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Yearly Report
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July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

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Tengwood Organization was founded on December 9th 2010 in Wallisellen, Switzerland, and has now moved into its eleventh year of existence. This yearly report covers the period from July 1st 2020 through June 30th 2021.

Tengwood Organization’s scope since our inception has been to address conservation issues at both a local and a global level. The problems that face wildlife and wild places start locally, but are part of a worldwide problem facing humanity – the loss of wildlife and wild places. Tengwood Organization’s conservation efforts help protect two of Africa’s most endangered primates, the Drill monkey and the Nigeria-Cameroon Chimpanzee. Since our inception, protection of the landscape in Nigeria and Cameroon these primates live within, as well as protection for the host of other wildlife that share this habitat, remain an important part of our goals at the local level. Our ongoing and main focus is on the problem of the global trafficking of wild meat (i.e. “bushmeat”), as well as the illegal trade in live animals and other wildlife products. Addressing the larger problems that face primates and all wildlife throughout the world - that of the global and unsustainable demand for wildlife and wildlife products - is important.

Deforestation and loss of habitat, illegal hunting and consumption, and wildlife trafficking, continue to be the greatest threats to animal and plant species in the world today. In the Nigeria-Cameroon region, a lack of adequate educational opportunities for local people to learn about the importance of the environment around them complicates effective conservation efforts. Tengwood Organization’s focus in 2020-2021 has been on our ongoing Environmental Education Initiative; this initiative encompasses a number of conservation education programs in communities and for schoolchildren, which is centred around posters created by Tengwood. These posters and the programs address the perceptions of local people about the remaining wild areas around them, with messages to educate people living around protected areas about how nature and wildlife help to sustain all life, including their own and teach ways to better protect wild areas and wildlife.

In addition to this new project, Tengwood Organization continues to provide maintenance and consultation for our ‘Clean Water for Conservation’ program in the Cross River National Park, Okwangwo Divisional Headquarters in Butatong; a water project that provides clean, safe drinking water, free of charge, to Park Rangers, as well as to staff and visitors to the National Park, and to their nearby host community of Butatong. This project has provided a direct benefit for the Rangers, who are on the frontlines of wildlife protection, and for the people in the nearby community, who receive clean water from the park and now better support the Park’s efforts to protect forests and wildlife.
FINANCES
Tengwood Organization’s projects and overhead costs are funded by various public and private sponsors and donors, grants through several charity organizations, and passive members. In addition, various services and technical support have been provided gratis to our organization. Because of all of this generous support, we have been able to successfully finance and run Tengwood Organization for the past 11 years.

The continuing global pandemic has caused widespread economic hardship, which has made funding conservation efforts difficult; because of this, our ability to secure funds for projects is limited. Our efforts in 2020-2021 largely focused on moving forward with our Environmental Education Initiative; this project is sponsored through a generous donation from the Bernd Thies Stiftung, with additional donors contributing to this project as well as to our operating costs. We appreciate all of our sponsors for their continued support through these trying times.

Coronavirus has not stopped Tengwood; The global pandemic may have slowed us down a bit, but Tengwood Organization continues to move forward on our projects.

Schoolchildren in the Cross River region of Nigeria are currently benefitting from Tengwood’s ongoing environmental education initiative; pictured above, National park staff carry out an educational program featuring one of three posters currently being distributed throughout the region; these posters were designed by Tengwood to teach children and communities living near protected areas how human actions can help to save natural areas and wildlife for their futures. This project has been ongoing since 2019 and the poster ‘Protect Wildlife’ our most recent addition. This effort has included the communities and schools surrounding the protected areas of the Cross River Region.
ACTIVITIES 2020-2021

TENGWOOD’S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE 2019 TO PRESENT: Conservation for Communities and Schoolchildren Living around Protected Areas

THE CONCEPT:
Our ‘clean water for conservation’ project first introduced the idea that communities are not likely to support conservation efforts unless they gain some benefit from conservation of the natural world around them. Tengwood’s provision of a green, solar-powered borehole and Aqua-pura (www.aqua-pura.org) water purification system in Nigeria’s Cross River National Park headquarters in Butatong allowed us to provide wildlife rangers and their host community with clean, fresh drinking water. The project also introduced an educational component – we wanted to teach the community about the importance of preserving natural areas and wildlife. Trees and plants filter natural waterways, and wildlife impacts plant composition; together these provide clean, natural watersheds for the benefit of all life.

