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ANSWER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT 1

Infant gorilla naming 2023 – Kwita Izina

Since 2005, September has been the month that Rwandans and all of us here at the Fossey Fund celebrate the birth of the mountain gorillas born in the past year. At Rwanda's annual Kwita Izina ceremony, the infants each receive their official names, which are chosen to reflect various aspects of gorilla life and conservation. The following are 7 families with their 12 new babies born, their given names and translated English meaning, their namers and their date of birth.

1. DUSHISHOZE'S GORILLA GROUP

We are excited to share that Gutangara and her daughter, Shishikara, both gave birth this past year and their infants received their names at this year's Kwita Izina. This mother-daughter duo also gave birth at nearly the same time four years ago! The group is thriving, with its nine members.



Gutangara's infant: Mugisha

Name meaning: Blessing

Named by: Cyrille Bolloré

D.O.B. Dec. 6, 2022

Shishikara's infant: Inganzo

Name meaning: Origin/source

Named by: Bukola Elemide, a.k.a. Aşa

D.O.B. Sept. 22, 2022

2. MUSILIKALE'S GORILLA GROUP

Musilikale's group is the largest group of gorillas monitored by the Fossey Fund, with a total of 24 gorillas. It includes many females, several silverbacks and quite a few youngsters, so it's quite a lively and dynamic group and a wonderful group in which to observe mothers and infants.



Isaro's infant: Uburinganire

Name meaning: Gender equality

Named by: Joe Schoendorf

D.O.B. Jan. 16, 2022

Muntu's infant: Umucunguzi

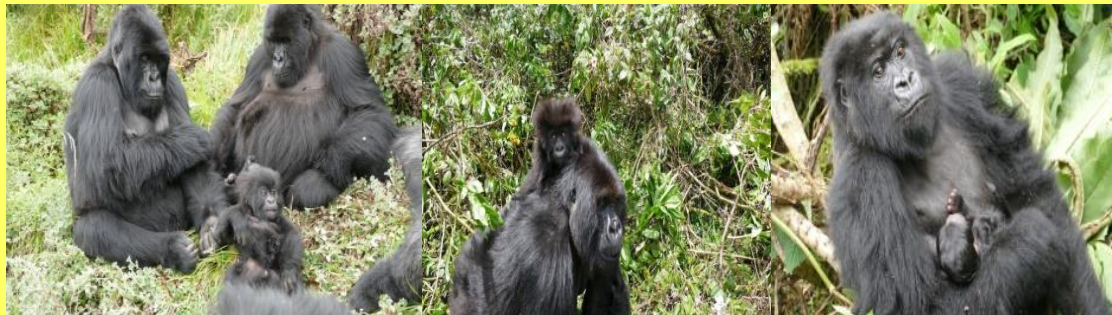
Name meaning: Redeemer

Named by: Nick Stone

D.O.B. May 13, 2022

3. MUTOBO'S GORILLA GROUP

With three newborns, Mutobo's group had the record for the most infants born this year and boasts 10 members. Silverback Mutobo built his group from scratch, adding just one or two females at a time. He was then able to settle his new family into an area of the forest and successfully avoid most interactions with other groups. So it seems he now prioritizes family time, rather than his earlier ambition to attract more females.



Ishyaka's infant: Aguka

Name

meaning: Expansion

Named by: Danai Gurira

D.O.B. Oct. 8, 2022

Mudakama's infant:

Narame

Name meaning: Long life

Named by: Idris Elba,
OBE

and Sabrina Dhowre Elba

D.O.B. Oct. 19, 2022

Akaramata's infant:

Ingoboka

Name meaning: Support

Named by: Larry Green

D.O.B. July 1, 2022

4. PABLO'S GORILLA GROUP

This group has been monitored since it formed in 1993! Under the leadership of the late great silverback Cantsbee, it once reached a high of 65 gorillas. Currently it has 18 gorillas, including a number of infants and several silverbacks who sometimes watch over them when the group is resting. And the adult and juvenile females often help take care of infants in the group too, allowing the mothers to rest or forage for food.



Teta's infant: Mukundwa

Name meaning: Favored

Named by: Rt. Hon. Andrew Mitchell MP

D.O.B. Oct. 9, 2022

5. SEGASIRA'S GORILLA GROUP

This group formed just a year ago and now has eight gorillas, with Segasira being the only silverback. He is a son of the legendary silverback Titus, who was first studied by Dian Fossey. As the only silverback, Segasira has to protect the group and keep the adult females happy and feeling safe, so he has a lot of responsibility. As the younger females mature soon, we hope to see even more infants arrive in this group.



Taraja's infant: Jijuka

Name meaning: Enlightenment

Named by: Sol Campbell

D.O.B. Feb. 22, 2022

Ubuhamya's infant: Nibagwire

Name meaning: Multiply

Named by: Elvine Ineza

D.O.B. May 29, 2022

6. NTAMBARA'S GORILLA GROUP

This group now consists of 14 gorillas and is diverse, with several silverbacks, adult females and infants, all under the protection of leader Twibuke, who inherited the group at a young age, when the previous dominant silverback died.



Kurinda's infant: Bigwi

Name meaning: Achiever

Named by: Ineza Umuhoza Grace

D.O.B. Aug. 14, 2022

7. KURYAMA'S GORILLA GROUP

Kuryama's group ranges most of the time over the border in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where our Rwandan trackers cannot go. However, the gorillas sometimes cross back into Rwanda and we are able to see what has changed in the group.



Keza's infant: Murare

Name meaning: Sleepover

Named by: Innocent Dusabeyezu

D.O.B. June 9, 2022