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28 **INTRODUCTION**

29 Many primates produce loud calls, which vary in function, from
30 advertising fitness to defending territorial boundaries (Wich and Nunn, 2002;
31 Delgado, 2006). Whilst the spatial distribution of those calls has been shown
32 to correspond to territorial defense (Wilson et al., 2007) and the coordination
33 of group movements (Boinski, 1993; Trillmich et al., 2004; Braune et al., 2005;
34 Byrne and da Cunha, 2006), far less is known about the temporal distribution
35 of calls, especially over 24h cycles. Understanding the temporal patterns of
36 animal vocal signals can reveal activity patterns at times and from places that
37 researchers traditionally cannot monitor, the evolution of inter- and intra-
38 specific communication systems, and more generally vocal competition in
39 complex acoustic environments (Pijanowski et al., 2012).

40 The timing of vocalization behavior is often a response to the caller's
41 physical environment. Vegetation and topography (Marten et al., 1977; Brown
42 et al., 1995; Mennill et al., 2006) as well as temperature, wind, humidity, and
43 ambient noise all change throughout the day and influence sound
44 transmission and thus when animals call. Specifically, temperature and wind
45 interact in important ways, affecting propagation differently across
46 atmospheric conditions (Heimann and Gross, 1999). Temperature inversions
47 can trap sound energy, promoting more efficient transmission across long
48 distances (Brown and Hall, 1978; Wilson et al., 2003), whereas wind may
49 attenuate sound, distorting or degrading calls that may otherwise transmit well
50 under calmer conditions (Hayes and Huntly, 2005). Further, intra- and inter-
51 specific acoustic competitors may deter vocalization behavior, with individuals
52 seeking to avoid their signals being spectrally or temporally masked by other

calls (Henry and Wells, 2010; Schmidt et al., 2012; Sinsch et al., 2012; Villanueva-Rivera, 2014). That animals have evolved call types and call behavior to optimise sound transmission has been termed the Acoustic Adaptation Hypothesis (AAH) (Daniel and Blumstein, 1998). Whilst early work did demonstrate support for the AAH in primates (Waser and Brown, 1986; Brown et al., 1995), a more recent compilation of data across birds, anurans and mammals found only minimal support (Ey and Fischer, 2009).

Despite inconsistent conformity to AAH predictions across the Order Primates, along with many bird species (Staicer et al., 1996), many primates also exhibit vocalization peaks at dawn and dusk (Table 1), with callers exploiting low abiotic noise levels and ideal microclimates for long distance sound transmission (Henwood and Fabrick, 1979). Most studies on primate calling, however - and primate behavior more broadly - are limited to when researchers are also active, during the day. Far less is known about primate night-time activity (see Tagg et al., this issue), especially calling behavior of diurnal primates.

There are good reasons to expect nocturnal behavior in diurnal primates. First, nocturnality is likely the ancestral activity pattern for primates, with subsequent shifts to diurnality and cathemerality attributed to speciation events (Santini et al., 2015). Thus, there could be residual, nocturnal behavior even in diurnal animals. Evidence for nocturnal activity can be seen in differences between where study subjects are left late in one day, and where they are found waking the subsequent morning (pers. observation), suggesting night-time movement. In apes, this behavior has been explained as a response to the social and environmental context. Socially, rank predicts

78 mating opportunities in chimpanzees (Wroblewski et al., 2009), so low ranking
79 males may sneak copulations at night, hiding from protective alpha males that
80 would otherwise prevent the behavior. Finally, by definition, fission-fusion
81 animals are dispersed at various times during the day and night, and thus
82 calls may serve coordination and cohesive mechanisms (Leighty et al., 2008),
83 advertising a caller's location and facilitating reunions (e.g. fusion events) later
84 the next day. Environmentally, primates that live in hot climates may forage at
85 night to avoid high day-time temperatures (Pruetz, 2018). By being active
86 during periods of the night, animals can increase their foraging time and
87 ultimately, increase their caloric intake. Foraging at night may reduce feeding
88 competition for high quality foods from hetero-specifics as well (Donati et al.,
89 2009).

90 There are costs to being active at night, however. Predation pressure is
91 generally higher at night compared to the day (Isbell, 1994) and many species
92 use highly conspicuous loud calls, which can reveal their location to potential
93 predators (Bergstrom and Lachmann, 2001). Given that diurnal animals
94 exhibit night-time activity, the advantages of this behaviour may outweigh any
95 risks.

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97 [Table 1 here]

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99 In great apes, despite decades of research describing vocalization
100 patterns (*Pongo*: MacKinnon, 1974; *Pan*: Marler and Hobbett, 1975), most
101 research has centered on acoustic analysis of call elements (Arcadi, 1996;
102 Riede et al., 2004; Lameira et al., 2012), context specific calls (Mitani and

