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You're helping WWF to protect the future of Mountain Gorillas and to tackle some of the biggest environmental challenges facing our natural world today. Thank you

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The director of WWF Greece

Dimitris Karavellas

## **MOUNTAIN GORILLA**

## **THREATS**

#### **HABITAT LOSS**

Mountain gorillas live in some of the most densely-populated parts of Africa – the gorillas are now confined to isolated high-altitude forests.

#### **POACHING**

Although poaching of gorillas is now thankfully uncommon, they can still often get caught in snares set for other wildlife, causing injury and even death.

#### **HUMAN ILLNESS**

Because gorillas share much of our DNA, they can contract illnesses from people – but they don't have the immune system to fight them. Even a simple cold can devastate an entire gorilla population.

#### **HUMAN-GORILLA CONFLICT**

Mountain gorillas sometimes come out of forest and raid crops. This can lead to conflict with people trying to protect their livelihoods.

### **OUR WORK**

In WWF we train rangers to detect and safely remove snares set for other animals, which can often severely injure or kill gorillas. We work with local communities to support the diversification of livelihoods and build income generating programmes to help benefit gorillas. We help to protect vital gorilla habitat and support regular surveys of mountain gorilla populations. We also work with local governments to improve the management of the national parks where mountain gorillas live.