



His Royal Highness Gamgbe Kounaka Ernest showing CC and partners the potential chimp corridor in Somié. Currently this forest is threatened by grazing and annual burning by herders from Nigeria.



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# COMMUNITY CONSERVATION INC

Protecting biodiversity, one village at a time.

## CHIMPANZEE AND COMMUNITY FOREST VILLAGERS SEEK TO PROTECT CHIMPANZEE CORRIDOR

Dear friends of Community Conservation Inc.,

While hiking through a project zone in the highland forests of Somié, Western Cameroon this spring we came across an exciting find—nearly twenty chimp nests in one small area!

This is especially significant since the community has reported hearing chimpanzee calls further away and less frequently than normal. A lack of chimpanzee calls plus illegal grazing in the forest motivated the community into action and partnering with CC.

Above is a photo from the field taken while surveying for chimps. This project site was selected by His Royal Highness Gamgbe Kounaka Ernest as a forest to be protected specifically for conservation. Villagers are worried about the future of chimps in their area, and they are asking for your help to establish a community-managed forest.

This is one of two projects with our partner Community-Based Biosynergy Management (CBBM) on the ground in Cameroon. The other is the Dja Reserve, a community-managed forest and wildlife sanctuary in southeast Cameroon.

To support chimpanzees and their forest habitat in Cameroon, we need your help. We hope to raise \$15,000 by the end of year to protect current chimpanzee habitat and train the next generation of conservation leaders in Cameroon. Can we count on your support?



This is Community-Based Biosynergy Management (CBBM)'s project manager Gwendoline Angwa, looking extremely happy to have sighted a chimp nest in the forest.



CC is excited to announce a return to Madagascar! Tsinjoriake is a protected area that CC helped establish in 2007. We are excited to work with the next generation of Malagasy leaders with the hope of extending community protected areas in Madagascar.

**Donate now by mailing the enclosed slip with your check, or give online at [communityconservation.org/support](https://communityconservation.org/support)**



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## Pedal, Paddle, or Plod! 2022

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR A GREAT SUMMER EVENT



Thank you to everyone who joined this summer's PPP! Participants spent time outdoors and supported endangered species at the same time. Plus our first annual auction was a big success and raised funds for wildlife monitoring training for community forest groups in eastern Nepal. Thank you everyone - your registrations and donations help empower local people.

Join us next summer for the 3rd Annual Pedal, Paddle, or Plod 2023!

## Cheers to Conservation

TIPSY TIGER RICE LAGER FROM MOBCRAFT BREWING



Evoking the essence of the Himalayas with a refreshing lemongrass tang, Mobcraft Brewing generously donated a portion of their profits to help conserve wildlife habitat and strengthen wildlife monitoring training in the foothills of Nepal. Thank you to Mobcraft Brewing, and cheers to conservation!

Read more about the project at [communityconservation.org/tiger](http://communityconservation.org/tiger).

## Fall Field Update from Nepal

DR. ALLENDORF'S EXPERIENCES WITH COMMUNITIES



Executive Director Dr. Teri Allendorf is currently in the field, visiting a project site in central Nepal. While there, she will lead workshops to involve communities in wildlife monitoring and conservation. Projects like this show how deeply local people care about protecting the nature around them.

Read them at [communityconservation.org/fallfieldupdate](http://communityconservation.org/fallfieldupdate).

"There is no reason to believe that bureaucrats and politicians, no matter how well meaning, are better at solving problems than the people on the spot, who have the strongest incentive to get the solution right."

-Elinor Ostrom



## Open Mic Night for Community Conservation

Thank you to the friends of our founder who organized this great event at the Art Garden of Rob Horwich. See photos at [facebook.com/communityconservationinc](https://facebook.com/communityconservationinc)



## Giving Tuesday

Save the date for Giving Tuesday, November 29, 2022. CC will be raising funds for community tiger and wildlife monitoring in Nepal.



## Leadership Opportunity

Are you a leader in conservation, or passionate about protecting wildlife by empowering people? Join our team!

We're looking for new board members: [bit.ly/CCJointheBoard](https://bit.ly/CCJointheBoard)

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