

Institute of Primate Research (IPR)

Louis Leakey established the Institute of Primate Research (IPR) in 1960 with monkeys as models to understand human evolution and as a facility for collection and studies of East African primates. Since its inception, IPR has expanded tremendously in both physical and research facilities and is now focused on the breeding and use of non-human primate study, prevent and or treat human diseases under the auspices of the animal welfare. The Institute has out door and indoor housing facilities for breeding colonies of about 270 primates.

IPR is an institution of the National Museums of Kenya NMK and is currently located in 400 acres of Ololua natural tropical forest near Karen, approximately 20kms from Nairobi. IPR is a non-profit making organization, which undertakes research on bio-medical/animal welfare and conservation aspects using East African Primates.

The Institute undertakes research in basic and applied aspects using monkeys. IPR is involved in collaborative and contract research in association with academic and industry at the international level. The institute is recognized as a World Health Organization (WHO) collaborating center in Human Reproduction and Tropical Disease Research.

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