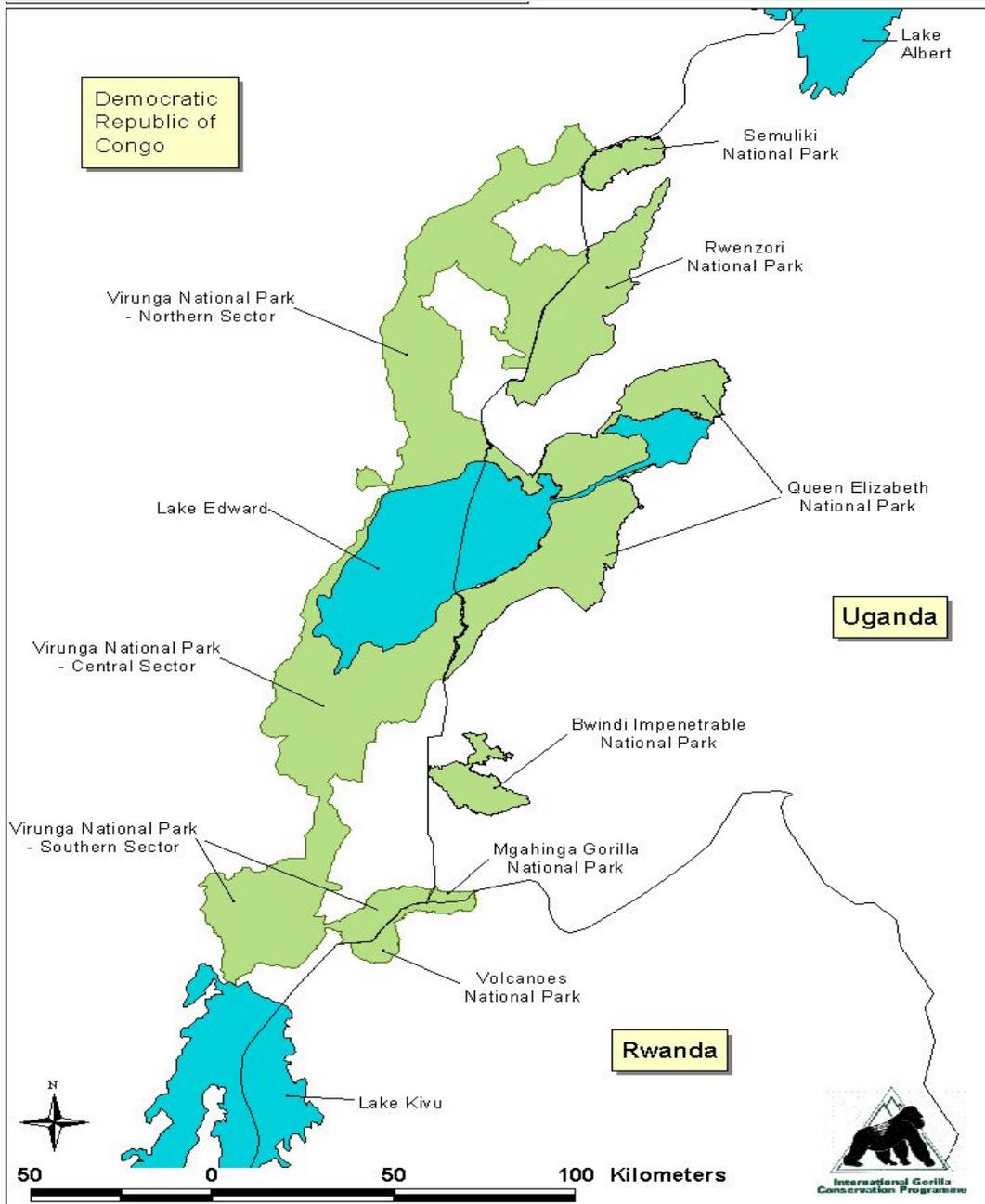


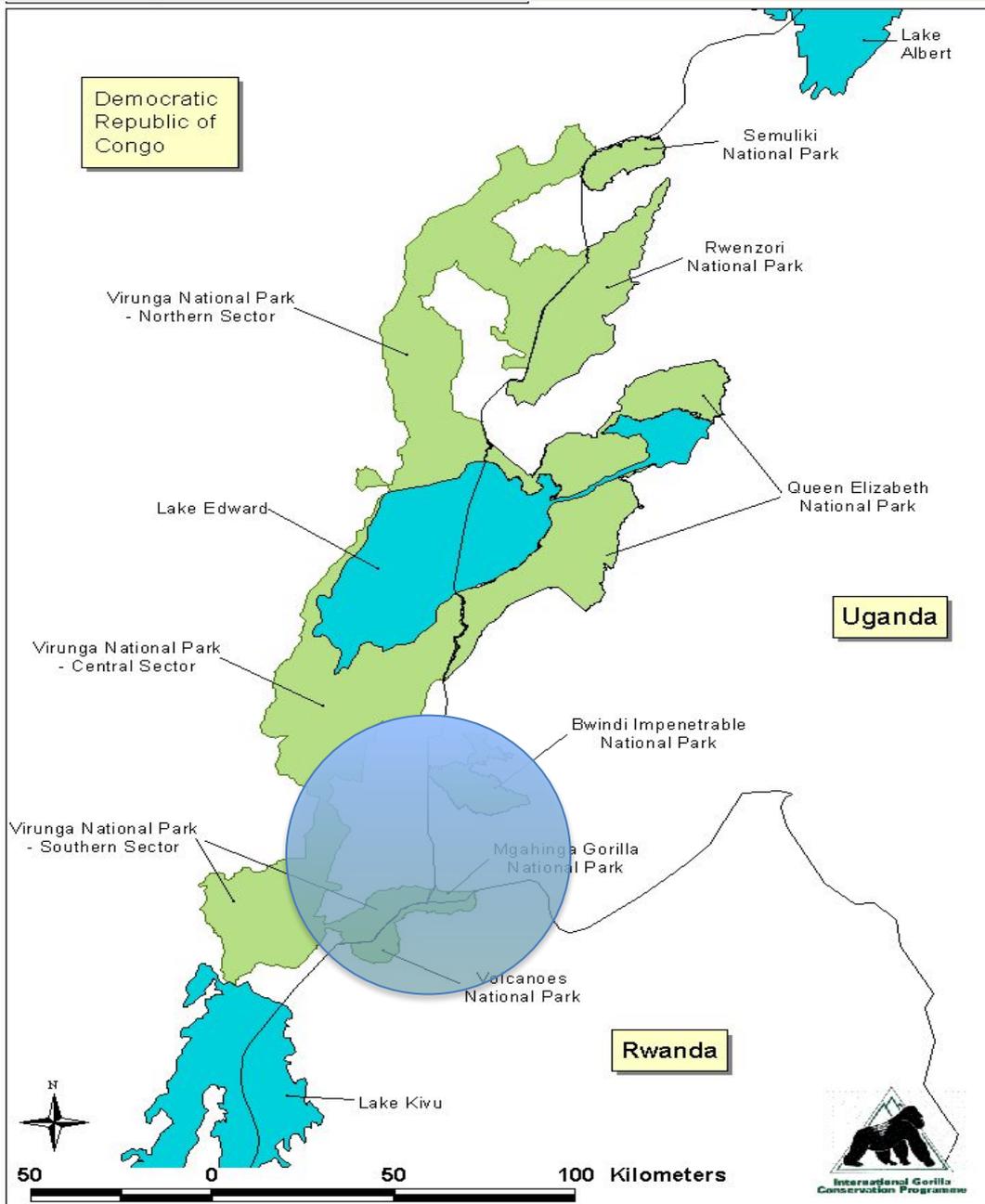
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Important for 13 large-bodied landscape species.

An estimated 5 million people are dependent upon this landscape, the majority dependent upon subsistence agriculture.



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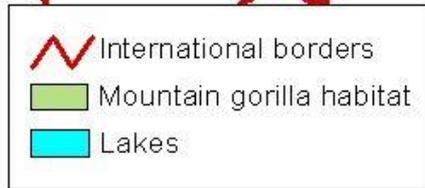