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3 103 Nishida, 1993; Crockford and Boesch, 2005; Salmi et al., 2013), and how
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5 104 communication informs the evolution of human language (Slocombe and
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7 105 Zuberbühler, 2005; Slocombe and Zuberbuhler, 2007; Crockford et al., 2012;
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9 106 Schel et al., 2013; Lameira et al., 2015, 2016). Save for extensive research
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11 107 into gibbon call patterns (Tenaza, 1976; Geissmann and Nijman, 2006), little
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13 108 work has focused on the temporal or environmental influences on ape loud
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15 109 calls, especially at night when researchers are absent. Wild orang-utans
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17 110 exhibit dramatic variation in nocturnal call rates between populations
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19 111 (Hoepfner and Spillman, unpublished data), and it has been suggested that
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21 112 population density, inter-male contests, or else female reproductive status
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23 113 may drive increased call rates (Ross and Geissmann, 2009). Wild
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25 114 chimpanzees (*P. troglodytes*) have been described to be awoken by
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27 115 conspecifics making sounds at night (Zamma, 2014) and also to exhibit
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29 116 various activity types (including calling) throughout the night (Pruetz, 2018;
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31 117 Tagg et al., in press). Aside from these few studies, little is known about
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33 118 nocturnal calling in chimpanzees.

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37 119 Night-time calling may potentially have been an important hominin
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39 120 behavior in adapting to a hotter, more open, but also sound-friendly savanna-
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41 121 mosaic environment (Waser and Brown, 1986). Diurnal hominins could have
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43 122 been driven to night activity by selective pressure to avoid high temperatures
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45 123 during the day, or to avoid diurnal predators. However, Halle (2006) has
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47 124 suggested that adaptation to one phase of the 24h cycle implies
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49 125 maladaptation to the other, and thus vulnerability, especially to predation.
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51 126 Thus, hominins may have exhibited polyphasic activity (Halle, 2006) patterns
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127 in response to very specific ecological conditions, without any specialized
128 anatomical adaptations (Gerkema et al., 2013).

129 Like many other hominin behaviors, activity patterns do not fossilise,
130 and thus studying extant great apes may be as close as we get to
131 reconstructing Pliocene hominin use of day-night periods. Similarly, it is
132 unlikely we will ever be able to directly test hypotheses concerning vocal
133 communication in hominins, but by investigating the phylogenetic spread and
134 proximate and ultimate functions of temporal (acoustic) behavior in
135 chimpanzees and other primates, we can inform hypotheses on hominin
136 adaptation, especially in those early species (e.g. *Australopithecus afarensis*)
137 that shared vocal anatomy similar to extant apes (Alemseged et al., 2006;
138 Boer, 2012).

139 One primary challenge to obtaining night-time data is following animals
140 at night. Remote monitoring technology has recently changed that, with
141 camera traps (Krief et al., 2014) and acoustic monitors (Kalan et al., 2015,
142 2016) now known to constitute reliable and effective means of identifying e.g.
143 caller presence and behavior when individuals are not followed (Spillmann et
144 al., 2015; Kalan et al., 2016). In the current study, I tested whether
145 chimpanzees were acoustically active across a 24h cycle. Broadly, I assumed
146 that chimpanzees were less active at night and so hypothesized that call-rates
147 would be lower than day-time rates. I then examined whether call production
148 was associated with optimum periods of sound transmission. Specifically, I
149 predicted that more calls would be produced during periods of low
150 temperature, humidity, and wind. I then examined seasonal variation in day
151 and night call patterns, especially to test whether day rates predicted night

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3 152 rates. Discrepancies may suggest differences in grouping patterns. Finally, to
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5 153 investigate whether calls were likely serving intra- or inter-party functions, I
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7 154 tested whether counter-calls (those made within 60-seconds of a previous
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9 155 call) were made from the same valley during day-time and night-time bouts.
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11 156 Similarly, I examined whether calls per night were associated with party size,
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160 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

161 **Study site**

162 I collected data between March 2009-Feb 2010 in the Issa valley, in
163 western Tanzania (Figure 1), one of the driest, most open habitats in which
164 chimpanzees live. The Issa valley, about 100km east of Lake Tanganyika,
165 consists of broad valleys separated by steep mountains and flat plateaus
166 ranging from 900-1800m above sea level. *Brachystegia* and *Julbernardia*
167 (Fabaceae) miombo woodlands dominate the vegetation, although the region
168 also has thin strips of evergreen gallery and thicket riverine forests as well as
169 grasslands and seasonally inundated swamps. There are two distinct
170 seasons: wet (October - April) and dry (May - September), with the heavy
171 rains beginning in December and continuing through late May typically.
172 Temperatures ranged greatly over the study period (minimum: 13C;
173 maximum: 32C).
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[Figure 1 about here]

Chimpanzees were first studied in this area from 2001-2003 (Hernandez-Aguilar, 2006), and continuously since 2005 (Piel et al., 2015). A long-term research presence was initiated in 2008 and has been maintained since then, with current studies of habituated red-tailed monkeys (*Cercopithecus ascanius*) and yellow baboons (*Papio cynocephalus*), in addition to chimpanzees.

Passive Acoustic Monitoring – Solar-Powered Acoustic Transmission Units (SPATUs)

I deployed nine solar powered acoustic transmission units (SPATU), arranged in modules to maximize coverage over ~ 12km² of the study area. Devices consisted of an RF transmitter (model T301, Hamtronics, Inc., Rochester, NY, USA), interfaced with omnidirectional microphone, amplifier, and housed in a Pelican case (model: 1600, Peli Products, Derbyshire, UK). Each radio was powered by 10 2.4V High Temperature Rechargeable Nickel Metal Hydride Cylindrical Cell batteries (model: GP400LAHT, Farnell Distributors, UK), recharged by a solar panel (model: 10W Yingli solar polycrystalline panel; SelectSolar, Ltd, Essex, UK), via a 10A DZ energy charge controller (code: 07001DZ02, SelectSolar, Ltd, Essex, UK).

