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Mobiles for Gorillas

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Since 2016, Rotterdam Zoo (The Netherlands) has been calling all their visitors, schools and local businesses to hand in their old mobile phones to help recycle col-tan, a mineral used in many electronics like mobile phones and laptops. The mining for this mineral in countries like the Republic of Congo, causes the destruction and loss of habitat for gorillas and many other species. Rotterdam Zoo is invested in the conservation of gorillas and raises awareness for the gorilla sub-species affected most by the col-tan mining, the mountain gorilla (*Gorilla beringei beringe*). They also to raise funds and link their conservation action to the gorilla sub-species they have in their own care, the western lowland gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*). The funds raised support the Mbeli Bai Study - the longest running study on the social organization, life history and demographics of this species in Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park (NNNP) (Republic of Congo).



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