

## **A NOTE FROM OCP PRESIDENT JOHN LUKAS, ON THE DEATH OF THE POACHER MORGAN**

The notorious poacher Morgan, who was responsible for the attack on ICCN headquarters nearly two years ago, killing six people and slaughtering all the okapi at the Station has been killed by Congolese army soldiers when a disagreement over the terms of his surrender under an amnesty agreement erupted into a gunfight between the two sides in Molokay.

On behalf of the Okapi Conservation Project, we are grateful for the Congolese government's effort to end this dark chapter in their country's history which we feel will give way to a brighter future in which the okapi, as well as the people residing in the Okapi Wildlife Reserve, can live peacefully and flourish in this unique rainforest environment.

OCP has already expanded its education team to better serve the communities living in and around the Reserve and staff are in the process of delivering new mattresses and sanitation supplies to 12 health clinics to respond to one of the most pressing needs of the people most affected by the insecurity brought on by Morgan. We appreciate everyone's support as we have rebuilt Epulu and forged ahead in our efforts to help ICCN rangers protect okapi and other endangered species living in the Okapi Wildlife Reserve.