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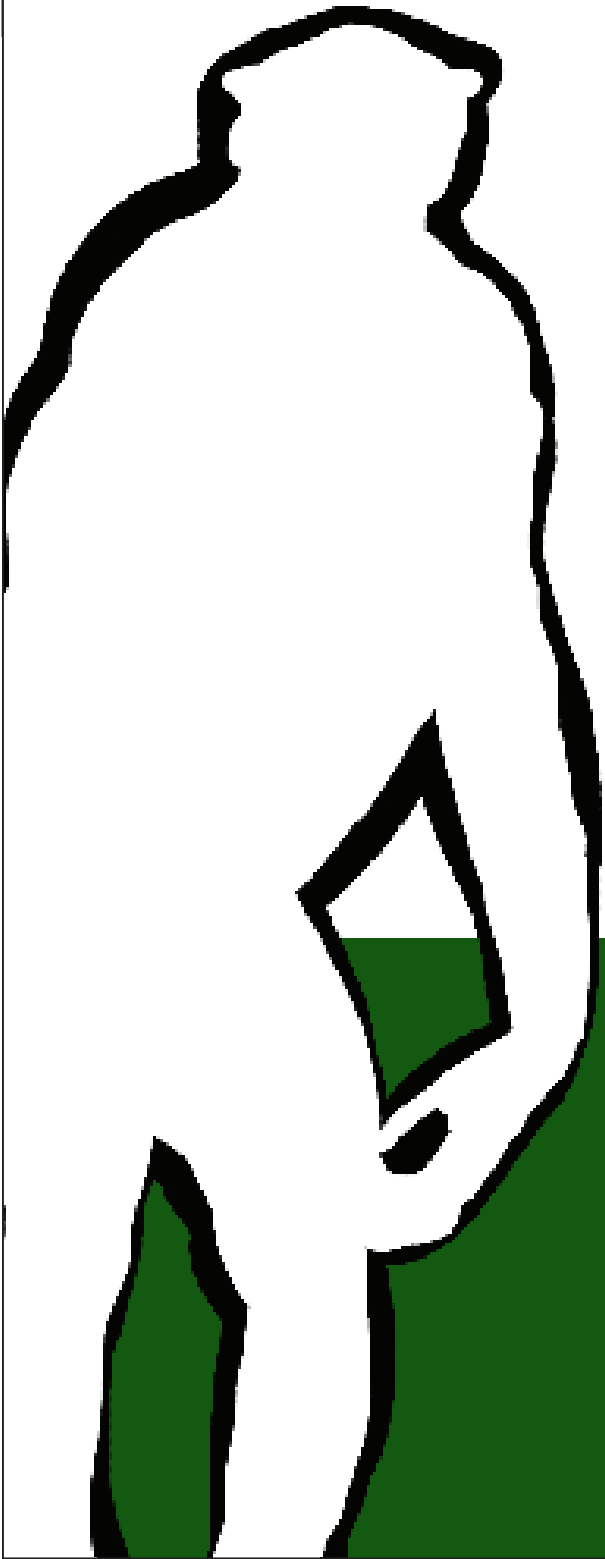


## Know Bonobo

Some anthropologists consider the bonobo to be the best living prototype for the common ancestor of humans. While this controversy is unresolved, it has been established through molecular genetic analyses that the chimpanzee genus, *Pan*, is most closely related to humans and shares approximately 98% genetic identity. It follows that bonobos and chimpanzees share many human-like morphological, physiological and behavioral traits.

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Bonobos are found primarily in lowland rain forests. Its lifestyle is more arboreal than other African apes. Bonobos primarily feed on arboreal fruits, leaves and pith from stems. They are known to eat insects and hunt small mammals occasionally. Bonobos also have been observed to slap water up from a stream and eat either invertebrates or fish. They live in large groups where harmonious coexistence is the norm. While in many ways, males and females have "separate but equal" roles, females carry the highest rank, and the sons of ranking females are the leaders among males..



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Physically, their anatomy most closely resembles Australopithecus, our early human ancestor. Bonobos walk bipedally, on two feet, more easily and for longer periods of time than the other apes. They are highly intelligent. Some bonobos in captivity have even learned to use human language! But perhaps the most compelling feature of bonobos is their society.



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