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Ngamba Island at 25

The Ngamba Island chimpanzees sanctuary on Tuesday (August 23) celebrated a silver anniversary. Over the last 25 years Ngamba Island has received several orphaned and rescued chimpanzees. The silver jubilee celebrations were held at the Common Wealth Resort Munyonyo in Kampala Uganda



A chimpanzee folded under the trees of Ngamba Island Sanctuary

Ethnologist Dr. Jane Goodall who was the chief guest recalled her first encounter with an tortured chimpanzee in a market in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

“I was interested in chimpanzees because while I was in the DRC I found a young chimpanzee caged in the market. This tortured me, my team and I were forced to ask the police to intervene to save the chimpanzee” she said in her speech

She said this was the start of the journey to the fight for the lives of chimpanzees.

“If you look closely we are close relatives of the chimpanzees, please don't be offended when I call you a chimpanzee” she said

Since the rescue of the young chimpanzee from Congo the sanctuary that harboured it currently has 53 more chimpanzees that have been rescued.

The UWEC Executive Director Mr. Musinguzi James also pledged his support towards the Ngamba Island sanctuary. The 25th-anniversary celebrations aim to raise awareness about the importance of conserving chimpanzees and their natural habitats. The theme for this celebration is “Partnerships for co-existence”, to promote the need for humans and wildlife to live in harmony in shared environments. The celebrations will be graced by the founder of the Jane Goodall Institute, Dr. Jane Goodall; a world-renowned ethologist and UN peace ambassador and a focal person in the establishment of the sanctuary as a project of the Uganda Chapter of the Jane Goodall Institute.

The Rwenzori Marathon

The Tusker Lite Rwenzori Marathon has been dubbed an annual event in Uganda is back again. This tourism event brings together professional athletes and amateur runners challenging themselves in the beautiful Rwenzori



Participants of the Rwenzori Marathon in 2022

Mountains of Western Uganda.

It will involve the journey to Kasese to run, explore and experience one of Africa's hidden gems.

Taking in the snowcapped peaks of Uganda's highest mountain, roam Queen Elizabeth National Park (where lions climb trees) and take a boat cruise on Lake Edward.

This years marathon is set to happen on the September 2 with an aim of attracting over 3000 international or Ugandan runners to Kasese and this in return will stand as a benchmark in boosting Uganda's Tourism efforts to the world.