



## **ACTIVITY AND FINANCIAL REPORT 2007-2008**

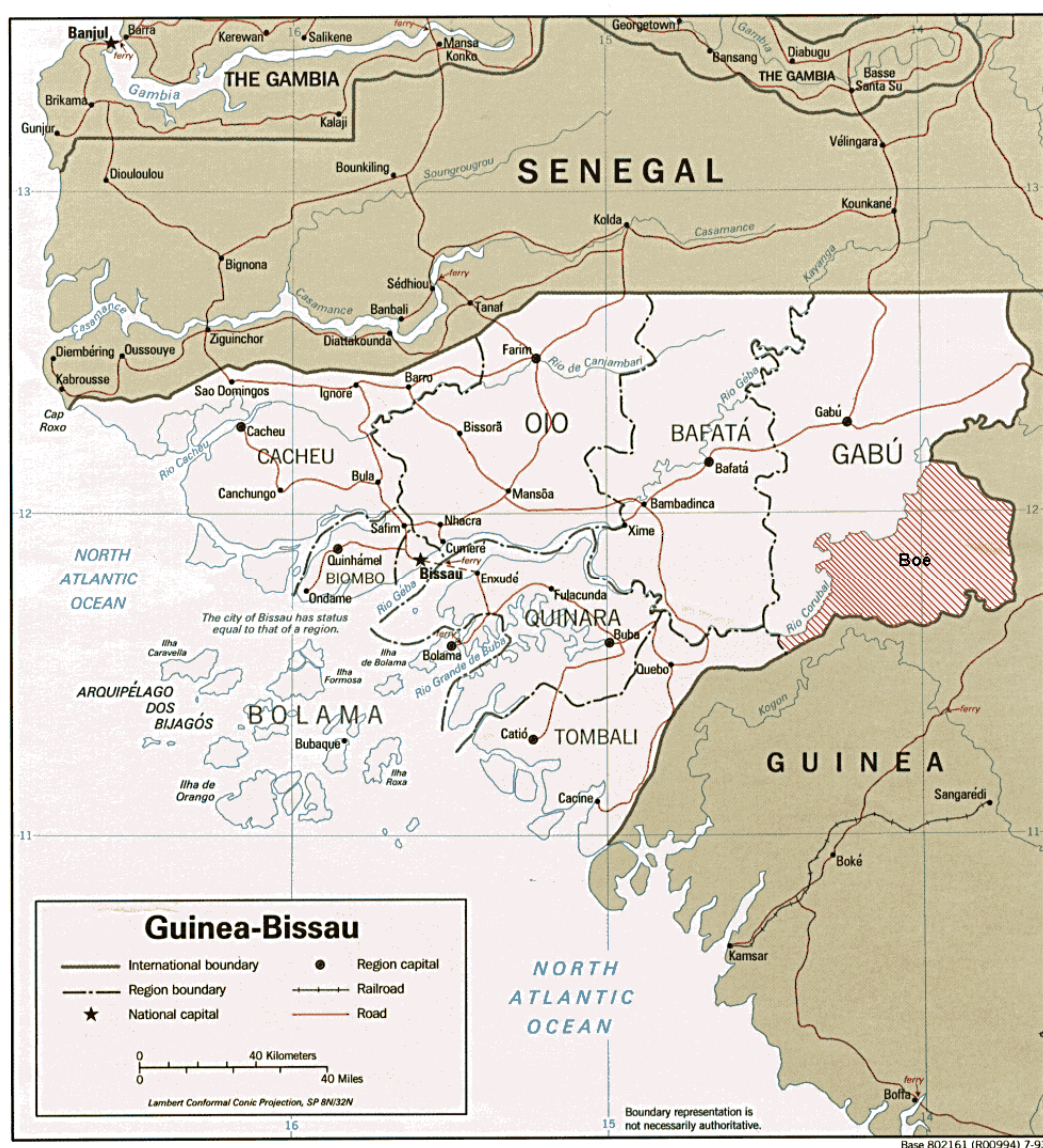


**A heartbreaking start  
meets heartfelt commitment  
to chimpanzee conservation**

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## Annex I: Achievements of Daribibó in 2007-2008





The past two years have been very intense. The Foundation Chimbo had to be set up from scratch. In establishing Chimbo my husband, Piet Wit, and I materialized our ten year old dream to further the conservation of chimpanzees in the remote south eastern part of Guinea Bissau. The sad early death of our son David made us speed up the shift from dream to action.

Chimpanzees are man's closest relatives and suffer from the destruction of their natural habitat due to mankind's expansion and greed. We should use our larger brainpower to conserve ecosystems and maintain biodiversity instead of diminishing the world's ecological basis. The least we can do is to respect the present space occupied and needed by those few chimpanzee populations that have survived our success in mastering the world.

This task has been fulfilled up till now by people like the very poor inhabitants from the Boé in Guinea Bissau. It is due time for the more resourceful people and institutions of the world to share this responsibility and help them executing this task.

We met a lot of people that shared our views and are willing to cooperate. The result of these first two years can clearly be seen in the field. A small token of this is the Daridibó poster that can be found all over Guinea Bissau: "do not buy me, I want to stay with my mother" in urban areas, and "do not hunt me, I want to stay with my mother" in rural areas.

The necessity to act on threats to the conservation of the, also from an international viewpoint, very important chimpanzee population of Boé became more urgent as well: increased uncontrolled slash and burning with large scale shifting cultivation, road construction and bauxite mining plans. Chimbo will have to work hard together with all those agreeing with our vision and mission, to find sustainable solutions that do not endanger the biodiversity and the chimpanzee population of the Boé area.

I invite you to join us in this endeavour. We need you all.

