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## 2016 Summer Newsletter

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### Protecting Cross River Gorillas in Cameroon

The Cross River gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla diehli*) is the most critically endangered African ape, with only 200 to 300 animals inhabiting the Cross River region on the Nigeria-Cameroon border. This area is one of high primate endemism, home to a total of 13 primates including at least seven unique primates including the gorillas. These include the Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzee, Preuss's red colobus monkey, the drill, red-rumped putty-nosed monkey, the Cameroon red-eared monkey, Preuss's guenon, crowned guenon, mona monkey, angwantibo, Demidoff's galago, Talbot's needle-clawed galago, and the Cross River Allen's galago.

The Cross River gorilla resides in the forests of the Bight of Biafra region in the Gulf of Guinea that is a hotspot of biodiversity with a high level of endemism in mammals, birds, invertebrates and plants. The small subspecies population exists in 15 localities, 11 of which are in Cameroon. They occur in two protected areas,

Takamanda National Park and Kagwene Gorilla Sanctuary. Despite this, there is a high human population density in the region leading to high rates of hunting, non-timber forest product extraction and logging. Hunting has historically been the cause of decline of the Cross River gorillas and even when they are not a main focus of hunting activities they are stressed by hunting activities and maimed by snares set for other species. Additionally their habitat has been affected by fires and illegal logging.

The recent Regional Action Plan for the Conservation of the Cross River Gorilla includes important recommendations to create a community forest protection force with the possibility for a Trans-Border Community Protected Landscape: 1) initiation of community Guardians; 2) focus on



the geography of the remaining cross gorilla populations; 3) take a landscape approach [Since most subpopulations are connected to at least one other subpopulation the entire subspecies could be managed as a single conservation unit]; 4) create community awareness; and 5) engender community participation [Cameroon has a recent history of incorporating communities as conservation partners under the Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries Law No. 94/01 of 1994 that encourages the establishment of community forests.]

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## CC to Publish "Tales of Mother Crane and the Flying Puppet Show"

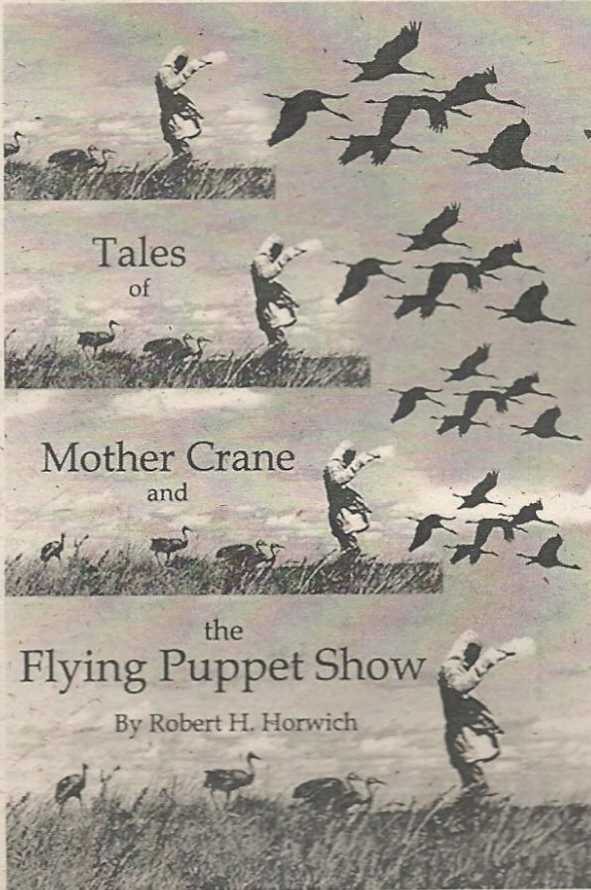
In the mid 1980s, CC Director Dr. Rob Horwich played a critical role toward the reintroduction of whooping cranes in Wisconsin by using sandhill cranes to develop a method for reintroducing a population of whooping cranes to Wisconsin that would migrate to Florida in the winter and return to Wisconsin in the spring. Horwich's original work with sandhill cranes in 1985 laid the foundation for the whooping crane reintroductions that have been occurring since 2001 to the present. "Tales of Mother Crane and the Flying Puppet Show" is about his rearing young sandhill cranes using costumes and puppets to prevent