REALIZATION:
Based on the success of our efforts, we decided to expand upon the educational efforts to include more communities in the Cross River Region of Nigeria. We created a poster series with the aid of Swiss artists and educators in Nigeria that teaches about the impact of human activities on wildlife and wild places. In partnership with Nigeria’s National Park Service, the Cross River National Park in Cross River State Nigeria, and WCS Nigeria’s Conservation Education Program, the posters are being used in educational programs run by WCS Nigeria and National Park staff throughout the Cross River region.
TENGWOOD’S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE IN ACTION:
Tengwood’s environmental education initiative began in 2019 with the first ‘Water is Life’ poster. It continues into the present day with the 2nd ‘Water is Life’ and 3rd ‘Protect Wildlife’ posters currently being distributed and utilized in programs across the entirety of the Cross River region, to teach communities and schoolchildren about the importance of saving wild places for our future.

Presented below; a photo compilation from Tengwood’s Environmental Education Initiative in Action during the period of 2020 to 2021.

A WCS Nigeria teacher’s workshop took place in the Oban Division of Cross River National Park to explain the messages within the poster to teachers in this region, who often have a limited knowledge of conservation ideas and how to teach about preservation of the natural world. In turn, their students can better understand the messages in these posters and how to utilize them to help save the natural world around them.

Local Teachers play a very important role – teaching children how to respect, protect, and conserve the natural world
The newest Tengwood posters were presented at Cross River National Park Headquarters by WCS Nigeria, who play an integral role in this project; WCS Conservation educator Louis Nkonyu (far right) is a Cross River native who is passionate about conservation education and, together with Cross River National Park staff, organizes and travels from school to school for conservation programs.

Community Support of this Project is Important;
It is essential that communities participate in the education campaign behind the poster. WCS Conservation educator Louis Nkonyu and National Park staff hold meetings with local governments and community leaders to introduce Tengwood Organization and talk about this environmental education initiative and the conservation messages we are trying to impart. This helps to gain the support of respected community elders. A number of community meetings have been taking place with the distribution of posters 2 and 3.

WCS Conservation Educator Louis Nkonyu and National Park staff presenting the Tengwood poster to the Executive Chairman of Obanliku local government council, the Honourable Mrs. Margaret Inde.
The posters were also distributed to Ward Councillors and political appointees to gain support for the project. Mrs. Margaret Inde was very grateful for the support given by Tengwood Organization in providing opportunities for conversation awareness in the Obanliku communities that fall within the Cross River National Park. Acceptance of this project by community leaders is essential for its acceptance by members of a community.

Posters were also presented to other Local Government areas, including executive chairman of the Boki Local Government Area Council, Mr. John Ewah; he also expressed his deep appreciation of Tengwood’s efforts on behalf of his local government area.

Conservation must include the support of local communities to be effective
Despite coronavirus, Nigerian children are back in school and ready to learn; here, a local school group and two conservation clubs that live around Cross River National Park learn about the conservation of water and wildlife.

The new generation is the future – help them learn to care about the natural world

Help us create learning opportunities for more children living around wildlife
Our Newest Poster ‘Protect Wildlife’ was specifically designed to protect endangered and vulnerable wildlife in the Cross River region; This poster was created to help raise local awareness of two highly endangered primates that Tengwood was established to protect, the Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes ellioti*) and the Drill Monkey (*Mandrillus leucophaeus*). It also features other vulnerable wildlife that share their forest home. Future posters could highlight the endangered and vulnerable wildlife in other regions.

![Protct Wildlife Poster](image)

This poster features vulnerable primates, carnivores, elephants, antelope, reptiles and birds that share the unique Nigeria-Cameroon Cross River habitat.

Tengwood Organization remains committed to the protection of two highly endangered primates; The Drill monkey inhabits a forested region between Nigeria and Cameroon that is roughly the size of Switzerland. They are found nowhere else in the world, and the Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzee shares this region. Both these species are threatened by loss of habitat from deforestation. They are also highly vulnerable to the bushmeat trade. During our 2015-2018 bushmeat study, we found both species openly sold in local bushmeat markets. Since the global pandemic, our contacts in Nigeria tell us that because of lack of income, people living near forests rely even more on bushmeat to provide daily protein needs, placing these species in more danger than ever.
TENGWOOD’S BUSHMEAT PROJECT:
Our focus on the illegal wildlife trade continues to be an important part of our work. We are utilizing the copious amount of information and data we gathered on the bushmeat problem in the Nigeria-Cameroon region to help clarify how the trade works and how bushmeat in Africa moves from forest to market to consumer. This information is becoming more and more important in light of the current global pandemic.

