

1. THE RANGER
GARDES PARC (French)
GUARDEPARQUE (Spanish)
2. Although no ape in this collage, this is brought in to indicate that rangers are not only involved with protecting wildlife and wild places, but are closely involved in community lives and livelihoods.
The Visuals for this presentation are from our host country, the DRC, although the scenario shown here exists to a large degree throughout the Great Ape Range states.
3. This GRASP IGM meeting has set out in some detail the requirements for conserving the Great Apes.
4. As well as the threats to these species.
5. The strongest action, reiterated time and again, is the need for effective law enforcement.
6. How will this be achieved: Through increased manpower, proper training and skilling, and proper and appropriate equipment for the staff.
7. But who is mostly responsible for the on-ground law enforcement. This GRASP IGM has largely shied away from recognizing the vital role of the ranger, consigning the ranger to a sort of generic pool of "law enforcement".
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9. The Ranger is the "thin green line" between the preservation of these wonderful animals, and their extinction.
10. Rangers operate under very difficult and trying conditions
(Park Head Quarters, Rwindi, Virunga)
11. Military collusion (and even direct) involvement in poaching.
12. Poor equipment and very dangerous conditions.
(40% of patrols in Garamba are involved in a firefight (shooting).
13. We recognise the dangerous circumstances that rangers work under.
Rescue
14. wounded Ranger – Paul Bagambe
15. Funeral – Ranger Boniface
16. Of these 14 DRC rangers only 2 survive today
17. TO PROTECT THE GREAT APES
18. Must ensure rangers are properly trained and skilled
19. That rangers are properly and appropriately equipped
(Note full uniform, webbing, tents, camouflage netting – beds, sleeping bags etc)
20. That rangers are fully supported at institutional, national and NGO levels
(WWF/UNF
Congolese Institute for Protection of Nature/Alexander Abraham
Foundation/WCS)
21. IRF /IUCN DEPENDANTS FUND
22. YOUNG RANGERS
23. GREEN HELMET BRIGADE – rapid response capability
24. We remember (this slide has a list of 209 rangers killed in the line of duty in the Virunga NP in the 10 years since 1995.
25. Thank you