Transmitters were single channel VHF units (range 144-150MHz) that provide 2-3W continuous duty output into a 50ohm antenna system. Channel frequency was controlled by a synthesizer with DIP switch channel settings, but were pre-ordered at specified frequencies and not altered. A TCXO (temperature controlled xtal oscillator) provided a temperature stability of

202 ± 2 ppm over a temperature range of -30°C to $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$ and the transmitters were
203 designed for narrow band FM with ± 5 kHz deviation. Each transmitter was
204 then wired to its own 150-170MHz yagi, directional antenna (model: YA3VHF,
205 RW Badland Ltd, London, UK). Antennas were secured 2-3m from their
206 corresponding SPATU and pointed in the direction of the receiver antenna.
207 Vegetation was trimmed as needed to increase panel exposure to the sun.

208 All incoming signals first reached an omnidirectional receiver antenna,
209 secured 22m atop a *Brachystegia microfila* tree at camp. This antenna was
210 wired directly into a Peli case (model: 1610), from which the signals were
211 boosted through a 50ohm, medium high power wideband (2-500MHz)
212 amplifier. This amplifier was used to compensate for gain loss from splitting
213 incoming signals via a 24 way-0°, 50ohm, 1-200MHz power splitter (model:
214 ZFSC-24-11, MiniCircuits, New York, USA) into their respective channels.
215 Receivers were set in aluminium racks and powered through a 12V battery
216 and wired directly into one of three 8-channel MOTUs Ultralite Mk3 (Mark of
217 the Unicorn, Cambridge, MA, USA). MOTUs converted streaming RF signals
218 into audio and digital format, from where they were transmitted to a Panasonic
219 Toughbook CF-30 laptop via a PCMCIA card and read using Raven v.1.3
220 (Bioacoustics Research Program, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA)
221 software.

222 SPATUs recorded continuously from April 2009 – February 2010, with
223 periodic breaks for maintenance.

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225 **Weather data**

Weather data came from a HOBO (Onset Corp., Bourne, MA, USA) weather station deployed in miombo woodland, halfway down a mountain <500m from the research station. The HOBO recorded temperature, humidity, and wind gust measurements at 30-minute intervals and data are averaged for each hour (Figure 2). Rain data were also from a HOBO weather station, deployed near the research station.

[Figure 2 about here]

Chimpanzee Nests

Data on chimpanzee nests came from counts of age1 nests (Tutin and Fernandez, 1984), defined as only those nests with fresh feces or urine in or underneath them. In total, I collected data on 110 nest groups over the study period. Of these, the majority were the result of opportunistic encounters (recce walks) or from walking line transects.

Analyses

Because callers were often hundreds of meters from recording units, higher frequencies were not always recorded and I was not always able to reliably discriminate different types of loud calls, i.e. screams from pant hoots. These call types were thus consolidated into a single 'loud' category. I did not consider whimpers or grunts. I manually located chimpanzee loud calls (Figure 3) by scrolling through time series of sounds with the assistance of Triton, a software package developed for analysis of large datasets (Wiggins et al., 2010). Triton creates long-term spectrograms from a large group of small (1GB) sequential data files. By (manually) scrolling through these long-

term spectral averages, I was able to efficiently sieve the chimpanzee vocalizations, extracting them into a custom spreadsheet that allowed me to include meta-data such as start and end time of vocalization, valley of origin, etc. Sounds were considered separate if they were more than one second apart and all calls less than three seconds were checked manually to ensure the same vocalization was not documented on two different channels.

[Figure 3 about here]

There are numerous ways to define the photoperiod between sunrise and sunset, and definitions have historically varied with whether a study species is inherently diurnal or nocturnal (Erkert, 2003). For this study, I used a published figure¹ for the beginning of astronomical twilight in the morning and evening of each day. I then categorised as 'Twilight' those calls made in the one hour window 30 minutes before and 30-minutes after this time. 'Day' calls were those made after the morning twilight window and before the beginning of the evening twilight window. 'Night' calls were those made after the evening twilight ended and before the morning window began.

I conducted statistical analyses using R Studio, version 1.0.143 (R Development Core Team, 2015), and set significance to $p < 0.05$. For temporal patterns, I first tested for multicollinearity in environmental variables by using the Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) package. I then built a generalized linear model (GLM) using the MASS package and a negative binomial distribution to correct for overdispersion. I used call events - defined as the number of loud calls per hour across all SPATUs - for a response variable and

¹ <https://www.timeanddate.com/>

277 season, and hourly values of temperature, relative humidity, and wind gust
278 speed as fixed effects.

279 Pearson Chi Square tests addressed seasonal differences between
280 call rates during the three categories of time periods: diurnal, twilight,
281 nocturnal as well as whether night-time calls served intra- versus inter-party
282 communication purposes by comparing whether counter-calling behavior
283 (subsequent calls made within 60 seconds of a previous call) was similar
284 across the three time periods.

