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## **JOIN US TO SECURE A FUTURE FOR GIRAFFE**



**Giraffe are one of the most recognized and beloved animals on the planet. Surprisingly, their numbers have declined steeply in the last decade.**

**The current giraffe population is estimated to be fewer than 110,000 animals – about 1/5 of the number of African elephants. Poaching, habitat loss and disease continue to threaten giraffe populations across Africa.**

**The Zoo's Future for Wildlife program protects giraffe by...**

- **Addressing giraffe poaching & illegal snaring**
- **Translocating animals to secure endangered giraffe populations**
- **Conducting population and disease studies**

**We have a responsibility to protect giraffe for future generations. Giraffe numbers have decreased by nearly 40% in the last 15 years and giraffe are now considered threatened. Join our efforts to study giraffe populations and investigate the causes of their decline.**

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# The Zoo's Giraffe Conservation Program

The Giraffe Conservation Foundation (GCF) is dedicated to securing a future for all giraffe populations and species by promoting giraffe conservation and supporting innovative research, conservation and management to better understand giraffe ecology, genetics, conservation and management. The Zoo works with Giraffe Conservation Foundation to secure a future for giraffe.

GCF is dedicated to the conservation of giraffe and works closely with African and international government and non-government organizations, universities and other partners. Two of the nine subspecies of giraffe are endangered and the need for accurate information about giraffe populations and conservation threats across the continent has never been more important.

## Amplifying giraffe conservation efforts in East Africa

East Africa is home to almost half of Africa's giraffe population. The GCF East African Giraffe Coordinator works in cooperation with regional governments, NGOs, universities and communities to ensure a long-term future for giraffe in the region by fostering collaborative initiatives and strategic giraffe conservation efforts.

- **The GCF East African Giraffe Coordinator provides the first-ever focal point for giraffe research and conservation across the region.**



## Protecting endangered Rothschild's giraffe in Uganda

The Rothschild's giraffe has been nearly eliminated from its former range in Kenya, southern Sudan and Uganda. The Zoo is working with GCF and the Uganda Department of Wildlife to complete population and habitat assessments, develop an ongoing research and monitoring program, and address illegal snaring in Murchison Falls National Park.

- **17 giraffe were moved to the south end of Murchison Falls National Park and 15 were translocated to in Lake Mburo National Park in southwestern Uganda to help secure the population.**



## Investigating an emerging giraffe skin disease

Giraffe skin disease causes irritated skin, lesions, scabs and even open wounds around giraffes' "knee" joints. The cause, risk factors, characteristics and prevalence of the disease are unknown, as are its effects on giraffe health and survival. The Zoo is working with GCF, Michigan State University, and others to investigate this disease and its potential threats to giraffe populations.

- **This is the first collaborative and large scale investigation into this emerging disease and its potential impacts on giraffe health and conservation.**



Join our efforts to secure a future for giraffe.

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