



Sparsholt College Project Presentation



South Africa Agriculture Project

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AGRICULTURE PROJECT OVERVIEW

Overview and location
of the project



ABOUT THE PROJECT

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Your Conservation Field Trip Explained

- A unique academic Agriculture based experience based in South Africa
- The opportunity to experience hands-on agriculture in South Africa
- Bespoke, tailor-made projects to suit research requirements
- Project Activities include:
 - Community engagement
 - Wildlife management
 - Livestock and Domestic work
 - Land management
- All-inclusive experience
- Full 9-night programme

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KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife & Veterinary Project

Our academic team and experienced agricultural specialists provide a tailored course designed to meet the specific objectives and learning needs of each institution. The program offers a comprehensive 9-day academic module, which includes practical, hands-on experiences across two conservation reserves.

This is an immersive educational experience, not a safari holiday!

A full day will be planned but will vary from day to day depending on the days task and research goals.

The project split and duration are as follows:

9 Day Itinerary

Days 1 – 6

Zingela Wilderness Conservation

Days 6 – 9

Nambiti Big 5 Conservation Research



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KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research Project- Location

- South Africa a world leader in conservation
- Malaria free KwaZulu Natal





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6 Days at Zingela Wilderness

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Zingela River Safari

Zingela Wildlife Reserve covers 12,500 acres of predator free, pristine African bushveld. You will have the opportunity to be involved with the research that takes place at the property;. You will also have the chance to participate in a host of activities during your stay.



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Potjie Cooking Competition

A traditional South African experience, the Potjie competition involves cooking a stew in three-legged pots over an open fire..

The winning dish, judged by our expert cooks, will be served for dinner, allowing everyone to enjoy the fruits of their labor.



Cattle dipping and parasite management

Cattle dipping in KwaZulu-Natal is essential for protecting livestock from ticks and tick-borne diseases. By immersing cattle in a chemical bath, farmers ensure animal health and safeguard their livelihoods, preventing disease outbreaks that could harm productivity. This routine practice supports both animal welfare and the local economy.



Animal Welfare Outreach Program

Participants will join the camp's in-house veterinarian to assist local Zulu farmers in caring for their livestock, primarily goats, but also including dogs, cats, sheep, and cattle, depending on the participants' qualifications and experience.

Vaccinating and Caring for Local Farmers' Goats

Working with Various Animals at the Homestead

Animal Welfare Education at Local Schools



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Animal Welfare Outreach Program



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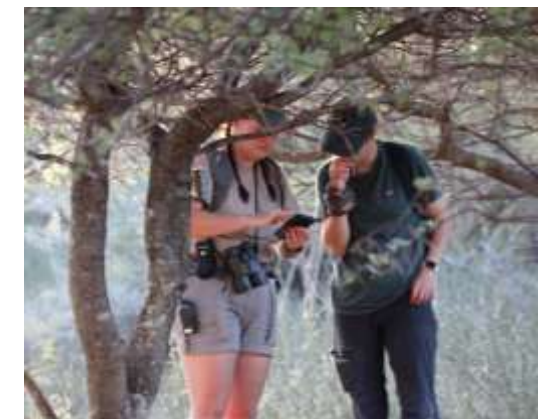
CO2 project and kitchen garden

Planting high oxygen-producing plants in KwaZulu-Natal helps offset CO2 emissions and combat climate change. Indigenous trees and fast-growing species are particularly effective at absorbing carbon while releasing oxygen. This contributes to improving air quality, supporting biodiversity, and enhancing the region's natural carbon sinks, playing a vital role in local conservation efforts.



Land management

Removing invasive alien plants like prickly pear is crucial for restoring native biodiversity and supporting local ecosystems. This also aids in water conservation, as alien species often consume excessive water, depriving native plants. By clearing these invaders, we help rejuvenate natural water sources and promote healthier grasslands.



