



INFANT

# BISOKE

Kurinda, a female gorilla in Ntambara's group, is mom to 2-year-old infant **Bisoke**. A typical infant, Bisoke has lots of energy and is always hanging around and playing with other infants in the group. She is always the center of entertainment for the group.

We've been observing Ntambara's 14-member group for quite some time. The group was formed when Shinda's group split in 2008, and its members are descendants of the historic Group 5, which was studied by Dian decades ago.

There are three silverbacks in Ntambara's group, so Bisoke's exact lineage is uncertain, but we believe his father is dominant silverback Twibuke. Bisoke's mother Kurinda has a special bond with Twibuke, and the two spend a lot of time together.

There are two other infants in the group, one of which is the same age as Bisoke. Umwihariko and Bisoke are best friends — as soon as their moms let them play, they venture out to find each other and the fun begins! The two friends are balls of energy, and a pure joy to observe. They are both females and will likely carry their bond into adulthood.

Kurinda is a wonderful mom, always checking that her baby is safe. Bisoke was named after the volcano Bisoke, one of six volcanoes in the Virungas, where mountain gorillas live. Ntambara's group prefers to roam near Mount Bisoke, as Shinda's group did in the past — there couldn't be a better name for little Bisoke than one that honors the home of her ancestors! Ntambara's group loves the slope of the volcano and often ventures to the very top, where you can find the most beautiful views of the Virungas.

We are absolutely fascinated by Bisoke's energy, and we can't wait to see her become an adult gorilla!



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