Area of Main Map

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

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Roadmap
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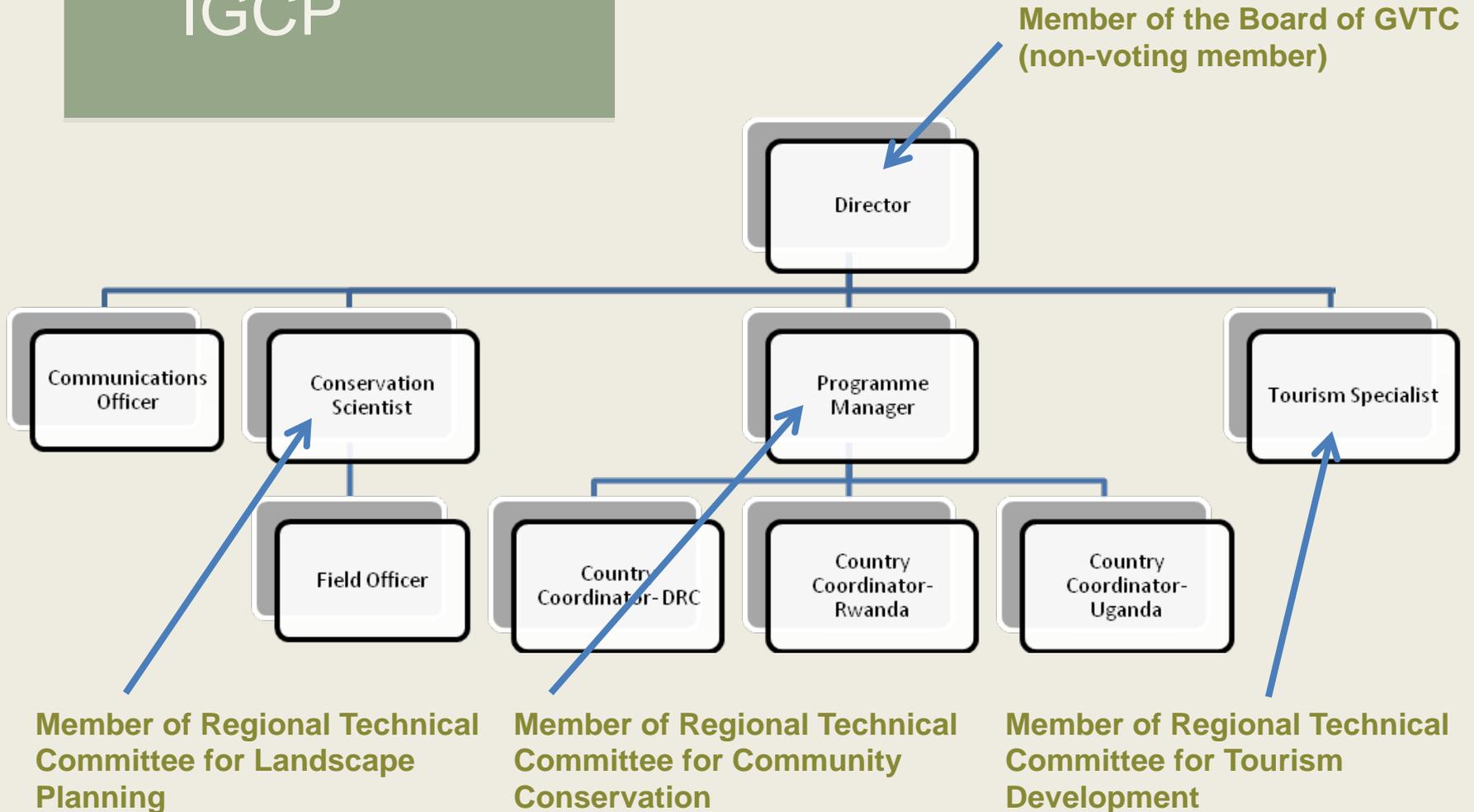
2006: a Trilateral MoU on the Collaborative Monitoring of and Sharing Revenues from Transfrontier Tourism Gorilla Groups

2008: Inter-ministerial Declaration of Rubavu (Secretariat is formed, hosted by IGCP)

2013: Headquarters' Agreement with the Government of Rwanda (Secretariat becomes separate legal entity)

2015: Signing of the Treaty on the Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration on Wildlife Conservation and Tourism Development

