

# Gorillas

*Gorilla gorilla, Gorilla beringei*

Gorillas live in Central Africa. The **Mountain Gorillas** of Rwanda, Zaire and Uganda have become very rare. There are two groups of lowland gorillas: the **Eastern Lowland Gorillas** of Zaire and the **Western Lowland Gorillas** of Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, Central African Republic, and Guinea.

Even though they are “protected”, all gorilla species suffer from habitat loss from development and lumber harvesting, poaching and even occasional civil wars that bring soldiers into the forest with weapons that more often than not are used on the gorillas and other wildlife in their path.

As of 2000, the **Western Lowland Gorillas, Eastern Gorillas** and **Mountain Gorillas** (*Gorilla beringei*) have been listed as Endangered on the CITES IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) Red List.