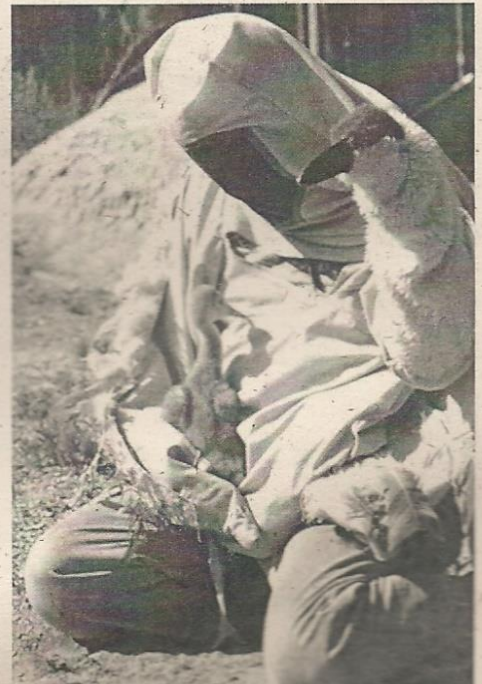
their imprinting on humans at Necedah Wildlife Sanctuary. The book describes many of the adventures of the cranes Horwich reared in the Necedah wetlands. These chicks were then released in the Necedah wetlands, joined with wild cranes and migrated to Florida and back to Wisconsin. They were the models for similar releases of whooping cranes at Necedah for the past 16 years.

The book also discusses use of costumes for raising other species of cranes for conservation. These included costume rearing wattled cranes to bolster existing populations of wattled cranes in South Africa. The rearing method was also used to rear Siberian cranes in Russia and to establish a population of 100 Eurasian cranes in England.

The book is expected to be available in August of 2016.



Horwich in costume leading the first chick raised with a costumed surrogate mother



Horwich in costume brooding a sandhill crane chick



## Community Conservation Staff and Colleagues Present at Professional Meetings

Meetings of the Society of Conservation Biologists was held in Madison, Wisconsin in July and Meetings of the American Society of Primatologists and the International Society of Primatologists are being held jointly in Chicago in August. Director Dr. Rob Horwich will be attending and presenting at each.

In 30 years we have produced a successful, cost--effective, field--tested flexible formula to catalyze communities to stop deforestation and biodiversity loss, based on leaving community organizations and federations on--site and inducing conservation contagion. In India, Peru, Madagascar, Belize, Ghana and seven other countries, community groups and federations play a powerful role in protecting and restoring forests, protecting populations of 40 primate species, 11 -- 21% of the world's primates.

It is our goal to continue to share these results and interest field primatologists to work with their local communities to protect their research primate species from becoming extinct.

### CC's End of Summer Picnic & Presentation

We'd like to thank you, our supporters! Please join the CC Board and Friends for a picnic and community presentation, "Catalyzing Conservation Contagion for Peru's Cloud Forest Primates" with CC colleagues, Sam Shanee, PhD and Nestor Francisco Allgas Marchena.

**Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Gays Mills Community Center**

**16381 Hwy 131, Gays Mills, WI 54631**

Please let us know by August 22 if you're coming, we want to be sure to have enough food.

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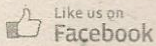
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CC has recently received a grant from the Margot Marsh Biodiversity Foundation to work with communities in the Cross River area to create additional community protected areas as corridors between other protected areas for the Cross River gorillas in Cameroon. CC Director Dr. Rob Horwich will be traveling with Dr. Denis Ndeloh Etiendem, a Cameroonian who has worked with communities in the Cross River region. Their goal is to work with a regional NGO, Resource Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development as their on-site partner. The most important goal is that they hope to catalyze and help the local communities to create a 5000 hectare community reserve that

Protected Areas (dark) on both sides of the Cross River and Proposed Community Protected Area (oval).

will act as a protected corridor connecting other protected areas for the Cross River gorilla.

