

Read the text and fill in the missing words.

**PARK RANGERS AT THE
SENKWEKWE
MOUNTAIN GORILLA
ORPHANAGE CENTRE
(CONGO)**



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A selfie taken by a ranger with two gorillas has taken the internet by storm. It was just “another day at the office” for a park ranger in the Democratic Republic of Congo, who snapped a selfie with two “posing” _____.

Virunga, Africa’s oldest national park, is home to a _____ population of about 1,000 mountain gorillas, but its location means they and the rangers who protect and care for them are constantly at risk. Being a park ranger means looking after animals and plants and caring for rare species. Conservation of endangered animals and plants is their main _____.

Park may include protected culturally or historically important _____ and is limited to the natural _____ of animals in danger. Rangers who work in _____ areas protect wildlife, monitor for illegal human activity, facing poachers and new challenges from COVID-19. They keep track of available water in water bodies, fire management, looking for animals in distress and helping community address human-wildlife conflicts. most park are in remote areas and patrolling them involves being separated from families for longer periods with no access to the Internet.

According to rangers, Ndakazi and Ndeze were the first gorillas to be cared for. Nkakazi and Ndeze were orphaned 12 years ago when their families were killed by _____. Because the gorillas have such close contact with rangers and caretakers from a young age, they learn to imitate _____. They need constant care, so the rangers live nearby and spend their days feeding them, playing with them and keeping them company.

Virunga is Africa’s most _____ national park, spanning tropical forests, snow-peaked mountains and active volcanoes. It is also one of the last homes of wild mountain gorillas, with other wild populations elsewhere in the Congo, Rwanda and Uganda.

The park, which relies on private visitor donations, used its “gorilla selfie” moment in the spotlight to help _____ funds, reaching its \$50,000 target to mark Earth Day.