Dr. Annemarie Goedmakers  
President

## Introduction

Foundation Chimbo is a Dutch NGO that has been established in 2007 for the protection of the chimpanzee in West Africa in memory of David Goedmakers.

David Goedmakers, son of Annemarie Goedmakers and Piet Wit, died the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2006 of a ruptured aorta, he was 18 years young and wanted to study chemistry. In this way his parents announced the establishment of the Foundation Chimbo:

“We miss David enormously, but he has to miss his whole future. We want to give him a kind of future by realizing a project in his memory that combines his love of people and his love of nature. About ten years ago we visited the Boé with David. This is a remote, pristine area in southeast Guinea Bissau. The region has a low population density, few means of existence for the local population, and a rich natural environment in which groups of chimpanzees have survived. Unfortunately, the area is not protected in any way. We would like to safeguard the future of the chimpanzees and their environment by establishing a protected status for the area and by investing in sustainable tourism. In this way, we also hope to generate a new source of income for the local population.”

Chimbo initiates own activities or acts as a catalyst for policies and actions that help to achieve the goal of a sustainable thriving chimpanzee population in West Africa.

The Boé sector lies in the South-East corner of Guinea Bissau. The region is cut off from the rest of the country by the Rio Corubal. To the South and East the Boé province shares the international boundary with Guinea Conakry.

Its isolated position and the general lack of resources are impediments to development, but also create favourable conditions for the conservation of natural and cultural values. The biodiversity of Boé is the region's major asset: as a source of food security and for potential tourism development but also for income generation in balance with the environmental potential such as bee-keeping and traditional medicine.

The biodiversity is still intact albeit under stress of human exploitation and climate change. The chimpanzee is the flagship species for biodiversity conservation in the Boé. Every gallery forest has its own family of chimpanzees. When passing through the surrounding savannah, their nests can be readily seen in the tree canopies along these streams.

Although Boé is an official hunting reserve in which hunting is forbidden by the law, until this day no one has taken up the challenge to manage integrally the natural richness of the Boé to the benefit of biodiversity conservation and of the local communities.

The Regional Action Plan for the Conservation of Chimpanzees in West Africa (Kormos & Boesch, 2003 IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group) classifies the Fouta Djallon Highlands in Guinea and Guinea Bissau, of which the Boé area forms part, as an Exceptionally Important Priority Area for chimpanzee conservation. According to this plan the following actions are needed in Guinea Bissau:

- Conduct basic surveys and monitoring in Boé
- Establish and expand an education awareness campaign about chimpanzees and other primates
- Carry out study of bush meat and pet trade in chimpanzees
- Improve management plan for the Boé area.

These two years we have been active in the first three fields and have been able to stimulate others to work in the last field: the EU (AGIR II) and UNDP/GEF.

## **Vision, objectives, mission and priorities**

### *Vision*

The chimpanzee population of West Africa has the right to live and thrive in its original habitat. The present threats to its sustainable survival need to be warded off. To achieve this is of global interest and a shared responsibility between the world community and the local population.

### *Objectives*

The statutory objectives of Chimbo are:

- the conservation and where necessary restoration of the chimpanzee population in West Africa and the natural environment in which they live;
- to undertake all sorts of actions that are supportive to the above goal.

These general objectives are translated by the Board of Chimbo in long-term and annual goals that are instrumental in the realization of its mission.

### *Mission*

Our mission is to establish the Boé area in Guinea Bissau as a sustainable community based protected area that is financially self supporting ten years after the date that it has obtained its legal status. The Boé case will serve as an example for other areas in West Africa with chimpanzee populations.

### *Priorities*

Concrete activities mentioned in our statutes that we use to achieve our goals include:

- The establishment of protected areas
- Protection enforcement
- Education and training
- Investment in sustainable tourism
- Development of alternative income generation for local communities that is supportive of our objectives
- Stimulating scientific research that supports our objectives
- Awareness raising and communication
- Fund raising.

The Board has decided to focus the first five years on:

- obtaining the legal status as protected area for the Boé sector,
- fundraising to enable the establishment of a viable community based protected area,
- and gathering local, national and international commitment for our plans.



## **Achieved results 2006 - 2007**

### ***Priority I: obtaining the legal status as protected area for the Boé***

- A cooperation agreement has been signed with IBAP and IUCN-GB on biodiversity and chimpanzee conservation in the Boé area.
- Cristina Schwarz-Silva and her team of IBAP (Guinea Bissau) did field research in Boé and presented in her report very interesting results on the biodiversity of the Boé area and its chimpanzee population. A much larger population of chimpanzees (about 700) than known from literature is present, and biodiversity although threatened by hunting and agriculture is still very large.
- Jelena Ilić did desk research on conservation of chimpanzees in situ and interviewed zoo-visitors on their commitment to chimpanzee conservation.
- A coordinator (Amadu Sané) for the EGP project on awareness raising and community based conservation has been selected.

### ***Priority II: fundraising to enable the establishment of a viable community based protected area***

- Syzygy received € 10.000 from the INNO-fund of WWF-The Netherlands for the research of Cristina Schwarz-Silva. Linked to this is an own contribution of Syzygy of € 12.000 in kind.
- Chimbo received its first donation of € 500.
- Daridibó signed a contract with the EGP of IUCN-NL for a two-year grant of € 30.138 with an own contribution of € 30.000 in kind by Chimbo and Syzygy.
- Chimbo received a subsidy of € 3000 from DaDi (Daadwerkelijke Dierenbescherming) to prepare a map of the Boé area.
- Thies de Waard offered his services for free to develop a logo for Chimbo.