285 Finally, Spearman's Rank tests assessed the relationship between
286 monthly mean call rate (calculated from the total calls/total days recording for
287 each month to control for sample bias) and monthly mean nest group sizes.

289 **Ethics Statement:**

290 This work was approved by the University of California, San Diego, Tanzania
291 Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI), and adhered to ethical considerations
292 described by the American Society of Primatologists.

294 **RESULTS**

295 SPATUs recorded 1573 loud vocalizations over 250 days of recording
296 (154 days in the dry; 96 days in the wet season). On 108 of these days at
297 least one chimpanzee loud vocalization was recorded, of which 43 included at
298 least one nocturnal vocalization and 28 included a call made during twilight
299 hours. A total of 1181 calls were recorded during diurnal hours and 392 during
300 twilight/night. SPATUs recorded at least one call each hour of the night over
301 the 250 days (Figure 4). Chimpanzees produced twilight and night-time calls

in each month except for July (which had minimal days of coverage – Figure 5).

[Figures 4 and 5 about here]

Seasonal calling and environmental conditions

There was a significant difference in the temporal distribution of calls between dry and wet seasons, $\chi(2) = 20.34$, $p < 0.01$, which was driven by twilight calls, produced more often in the dry, compared to wet season, $\chi(1) = 14.85$, $p < 0.001$. I found no collinearity between weather ($VIF = < 2$ for all variables). Chimpanzees produced more calls during warmer temperatures and lower humidity, but there was no relationship between calling and wind gust or rainfall (Table 2).

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Both monthly mean vocalization rates and nest group size peaked in the late dry season (Aug-October) and I found a significant association between them ($r_s(11) = 0.878$, $p < 0.001$; Figure 6). However, when I looked more closely, this association only holds for calls made during the night ($r_s(11) = 0.65$, $p = 0.03$), not for those made during the day ($r_s(11) = 0.24$, $p = 0.38$) or during twilight ($r_s(11) = 0.31$, $p = 0.35$). The monthly number of calls during the day did not predict the number of calls in either twilight ($r_s = 0.53$, $p = 0.11$) or night-time ($r_s = 0.52$, $p = 0.11$), suggesting a different function, potentially related to spacing behaviour. To test this, I then investigated

whether there was a similar difference between time of day and from where counter calls were recorded. Counter-calls made from the same valley (compared to a different valley) were significantly different across time periods, $\chi(2) = 11.03$, $p < 0.01$, with twilight calls differing from both diurnal, $\chi(1) = 9.41$, $p < 0.01$ and night-time calls, $\chi(1) = 5.23$, $p < 0.05$. Daytime and night-time counter calls, however, did not differ from each other with respect to the valley, $\chi(1) = .249$, $p = 0.61$.

[Figure 6 about here]

DISCUSSION

In the current study, I used passive acoustic monitoring (PAM) to assess vocal activity of wild, unhabituated chimpanzees in Tanzania across a 24h cycle. Whilst chimpanzees called at all hours of the day, including during twilight and nocturnal periods, the majority of loud calls were produced during the day with only an average of two calls/day outside of these hours. Call rates were much lower during nights compared to days, revealing a diurnal pattern of calling with crepuscular peaks (pre-dawn and after dusk). This difference in rate suggests a different purpose for night-time calling. In one of the few other studies systematically examining day vs. night calling in a social, diurnal primate - howler monkeys (*Alouatta seniculus*) – individuals produced more long calls at night and more short calls during the day, with vocal activity throughout the 24h day (Vercauteren Drubbel and Gautier, 1993). The authors speculated that the night-time preference for long calls suggested that they function in inter-troop communication. I suggest a similar function for Issa chimpanzee night-time calls (see below).

355 Calls at Issa did exhibit peaks in early morning and early evening
356 hours, as has been reported elsewhere for chimpanzees (Figure 7) and many
357 other primates such as howler (Sekulic, 1982) and colobus (Schel and
358 Zuberbühler, 2012) monkeys among other primates (Table 1). The traditional
359 explanation for such dawn/dusk chorusing is that animals call at these times
360 to exploit cool and quiet conditions for consistent sound quality transmission
361 (Brown and Handford, 2000; but see Hutchinson, 2002). Animals may also be
362 avoiding hetero-specifics, calling before overall environmental noise increases
363 as day breaks. Subsequent data revealing higher resolution of the Issa
364 soundscape will better contextualize chimpanzees in a broader acoustic
365 environment (Schneider et al., 2008), and especially whether chimpanzees,
366 like some birds, respond at night to changes in day-time noise levels (Fuller et
367 al., 2007).

368 In addition to morning and afternoon calling peaks, Issa chimpanzees
369 also exhibited a predawn peak around 0400, previously reported for gibbons
370 as well (Tenaza, 1976). In *Hylobates klossii*, predawn duets are thought to
371 advertise the occupation of high valued sleeping trees to competitors
372 (Tenaza, 1976). Pre-dawn calls in gibbons may also signal lengthy travelling
373 to come; Whitten (1982) reported a positive relationship between predawn
374 singing and the distance travelled to the first feeding tree, suggesting that
375 there is important information encoded in predawn calls related to food source
376 location. Testing of these ideas is not possible at Issa until full habituation is
377 achieved, but a preliminary check revealed that Issa chimpanzees produced
378 more predawn calls during the dry season, when they feed on more widely
379 dispersed foods (e.g. *Parinari*, *Strychnos* - Piel et al., 2017) compared to the

380 wet season.