River Assessments and fishing

Fresh water eel project –
understanding life cycle using GPS
data

Fish tagging and release

Collecting biometric data

SASS – South African Scoring System

Fishing for leisure



Giraffe Migration and Research Project

Population data and database for individuals

Migration and range data through unfenced territories

Diet and vegetation impact assessment

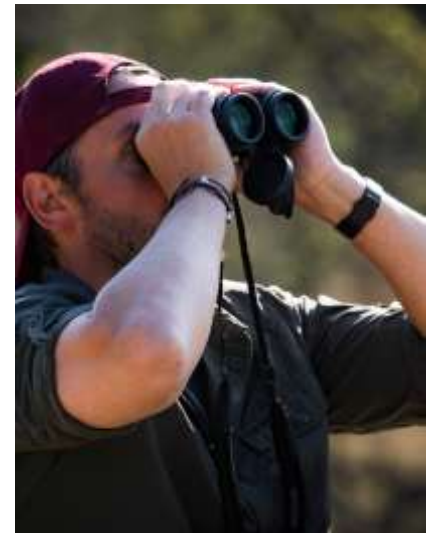
Genetic diversity



ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

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Educational Bush Walks – Ecology and Botany



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River Safari – Rafting and Kayaking



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Abseiling and Rock Climbing



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3 Days at Nambiti Game Reserve

A Big Five Game Reserve



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Nambiti Game Reserve

Nambiti Game Reserve is a magnificent 23,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness boasting the Big 5 and incredible biodiversity (grasslands, riverine bush, savannah and thornveld) offering unprecedented diversity of wildlife.



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Home to over 40 Species of Mammal



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Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species



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Nambiti Research Team



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Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoor



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Big Five Bush Walk



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Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators

Focus on Lion and Cheetah populations:

GPS coordinates from tracking collars

Can be used for movement/spatial/home range analysis



Wildlife Monitoring – Elephant Impact Assessment

Research into impact of elephant on the eco system:

Matriarch collared so GPS range data available

Herd population data

Elephant impact assessments from February '23

Long term ongoing project looking at elephant impact on vegetation



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Rhino Monitoring – Awareness and Anti-Poaching



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Night Game Drives





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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

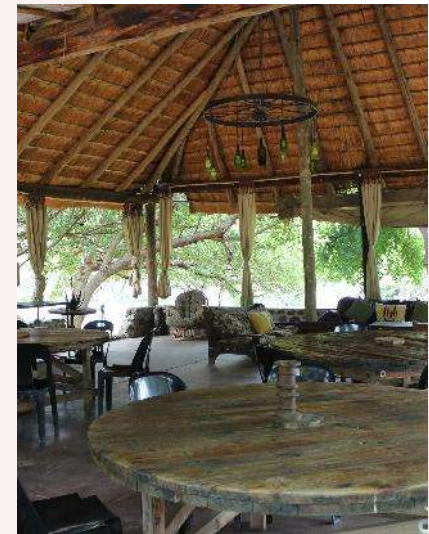
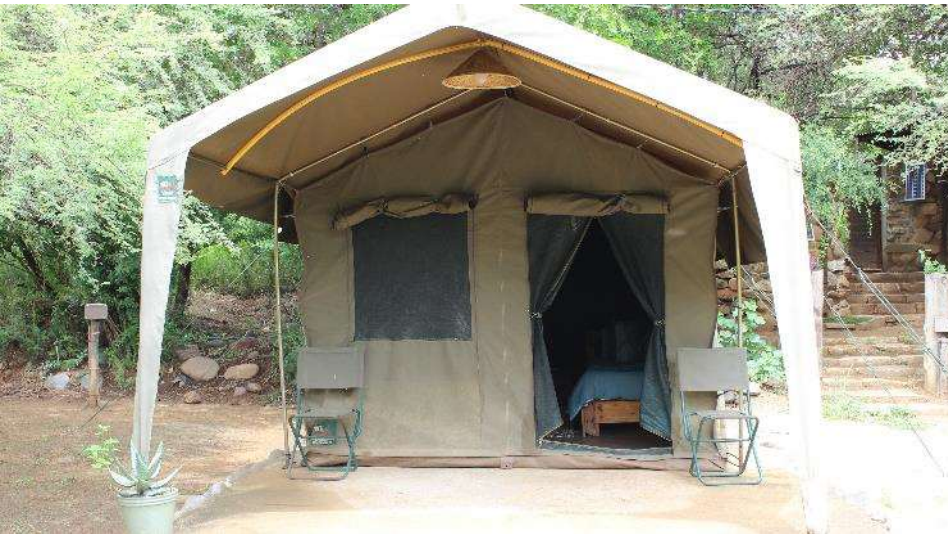
Life in the African Bush



