

# IDA Africa

## A few of their stories



### Moabi

As the hunter swung his machete, killing Moabi's mother, the blade also hit the terrified Moabi, splitting open his scalp, fracturing his skull. When Moabi arrived at IDA's Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee Sanctuary, he was truly in danger of dying, for his wounds had become severely infected. But after intensive treatment and three surgical procedures by IDA's Dr. Sheri Speede, Moabi survived. He now lives happily and safely with 58 other rescued chimpanzees at IDA's Sanaga-Yong Sanctuary.

All 59 chimpanzees at the Center were captured as infants by poachers who killed their mothers. Many of the orphans were rescued while still infants; others languished in confinement as "pets" or hotel "mascots" for decades. All show a resilience that is inspiring to all those who are privileged to know them.

**Nama** was pinned to the ground by a five-foot neck chain for 16 years before her rescue in 2000.

**Dorothy** was chained to a tree for 25 years before being rescued in 2000.

**Hope** was rescued from a hunter in 2001. Thirteen shotgun pellets were removed from her small body, one of which was behind her right eye and left her permanently blind in that eye.

## About IDA Africa

### Our Mission

To end the bush meat trade and provide sanctuary and protection in a natural environment for captive and orphaned chimpanzees in Cameroon, Africa.

### Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee Rescue Center

The sanctuary was opened in August of 1999 by Dr. Sheri Speede. IDA Africa uses national public service announcements to inform the public of the atrocities of the bush meat trade.

The sanctuary rescues and rehabilitates chimpanzees who have endured trauma and suffering as a result of the bush meat trade or a life of confinement at roadside zoos or resort hotels.

Visit [www.ida-africa.org](http://www.ida-africa.org) to learn more about chimpanzees and our efforts to help them and to fight the bush meat trade. Write or call the IDA office for additional copies of this brochure to distribute in your community.

In Defense of Animals is an international animal protection organization dedicated to ending the exploitation and abuse of animals by raising the status of animals beyond that of mere property, and by defending their rights, welfare and habitat. IDA's efforts include educational events, cruelty investigations, boycotts, grassroots activism, and hands-on rescue through our sanctuaries in Mississippi and Cameroon, Africa.

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Offering Hope ...

# ...and Sanctuary to the Chimpanzees of Cameroon, Africa



The staff of IDA Africa's Sanaga-Yong Sanctuary provides these once abused and neglected chimpanzees a new start in life where they receive love and compassion in a safe and natural environment. Local villagers are employed as chimpanzee caregivers, security guards, and groundskeepers.

The Sanctuary offers an on-site educational center and veterinary clinic. A small farm that provides food for the chimpanzees is also maintained on the premises. IDA-Africa's intensive grassroots outreach programs and national mass-media campaigns help to keep Cameroon's remaining wild chimpanzees safe in their forest homes.



Caro and company



Joseph and the nursery group



Mintak (left), Tic (right), and Johnny (back) relish the gentle kindness of Marie, their caregiver