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384 In partial support of my hypothesis, chimpanzees called during warmer
385 temperatures and lower humidity, as would be expected if they called during
386 periods of optimal transmission. There was no relationship between calling
387 and rain or wind. I expected lower call rates during rain, but as much because
388 of limitations to recording as behavior. In one of the few studies on animal
389 sound transmission during rainfall, tawny owl (*Strix aluco*) sounds reached
390 only 1.7ha during rainfall, compared to 118ha during non-rain periods (a 69-
391 fold disadvantage) (Lengagne and Slater, 2002). Only data collected from
392 focal follows of chimpanzees during dry and wet seasons would reveal
393 chimpanzee calling patterns during wetter periods.

394 Even with partial support for the AAH, it is likely that social, as well as
395 environmental factors influence chimpanzee calling. Chimpanzee vocal
396 behavior is influenced by party-composition and party-size, with individuals
397 often chorusing when in large parties (Mitani and Brandt, 1994; Mitani and
398 Gros-Louis, 1998; Fedurek et al., 2013). I found support for this with Issa
399 chimpanzee grouping behavior positively associated with twilight call rates.
400 Day and night rates did not correspond to party, suggesting twilight calls are
401 the more useful proxy for group size.

402 Without data on caller identity, I could not directly distinguish intra- from
403 inter-individual calling interactions; nonetheless, results from looking at the
404 location of counter-calls were informative. There was no difference between
405 the origins of counter-calls in day versus night periods, and so I found no

support for nocturnal calls functioning differently than diurnal calls. Subsequent work using acoustic tomography will reveal caller location (Spillman et al. 2015) and provide higher resolution on call function, especially in travel and reunions. Further, investigation into whether call types vary between day-time and night-time calls would be informative, especially if individuals are embedding other important information in their signals such as identity (Levréro and Mathevon, 2013).

Another social explanation for differences between day-time night-time calling is if chimpanzees form small day-time parties and reunite in larger, evening parties (Ogawa et al., 2007). This pattern may be reflected in vocalization behavior, with individuals increasing vocal activity at dusk during reunions and as sleeping clusters form (Hammerschmidt et al., 1994). Hohmann and Fruth (1994) suggested that evening call peaks in bonobos (*P. paniscus*) represented an attempt to gather individuals and “regulate and maintain the social network”, which chimpanzees could be doing as well. In this scenario, I may expect dawn and dusk calls to serve an intra-party function, whereas calls made during the night serve an inter-party function.

Nocturnal (acoustic) activity and implications for hominin activity patterns

The primary advantage to flexibility in activity patterns (e.g. cathemerality) is the allowance for an animal to exploit (or avoid) situations that arise in either day or night-time only. This is most readily seen in chimpanzees in Senegal, where Fongoli chimpanzees exhibit night-time activity to escape soaring day-time temperatures (Pruetz, 2018), and in

Uganda, where Kibale chimpanzees raid crops during the night to avoid fatal encounters with farmers during the day (Krief et al., 2014).

True cathemerality is most widespread in small mammals (Halle, 2006) and in a few primate species, where it has been described in lemurs (Colquhoun, 1998; Curtis et al., 1999) and is likely part of the ancestral condition of the earliest primates (Donati and Borgognini-Tarli, 2006; Santini et al., 2015). Whilst the behaviour observed in both Issa and Fongoli chimpanzees extends past daytime hours into especially twilight and during some periods, nighttime, these are not cathemeral animals, but instead exhibit primary activity during the day, with peaks of crepuscular calling during morning and evening twilight periods. These correspond to waking and nest-building periods, respectively, and thus calls may be used to orient listeners with caller location. In the current study, I have presented evidence of acoustic activity only; it is uncertain what other activity Issa chimpanzee exhibit at night. Only by following individuals at night, either actively (Zamma, 2014; Pruetz, 2018) or remotely (Krief et al., 2014; Tagg et al., this issue) will we learn whether Issa chimpanzee night-time acoustic activity corresponds to other activities as well, e.g. foraging, traveling, etc. and moreover, reveal the regularity and type of such cryptic behavior.

If subsequent data on other apes show similar patterns, we could be looking at a phylogenetic signature in nocturnal behavior for a diurnal species. Issa and Fongoli are both characterised as mosaic landscapes with extreme seasonality, and hot, dry, and open conditions with relatively poor floral diversity compared to tropical forests. Hominins likely confronted similar conditions during the Plio-Pleistocene transition to open environments. As a