COVID-19 and Wildlife; What is the Connection?
Many people ask “Is there a connection between ‘bushmeat’ and COVID-19”? The answer is a resounding “YES!”. ‘Bushmeat’ is a term used to refer to wild meat in Africa, where forests are referred to as ‘the bush’ and hence meat from the bush is ‘bushmeat’. Therefore, ‘bushmeat’ describes any wild animal meat, and the terms ‘bushmeat’ and ‘wild meat’ are synonymous.

Every country has a long history of humans eating game or wild meat. Wildlife was, of course, relied upon long before the advent of domestic animal farming. Here in Switzerland, wild meat is a treat seasonally enjoyed by many. However, there are strictly enforced laws and rules in place here that regulate hunting. There are also agencies in place to monitor populations of wild animals and make sure that amounts taken are sustainable. Food safety laws are also in place in Switzerland and markets that sell wild meats here, such as your local supermarkets and butcher, follow very strict guidelines that oversee the handling, movement, and sales of food items.

In many countries, the laws, enforcement, and biological monitoring systems that protect vulnerable species are not functional. In Nigeria, for example, meats are sold in open marketplaces, which have low hygiene standards and very little monitoring or controls. This is also true of Asia, where COVID-19 is
thought to have originated. ‘Wet market’ is a term used to describe a market
where meats can be purchased; in this type of market, typically, living and
dead animals are often found side by side. Wild animals that would never
encounter one another in the wild often do. Wild animals, domestic animals,
and humans are often thrown together into a dangerous mix.

**In a typical market in the Nigeria-Cameroon region, bushmeat is sold alongside domestic
meats, other food items, and various goods. Hygiene standards are often very low.**

Live pigs being carried on a rooftop basket on their way to market and goats for sale in a large, diverse market on the road to Abuja airport. Live animals in markets are often stressed and conditions inhumane.

Conditions in African markets are rarely sanitary. Monkeys and other wild animals are presented and prepared here for sale, often in the open and without any rules or regulations, next to other food items, trash, dirty water, and other detritus.
Traders sell freshly butchered cow and other meats in a typical roadside venue; here in Cameroon (left) and Nigeria (right), small markets and roadside stands near forests and wild areas are also places where meats are chopped and presented on a well-used wooden table in the hot sun of the day for sale. Domestic animals have lived side by side with humans for many years and the viruses they carry are well-known and well-studied; less is known about wildlife diseases such as Ebola and SARS, that emerge when wild places are disturbed.

How does a virus work? If a given virus killed every animal it encountered, it would be a very unsuccessful virus – because there would be no living creature left to carry it to the next one. Many animals carry viruses that have evolved with them over centuries. This means that while most viruses may make a host sick, they do not necessarily kill it; for example, the common cold virus. After time, some viruses are even carried and passed along without any sickness at all. However...when a virus which has been co-existing with one type of species suddenly has an opportunity to infect a new type of species, it may act very differently in its new host which has never had to deal with it before; this is the theory behind COVID-19 in humans.

The 2014 Ebola virus outbreak was traced to a hollow tree where local children played and bats roosted. In 1996, an Ebola outbreak began when villagers ate a dead chimpanzee they had found in the forest. COVID-19 has been found to be most closely related to the pangolin, which is currently considered one the most trafficked animals in the world.

From left to right: Bats and other food items being sold in a small Nigerian village (photo Obitte Benneth), chimpanzee meat being openly sold in a modern market setting, a pangolin caught by a hunter and offered for sale at a roadside restaurant, and another pangolin for sale with other assorted species in a large market on the Nigeria-Cameroon border (this pangolin is smoked and its scales have been removed for separate sale – in a Calabar market, one pangolin scale sells for 500 Naira – roughly 2 CHF. Nigeria is one of the most active transit points for pangolin scales being illegally smuggled out of Africa and into Asia).
Many types of animals carry a myriad of different types coronaviruses without significant problems. In the case of ‘wet’ markets, where animals are stressed, over-crowded, and humans are being exposed to blood and body fluids during the butchering process, the conditions are perfect for a virus to jump to a new host. Deforestation is another way in which animals and new viruses that have rarely been disturbed are exposed to humans. Any country where wild areas are being destroyed and where these types of markets exist, is one in where the issue of wild meat is of concern.

