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...UNEP STAFF MEMBER MELANIE VIRTUE MONITORS RARE MOUNTAIN GORILLA POPULATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO...

The Great Apes Survival Project (GRASP) Partnership is an innovative and ambitious project between UNEP and UNESCO with an immediate challenge — to lift the threat of imminent extinction facing most populations of great apes: gorillas, chimpanzees, bonobos, and orangutans across their ranges in equatorial Africa and south east Asia.





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... THE WALL TO THE RIGHT DEMARCATES THE PARK BOUNDARY, PREVENTING ANIMALS FROM RAIDING CROPS PLANTED ON THE OTHER SIDE. UNEP FUNDED THE EMERGENCY COMPLETION OF THE WALL AFTER MILITARY CLASHES...

The endangered great apes share their habitat with millions of people in west, central and east Africa and in southeast Asia, many of whom live below the poverty line. The need to link the welfare of humans and wildlife is a central objective of the GRASP Partnership. The future survival of the great apes lies in recognizing the importance of empowering the local communities with whom the great apes share their natural habitat.





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... MEANWHILE, FEMALE GORILLA 'BRIGHTER' PREPARES FOR TRANSPORT BACK TO CAMEROON AFTER BEING CONFISCATED BY NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES AS PART OF A GRASP OPERATION...

GRASP's mission is to work as a coherent partnership to conserve in their natural habitats, wherever they exist wild populations of every kind of great ape and to ensure that where apes and people interact, their interactions are mutually positive and sustainable.

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