### ***Priority III: gathering local, national and international level commitment for our plans***

- The Foundation Chimbo has been founded legally in The Netherlands and received a special tax status as an organization of public interest.
- The Association Daridibó has been founded legally in Guinea Bissau as an NGO and had its first annual meeting.
- WWF-The Netherlands expressed its commitment to support our goals.
- A meeting of authorities and village chiefs of the Boé sector in Dandum expressed its commitment with the plans of Daridibó and Chimbo.



- A group of over 800 friends and relatives of David Goedmakers received information on our programme.
- WFD committed to cooperation with Chimbo and Daridibó in the Boé area.
- National authorities in Guinea Bissau expressed their commitment with our plans during several meetings and contacts.

## Goals and achieved results 2008

After our start up phase in 2006 and 2007 goals were set by the board for 2008. An overview of our achievements in relation to the goals set, is described in the following paragraphs.

### ***Priority I: obtaining the legal status as protected area for the Boé***

- *2 backstopping missions planned for the EGP project:* 3 executed and 1 started in December 2008
- *Significant step to be realized in the process to achieve the legal protected status:* stakeholder dialogue with population started by local project leader of Daridibó; necessary steps and timing legal process still unclear.
- *Map of Boé with present situation to be produced:* production process discussed with several parties in Bissau and The Netherlands, AGIR II has produced a rough version; GPC in Bissau has been contracted to digitalize the old Portuguese detailed maps and make a detailed geographical inventory of Vendu Cham in the Boé sector.
- *Support to be given to Daridibó for execution of IUCN-NL EGP project:* although time consuming and sometimes problematic due to distance and (technical and cultural) communication problems, overall very successful.
- *Student research planned on economic value of hunting in the Boé:* research executed in 2008, draft final report ready, results presented to stakeholders.
- *Student research planned on legal possibilities to make environmental and social issues part of decision making on bauxite mining:* research executed in 2008, final report will be ready in 2009.
- *Cooperation agreement to be finalised with university on student research programme:* ad hoc contacts with universities did not yet lead to results.
- *First steps set for start of ecovolunteers programme:* we have decided to finance an expat project leader to be stationed in the Boé area for half a year in 2009; one of his tasks will be to enable the start of an ecovolunteers programme.
- *Extra:* AGIR II has decided to include Boé in its work programme. Its total budget is 1 million euro for 3 regions of which Gabu including Boé is one.

### ***Priority II: fundraising to enable the establishment of a viable community based protected area***

- *We hoped for a subsidy from MAVA in 2008 with a commitment for a five year programme:* due to financial constraints in the MAVA budget we have been asked to send in a new proposal with several funding options; a decision is promised in 2009.
- *We hoped that the EU proposal we prepared in 2008 with AD (a local NGO in Guinea Bissau) would be accepted:* it was not for administrative reasons; we will try again in a different call in 2009.
- *We hoped to receive a KAP(small Dutch embassy) subsidy:* a draft proposal has been prepared, this has to be finalized in 2009.
- *We hoped that the GEF proposal in which Chimbo will be a partner would be accepted:* a subsidy of 1 million dollar has been made available for terrestrial protected areas in Guinea Bissau of which Boé will be a show case. The contract between UNDP and IBAP is signed in 2009.
- *Extra:* successful fundraising campaign executed among relatives, friends and relations.
- *Extra:* Franscé Verdeuzeldonk Communications, Mavegro and Houwaard Notary offered their services for free.
- *Extra:* Waverijn Accountants offers its services for free for the coming three years.

***Priority III: gathering local, national and international level commitment for our plans***

- *Website Chimbo planned:* [www.chimbo.org](http://www.chimbo.org) became live the 29th of October 2008.
- *Logo and visual identity to be developed:* logos for Chimbo and Daridibó have been developed.
- *Newsletter production planned:* cancelled due to lack of resources; we decided to publish news on our website.
- *Improving our network:* our network within IUCN has been expanded thanks to our presence in Barcelona; we applied for membership of GRASP but were told that we did not yet exist long enough; all board members have actively promoted Chimbo's existence and cause.
- *One of our goals has been the publication of a large article in a Dutch newspaper:* half a page has been dedicated to Chimbo in the Dutch Metro (second largest newspaper in The Netherlands).
- *Extra:* our president was interviewed on Dutch radio (Vroege Vogels: [www.vroegevogels.vara.nl](http://www.vroegevogels.vara.nl) ) with these results: presence on site of programme and several applications for our project leader vacancy.
- *Extra:* the web address [www.daridibo.org](http://www.daridibo.org) has been claimed.
- *Extra:* very successful soccer tournament has been organized by our project leader in the Boé area, leading to increased knowledge and commitment of the population to our plans.
- *Extra:* posters to warn against pet-hunting of young chimpanzees prepared for schools in Bissau and Boé can be found all over Guinea Bissau.



## Overview of activities 2006-2009

The following activities have been carried out over the period from 2006 until 1.1.2009. Part of them have taken place during the pre-founding phase of Chimbo by Syzygy (for information on Syzygy see [www.syzygy.nl](http://www.syzygy.nl)) or by Annemarie Goedmakers and Piet Wit as private persons:

- A project identification sheet has been developed. This sheet was sent to IUCN-GB, IBAP (National Institute for Biodiversity and Protected Areas in GB) and to Tiniguena (NGO in GB) for comments.
- A proposal has been submitted by Syzygy to the INNO-fund of WWF-The Netherlands to fund a pre-feasibility study that should provide the basic data needed for the formulation of a project document to be submitted to potential donors. This request met with a positive reply (subsidy of € 10.000,-- with own contribution in kind of € 12.000,--) and has been facilitated by IUCN-GB. Cristina Schwarz-Silva and her colleagues from IBAP have executed a characterisation study of the Boé sector. The results of her study provide the basic data necessary to determine a feasible set of actions to be undertaken in order to achieve sustainable results in biodiversity conservation. The most striking result was the estimation of the chimpanzee population of Boé at a number of around 700 animals. A presentation resuming the preliminary findings of her study was given during a debriefing meeting at IBAP on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2007.



