Dear friends of Tengwood Organization

As the year draws to a close, we would like to sincerely thank everyone who has supported us and followed our work in 2017. We had a very exciting year and hold our projects to a very high standard. We are happy that Tengwood Organization continues to move forward and our projects are progressing.
Conservation Education Materials for Tengwood’s Water Project

The water project in the national park combined with education is a complete success. First, the facility is being very well maintained by the staff of the National Park. In 2017, we had only 2 small repairs to do; the first was a failure of the UV-C lightbulb, which were able to replace without any problem - our partners at Aqua-pura had already equipped us with reserve lightbulbs and we were also allowed to bring additional reserves to Nigeria on our last Swiss visit. We would like to thank Aqua-pura very much for the equipment they provide to the project free of charge. Second, we had to replace pipelines from the pump to the water tank which were broken due to a mistake in the handling of the system. All in all, however, we are happy with the care and maintenance by the National Park staff and that the clean drinking water system has been working well for more than a year. All of the CRNP Rangers, Butatong residents, students, etc. are very grateful to enjoy clean, bacteria-free drinking water, free of charge.

Another important part of our water project is conservation education for the local population. This part of the project is also making progress, as conservation clubs in the support communities around the park have increased in number, so that today there are about 10,000 club members who show interest in nature conservation. We would like to contribute much more to the education of support communities through the production of additional educational materials. These materials include a series of posters and a board game that teaches about the connections between natural structures and human activities. The posters and games will be used in programs being carried out by a WCS educational coordinator throughout these support communities, providing children with knowledge which they can carry home. The production of the first four posters is currently in progress and their design is being set up with great attention to detail. A small example of how the trees in the posters are being created can be seen below. In an attempt to finance the production of additional materials to reach more of the support communities around the park, we have started a Crowdfunding Campaign that is active for 100 days. The link to it can be found at https://www.100-days.net/de/artenschutz
Conservation Education Center in the Cross River National Park

Another ambitious project that we have in mind, given enough support, would be to complete the building of a Conservation Center in the Cross River National Park. This Conservation Center would be available for schools and other visitors to the park, and would provide an opportunity for improved conservation education. After a field visit to observe nature in the park, classes could be carried out in a more formal educational setting, illustrating theoretical considerations and other ideas in regard to conservation. Our posters would be showcased in this center. Education for the next generation is critical - in the end, local people are the ones who will decide whether or not to save their forests – therefore people must understand why forests and wildlife must be protected. Because of this, education is the most important step for the future of the natural world. CONSERVATION EDUCATION THAT TEACHES ABOUT SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES IS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUTURE.

School groups and conservation clubs from the support communities, university students, and researchers come to the park each year to learn about or study local plants and wildlife in the parks. Currently, one of the visitor houses that is lived in by park staff serves as a makeshift classroom to carry out educational programs. We would like to help the park build a conservation center.

Bushmeat Export Study

Our bush meat export study is also making great progress. Together with our field workers, we are working very hard on surveying the bushmeat traders and bushmeat consumers. Interviews are now being carried out with the traders we have collected data from in a number of markets in Nigeria. This is a job that takes a lot of time, but also brings us a lot of good information. More details of this project will be presented at another time, as the interviews are currently in progress. The process of interviewing local people about a sensitive subject required accurate evaluation and adjustments to the questions, which kept us busy throughout October and November. For bushmeat traders, this business is their livelihood, and this is an issue that also needs to be addressed. At the
moment, Nigeria is experiencing an outbreak of monkeypox, which demonstrates that the consumption of bushmeat, in addition to reducing populations of vulnerable animal species, can also pose a health risk to the human population. While the disease was named after monkeys because that is where it was first discovered, the actual reservoir of monkeypox is thought to be rodents – specifically, rats and squirrels – animals which are also readily found in the bushmeat markets. The infection in humans can be triggered by a bite from an infected animal, or by contact with bodily fluids from an infected animal or person.

In addition to other, less vulnerable wild species, we have found many protected species (pictured in this graphic) being openly sold in bushmeat markets here.

All of the protected species being traded are also found in the export trade. Below, one of our field workers interviews traders at a market to learn more about the export of bushmeat.
The Illegal Live Trade in Great Apes and Other Animals

Unfortunately, Nigeria is also involved in the illegal trade in live chimpanzees; we were reminded of this through a very sad case that occurred recently. The trade in live animals is a very lucrative one; sales in great apes in particular bring in a lot of money. The picture above shows 2 young chimpanzees confiscated in Kathmandu, India. These chimps shipped from Nigeria, along with a number of other long-tailed monkeys and parrots, all of which were declared as hair extensions. According to our research into this case, along with Nigerians, people in Dubai and Kathmandu are also involved in the smuggling of live animals. We are looking further into this incident.

The illegal trade in wildlife and their products is a major threat to vulnerable and endangered species in Africa. The illegal trade affects many species of animals and plants. In addition to the live trade, products such as ivory, pangolin scales, rhino horn, snake skins, lion bones, etc., are in demand for various uses, making iconic species such as elephants, pangolins, rhinos, lions, and many reptiles vulnerable to the trade.

*Live animals and their products can be easily found for sale in Nigeria.*
Tengwood Organization Holiday Season

We will again spend our holidays in Nigeria this year as bushmeat sales do not stop during this time, and this is an important opportunity in which to interview traders about seasonal sales and the year behind them. But we will find some quiet time for ourselves and enjoy a little of this holiday season.

Crowdfunding Campaign

In closing, we have one request to you – our crowdfunding campaign has started, and we have only 100 days to raise the funds for the educational materials we would like to create. Please feel free to send the links below to your mail contacts or forward our Newsletter to them, so that our appeal can be made to a wider audience. Thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

Help us bring conservation education to children living around protected areas – give them a chance to learn why protection of nature is necessary for their future!

Crowdfunding Campaign:

https://www.100-days.net/de/artschutz

Tengwood Crowdfunding Video – YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2CCyqupzsDI

(Apologies – our Crowdfunding campaign is only in German, but donations can still be made on the Crowdfunding site with a little help from google translator! Or donate via paypal on our website.)
Giving Thanks:

We would like to warmly thank all of our partners, private sponsors, and passive members for the confidence you have placed in us, and hope that you will support us again in 2018. Without your donations and your help, we cannot implement our projects. THEREFORE, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ANY AND ALL SUPPORT. Thank you!

We wish All a Wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Your Tengwood Organization Team

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We are very happy that our website www.tengwood.org is certified climate friendly. Environmental awareness is very important to us here at Tengwood Organization.

A thanks also from some of the creatures who share Nigeria’s remaining natural areas:
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Thank you!