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3 456 result, our challenge is to show how nocturnal behavior is an adaptive
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5 457 response, rather than an aberrant behavior. Whilst we may not be able to
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7 458 directly test these hypotheses in hominins, confirming the functional
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9 459 significance of nocturnal activity in chimpanzees and other primates informs
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11 460 whether similar conditions would have promoted the behavior in hominins.
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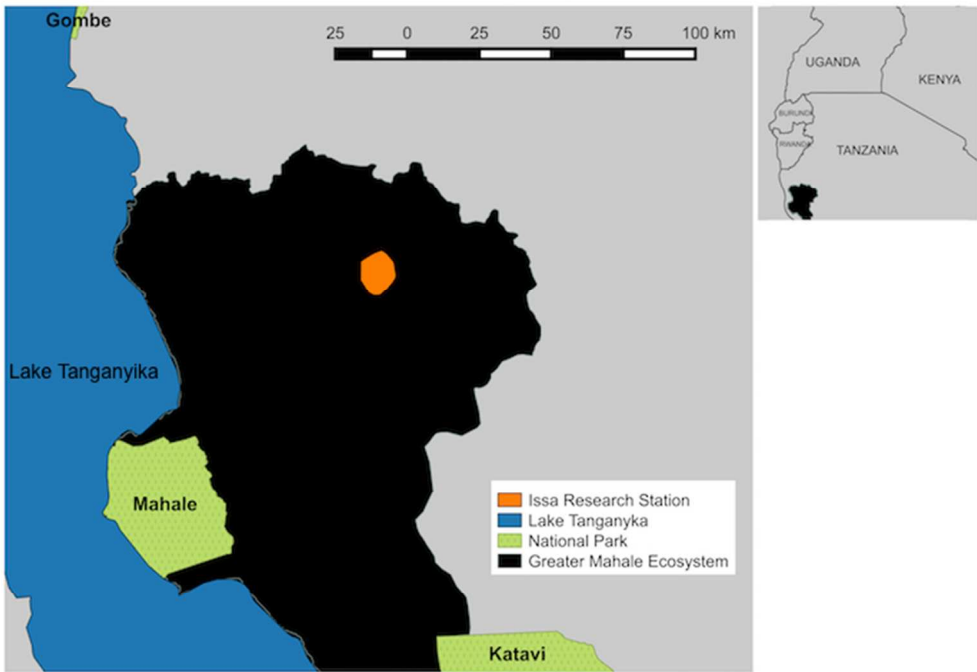
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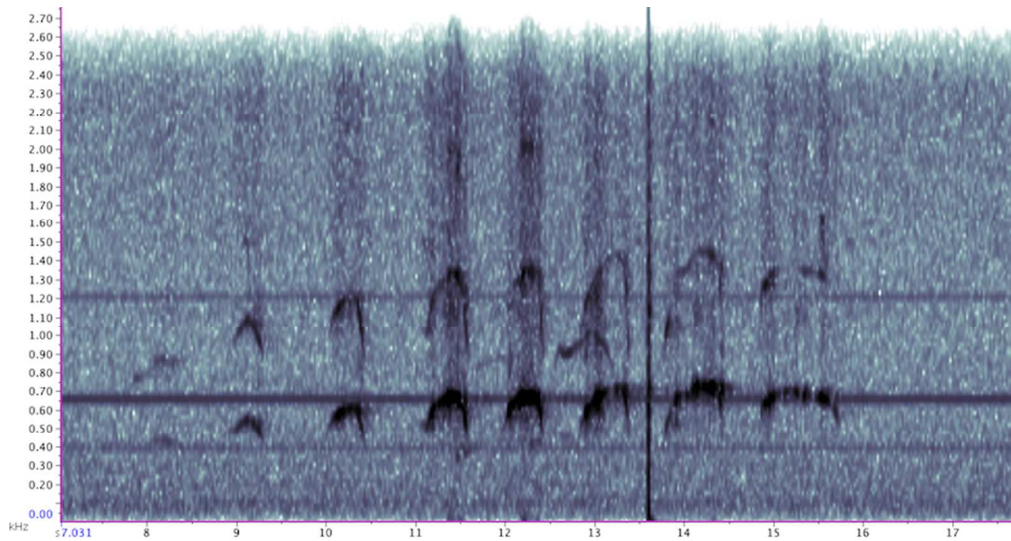
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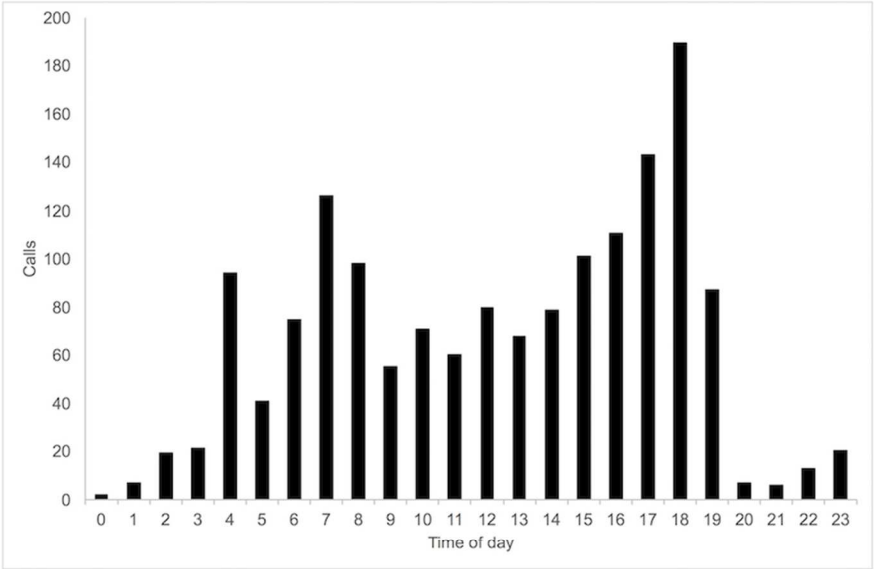