- A fact-finding/project-identification mission to Guinea Bissau has been carried out from the 28<sup>th</sup> of September until the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2006. Main goal: to investigate and establish commitment with Chimbo's vision, mission and objectives at a national level in Guinea Bissau. A mission report was produced and distributed among partners of Chimbo. A cooperation agreement has been signed between Chimbo, IUCN-GB and IBAP.
- A contract has been signed with Maria Manuela Pereira da Rocha in Bissau to help us with administrative tasks in Guinea Bissau.
- A meeting (26.10.06) was held with members of the Board of the Foundation for the Conservation of the Przewalski Horse in order to exchange experiences. Their approach in Mongolia serves as an model for the way Chimbo wants to make sure its activities in West Africa will be sustainable.
- A fact finding/support mission to Guinea Bissau was undertaken financed by Syzygy and board members of Chimbo from 6 to 29 April 2007. The main goals of this mission were to establish commitment with Chimbo's vision, mission and objectives at a regional and local level (region Gabu and sector Boé) and to set up Daridibó.

During this mission a cooperation agreement has been signed between IBAP, IUCN-GB and Chimbo. A workshop has been held in Bissau and Chimbo has presented its plans during a meeting of village chiefs in Dandum.

- A local NGO, Daridibó, has been founded in Guinea Bissau. Its objectives are similar to those of Chimbo, but restricted to the Boé area. Chimbo will support Daridibó and vice-versa. The name of Daridibó stands for “your chimpanzee” in Creole.



- A student of Wageningen University, Jelena Ilić, has made an inventory of ongoing research on chimpanzee ethology in their natural environment, the existence of similar projects and areas with a goal to preserve chimpanzees in their natural wild habitat, and has done research on the potential for tourism development centred on chimpanzee observation in the nature.
- On behalf of Daridibó a proposal was submitted to the Ecosystem Grants Programme (EGP) of IUCN-NL which has been accepted: project nr. 600132. A two-year grant amounting to € 30.138,-- and the own contribution of Chimbo and Syzygy in kind (valued at € 30.000,--) will be used to strengthen the position of Daridibó in the Boé sector and in Bissau, and to initiate awareness raising activities and community based conservation activities. The project duration is from 1.1.2008-31.12.2009.
- A support mission to Guinea Bissau has been carried out from 12 until 29 October 2007. During this mission Amadu Sané has been selected as coordinator of the IUCN-NL EGP for Daridibó in the Boé. The NGO Palmeirinha based in Bissau has been asked to draft a proposal for the execution of the awareness raising programme under the IUCN-NL EGP. During this mission the threat of bauxite mining in the Boé proved to be much more urgent than thought before: an exploration contract and may be even a mining concession is granted by the government of Guinea Bissau to Angola Bauxite; the future mining company might be an Angolan/Brazilian venture. During the mission we documented two serious hunting incidents that were reported to the national authorities by IUCN-GB. On both cases action has been taken by the authorities that has raised awareness about the illegality of hunting. Recent bauxite exploration research sites have been visited. Contacts have been laid with Portuguese scientists active in Guinea Bissau on nature conservation.



- In December 2007 a fact finding mission to ecotourism facilities in the Pantanal in Brazil has been carried out by Syzygy to gather information for Chimbo on best practices. During this mission the president of Chimbo has laid contacts with high level private parties active in large scale community based nature conservation in Brazil and discussed cooperation potential with a Brazilian NGO, Amigos da Terra, Amazônia Brasileira, active in nature conservation e.g. in mining areas.
- Chimbo and Syzygy have discussed their plans with the MAVA Foundation on several occasions in Switzerland in 2007 and 2008. MAVA invited Chimbo to send in a proposal to be discussed by their board in the beginning of 2008. Due to financial constraints in its 2008 budget, MAVA asked us in September 2008 to send in several adapted scenario's of our proposal. A decision will be taken in 2009.
- In December 2007 and January 2008 Syzygy and Chimbo had meetings in Berlin with representatives of WFD (Weltfriedensdienst e.V.) a German NGO that is active in Guinea Bissau. It has been agreed that WFD and Chimbo would cooperate in the Boé.
- A fact finding mission to a community based conservation programme financed with ecotourism in the area of Puerta Maldonado and an ecotourism project supported by UICN-NL in the area of Huaraz both in Peru, has been carried out by Syzygy in February 2008.
- We have prepared a proposal for the EU Multi Country NSA and LA call of 2008. This has been sent in by AD as applicant, an NGO in Guinea Bissau active on sustainable development, for the selection procedure of 2008, but stranded on administrative problems. An adapted version has been sent in, with Daridibó as applicant, in May 2009 for the EU NSA and LA Country Call of 2009.
- A student (Tim van Laar) of Larenstein Applied Sciences University in Velp, The Netherlands, has carried out an appraisal of the bush meat market in Boé in order to investigate the economic importance of hunting for the population of the Boé area between March and July 2008. Results have been presented in Bissau and in Boé.
- A backstopping mission for the EGP project has been carried out from the 19<sup>th</sup> until the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2008. We discussed a contract with Palmeirinha, and agreed on goals for 2008 with Amadu Sané. We introduced Tim van Laar to stakeholders in Bissau and the Boé, WFD kindly offered housing for Tim van Laar and the possibility to send emails to Chimbo for both Tim van Laar and Amadu Sané.
- In 2008 Chimbo received a subsidy from “Daadwerkelijke Dierenbescherming”, a fund to further animal welfare, to prepare a map needed in the legal process to get the protected area status for the Boé. The production of this map has been commissioned in the beginning of 2009 to GPC (National Office for Coastal Planning) in Bissau.
- A second backstopping mission in 2008, from 19 April to 4 May, has been used to finalize the contract with Palmeirinha on behalf of Daridibó, set up the Daridibó office in Beli, and to organize a workshop in Bissau on the work programme to be executed

with the UICN-NL EGP subsidy. During this mission we observed a case of illegal slash and burning just north of the river Corubal on the road from CheChe to Gabu.