What has happened with one virus could happen with another. The current global pandemic has served to overwhelm people; it is difficult to worry about the conservation of wildlife when one’s own life is insecure. In light of this, the issue of bushmeat has been relegated to a waiting position. However, wildlife and wild meats are at the core of the current pandemic and the next pandemic could occur at any time. In Tengwood’s 2012 Swiss Airport study, 36% of the bushmeat confiscated by Customs during the study was fresh, bloody meat. The problem of global bushmeat smuggling remains of the utmost importance to Tengwood Organization and we are continuing to work with various stakeholders to move the issue back to the forefront in the future.
**SPECIES AT RISK:** In the three most comprehensive studies to date of wild meats seized in major airports in European countries, there were five types of animals being smuggled more than any other; porcupines, cane rats and other rodents, duikers and other antelope, pangolins and primates. The majority of seized wild meats are being smuggled from African countries. The global trade in primate, pangolins, and many other species for their meat is illegal, but ongoing.

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The impact of the global pandemic on the amounts of wild meats being smuggled into European countries is currently unknown. Tengwood plans to participate in another study regarding the global issue of wild meat smuggling in the future.

*Join us in our fight against the wildlife trade and the smuggling of wild meat!*  
*Act responsibly when purchasing meats from countries outside of your own – know the source of your meats – where did they travel from? Inform yourself about the conditions the animals were raised in – some ‘exotic’ meats may be mislabelled or captured in the wild rather than farm-reared.*
TENGWOOD’S CLEAN WATER FOR CONSERVATION PROJECT:

Our clean water for conservation project, located in the Okwangwo Divisional Headquarters of the Cross River National Park is still going strong! This project provides park rangers, staff, visitors and the host community of Butatong with clean fresh drinking water, and also with environmental education about how to keep natural waterways clean.

This project has been closely monitored by the National Park Service since its inception in 2016. Park staff maintains the system’s components (a solar powered pump and borehole and solar-powered water purification system) and inform Tengwood about its ongoing operation. Before Tengwood’s efforts, the park staff and the community of Butatong only had access to a shared stream.

In 2016, Tengwood visited the Cross River National Park Okwangwo Division Headquarters in Butatong and began our long-term association with a water project designed to bring clean drinking water to those living around and protecting this unique natural park.

Before Tengwood’s project, Rangers and community members from Butatong shared this small pool for all daily water needs. Seen here, a community member fills a jerry can with water for his family.

The Ranger’s appreciation for the water project was reinforced in May of 2021, when the water system stopped functioning for several days. Because of
COVID, Tengwood was unable to travel to Nigeria in 2021, and our usual inspection and maintenance of the system was therefore not possible. However, the Rangers joined together and contributed their own funds to make necessary repairs to the system. Together, the Rangers contributed 20,000 Naira (roughly 50 CHF) and got the system back up and running.

**IN THE PLANNING STAGE: Necessary Upgrade and Repairs**

For the past two dry seasons, when temperatures have been high, the system has ceased pumping water for several days at a time, despite efforts by park staff to carefully clean the solar panels daily. During this time, the water table is especially low, and dust from the Sahara fills the air and can obscure much of the sunlight. An evaluation by Engineer Offiong Asuquo and staff during our 2019 visit showed that the system would benefit greatly from the addition of 4 more solar panels; this would give the system sufficient power to run more effectively, even during low-sunlight, dry season conditions.

The repairs and upgrade to the system will be a priority for our next trip to Nigeria. Given sufficient funding, this trip is scheduled to take place in 2022. A local engineer in Calabar, Nigeria is already a part of our infrastructure and will carry out these repairs during our visit.

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* Prices will likely change depending on the exchange rate and the Nigerian economy.
IN THE PLANNING STAGE: New Projects

Expanding our Environmental Education Initiative
Nigeria’s Nationals parks have fully embraced our Environmental Education Initiative and have requested that Tengwood create posters for Nigeria’s other National Parks. Nigeria is a very large country with varied biomes across it that include tropical montane and lowland forest, river delta, savanna/woodland, and desert. There are a number of National Parks and each park has its own unique set of species and issues.

*This partnership would allow us to provide educational opportunities for many more communities and schools in areas where wildlife is being over-hunted and natural areas are being destroyed*

The Illegal Trade in Wildlife and Wildlife Products Continues:

*Help Tengwood Fight Against it on a Global Scale!*

The problem of wild animals and wildlife products being illegally smuggled is still very much an issue. Despite COVID, the wildlife trade continues. In many countries where the presence of tourism once provided livelihoods, people are now suffering with little to no income. For sustenance, many are now utilizing wildlife for their meat, with no checks and balances in place. The illegal trade in wildlife is a major threat to many vulnerable and endangered species of animals and plants. Live animals are captured for the pet trade and wildlife products such as ivory, rhino horn, pangolin scales, snake skins, lion bones, etc., remain in demand.

