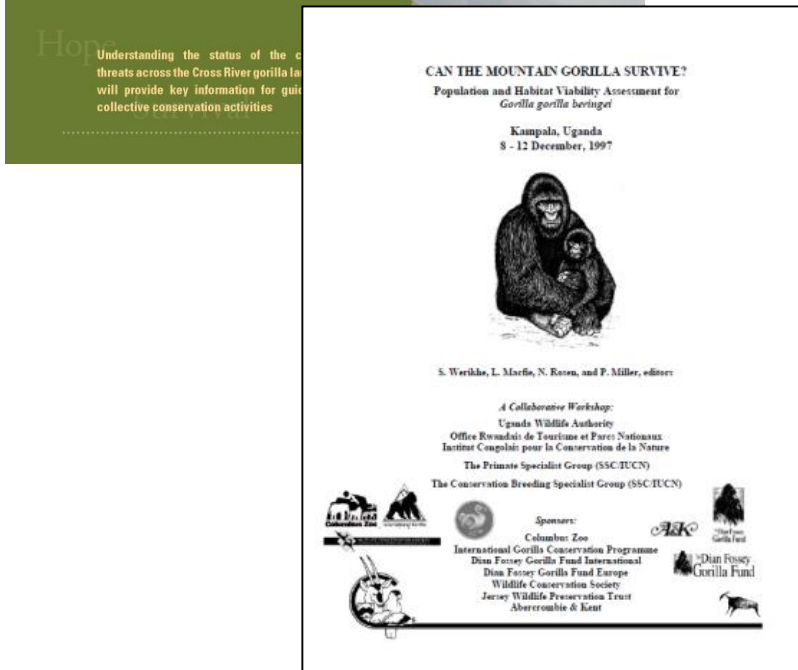
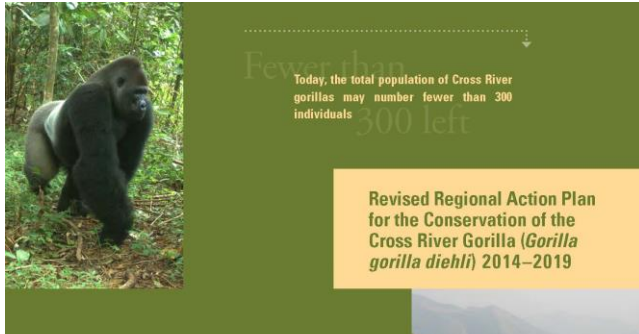
Mission Statement

“The Section on Great Apes is a group of experts active in research on and conservation of great apes. Its role is to promote conservation action on behalf of the great apes, based on the best-available technical information. It serves as a forum for discussion and information exchange; it establishes guidelines for best practices in research and conservation; its members formulate action plans, and advise on effective protection of great ape populations.”

IUCN Primate Specialist Group Great Ape Action Plans



- A consensual list of time-bound priority activities and information to conserve great apes.
- Each plan is developed from a multi-stakeholder process, involving senior representatives of the wildlife authorities in each of the range states, protected area managers, NGOs, scientists, subject area specialists, and donors.
- Each action plan identifies geographic and thematic priorities and the priority actions needed to conserve gorilla populations within each area.
- Provides the a synthesis of the most up to date information on the status, threats, and issues impacting each great ape sub species.



IUCN Primate Specialist Group Great Ape Action Plan Updates

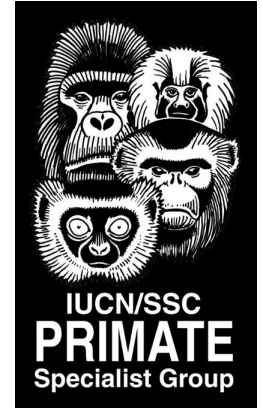
- Initial discussions underway to develop an updated Cross River gorilla action plan for publication in 2020.
- Preliminary stakeholder consultations held in Rwanda in June to determine whether a Mountain Gorilla Action Plan is needed.



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Best Practice Guidelines for Conservation of Great Apes

- Surveys and Monitoring
- Re-Introduction
- Reduced Impact Logging
- Great Apes and FSC
- Great Ape Tourism
- Human-Great Ape Conflict
- Health Monitoring and Disease Prevention





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