- From 9 to 15 September 2008 a third backstopping mission for the EGP project has been carried out. Progress and (financial) issues have been discussed with Amadu Sané, and progress on the execution of the contract with Palmeirinha has been evaluated.
- Our president visited the World Conservation Congress of IUCN in Barcelona in October 2008 in order to promote the cause of Chimbo and to work on a relevant international contact network. During this congress our advisor Piet Wit has been elected chair of the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management and member of the Council of IUCN.
- Syzygy sponsored the production of a fundraising postcard that the family of David Goedmakers included in the mailing they sent to their relatives and friends on the date that would have been his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. The money donated amounted to over € 7.000, some donors committed to 5-year donations, and several people offered their help and expertise.
- This occasion (the 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2008) was also used to put our website on the world wide web. Thanks to Thies de Waard and Jan Jansen this became possible: they helped us with lay-out and technical issues.
- We decided, based on our experience of our missions to Guinea Bissau, that it would be useful to have an expat stationed in Beli to get more insight in developments in the area (road building, bauxite mining, and nature conservation activities by AGIR II, the Ministry of Agriculture and IBAP) and to start ecotourism development in the Boé. Our financial means enabled us to decide to send a voluntary project leader for half a year.
- Thanks to Franscé Verdeuzeldonk, who found us this opportunity: a radio interview with our president on Vroege Vogels, gave us the opportunity to mention this vacancy and attracted several candidates. In 2009 Erik Mager, a professional in wildlife management, has been selected and will be stationed in Guinea Bissau for half a year.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> of December a fact finding/support mission started that would last until the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2009. In December Niokolo Koba National Park in the South-Eastern part of Senegal was visited where opportunities to cooperate were investigated to see whether their approach would result in important lessons to learn for us.



## Governance

Chimbo is a Dutch organization that has been founded the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2007. It is registered in the Chamber of Commerce of Amsterdam under number 34272068.

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BIC: INGBNL2A

The Dutch tax authorities have granted Chimbo the ANBI status (ANBI: Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling = non-profit institution serving the public interest). An ANBI does not have to pay gift tax on gifts that it receives in the context of the public interest. A donor may deduct the gift from personal or corporate income tax. Inheritances received by an ANBI are exempt from inheritance tax. In order to get the status Chimbo did adapt its statutes on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2007: it is now clearly stated that in case of dissolution of Chimbo the remaining funds will have to be spend on a cause serving the public interest.

Apart from this, the statutes state that board members are appointed for four years, can be reappointed and do not receive a remuneration for their work only for the costs made and only after due approval.

<i>Board</i>	<i>function</i>	<i>period</i>
Dr. Annemarie Goedmakers	president	since 4.4.2007
Piet Wit	secretary/treasurer	4.4.2007 – 25.2.2008
Joris Pinkster, MSc	member	4.4.2007 – 25.2.2008
	secretary	since 25.2.2008
Tedros Medhin	member	since 4.4.2007
Dr. Jules de Waart	member	since 4.4.2007
Drs. Egbert Wesselink	treasurer	since 25.2.2008

### *Advisors to the board:*

Annet de Waart, former member of the national Emancipation Committee of the Netherlands and president of the board of Animal Welfare Amsterdam.

Piet Wit, President of the Commission on Ecosystem Management of IUCN and director of Syzygy.

The Board has held 10 meetings in 2007 and 6 in 2008.

Important issues that have been discussed: the name of the Foundation, its statutes, policy plan, background document, goals of missions, mission reports, power point presentations for (potential) partners and sponsors, TOR's for student research assignments and results, TOR Chimbo project manager, annual and multi-annual budget and accounts, declaration policy, subsidy proposals, reports of meetings, stakeholder inventory and communication plan, and finally Chimbo's working methods, priorities, approach of opportunities or set-backs, and progress in relation to our general objectives and annual goals.

We are working on a business plan that will give us a clear and easy tool to check whether we keep the right track to fulfill our mission and are meeting our annual and long term goals. This business plan will be finalized in 2009.



## **Resources: human and financial**

Board members, advisors, students and many others volunteered to work for the cause of Chimbo.

### *Volunteers (others than board members) and students*

Thies de Waard	logo Chimbo and web design
Jan Jansen	technical aspects website
Teresa Borasino	logo Daridibó
Jelena Ilic	research on results of in situ chimpanzee conservation
Tim van Laar	economic value of hunting in the Boé
Priscilla Verhulst (and Jasper van Bruxvoort)	legal possibilities to protect the interests of nature and the local population against bauxite mining
Marie-José Goedmakers	research on chimpanzee conservation since WW II
Sascha Topp	inventory of chimpanzee research in Germany
Rutger Stoop	translation of website in English

### *Subsidy received by Chimbo*

Daadwerkelijke Dierenbescherming

### *Contributions to Chimbo of sponsors and partners*

Syzygy	in kind
IUCN-GB	in kind
Mavegro	in kind
Bhantal Boé/Weltfriedensdienst	in kind
Waverijn Accountants	in kind
Franscé Verdeuzeldonk Communications	in kind
Houwaard Notary	in kind

### *Donations*

More than 70 individuals and over 10 organizations and companies have sent Chimbo donations in 2008.