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Game Reserve Camps - Zingela



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Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti

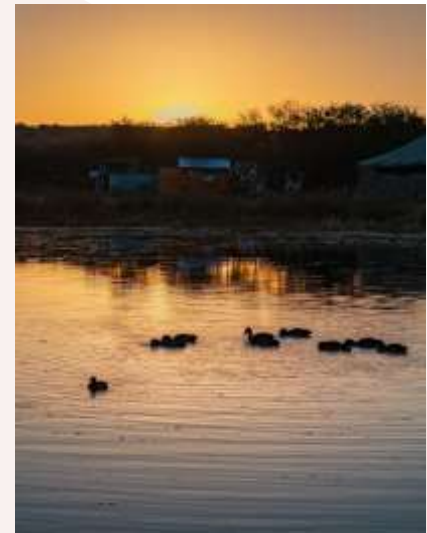
In keeping with the Safari Adventure theme, groups are accommodated on the reserve in comfortable safari tents, with communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. All meals are provided in a communal dining room.



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Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti



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Food at the project

Three meals are provided a day prepared by the kitchen staff.

Breakfasts will consist of toast and cereals; lunch may include pasta, wraps, burgers, stir fry; dinners include meat, fish and vegetables with rice, potatoes or pasta.

On weekends a braai (BBQ) is often organised.

Please advise us of any dietary requirements in advance so we can ensure that you are adequately catered for.



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Food at the project



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Life on project – Life long memories



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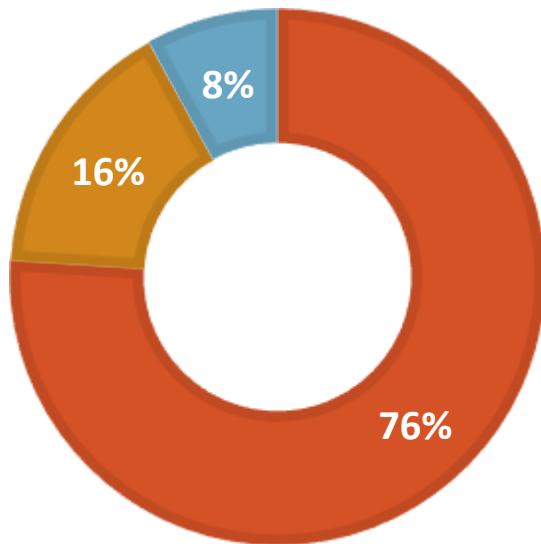
WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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Personal Development

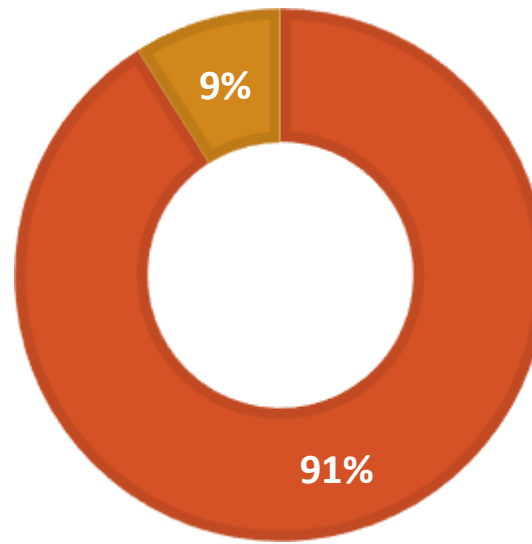
MENTAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