Map of western Tanzania, including the study area (Issa Valley, center) and the surrounding National Parks, two of which - Gombe and Mahale Mountains - host chimpanzees

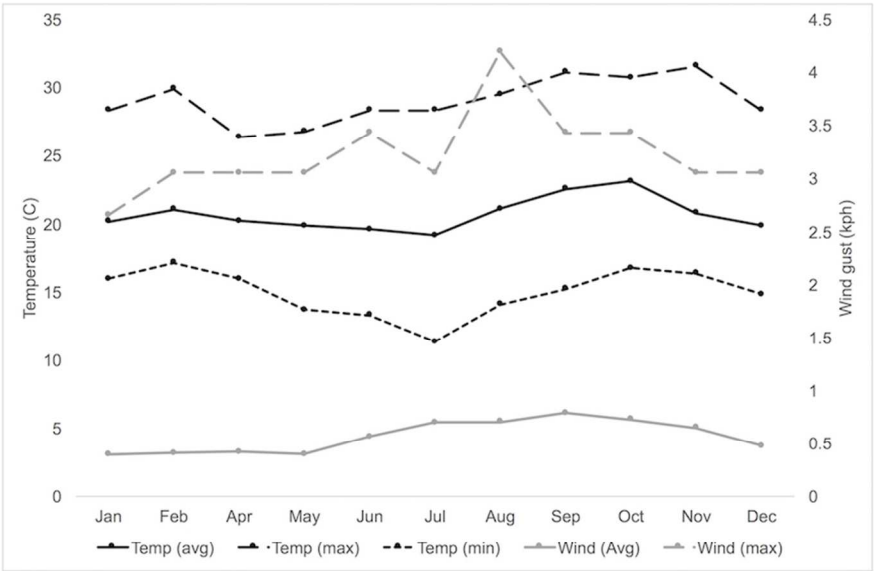
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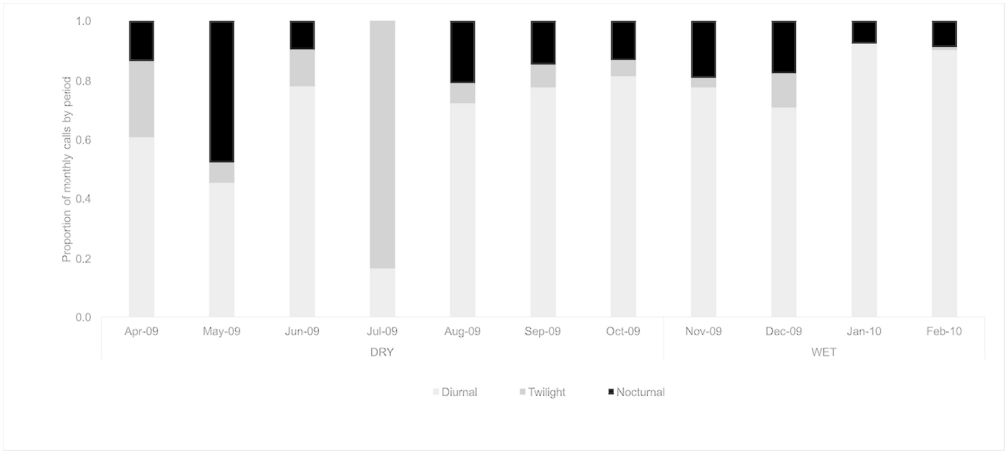
A loud call recorded on a Solar Powered Acoustic Transmission Unit (SPATU) from the Issa Valley
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Hourly distribution of vocalizations recorded across the study period
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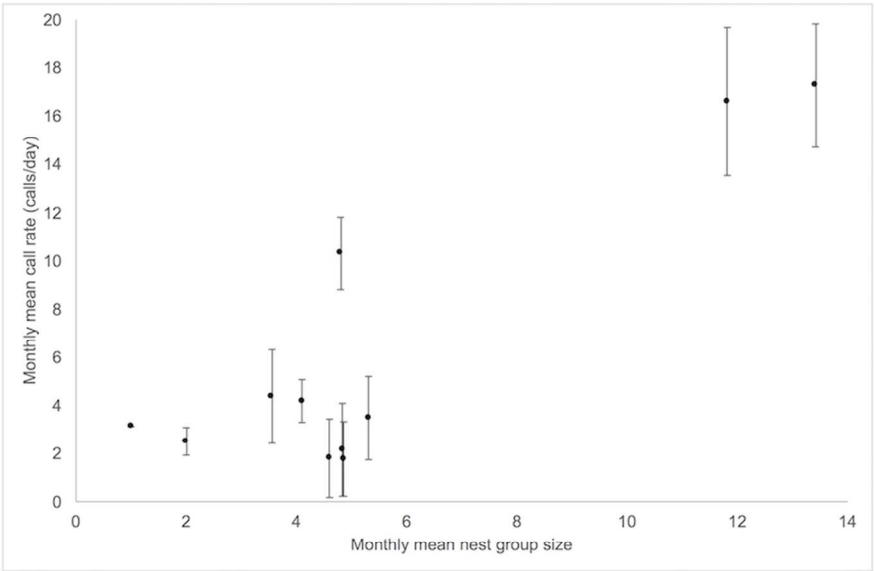