## Partners

### *Actively involved in our activities*

**Daridibó** (president Nelson Gomes Dias) our sister NGO in Guinea Bissau.

**Syzygy** (director Piet Wit) a consultancy firm based in the Netherlands working on nature conservation and natural resource management .

**IUCN-GB** (director Nelson Gomes Dias) the IUCN organization in Guinea Bissau.

**IBAP** (director Alfredo da Silva) the National Institute for Biodiversity and Protected Areas, an official organization of the government of Guinea Bissau.

**Mavegro** (director Jan van Maanen) a trading company based in Bissau operating a private national radio.

**Radio Collines de Boé** (director Amadu Sané) a radio that covers Boé.

**Local authorities** in the Boé area.

**Provincial authorities** in Gabu, Guinea Bissau.

**National authorities** in Bissau.

### *In the period 2006-2008 we have cooperated on specific issues or occasions with the following organisations*

**WWF-NL** based in Zeist, The Netherlands.

**IUCN-NL** based in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

**WFD** Weltfriedensdienst in Berlin, Germany active on international cooperation.

**Bhantal Boé** a project organisation set up by WFD in Boé.

**Unicef-GB**

**UNDP-GB**

**EU-GB**

**Universities** of Lissabon, Wageningen, and Rotterdam, and the University of Applied Sciences in Velp.

**Palmeirinha** a national NGO in Guinea Bissau active on environmental education and awareness raising campaigns.

**AD** Aid and Development, a national NGO in Guinea Bissau active on nature protection and sustainable development.

**Tiniguena** This Land is Ours, a national NGO in Guinea Bissau active on sustainable development.

**Faabade Boé** a local NGO in Boé.

**Fonda Huuwa** a local NGO in Boé.

**Amigos da Terra, Amazônia Brasileira** based in Sao Paulo, Brasil active on environmental and nature conservation issues.

**Wetlands International-GB** the branch of WI in Bissau.

**GPC** National Office for Coastal Planning in Bissau.

**Guiné Verde** a national NGO in Guinea Bissau active on forest protection.

### *Future cooperation*

We want to become linked through one or more of our board member or advisors to the **IUCN Species Survival Commission**.

We want to become a member of **GRASP**: the UN Great Apes Survival Partnership.

# FOUNDATION CHIMBO, KESTEREN

## BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

### CURRENT ASSETS

2008  
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#### Current assets

Receivables	21
Cash at bank and in hand	5,538
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	5,559
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	5,559
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### RESERVES AND LIABILITIES

#### Reserves

Discretionary net worth	-6,302
Continuity reserve	500
Appropriated reserve	2,065
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	-737
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#### Liabilities

Current liabilities	6,296
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	5,559
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## FOUNDATION CHIMBO, KESTEREN

### INCOME AND EXPENSES STATEMENT 2007/2008

2007/2008  
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#### **Fundraising**

##### *Income from fundraising*

Donations	12,844
Donations from first of five annuity instalments (2008 until 2012)	10,350
Grant	3,000
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<b>Total income from fundraising</b>	26,194
	=====

##### *Expenses fundraising*

Direct acquisition cost	0
Performance cost own organization	823
	-----
<b>Total expenses fundraising</b>	823
	=====

Available from fundraising	25,371
Investment result	21
Other income and expenses	-62
	-----
<b>Total available for objective</b>	25,330
	=====

#### **Costs and expenses**

##### Costs and expenses spent on objective

##### *Assistance*

Direct expenses for projects: equipment park guards	0
Direct expenses for objective: mission cost	24,072
Performance cost objective: I.U.C.N. and MAVA	1,687
Contributions	308
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<b>Total costs and expenses for objective</b>	26,067
	=====

<b>Deficit</b>	-737
	=====

#### **Appropriation of reserve 2007/2008**

##### Allocation / withdrawal from:

- Continuity reserve	500
- Appropriated reserve	5,065
- Discretionary net worth	-6,302
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	-737

## **FOUNDATION CHIMBO, KESTEREN**

### **NOTES TO THE FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2008**

#### **General**

The annual report has been established in accordance with the auditing guidelines for fundraising institutions and takes place under the historical cost convention.

#### **Comparative figures**

The comparative figures are not include because 2007/2008 concerns the first reporting year. This reporting year concerns from April 4, 2007 up to and including December 31, 2008

#### **Principles for the valuation of assets and liabilities and the determination of the result**

##### **General**

Unless presented otherwise at the relevant principle for the specific balance sheet item, assets and liabilities are presented at face value.

Identifiable risks and liabilities are taken into account in the form of provisions.

Receivables included in current assets and amounts included in short term liabilities are, unless stated otherwise, receivables and liabilities with a maturity of (less than) one year.

Receivables, liabilities and obligations denominated in foreign currency are translated at the exchange rates prevailing at balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currency during the financial year are recognised in the financial statements at the exchange rates prevailing at transaction date. The exchange differences resulting from the translation as of balance sheet date, taking into account possible hedge transactions, are recorded in the profit and loss account.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are presented at cost less accumulated depreciation and, if applicable, less impairments in value. Depreciation is based on the estimated useful life and calculated as a fixed percentage of cost, taking into account any residual value. Depreciation is provided from the date an asset comes into use.

##### **Financial fixed assets**

Where significant influence is exercised participations are valued under the net asset value method. This net asset value is based on the same accounting principles as applied by foundation Chimbo.

If participations have a negative equity a provision is formed, primarily comprising the receivables from this participation. The remainder is recognized under provisions, in the amount of the share in the losses incurred by the participation, or for the amount of payments the company is expected to make on behalf of these participations.