■ Yes ■ No ■ NA



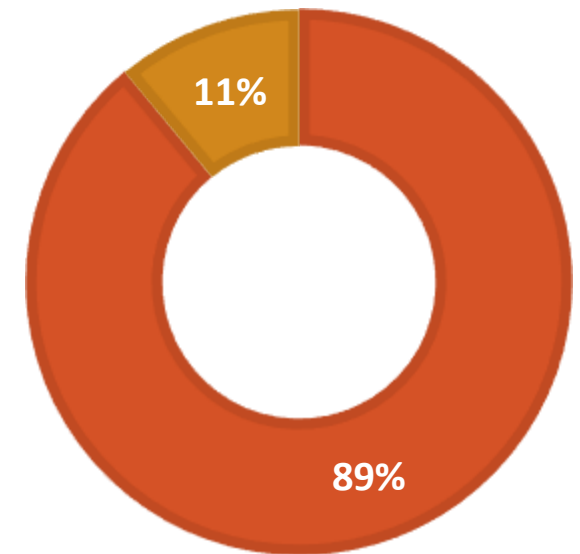
CONFIDENCE IMPROVEMENT

■ Yes ■ No



RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENT

■ Yes ■ No

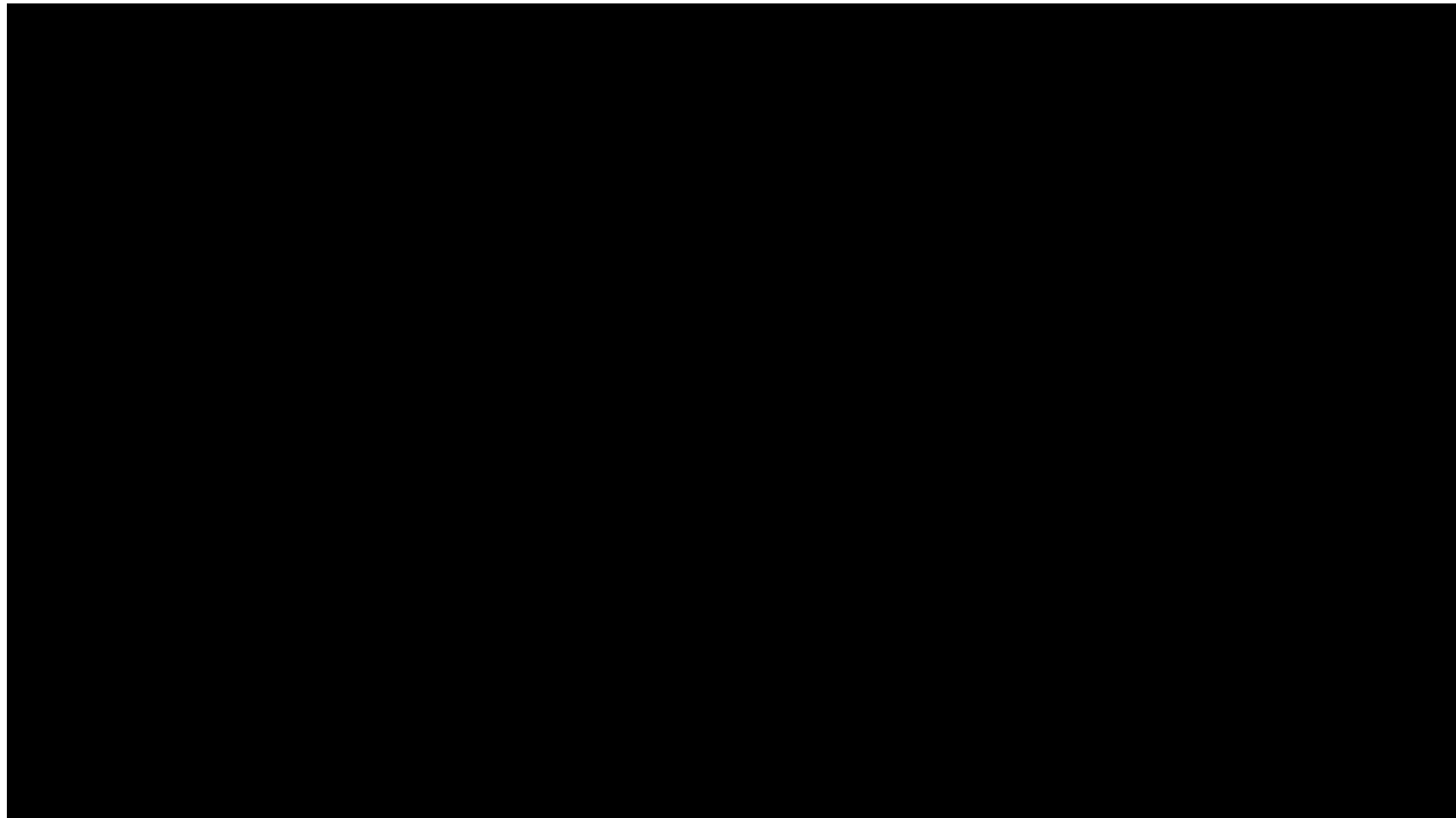


Reference: GAP Africa Projects Post Project Trip Questionnaire 23/24

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KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research Video





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THE NEXT STEPS TO YOUR FIELD TRIP

The next steps to the trip of a
lifetime!



