

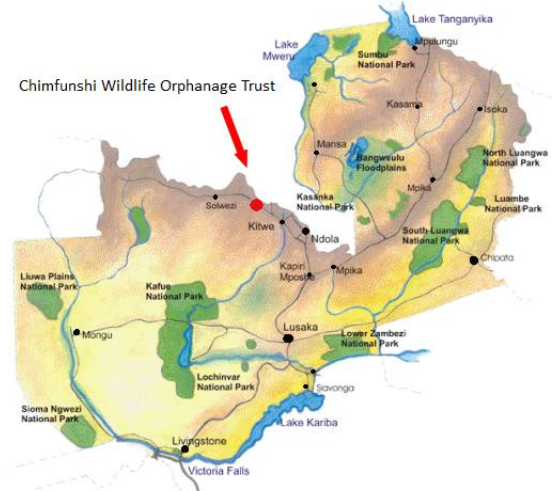


**Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage Trust**  
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Thank you for your interest in conducting your research at Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage Trust. Chimfunshi is located in northern Zambia along the banks of the Kafue River. As a member of the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA), Chimfunshi is currently home to nearly 100 chimpanzees living in four stable social groups. The region is also classified as an IBA (Important Bird Area) of the world.

Chimfunshi accepts research projects of all genres, including those located outside that of primatology. Our mission is the resocialization and rehabilitation of orphaned chimpanzees and the preservation of indigenous flora and fauna in Zambia through research and education.



Before you apply to conduct your research, please read over the following information on the sanctuary and the Research and Education Center guidelines and requirements. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions that you may have in regards to the feasibility of your research project.

**The Structure of Chimfunshi:**

Chimfunshi has previously been divided into two parts. The Orphanage, where rescued individuals were first brought and initially provided care, and the Project. Research proposals are being considered for The Project only at this time. The Project current is home to four different social groups.

Group	Size (acres)	Population
1	190	23
2	160	45
3	47	11
4	62	11

The Project site is also home to the Visitors’ Center, Research and Education Center, staff homes and the school for Chimfunshi staff children.

We look forward to hearing from you and reading your proposal! If you have any additional questions that are not covered below or on the website, do not hesitate to contact us!

Thank you and twatotela!

-The Chimfunshi Research Advisory Board



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### **Guidelines and Requirements:**

#### Research Policy:

Chimfunshi follows a strict non-invasive and no contact research policy. We welcome a wide range of research topics (behavioral, social, genetics, ecological, etc), but all ideas must be pre-approved and follow PASA's research guidelines ([www.pasaprimates.org](http://www.pasaprimates.org)):

- Behavioral/ ethological research that encourages non-natural behavior when animals have reached an advanced stage of rehabilitation should be discouraged. Acceptable research should involve minimal modification of animals' and staff's daily routines, and should potentially produce results which benefit conservation of the species or the project.
- Research involving wild primate populations associated with sanctuaries must be non-disruptive to their social order. This includes no provision of feeding and no habituation of primates where risks from hunting exist now or may in the future.
- Biological research will be conducted only in response to member facilities' animal management needs, and samples should be taken only during routine examinations.
- All research involving biological sampling must have demonstrable health, conservation or genetic benefits to primate captive management and/or wild population conservation. Research cannot be exploratory nor justified on the grounds of human medical benefit.
- No laboratory or researcher can infect/inject other animals experimentally with infectious agents derived from samples obtained from sanctuaries. Sanctuaries must have a memorandum of understanding with laboratories and/or researchers that ensures samples are used ethically, and guarantees the sanctuary the right of pre-publication editorial review.

#### Dissemination of Information:

It is important to Chimfunshi that both the local community and the larger public have the opportunity to learn about the research taking place at the sanctuary. Thus, during the course of your stay at Chimfunshi, you will be required to give a talk to Chimfunshi staff and any volunteers at the Sanctuary explaining your research and its broader applications.

Furthermore, it is expected that the research conducted at Chimfunshi be of publishable quality. Chimfunshi also reserves the right to review manuscripts reflecting data collected at Chimfunshi prior to submission for publication. Once research is complete, Chimfunshi will receive a copy of all publications resulting from projects conducted on site to be added to the Chimfunshi Research Library.

#### Research Assistants:

Should any research assistants be required for your research, you are responsible for their conduct and behavior while at Chimfunshi. You must inform us of any research assistants you are taking on at least one month prior to your arrival at the sanctuary. We invite you to consider hiring local assistants for your project and can discuss this possibility in more detail with you at a later stage.



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### Research Fees:

- Research fee is \$45 per researcher per day (USD)

The fee includes housing. Researchers will have access to kitchen areas, use of cooking utensils, transportation to and from town (Chingola) once a week, and use of Chimfunshi Research facilities. Housing is dormitory style with access to solar electricity, drinking water, heated showers, and pit toilets in outhouse form. Wireless internet is available at most times. Researchers are in charge of procuring and cooking their own meals.

In order to confirm your study and reserve housing, a one month down payment is due 30 days prior to your arrival at Chimfunshi.

### Applying:

- Cover Letter
- Project Proposal
- C.V. of Principal Investigator
- Contact information for 3 references

Your application will be reviewed by the Chimfunshi Research Advisory Board for feasibility, chimpanzee welfare, human and chimpanzee safety, and scientific rigor. Outside expert reviewers may be consulted for some applications. Applications materials should be submitted electronically to [research@chimfunshiwildlife.org](mailto:research@chimfunshiwildlife.org)

### Upon Approval:

All visiting researchers and assistants will be required to provide proof of a negative TB test dated within 30 days of their arrival at Chimfunshi. Upon arrival, you will be asked to sign our Research Policy and Release form.



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### Visiting Researcher Project Proposal

The Project Proposal should not exceed 2500 words, including an abstract of approximately 250 words, literature cited and responses to “Supplemental Questions” below.

Below is the information you should include in your proposal. While research methods often change due to field conditions, please be as specific as possible about the research you propose to conduct.

#### Cover Letter

- a. Project title
- b. Principle investigator and assistant(s)
- c. Affiliated institution(s)
- d. Project period (starting and end dates)
- e. Contact information

#### Introduction

- a. Background and Significance
- b. Specific Aims and Goals (*with clear hypothesis, where applicable*)

#### Methods

- a. Study Site (*social groups included in research*)
- b. Subjects (*include sample size*)
- c. Procedure (*include methods summary, time table*)

#### Literature Cited

#### Supplemental Questions

1. Have you visited Chimfunshi and/or discussed this project with somebody who is familiar with Chimfunshi? If so, please provide details.
2. Is this a student project? If so, what level (undergraduate, masters, PhD) and under whose mentorship?
3. Have you spent time in Africa? If so, for how long and under what conditions?
4. What are the expected outputs from this research (peer-reviewed publications, conference presentations, thesis, dissertation, etc)?
5. How does your project contribute to the research mission of Chimfunshi?
6. Are you willing to conduct an information seminar on your research to Chimfunshi staff, other visiting researchers and students?
7. How will your research benefit the people and/or chimpanzees of Chimfunshi?