

Subject: **GRATITUDE!**
January 4, 2024

Dear friends of PICC – As we look back on 2023, we would like to express our deep gratitude for the key part you have played in making this a year of successes in conservation education, creativity and engagement. We are thankful for you and your support of our efforts in primate conservation, helping communities around the world to protect endangered primates.

Thanks to your generous support we had a tremendous year!



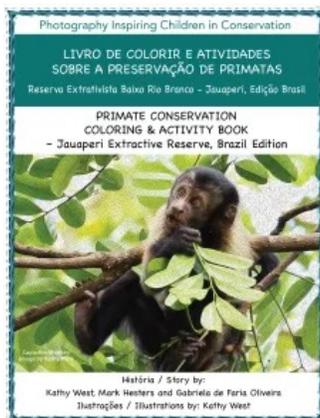
PC: Pro Eco Azuero conservation photography student Caren; Azuero Howler monkeys

- We held PICC sessions in Madagascar (1-2023) and Panama (5-2023), inspiring and engaging over 200 children in primate habitat communities. These students, their teachers and the community leaders learned about local primates and their habitats, how to protect the habitats in the community's local ecosystem, and skills in wildlife photography and making journal notes and sketching. Some of these children had never owned their own book and were thrilled with the art materials, coloring book, and other learning materials that you helped to provide. Read about our program sessions and see the students' photographs [here](#) and [here](#).

- Amazing work is being done by conservation leaders in Los Santos district, **Azuero, Panama**. We were fortunate to be able to conduct a wildlife photography and journal sketching workshop with



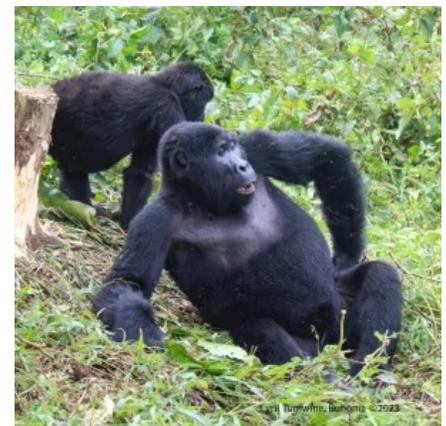
an enthusiastic group of young women that are helping to solve conservation issues in their local ecosystems. Read about this workshop and see some of their amazing images [here](#).



PICC Conservation Coloring and Activity Book, 2023

- Thanks to your donations, we were able to develop and print some new primate conservation learning materials — including a customized PICC [coloring and activity book](#) — for a remote area of the **Brazilian Amazon** in the Jauaperi Extractive Reserve (English and Portuguese). Although the PICC team was not able to go to this isolated site, we arranged with some generous friends to transport the books, art materials and information on primates via a multi-day voyage by plane and then boat to the village teachers and leaders.

- We continue to support talented young artists and photographers in the mountain gorilla community of **Bwindi-Buhoma, Uganda**, and



PC: Cyril, PICC photography student; Mountain gorillas, near Bwindi Impenetrable NP

the **Queen Elizabeth National Park** community of Rwenshama with art materials, business foundations, and conservation knowledge. The Buhoma PICC students have been taking amazing images with the PICC provided camera around the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. See some of their images [here](#).

- Thanks to a generous in-kind donation of a used camera, we were able to provide the student guides-in-training in **Rwenshama, Uganda** with a DSLR Canon camera and zoom lens. If you are interested in donating equipment please get in touch — it can make a huge difference in these students' lives!



PICC Madagascar Project Lead with children on night hike, 2023. PC: J. Jordan

- Because of your generous donations, we sent drawing journals and solar charged headlamps to students in **Madagascar**.

- Another exciting development in 2023 was the launch of our volunteer program, giving conservation-minded supporters like you the opportunity to travel with us and help to teach the children. In Panama, these enthusiastic supporters also had the chance to visit the local natural areas and towns, enjoying the beauty, wildlife and culture of the area. We were so fortunate to have these talented, bilingual, passionate folks join us! Plans are shaping up for more volunteer opportunities in 2024 – write us if you are interested in learning more!



PICC Photography student, Rwenshama, Uganda. PC: A. Apollo



We look forward to staying in touch as the new year and new projects develop, building capacity and sustainable primate conservation actions which are needed now more than ever. We aim to build on our successful programs of the past years, reaching more children and youth living alongside endangered primates and expanding conservation capabilities in primate habitat communities.

From all of us on the PICC team working to protect primates and their habitats, we thank you for your support and friendship, as together, we are empowering Indigenous

communities and supporting them in building leadership and conservation actions. We wish you a new year full of health and happiness!

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We welcome donations year round so that we can continue this critical conservation work. We can only support this program with your help! Click [here](#) to see our giving tiers and find something that fits your interests.

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Enjoy some images from our 2023 PICC programs that YOU helped to make happen!

