Thin Green Line
FOUNDATION UK

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Welcome to the Thin Green Line Foundation UK autumn newsletter. Rangers are nature's protectors and many are working in challenging remote and dangerous environments. Through your support, we are able to provide vital equipment and training, as well as emergency funding for the families of rangers who have tragically lost their lives in the line of duty.

We have had a busy few months and have some interesting news and updates to share with you!

Please take a few moments to nominate us for £5000!

We are in with a chance of receiving £5000 from the Benefact Group, which would have a huge impact on our work supporting rangers around the world protecting wildlife.

Nominating us is easy and takes a few seconds, just follow this link – all our charity details are already filled in, you just need to add your name to the list and check a few boxes!

https://eco.movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=1180365&ct=environment_and_climate

Nominations close on 5th November… We will keep you posted! Thank you….

New Ambassadors

Last month, we were delighted to welcome two new ambassadors to the Thin Green Line team. Wildlife filmmaker and presenter Gordon Buchanan and zoologist and presenter Megan McCubbin have both come on board to help us spread the word and champion the amazing work that rangers do protecting wildlife around the world.

We are really looking forward to working with them both going forward!

Big Give Upemba Appeal Update

In our summer newsletter, we announced that we would once again be taking part in The Big Give Christmas Challenge, with our chosen project being providing GPS equipment to ranger teams in Upemba National Park in DRC.

We are already well on the way to achieving our appeal target of £10000 thanks to some generous pledges from our supporters. We have secured £2300 of pledged funds, which will be matched by a Big Give champion if we manage to raise at least that amount in donations through their website during the appeal week starting on the 29th November.

Thank you very much to everyone who has already pledged, and keep an eye on our social media and the website for details of how you can donate during the campaign week!

To find out more about Upemba and the huge difference these GPS units will make to how effectively and safely rangers can protect the area's iconic wildlife, take a look at our blog https://thingreenline.org.uk/upemba-appeal/ or check out our Big Give campaign page which will go live on 29th November!

https://donate.thebiggive.org.uk/campaign/a056900002NiPSnAAN



Photo courtesy of Forgotten Parks Foundation

Peru Update

We have recently received an update from our on the ground partners, the Spectacled Bear Conservation Society of Peru (SBSC), who we worked with earlier in the year to fund training and equipment for rangers in the Laquipampa Wildlife Refuge in north east Peru. The region covers a variety of habitats and is home to rare and iconic species including the famous spectacled bear.

With your support, SBSC have been able to expand their conservation work to new areas of the buffer zone of the park and train members of the community as volunteer rangers. Through installing new camera traps in this area, rangers have managed to establish that bears are using the buffer zones as corridors between areas of habitat, and have also managed to capture images of pumas and ocelots in the region.

The team have also found a unique way to spread the word about their work and the importance of conservation to communities in the buffer zone through setting up football tournaments to bring people together.

It is always great to receive feedback from our partners about the positive impact your donations are having on wildlife, rangers and communities.



Ocelot caught on camera – SBCS Peru

European Ranger Congress

As well as training and equipping rangers, one of the core areas of our work is helping connect the global ranger community to promote ideas sharing, boost morale and give the ranger profession a voice among global organisations, governments and decision makers. It was great that two of the TGLF UK team were able to make it to Tirana in Albania to the European Ranger Congress hosted by the European Ranger Federation. 100 rangers from 24 countries in Europe came together to share experiences and discuss a whole range of topics including monitoring, anti-poaching, education and sustainable development, as well as how Europe's rangers can be better supported.



Photo courtesy of European Ranger Federation

United for Wildlife

Also last month, TGLF UK executive director Abi was invited to speak at the United for Wildlife global summit in London, hosted by Prince William and the Royal Foundation. United for Wildlife is dedicated to bringing organisations, governments and policy makers together in an effort to combat the illegal wildlife trade. We were delighted to be able to represent rangers and highlight their critical role in anti-poaching and fighting wildlife crime.

The most profound moment of the event was hearing from friends and colleagues of highly loved and respected ranger Anton Mzimba, who dedicated his life to protecting rhinos in South Africa, and was tragically attacked and killed in his home in the name of his life's work and passion. Anton's death is a horrific example of how so many rangers around the world put their lives on the line every day to protect the planet for all of us.

To find out more about his inspiring life, visit https://globalconservationcorps.org/remembering-anton-mzimba/



Ranger Anton Mzimba – Photo courtesy of Nick Smith Rhino Man The Movie

Ranger Shopping List

Did you know that even a small donation can make a huge amount of difference to a ranger working in the field?

£5 can provide a mosquito net…
£15 can provide a first aid kit…
£25 can provide a pair of boots…

Check out the ranger shopping list on our website to see what you can do to help

https://thingreenline.org.uk/donate/

What's next?

We have lots of exciting things coming up over the next few months:

- The Big Give Christmas Challenge week
- New projects for 2023

As always, thank you for your continued support for our work supporting rangers on the frontline!

If you would like to keep up to date with ranger news and new projects, follow our social media (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram).

Best wishes

Thin Green Line UK Team