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Transition Targets



Research Uptake

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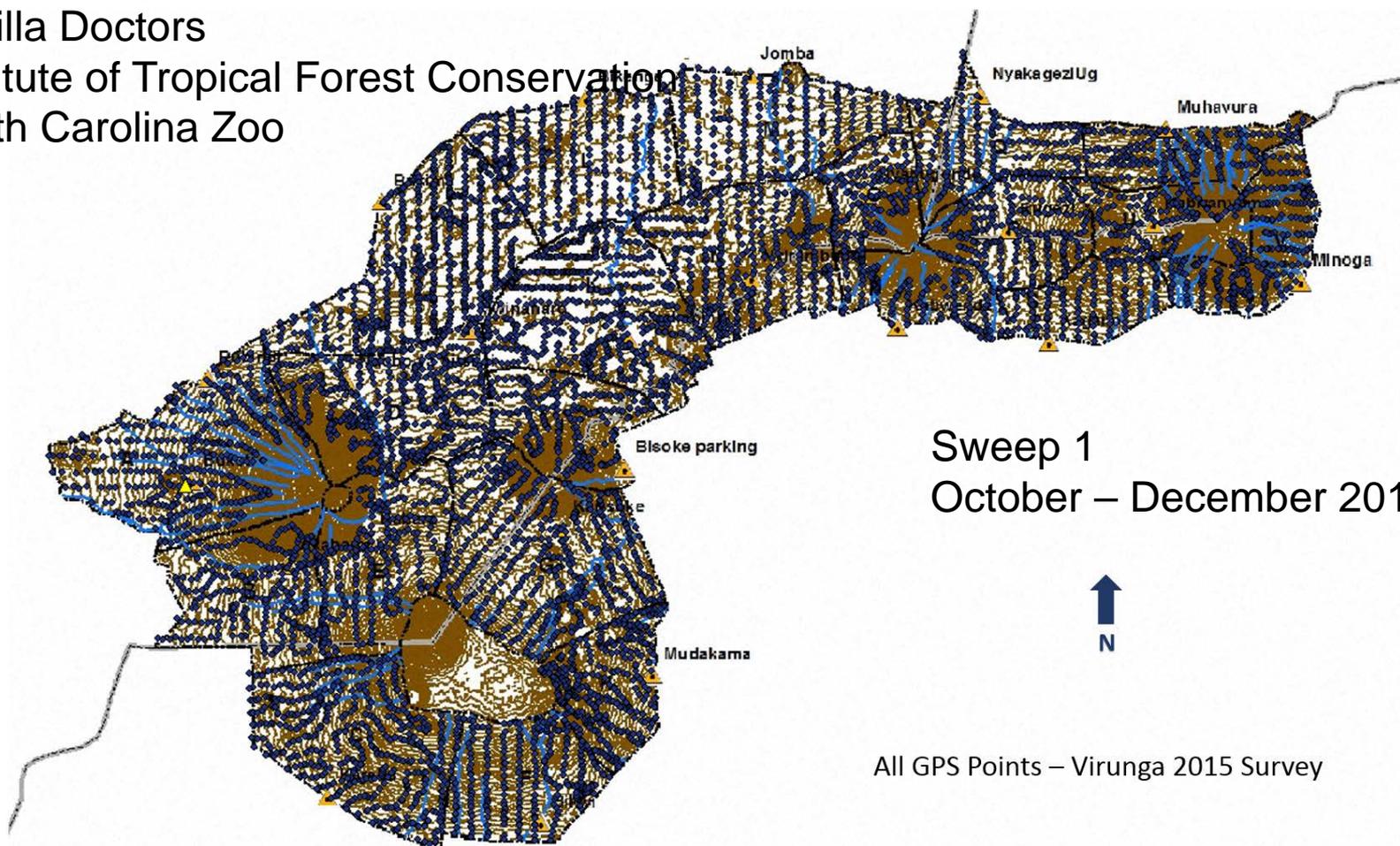
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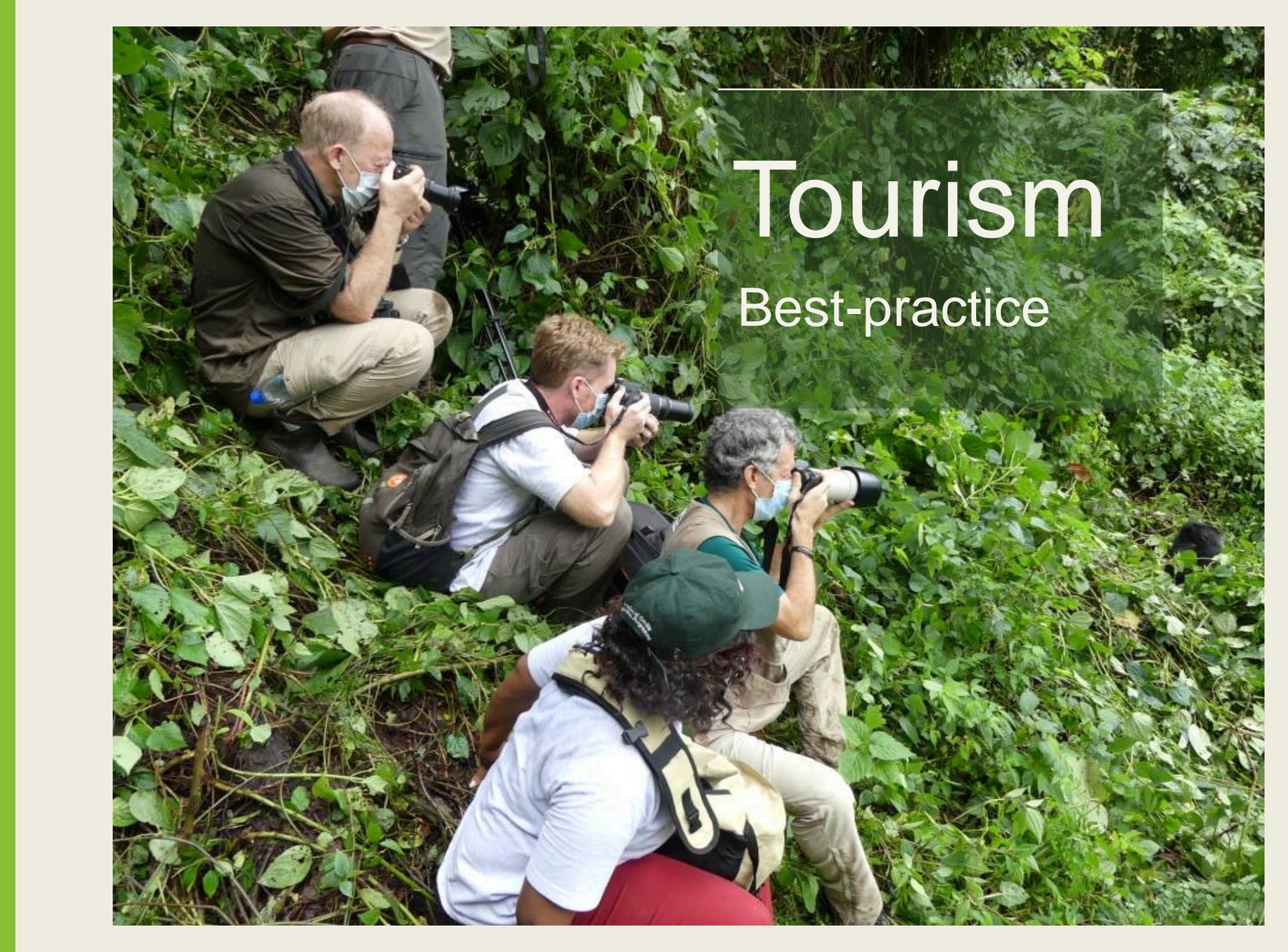
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Sweep 1
October – December 2015

