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MOUNTAIN GORILLA

An Endangered Primate

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Introduction

Imagine yourself in front of a huge black animal four times stronger and bigger than you. You would probably be scared. But you don't have to be scared because that animal is a Mountain Gorilla. They are very big but also very gentle and beautiful animals. I have some bad news though these magnificent animals are in danger of becoming extinct. The only way we can save them is if you and I start working together.

Names

Here are some of the interesting names that humans call Mountain Gorillas.

Mountain gorillas are called that name because they live in the mountains in

Africa . The scientific name for the Mountain Gorilla is *Gorilla gorilla*

beringe , they're named after the famous explorer Von Beringe. The other

usual names are primate just like us, ape ,and great ape , because they're

the biggest ape. Though it has many names, *Gorilla gorilla beringe* is the

most interesting .



Mountain Gorilla

<http://advocacy.britannica.com/blog/advocacy/wp-content/uploads/gorilla.jpg>

LIFE CYCLE

Mountain Gorillas' lives start very simply and easily. In the beginning of the baby's life, it stays with its mother for five years. By then the baby is bigger and stronger. And is ready to get food for itself. When it's five, the now weaned Mountain Gorilla starts its own group and family. And then it



starts all over again.

Baby Mountain Gorilla in its habitat

<http://heydeadguy.typepad.com/.a/6a00d83451fdc069>

Description

The mountain gorilla body structure is unique in many different ways. They have very large ,broad shoulders,and long muscular arms. They also have short,sturdy legs, and big heads with large jaws. Their



coloring can be from a blackish-gray to a dark brown. The older ones usually have a silver back. Their weight can vary from 350 pounds for males and 154-250 pounds for females.

Gorillas are kind of like a giant human if you think about it.

A baby and mother mountain gorilla

<http://images.fineartamerica.com/images-medium-large/a-female-mountain-gorilla-and-her-child-michael-nichols.jpg>

Habitat

The Mountain Gorilla's habitat provides food and shelter. These animals are herbivores (animals that eat only plants). They usually eat bamboo, leaves, roots, vines, and fruits. Their favorite food is the center of the twigs of the son-eeio tree. It's surprising that they like to live in places where it's misty and the temperature ranges from 45-68 degrees F.

Mountain gorillas build their nests at the tops of trees at the tops of trees and they make their nests out of leaves and twigs. They never sleep in the same nest twice.



Virunga Volcanic Mountains

<http://www.esri.com/news/arcnews/summer05/articles/summer05gifs/p4p4.jpg>

Range and Population

Mountain Gorillas live in the beautiful mountain peaks. They live at the top of the Virunga ,Rowanda, and, Vganda mountain Africa. Also people have been trying to save them, so they also live in the Impenetrable National Park in Africa. Sadly there are only 700 left! So we should come together and help



save them.

Mountain gorillas can be found in the Virunga Volcanic Mountains, Impenetrable National park in central Africa and Rowanda.

<http://www.igcp.org/wp-content/themes/igcp/img/maps/M-gorilla-habitat-map.gif>

Threats

Mountain Gorillas are disappearing more and more every day.

BAM! Another Mountain Gorilla gets shot down for the bush meat trade and for their babies because poachers can get a lot of money from illegal zoos for the babies . Another problem is that thousands and thousands of trees are getting cut down every minute for logging and charcoal, so more and more Mountain Gorillas are disappearing because of loss of habitat. Ebola is a disease that Mountain Gorillas die from and, people in Africa give it to them. If we help them, they will help us because some of the plants they eat that give us diseases will come back.



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http://rlv.zcache.com/save_the_gorillas_poster-r6b55065610194300820d811f667eb9_w2q_210.jpg

Solutions

We need to start saving the Mountain Gorillas, and there are some several ways to help. The first one is we could make a law regulating how much wood this town and towns all over the world can cut down . We could make another law saying that you can't poach Mountain Gorillas or sell their babies to zoos for a lot of money. And last but not least , we could make it so very clear that we the people are making them disappear. So please help me save the Mountain Gorillas.



People help in many ways and one of those ways is becoming more aware that Mountain Gorillas are becoming extinct.

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