THE NEXT STEPS

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Project dates & key deadlines

Confirmed trip dates:

Depart UK: 1st June | Arrive SA: 2nd June 2025

Depart SA: 10th June | Arrive UK: 11th June 2025

Trip cost:

Estimated £2,195.00 – £2,295.00 Based on a group of 18 (confirmed once flights have been held)

Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 11/10/2024
- Deposit payment, £300.00 25/10/2024
- 50% instalment payment of £0000.00 to be paid by 10/02/2025
- Balance payment of £0000.00 to be paid by 07/04/2025
- Payment plans available
- 2 before departure e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

What is Included?

- Flights from London Heathrow
- Transfers to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals per day
- All activities as part of the project
- ATOL protection
- Airport meet/greet
- 24/7 In country support

NOT Included

- Personal Travel Insurance *
- Meals on travel days – before arriving & after departing from project
- Any activities not specified as part of the project
- Visa's/travel documents

* We recommend that you take out personal travel insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed.

BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

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Booking Form

A screenshot of the 'GAP Africa Projects' booking form. The header features a banner with cheetahs and the text 'GAP AFRICA PROJECTS'. Below the banner, the title 'BOOKING FORM' is displayed. The form includes a note: '(NB: Your name should be given as displayed on your passport)'. The fields are: Title (dropdown), Name (three text boxes), Date of birth (calendar), Passport no. (text box), Passport issue Date (calendar), Passport Expiry Date (calendar), Nationality of Passport (dropdown), Next of Kin Details (Full name, Relationship), Contact Telephone (text box), and a final text box for dietary requirements.

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Sustainability & Social, Economic Responsibility

Local employment from rural communities – our project partners employ a high percentage of staff from local communities. They advocate training to advance careers in hospitality, wildlife and conservation.

Low environmental impact camps – our project bush camps are built with minimal impact on the environment. Resources from the surrounding area are utilised for buildings, water is (where possible) pumped from local river sources and green energy supplies, such as solar are championed.

Community donations and support – we encourage all our international study groups to be proactive in donation collections and arrange for excess baggage for said donations to be taken out to South Africa in support of the local communities.

Move Africa, supporting young females – 3 in 10 girls in South Africa miss a week of school every month because they cannot afford basic sanitary products. Our project partners work with Move Africa alongside their partner NGOs, to distribute menstrual cups to the local communities and provide education workshops.

Rhino Art – Project rhino realises the enormous responsibility the youth have to ensure our wildlife is protected for many generations to come. They ensure they can reach and educate as many kids as possible through Rhino Art, using art workshops to teach about conservation. This initiative is supported by our local project partners.

Food/crop education – our project partners encourage food and crop education to rural communities, where cost of living to low income families and distance travelled to obtain basic resources can prove problematic. Projects include community allotments and providing education on best practice for crop rotations, harvest seasons and nutrition.

Recycling workshops – Litter, and in particular plastics, is a major issue and threat to the ecosystem in Southern Africa. Rural communities have limited waste removal available and it is therefore a problem escalating at an alarming rate. Recycling workshops are provided through local schools to help educate children on the importance of correctly disposing of litter and recycling plastics.



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Reptile Research and Trapping

Data collection started in 2022 with annual projects planned

Species frequency

Herpetofauna succession during vegetation rehabilitation

Comparing herpetological diversity



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Use of Telemetry Tracking



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Your Conservation Programme – Nambiti

Students will be taught and work alongside the field guides and conservation team. The following examples depict the day-to-day activities that may be undertaken as part of the project at Nambiti.

- Alien Vegetation Control & Reserve Maintenance
- Use of Telemetry Tracking
- Elephant Monitoring / Population Study
- Rhino Monitoring – Awareness
- Anti-poaching talk and fence walk
- Camera Trapping
- Night Drive
- Big Five Bush Walk
- Habitat and Prey Selection of Predators
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Community Development