Where no significant influence is exercised participations are valued at cost and if applicable less impairments in value. With the valuation of participations any impairment in value is taken into account.

##### **Result**

Determination of the result arises from the before mentioned principles of valuation and takes place under the historical cost convention. Donations, collections and contributions recognized in the year of reception.

## FOUNDATION CHIMBO, KESTEREN

### NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET

#### Analysis concerning the balance

	2008
	€
<b>Current assets</b>	
<i>Receivables</i>	
<u>Prepayments and accrued income</u>	
Interest Postbank Rentemeerrekening	20
Interest ASN-Bank, Ideaalsparen	1
	-----
	21
	=====
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>	
Postbank betaalrekening	5,018
ASN Bank Ideaalsparen	500
Postbank Rentemeerrekening	0
Cash	20
	-----
	5,538
	=====
Total assets	5,559
	=====
<b>Reserve</b>	
Discretionary net worth	
Surplus as at April 4, 2007	0
Appropriation of result	-6,302
	-----
Deficit as at December 31, 2008	-6,302
	=====
<u>Continuity reserve</u>	
Surplus as at 4 April 2007	0
Appropriation of result	500
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Surplus as at 31 December 2008	500
	=====

These reserve is intended for fulfilment of obligations if the foundation is forced to stop by circumstances.



## FOUNDATION CHIMBO, KESTEREN

### Analysis concerning the balance

€

#### Appropriations reserve 1

Surplus as at April 4, 2007	0
Received for projects: equipment parking guards	2,065
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	2,065
Used for these projects	0
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Surplus as at December 31, 2008	2,065
	=====

#### Appropriations reserve 2

Surplus as at April 4, 2007	0
Received for projects: production of map	3,000
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	3,000
Used for these projects	0
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Surplus as at December 31, 2008	3,000
	=====

Total reserve	-6,302
	=====

#### Appropriations reserve per project: equipment parking guards

Project 1: Purchase field shoes	90
Project 2: Purchase uniforms	225
Project 3: Purchase bicycles	700
Project 4: Purchase binoculars	800
Project 5: Purchase GPS	250
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	2,065
	=====

#### Project 1: Purchase field shoes

Balance as at April 4, 2007	0
Received for this project	90
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	90
Used for this project	0
	-----
Balance as at December 31, 2008	90
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## FOUNDATION CHIMBO, KESTEREN

### Analysis concerning the balance

	2008
	€
<u>Project 2: Purchase uniforms</u>	
Balance as at April 4, 2007	0
Received for this project	225
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	225
Used for this project	0
	-----
Balance as at December 31, 2008	225
	=====

### Project 3: Purchase bicycles

Balance as at April 4, 2007	0
Received for this project	700
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	700
Used for this project	0
	-----
Balance as at December 31, 2008	700
	=====

### Project 4: Purchase binoculars

Balance as at April 4, 2007	0
Received for this project	800
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	800
Used for this project	0
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Balance as at December 31, 2008	800
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## FOUNDATION CHIMBO, KESTEREN

### Analysis concerning the balance

	2008
	€
<u>Project 5: Purchase G.P.S.</u>	
Balance as at April 4, 2007	0
Received for this project	250
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	250
Used for this project	0
	-----
Balance as at December 31, 2008	250

### **Liabilities**

#### Accrued income

Course cost Fula	249
Mission cost December 2008	6,047
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Total current liabilities	6,296
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 Total liabilities	 5,559
	=====

## FOUNDATION CHIMBO, KESTEREN

### NOTES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENSES STATEMENT

#### Analysis concerning income and expenses statement

	2007/2008 €
<i>Expenses fundraising</i>	
Direct fundraising costs	0 =====
<u>Performance costs own business (Netherlands)</u>	
Office expenses	544
Meeting and management costs	279 ----- 823 =====
<i>Investment result</i>	
Interest Postbank Rentemeerrekening	20
Interest ASN-Bank Ideaalsparen	1 ----- 21 =====
<i>Other income and expenses</i>	
Bank interest and costs	-62 =====
<i>Assistance</i>	
Direct expenses for projects: equipment park guards	0 =====

## FOUNDATION CHIMBO, KESTEREN

### Analysis concerning income and expenses statement

	2007/2008
	€
<u>Direct expenses for objective: mission cost</u>	
Mission costs October 2007	5,887
Mission costs March 2008	1,652
Mission costs April/May 2008	6,764
Mission costs September 2008	1,558
Mission costs December 2008	7,500
Mission costs W.F.D.	462
Course costs Fula	249
	-----
	24,072
	=====
<u>Performance cost objective</u>	
Congress costs I.U.C.N.	1,347
Partnership costs MAVA	340
	-----
	1,687
	=====
<u>Contributions</u>	
Contribution Daribó	231
Contribution Chimbo Bissau	77
	-----
	308
	=====

Kesteren, d.d. June 29, 2009

On behalf of the Board,

Dr. A.M.C. Goedmakers  
President

To management of foundation Chimbo  
Kesteren

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements 2008 of foundation Chimbo, Kesteren, which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2008, the profit and loss account for the year then ended and the notes.

### *Management's responsibility*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and for the preparation of the management board report, both in accordance with the Guideline for annual reporting 650 "Fundraising organisations" of the Dutch Accounting Standards Board. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### *Auditor's responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Dutch law. This law requires that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of foundation Chimbo as at December 31, 2008, and of its result for the year then ended in accordance with the Guideline for annual reporting 650 "Fundraising organisations" of the Dutch Accounting Standards Board.