*What is missing? Better controls need to be in place* – not just in Africa, but on a global scale. Wildlife is trafficked to every country - there is clear data on the scale of this trade, but there is limited action to stop it. A greater political focus is necessary – existing rules and regulations that protect wildlife and help to control trade need revision. A higher focus by Customs agents on illegal wildlife smuggling and stricter penalties for people attempting to smuggle wild meats and other wildlife products need to be in place. In addition, Tengwood is a strong advocate for a detection dog program in Switzerland that includes the capacity for dogs to detect wild meats.
FUNDRAISING FOR THE FUTURE:
Tengwood Organization continues to fundraise for future projects. We must raise enough money to travel to Nigeria annually to better oversee and successfully accomplish more projects. Thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

Help us provide opportunities for conservation education for children and communities living around protected areas – donate to our environmental education initiative and give local people a chance to learn why protection of nature is necessary for their future!

Help us revitalize our water project and provide clean drinking water for Park Rangers, who are on the frontline of wildlife monitoring – donate to our clean water for conservation project and help protect wild species and spaces in the Cross River region!

Help us fight the illegal trade in wildlife - Many species are at risk – Switzerland can make a difference! As the headquarters of CITES, with one of the most efficient political systems worldwide, Switzerland is uniquely placed to set an example for the world. Donate to Tengwood and help us bring a higher awareness to illegal wildlife trafficking, specifically to the issue of wild meat smuggling on a global scale!

If you would like to donate to any of our projects, see the donation page below

Thank you for your support!

Your Tengwood Organization Team
Most of our available time this fiscal year went into fund-raising proposals and in developing our environmental education initiative. Detailed reports on our projects have been made available to all sponsors and are also available to other interested parties on request.

**Social Media;**
Our social media Facebook site is updated daily and currently keeps 480 members informed about our work and other efforts relevant to the issues of wildlife trafficking and the conservation of vulnerable species. **Join our Facebook group!**

An Instagram site has also recently been added for Tengwood Organization and we are in the process of getting this up and running.

Our website, hosted by iage AG (www.iage.ch), can be found at [www.tengwood.org](http://www.tengwood.org)

**In the News;**
Tengwood’s work concerning the smuggling of bushmeat into Europe remains present in the media.

**Bushmeat Trafficking Risks Explored at a United for Wildlife Taskforce Meeting**
24 September 2020

**Bushmeat trafficking in Europe: a ticking time bomb?**
27 October 2020

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**A NOTE ON WILDLIFE AND THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC**

*The Global pandemic is a double-edged sword for wildlife.* The early days of the pandemic showed that in many places, wildlife began to thrive without the presence of humans – as once busy areas became quiet, wildlife began to emerge, undisturbed by humanity.

**However, the picture is not that simple!**
Following this period of quiet, people lost jobs and began struggling economically. In Africa and other poverty-stricken regions, a decrease in tourism and economic hardships have resulted in an increase in hunting and wildlife trafficking. For people living near wild areas, wild animals are an irresistible resource – they are often easily obtained, and can bring in even more revenue when sold to traders who carry it to urban areas. The meat of animals and other wildlife products are being smuggled for easy profits.

**Keep in mind - in addition to the toll COVID-19 is taking on humans, it is also taking a heavy toll on wildlife. Vulnerable species all over the world are in danger. Help us protect them!**
THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

A heartfelt thank you to all our sponsors;
As the global pandemic continues, fund-raising for conservation projects also continues to be difficult. We remain thankful for all our sponsors who have stayed with us throughout these hard times as well as new sponsors, who allow our work to continue.

As always, a very special thanks to our board members, Benno Lüthi and Kurt Tenger, who support Tengwood Organization gratis and with great and enduring dedication. Thank you very much for your trust in our efforts.

In the past year, Tengwood Organization focused our efforts on our environmental education campaign in the Cross River Region of Nigeria – this effort has been successfully teaching communities and children living around protected areas how to better protect the natural world for their future. In 2021-2022, we will continue to invest time and energy in these educational efforts, but also re-focus our efforts on activities that are aimed toward stopping the illegal trade in wildlife, including the global trade in wild meats.

Without sponsors, we could not realize any of our projects - ON BEHALF OF TENGWOOD ORGANIZATION, THANK YOU!
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We warmly thank all of our sponsors and partners, to those listed here, and those who remain private - without your donations and your help, we cannot implement our projects. A heartfelt thank you from your Tengwood Team

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You can also visit our website at www.tengwood.org to donate via PayPal

Thank you!
“In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught.”

Quote by Baba Dioum, Senegalese Forestry Engineer

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