All GPS Points – Virunga 2015 Survey

A group of four photographers are crouching in a dense, lush green forest. They are all wearing face masks and using professional cameras with long lenses. The scene is filled with various types of green foliage, creating a vibrant and natural background. The text 'Tourism Best-practice' is overlaid on the right side of the image in a white, sans-serif font.

Tourism

Best-practice





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Standards for:

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- Hotels & Lodges
- Tour Operators
- Drivers & Guides
- Travel Agents
- Products



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A photograph of a wooden workbench with several carved wooden figures. On the left is a large, rough-hewn wooden block. Next to it is a carved gorilla head with a small figure on its head. To the right are two carved bears, one sitting and one standing. The workbench has a decorative pattern and some blue paint splatters. A green semi-transparent box with white text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Going Forward

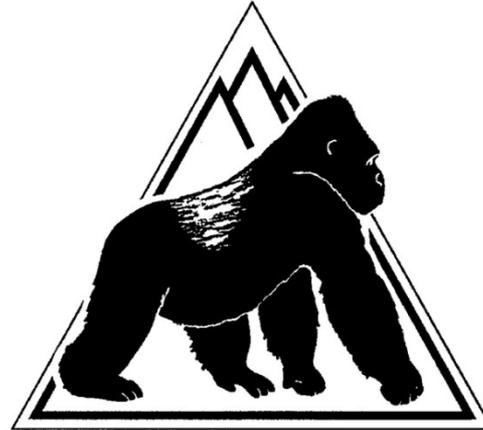
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