

# HELP THE BONOBO PEACE FOREST GROW!

## A Sankuru Nature Reserve

Larger than the state of Massachusetts or the country of Belgium, the 11,803 square mile reserve is the first large-scale community managed protected area in the DRC, heralding a new model for rainforest and biodiversity conservation. This project began at the grassroots with our local partner *Action Communautaire pour les Primates du Kasai* (ACOPRIK) and is now the largest contiguous protected area on earth for great apes.

## B Lilungu

Since 2005, BCI and partner *Centre de Recherche en Ecologie et Foresterie* (CREF) have been working at this strategic bonobo site, which links a critical wildlife corridor. Three groups of bonobos are fully habituated and monitored daily. We have provided training and equipment and established a conservation center. Community accords are in place to create a nature reserve as part of the Bonobo Peace Forest network.

## C Kokolopori Bonobo Reserve

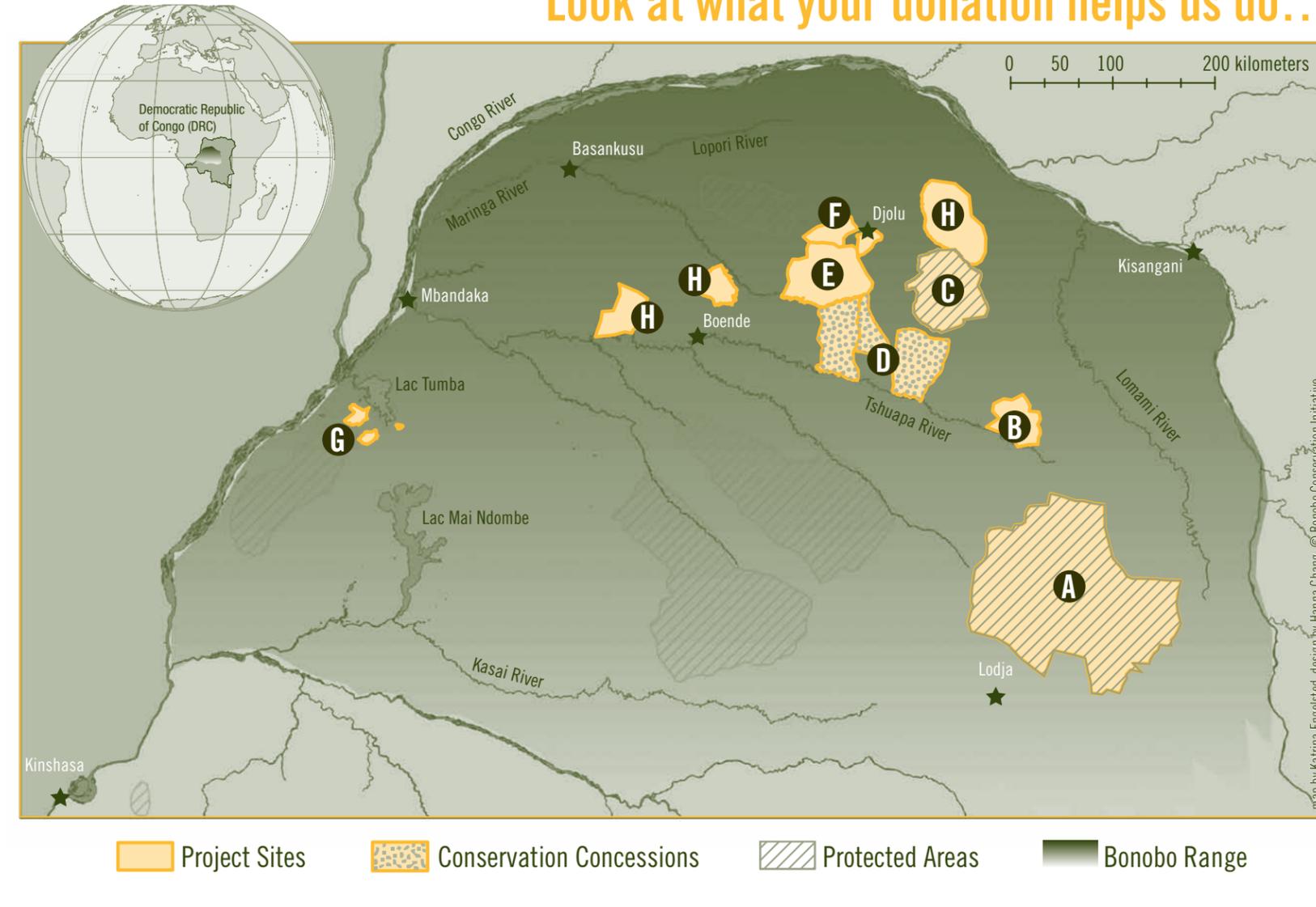
The pilot and model for the Bonobo Peace Forest, this 1847 square mile reserve harbors more than 1000 bonobos—one of the largest populations known to exist in the wild. Here, the local Mongandu people maintain ancestral traditions to protect and respect bonobos as kin. Managed by the community with local partner *Vie Sauvage*, the reserve benefits the community with a health clinic, educational programs, sustainable agriculture, microcredit, and the first reforestation project in the bonobo range.

## D Bonobo Conservation Concessions

The first of its kind in the Congo Basin, this project converts 2,330 square miles of unexploited logging concessions to conservation. Together with our local partners and Conservation International, BCI is pioneering this concept for long-term conservation in the Congo.

When we began field work in 2001–2002 as the Congo War was winding down, no one even knew where bonobos existed, aside from a few sites. Since then, BCI and our partners have discovered bonobo populations in 12 key regions. We have performed surveys and built partnerships with local communities, leading to the establishment of two large nature reserves so far. And, we have initiated activities in several other sites where bonobos have safe havens, protected by the local people.

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## E Mompono

With local partner *Protection de l'Ecosysteme des Especies Rare du Sud-Est de l'Equateur* (PERSE) and scientists from CREF, BCI has conducted biological surveys and Information Exchange, trained and equipped eco-guards, established conservation centers, and supported sustainable agriculture at this important site. We have built accords to create a community-managed reserve, integral to the Bonobo Peace Forest.

## other Djolu College for Conservation and Rural Development

BCI, *Vie Sauvage* and regional authorities founded the first institute of higher learning within 70,000 square miles—an area the size of New England. Operational since 2003, the college provides educational opportunities for the next generation of conservation leaders. We are currently seeking partnerships and an endowment for the college, as we continue the process of official accreditation.

## F Lingomo and Nkokolombo

Inspired by Kokolopori's example, local leaders from these important bonobo sites initiated their own programs for conservation. Now, these communities are bonobo protectors and have signed accords to create community-based reserves. Working with local partners, BCI has trained, equipped and supported monitoring teams and established conservation centers. We are now working on expanding community development and livelihood programs.

## G Lac Tumba sites

In 2001, BCI and partner CREF discovered bonobos along the shores of Lac Tumba in the westernmost portion of their range. Bonobos are under significant threat from hunting and logging in this region. We have conducted surveys and forged partnerships with local communities to create reserves at Botuali, Mbie-Mokele and Nkosso. BCI supports teams at two key sites who monitor and protect bonobos daily.

## H Other Peace Forest Sites

Our field teams have conducted bonobo and biological surveys and have made partnerships with local communities at Lonua, Monieka and Samba, all of whom wish to work with BCI on conservation and community development. These sites provide key links in a large area of protection in the Bonobo Peace Forest.

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