

# Names, Sex, Birth Dates, Status, Anecdotes

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## Primate World

### Western Lowland Gorilla: IUCN - Critically Endangered

**Juju** F 26 Oct 80 -- born at Dallas Zoo. Hand raised - flown here with her keeper. 2 offspring - both hand raised. She sucks on her fingers (self soothing behavior). A favorite enrichment item is rubber boots (enrichment) - she carries them on her back. She walks backwards when nervous or upset. Has a split tongue, a small divot on her top lip and an oval shape patch on her side where her hair doesn't grow well. BFF = Roxie. Currently older than ave. life expectancy which is 39 years. On pain meds/ anti-inflammatories. Juju and Roxie often sit together and have "tickle fights" - not typical gorilla behaviors!

**Roxie** F 31 Aug 76 - born at CMZ, parent reared. her name was Rocky until zoo staff determined she was female! She is the aunt of the troop - no pregnancies or offspring. She gives friendly taps to troop members, sticks her tongue out, makes unusual faces, squat walks instead of knuckle walks, her favorite DVR is about KOKO the gorilla. BFF = Juju. Also currently older than ave. life expectancy. on pain meds and anti-inflammatories

**Asha** F 5 Oct 92 -- born at CMZ, hand raised - kept in a playpen and in diapers!! She has raised 2 offspring on her own. Highest ranking female. Her left back foot is clubbed. She will rock back and forth, this is considered a behavior indicating contentment. Social, curious and will knock on glass to get attention.

**Kwisha** F 19 Dec 92 -- born at Cincinnati Zoo, hand reared and came to CMZ when she was 7 months old. Lowest ranking female. Gathers large amount of food, walks bipedal to a quiet spot to eat. Hair on top of head is red. Bent middle finger from an injury 20 yrs ago. Drinks urine - a natural behavior to capture minerals, displays ear covering. Dental work done summer 2019. Kwisha's offsprings raised by keepers with Asha watching - Asha was then able to raise her own young.

**Goma** M 31 Mar 91 - born in Buffalo, came from Santa Barbara Zoo. Weighs 380-400 pounds. He has not sired any offspring. Lived there with a strong brother for 20 yrs - came with numerous cuts/scratches, this is a much more peaceful environment and has been healthy for him. Being here with a well established troop of females is intimidating for him. He was hand reared - he is still working on social skills. When he sits with crossed legs he is calm; pursed lips stiff arms/legs indicates a charge is soon. Curious - watches orangutans, maintenance workers. Does auto-coprophagy (eating his feces) - considered normal behavior. Has had peaceful interactions with the "girls" and favorable interactions with Asha -- hopeful for SSP pairing

## Gorilla Anecdotes:

- hand raised gorillas sometimes have a difficult time raising their own young due to lack of role modeling. Surrogacy is the tendency now - not too long ago hand raised babies were put into play pens and wore diapers. This did little to teach them how to parent in the future. Babies were often taken home by keepers to take care of them. This is no longer considered best practice.
- will look at picture books of zoo animals through the glass
- sometimes if a guest/docent puts their hand on the glass the gorillas will put their hand up in a gesture of communication
- never stare directly at the gorillas - it is perceived as a threat, also - never beat on your chest or tower over them. Don't lean on the glass
- critically endangered due to habitat destruction, poaching, bush meat trade, pet trade and mining of coltan - a mineral (columbite-tantalum) which is used in electronics and cell phone production

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## Bornean Orangutan: IUCN - Critically Endangered

**Tujoh** M 30 Apr 94 -- born in Phoenix. Came to CMZ in 2000. Tujoh means SEVEN. Sired 2 offspring: one is deceased, and Ember. "Kissing Orangutan". He constantly watches Baka. Excellent tool maker/user. He can find tokens hidden throughout the enclosure - places them in his mouth for safekeeping and later uses them to get treats - we used to have a "treat machine"

**Hadiyah** F 08 Jun 96 -- born at CMZ, hand reared for a year until Sabtu took over. Hadiyah's name in Indonesian and means "gift". Currently valuable in SSP recommendations - her genetics are under-represented in zoos. Very social, great mom, allergic to hay so wood wool is used for nesting material. Often seen with wood wool on her head as a "hat". Enlarged throat sac due to prior infections. She has secondary health issues similiar to cystic fibrosis in humans. Treated daily with a nebulizer - this treatment takes about 15 minutes and is done voluntarily with food rewards. Watches with interest videos of herself.

