



The example set by these four people is inspirational, and I am thrilled that their work has been recognised and facilitated by the GRASP-Ian Redmond Awards.

Despite all our efforts, however, ape habitat continues to be destroyed and ape numbers almost everywhere are declining at the hand of man. Whether they are killed for illegal bushmeat, illegal use of their body parts in misguided medicinal potions, to protect crops, or to capture their infants alive for the illegal live animal trade, the killing must stop. Better law enforcement combined with better education and alternative livelihoods for people tempted by poaching can make a difference.

We know that such declines can be turned around because the mountain gorilla story shows that if enough people care, apes can flourish and communities can benefit. The Great Apes Survival Partnership is reaching out to new partners to ensure apes and their habitats not only survive but thrive. We need more Panuts, Imongs, Tezars, and Arreys to show that determination and courage can lead to successful conservation.

If you know someone doing such work, please nominate them for the next round of the GRASP-Ian Redmond Awards. Save the apes to save the forests to save the world!

Ian Redmond, OBE
Former GRASP Envoy

The Great Apes Survival Partnership (GRASP) is a unique alliance of national governments, research institutions, United Nations agencies, conservation organizations, and private companies, committed to ensuring the long-term survival of chimpanzees, orangutans, gorillas, and bonobos and their habitats in Africa and Asia.

ABOUT GRASP



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GRASP's ability to deliver a strong, unified message on behalf of great ape conservation is one of its greatest assets. With its access to policy makers, business leaders, agro-industrial executives, key decision-makers, and relevant stakeholders, GRASP impacts local, national, and international attitudes, and raises political and social debate regarding great ape conservation to the highest possible level.

Great apes occur in 23 countries across Africa and Asia, many of which are plagued by strife and civil unrest. GRASP focuses on cross-cutting issues such as illegal trade, habitat loss, disease monitoring, sustainable development and transboundary collaborations, employing the latest technology, tools, and resources to meet these challenges.

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GRASP-Ian Redmond Conservation Award

ENABLING GREAT APE RANGE COUNTRY CONSERVATIONISTS IN AFRICA AND ASIA

The GRASP-Ian Redmond Conservation Awards were created to encourage innovation, inspire leadership, and offer hope in the field of great ape conservation in Africa and Asia. They honor British conservationist Ian Redmond, OBE, who helped establish GRASP in 2001, and this award is supported by the Born Free Foundation and Conservation International.

The 1st GRASP - Ian Redmond Conservation Award winners are dedicated Africans and Asians whose accomplishments can inspire the next generation of conservationists, and encourage young men and women to take an active role in the survival of the great apes in their areas.



ARREY EMMANUEL ENOW
CAMEROON

Interim Director of the Last Great Ape Organization (LAGA), an international NGO on wildlife law enforcement based in Cameroon; Secretary General of the Action for Citizen and Community Development (ACCOD)

TEZAR PAHLEVIE
INDONESIA

Regional manager at the Environmental Investigation Agency "Forest, Nature, Environment of Aceh". Works on the restoration of Sumatran rainforests damaged by illegal palm oil plantations.

PANUT HADISISWOYO
INDONESIA

Founder and director of Orangutan Information Center (OIC) in Sumatra. Works for the protection of rainforests, critically endangered Sumatran orangutans and thousands of other species sharing their habitat within Gunung Leuser National Park (GLNP), an ecosystem of vital importance in the global fight against climate change.

INAOYOM IMONG
NIGERIA

Member of the Scientific Commission of the Great Apes Survival Partnership (GRASP), member of the IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group, Cross River Gorilla Landscape Director in WCS office in Nigeria. Winner of the 2015 Whitley Fund for Nature Award.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 10 HECTARES RECLAIMED FROM ILLEGAL PALM OIL
- 58 WILDLIFE TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED
- 13 ECOGUARDS TRAINED
- 17 ORANGUTANS RESCUED
- 643 WIRE SNARES REMOVED
- 27 APE SKULLS CONFISCATED
- 20 ORANGUTANS RE-RELEASED
- THOUSANDS REACHED THROUGH AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

supporting conservation from the ground up

INSPIRING CONSERVATION PROJECTS IN GREAT APE RANGE COUNTRIES

ASIA

Panut Hadisiswoyo and his team at the Orangutan Information Centre (OIC) target the problem of human-orangutan conflict. They have developed standardized procedures for how to proceed when an orangutan is either stranded in a human-dense area, or has been illegally captured as a pet.

Tezar Pahlevie restores forested areas of the Leuser Ecosystem that have been planted with illegal oil palm and encourages the government of Aceh, Sumatra, to take action by uniting all the relevant stakeholders.



AFRICA

Inaoyom Imong trains ecoguards from within the communities around the Mbe Mountains, Nigeria, an area that provides a crucial corridor to Nigeria-Cameroonian chimpanzees and the most endangered great ape, the Cross River gorilla. His work supports communities in this area with otherwise limited capacity to practice conservation.

Arrey Emmanuel Enow promotes wildlife law enforcement through the Last Great Ape Organization (LAGA) in Cameroon. Through informants and the establishment of a hotline, his work targets the chain of illegal animal trade and his team pushes for maximum prosecution in these difficult cases.