Mean and maximum monthly temperature over the study period
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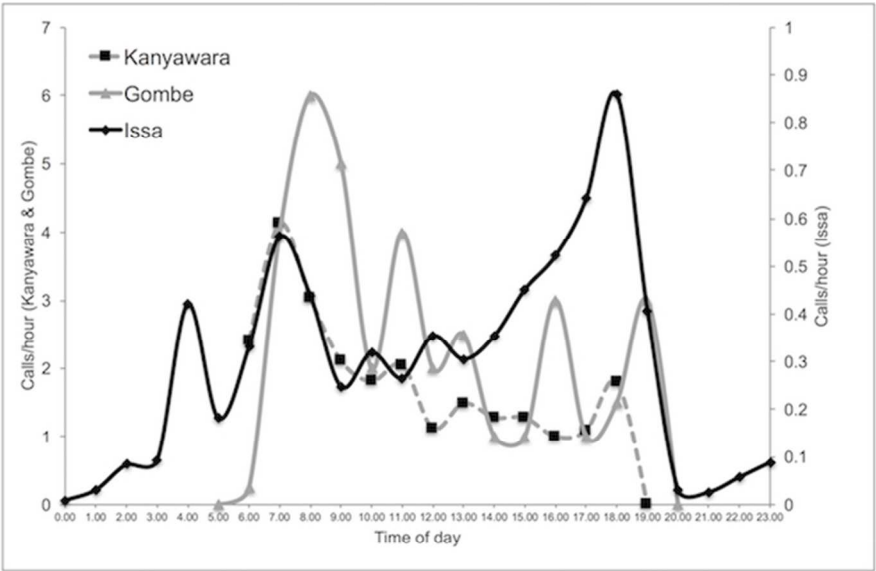
Monthly call proportions during day, twilight, and night-time periods

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Mean monthly call rate and chimpanzee nest group size. Error bars represent minimum and maximum nest groups for each month

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Temporal calling patterns of three chimpanzee communities. Kanyawara data provided by M. Wilson; Gombe data from Wrangham (1975)

60x43mm (300 x 300 DPI)

Table 1 –Temporal calling peaks for various primate species

Common	Species	Call peak(s)	Reference
	<i>Cacajao melanocephalus</i>		(Bezerra, Souto, & Jones, 2010)
Common marmoset	<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	0500-100	(Martins et al., 2009)
	<i>Callicebus torquatus</i>	615-630	(Kinzey & Robinson, 1983)
Black Howler	<i>Alouatta araya</i>	Sunrise	(Byrne & da Cunha, 2006)
Black Howler	<i>Alouatta pigra</i>	Morning	(Cornick & Markowitz, 2002)
Red Howler	<i>Alouatta seniculis</i>	730; 1330	(Sekulic, 1982)
Barbary macaque	<i>Macaca sylvanus</i>	2100	(Hammerschmidt, Ansorge, Fischer, & Todt, 1994)
Mentawai langur	<i>Presbytis potenziani</i>	700	
Purple faced langurs	<i>Trachypithecus vetulus nestor</i>	~545 ¹	(Schneider, Hodges, Fischer, & Hammerschmidt, 2008)
Mentawai leaf	<i>Simias concolor</i>	700	
Black and White Colobus	<i>Colobus guereza</i>	2h before dawn	(Marler, 1969; Schel & Zuberbühler, 2012)
Kloss gibbon	<i>Hylobates klossii</i>	400 (males); 800 (females)	(Tenaza, 1976)
Kloss gibbon	<i>Hylobates klossii</i>	800	(Schneider et al., 2008; Whitten, 1982)
Lar gibbon	<i>Hylobates lar</i>	500 (males); 700 (females)	(Raemaekers, Raemakers, & Haimoff, 1984)
Silvery gibbon	<i>Hylobates molloch</i>	0500 ²	(Geissmann & Nijman, 2006)
Orangutan	<i>Pongo pygmaeus</i>	0500; 0800; 1500	(Galdikas, 1983; Mitani, 1985)
Bonobo	<i>Pan paniscus</i>	1700	(Hohmann & Fruth, 1994)
Chimpanzee	<i>Pan troglodytes</i>	700	(Wilson, Hauser, & Wrangham, 2007)

¹ Earlier calls reported only² 500 peaks for males from Limng Asir, whilst data for females are from Ujung Kulon

Table 2 – Results of a General linear model with chimpanzee call rate as a response variable and temperature, relative humidity, and wind gust as fixed effects. Bolded values are significant (<0.05).

	Estimate	Standard error	t-value	p-value
Temperature	0.098	0.028	3.42	0.000
Relative humidity	-0.020	0.005	-3.72	0.000
Wind gust	0.056	0.081	0.69	0.489
Rainfall	-0.119	0.130	0.92	0.358
Seasonality	0.220	0.185	1.19	0.233