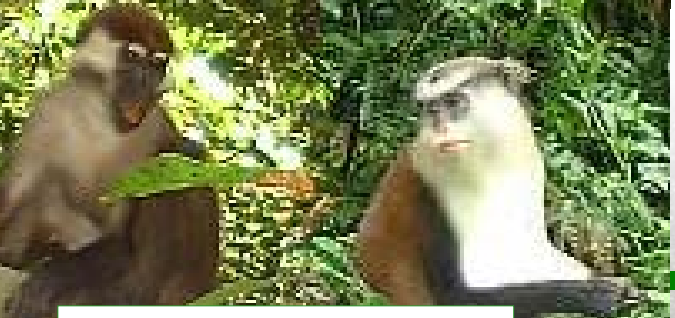


In an agreement between CERCOPAN and their host community Iko Esai, 400 ha of forest are fully protected, and CERCOPAN jointly manages a much larger area, together with the community, for research and collection of non-timber forest products. The 400 ha Core Area is protected from logging, farming, hunting and gathering. This area ensures a safe environment for the forest wildlife, including monkeys.



### CONTACT DETAILS

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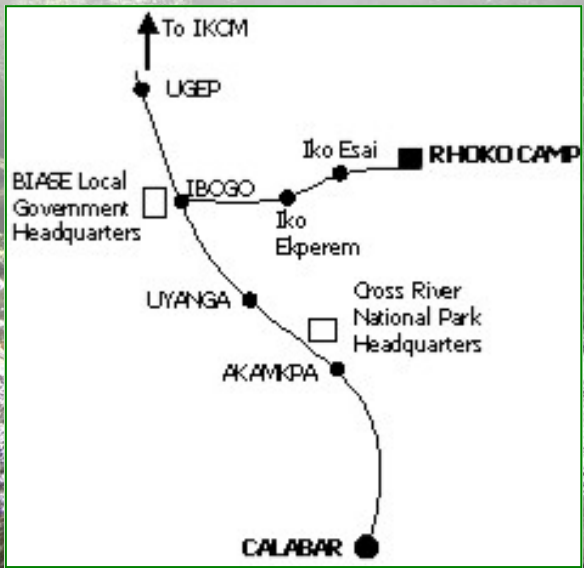
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### HOW TO GET THERE

You can reach Rhoko by public transport, or 4x4 vehicle. CERCOPAN can arrange hire of one of their vehicles, subject to availability.

**By vehicle:** take the Calabar Ikom highway to Ibogo (90 km), turn right and go through Iko Ekperem to Iko Esai (18 km)—at the water pump over the bridge, turn right again and continue another 8 km to Rhoko.

**By public transport:** take a bus to Ibogo Junction, then a motorbike all the way to Rhoko (ask for “Camp”) stopping off at the village of Iko Esai on the way to greet the chiefs. It takes about one hour ten minutes from Calabar to Ibogo.



## RHOKO

Conservation, Education  
and Research Centre

## YOU ARE WELCOME

to Rhoko Conservation, Education and Research Centre which lies in the forests of Iko Esai, Cross River State, not too far from Calabar. The Centre offers an opportunity to view wildlife up close and learn more about all the plants and animals found in the rainforest.

There are plenty of activities to carry out in the Centre including trekking through the forest, swimming in the rivers, and searching for wildlife, including the more than 166 birds, which have been spotted in the area—or just relaxing with a good book and soaking up the atmosphere.

If you are the more adventurous soul and want to stay overnight, you are welcome to stay at Rhoko Camp. There are rustic sleeping cabins with solar lights, which are basic, clean and comfortable. A communal cooking area for self catering is available to visitors, with a wood fire barbecue. Gas can be provided if requested in advance (extra charges apply). There is an outdoor shower with modesty screen and good clean pit latrines. Kerosene lights, mosquito nets and sheets are provided.

### BOOKINGS:

Accommodation is limited, so please book ahead! Book your visit at the CERCOPAN HQ in Calabar, preferably at least 1 week in advance. Contact details are provided in this leaflet.



As part of your visit, you will enjoy stopping in the village of Iko Esai briefly to greet the community chiefs before proceeding to Rhoko, according to local custom. Inquire for assistance in the market square.

There is a modest entry fee, of which 2/3 goes to the village for community development and forest conservation. The entry fee covers a tour of the Education Centre, primate enclosure and nature trail, as well as a river swim. Overnight accommodation fees include a forest trek. Special wildlife walks (night or day) are additional and at the discretion of the Rhoko Research and Education Coordinator.

- Entry Fee:
  - Free (Local Area Resident)
  - ₦ 150 (Nigerian Student)
  - ₦ 450 (CRS resident)
  - ₦ 1,500 (International or outside CRS)
- Group rates can be arranged for educational visits
- Overnight Stay ₦ 1,500 pp (shared)

## WHAT TO BRING

Accommodation is presently self-catering. All visitors are asked to provide for their own needs—a little extra is always a good idea as foodstuff is not available at Rhoko.

You can buy local products in the village of Iko Esai including rice, beans, fruit, dried fish, yam and seasonable vegetables. The shops sell bottled water, biscuits, milk powder, tinned fish, tomato paste, etc. We encourage visitors to buy from the village to support the local economy.

Additionally the following items are recommended: insect repellent, towel, long sleeved shirt and long trousers, boots, sun hat and sun screen, swimsuit/bathers, torch, toiletries, slippers/flip-flops for shower and binoculars.

