

## TCHIMPOUNGA CHIMPANZEE REHABILITATION CENTER CHIMPANZEE BIO CARD

### *LUC*

Poachers took Luc from his mother at a very young age, as is common with chimpanzees who are victims of the illegal exotic pet trade. This is a traumatic experience for chimpanzees, who normally stay with their mother until they are about five years old. After taking him from his family and forest home, poachers sold Luc to a restaurant owner in the Republic of Congo who decided to use him as part of a window display to attract more customers. Once Luc grew older and more difficult to control, his owner returned him to wildlife traffickers.



This is where Luc's story takes a turn for the better. Before the traffickers could sell Luc to another buyer, Luc was confiscated by the authorities and given to the Jane Goodall Institute's staff at the Tchimpounga sanctuary for care. As with all chimpanzees brought to Tchimpounga, Luc was integrated with a group of chimpanzees just like him. Although Luc was initially reluctant to interact with other chimps and would cling to his human caregivers for emotional support, he has now become one of the most popular chimpanzees at the sanctuary. Recently, Luc's gentle and sociable nature helped him be selected as one of the first chimpanzees to be moved to one of JGI's new island sanctuary sites! Luc now has more freedom than ever before, and loves to roam the forested island with his chimpanzee pals.

### OTHER FACTS ABOUT LUC

**Arrival No:**

175

**Arrival Date:**

March 1, 2009

**Origin:**

Brazzaville  
Republic of Congo

**Sex:**

Male