**Ember** F 29 Oct 14 -- born at CMZ. Ember means "bucket" in Malaysian. When Ember was young she was twice separated from her mother Hadiyah. She was returned to her in a plastic "bucket" container. Hadiyah carried her around in the container. The container fell over and Ember fell out of it - a keeper told Hadiyah to pick up the baby... and she did! Ember is still nursing - more for comfort than nutrition.

## Sumatran Orangutan: IUCN - Critically Endangered

**Baka keri** M 15 Jun 90 CR -- born in Calgary, Canada. Came to CMZoo in 2000. Has sired 3 offspring with Sumagu. Distinguishing characteristic = dreadlocks. Keepers clean his teeth with a waterpic. Tujoh and Baka, both males, display to each other. "Trades" with keepers - one item for one treat. Items traded might be a spoon or parts of a broken/ripped firehose. Will break items into smaller pieces to get more treats! Likes to sit in tubs and to put them on his back like a turtle shell.

**Sumagu** F 10 Oct 87 -- has raised 2 offspring who are now at other zoos. Godek (now at Sacramento Zoo) was conceived while she was on birth control and therefore was a "surprise". She is currently a good mother to Kera. She enjoys the outside yard and is sometimes difficult to get her back in. She allowed keepers to do ultrasound while she was pregnant. She did not like the gel... keepers would give her a towel to wipe off with afterward. She is trained for voluntary injections.

**Kera** F 06 Jun 18 -- born in CMZoo, parent raised. Kera means "ape" in Malaysian. She likes bananas, nuts, raisins and leafy greens. She is getting teeth at the same rate as human babies. She stays by her mother most of the time - when Sumagu is napping she will go explore. She likes videos and pictures of herself.

### **Orangutan Anecdotes:**

- Orangutans are part of Quarters for Conservation program
- puzzle solvers, intelligence is equal to 8 yr old human
- When Hadiah was about to give birth she was on 24 hour watch by keepers/docents. At first she didn't know how to nurse. Keepers somehow taught her and she became a great mom
- when primate world first opened the yard had fresh sod. The Orangs went outside and rolled up all the new sod!

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### **Siamang: IUCN - Endangered**

**Eve** F 26 May 11 -- In April 2019 staff noticed Eve wasn't using her left leg. Vet staff discovered a severe blood clot was the cause and her leg had to be amputated. She recovered very quickly and is seen swinging happily in her enclosure. Wayan accepted her back immediately. Animals don't seem to suffer emotionally from such trauma and quickly adapt after the loss of a limb. During Eve's recovery they were separated but able to see/hear each other through their "howdy door". They slept together on each side of their door while they were apart for 2 nights. They were singing together and swinging together and keepers decided they could be together again. For the first 30 minutes Wayan seemed unsure of her. After a short while Wayan was ok with her sitting next to him on their platform.

**Wayan** M 1 April 08

**Rahsia** F 7 Sept 20, born at CMZ. Parents are Eve and Wayan

**Siamang Anecdotes:**

- to help with conservation - only buy wood and paper products with Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) logo
- Wayan was born at CMZ - parents are no longer at CMZ. Recognizable by a tuft of hair on his buttocks
- Eve is currently on birth control as her genetics is strong in the wild and not seen as currently needed in the captive population. Eve and Wayan are often seen mating and are considered "good companions". Eve's birth control failed - resulting in the surprise offspring: Rahsia!! Keepers were very surprised to find the new baby the morning of Sept 7, 2020!!!
- Eve gets more grooming than Wayan - in the wild usually the more dominant member gets the most grooming. Wayan grooms her mostly on the head and shoulders now for about 5 to 30 minutes at a time.
- Eve's relationship with her keepers has not changed as a result of her operation

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**Golden Lion Tamarin: IUCN - Endangered**

**Graciela** F 5 Aug 06, **Amaro** M 30 Mar 10

**Golden Lion Tamarin anecdotes:**

- GLT for short; all GLTs are the property of Brazil
- GLTs can be difficult to reintroduce into the wild because each group has their own "dialect"