Kesteren, July 14, 2009  
Waverijn accountants en belastingadviseurs

Drs. A.J. Waverijn  
Registeraccountant



### **Events after balance sheet date**

IUCN-NL asked Chimbo to prepare a proposal aimed at doubling their grant to Daridibó and extending the programme by half a year. A decision will be taken before July 2009.



*October 2008*



*January 2009*

During our mission in January 2009 we documented and reported an illegal road construction activity for future bauxite mining expanding over 20 km to the authorities in Bissau.

During this same mission we were asked to comment on an EIA for a road through the Boé sector from Gabu, via Beli to Vendu Leidi.

## **Future**

### **Goals 2009**

#### ***Priority I: obtaining the legal status as protected area for the Boé***

- 3 backstopping missions executed for EGP project
- Activities GEF project in line with our plans
- Activities AGIR II in Boé in line with our plans
- Map of the Boé produced needed for the procedure to become a legally protected area
- Vendu Cham dossier for Ramsar application produced
- Support given to Daridibó for implementation IUCN-NL EGP project (see annex I)
- Cooperation agreement signed with university
- Ecovolunteers programme started
- Successful 6 month mission by our project leader in Boé

#### ***Priority II: fundraising for the establishment of a viable community based protected area***

- Positive decision taken on MAVA proposal
- EU proposal successful
- KAP proposal successful
- At least one other proposal for subsidy successful
- One year of work/research done for free by students/interns/other persons

#### ***Priority III: gathering local, national and international level commitment for our plans***

- Website Chimbo kept up to date
- Visual identity implemented
- Flash reports produced for those actively involved in our work
- 2 fact sheets produced
- Large article in Dutch newspaper

### **Long term goals**

- The Boé is an adequately protected area with a sound financial basis consisting of different zones (core area, buffer zone and area for sustainable economic development)
- Responsible (planet, people, profit are all respected) economic development in the area
- If bauxite mining is developed it has to be carried out in an environmentally and socially responsible way, and it will compensate adequately for biodiversity loss through the financing of protection and restoration measures
- Uncontrolled immigration has stopped
- Responsible and sustainable tourism is developed in order to provide the local population with new sources of income directly linked to biodiversity protection
- The Boé is part of a larger network of protected areas in Guinea Bissau, Senegal and Guinea Conakry aimed at adequate and sustainable protection of the remaining Western chimpanzee population.

## ANNEX

### Achievements of Daridibó in 2007-2008

Part of Chimbo's achievements are realised through interventions of Daridibó our sister organization in Guinea Bissau. The impact of Daridibó's activities on public awareness is impressive: All major stakeholders were aware that chimpanzees are legally protected, but now they declare publicly that it is a shame to hunt them. People detaining chimpanzees are denounced nowadays where this would be an exception before Daridibó became active. Daridibó and Chimbo have put conservation of the ecosystems of the Boé on the national agenda.

#### *Community based conservation*

- Village committees have been set up in 10 pilot villages active in chimpanzee conservation. The village committees are directed by a central committee in which each village committee is represented. In these committees are represented all stakeholder groups: village elders, hunters, women, volunteer forest guards, youth.
- These village committees monitor chimpanzee groups on their village lands. Their members survey the area, denounce poachers and check the presence of chimpanzees. The committees have been equipped with a bicycle each. All members have been supplied with a uniform made by a local tailor. Boots were bought at the Gabu market. The villages invest the money Daridibó pays them for their services in their village schools.
- A successful workshop has been organised in Beli in which representatives of all major stakeholders groups from both side of the border with Guinée Conakry were participating.
- Two workshops have been organised in Bissau with key-experts and resource persons from Bissau, Gabu and Beli. These workshops brought all major stakeholders of biodiversity conservation in the Boé sector together from the NGO-community, government and its agencies, the private sector and representatives from donor-organisations. These participants complimented Chimbo and Daridibó for the initiative and expressed their satisfaction with these workshops where they could meet often for the first time (!) all major actors in Boé.

#### *Awareness raising*

- The whole population of the Boé (12.000 persons) has been reached by awareness raising activities. Amadou Sané, Daridibó's coordinator in the Boé, is very well known all over the Boé and beyond:
  - Weekly radio messages are on the air in which the values of chimpanzee and nature conservation are discussed. Local leaders contribute actively to these messages.
  - A football tournament has been organised, nicknamed the *Dari-cup*. (Dari is the Creole word for chimpanzee). Side-events included theatre plays, songs and the recital of poems, all about chimpanzees. This event created a whole new ambiance. People were very enthusiastic and understood the linkage with the presence of chimpanzees. Children still sing the songs about the chimpanzees of the Boé.
  - A cross-border committee with Guinea Conakry to raise awareness on both sides of the border has met twice during this period.
  - A start has been made with a primary school children competition that has chimpanzee conservation as its subject: a collective competition for school classes with prizes to visit other protected areas in Guinea Bissau; and an individual one for pupils of the highest classes with the possibility to win a scholarship.



- 1500 posters to warn against pet-hunting of chimpanzees were developed and distributed by Palmereinha. The posters were printed in Bissau. There are two types of the posters: one for the Boé with a text “don’t hunt me”, and one for the city “Don’t buy me. The posters have been distributed to all schools of Boé, to some schools in the provincial capital Gabu and others in Cantanhez, Buba and even in Guinea Conakry. Posters are still in high demand. (The posters have been printed in Bissau which resulted in rapidly disappearing colours in the sun of Guinea Bissau due to the rather poor quality of the ink used. Our policy is to use as much as possible local production capacity.) Backing-up of the posters by 20 radio messages in Bissau has been arranged through radio MAVEGRO that agrees to provide free radio-time for the spreading of the messages. One message has been emitted on Radio Bombolom, also free of charge.