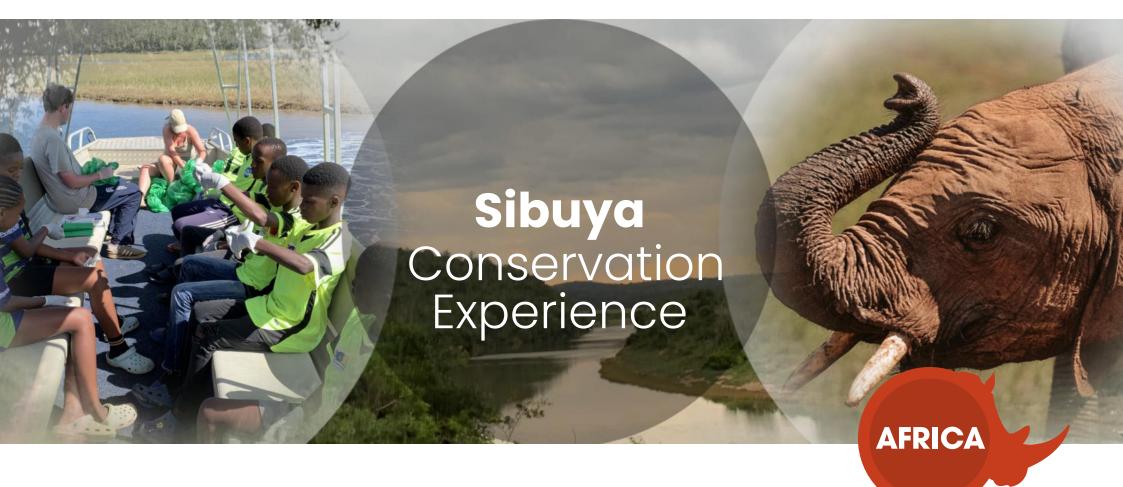


## SRUC Oatridge Group Presentation



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## **ABOUT US:**

#### **GAP Africa Projects**

- We are a specialised travel company that offers academic trips and volunteering opportunities for groups and individual travellers, in a number of locations worldwide
- We pride ourselves on curating experiences which are personalised to your needs and requirements
- Our first project travelled in 2010



- Full ATOL Bonding
- Working with over 50 Colleges and Universities around the UK
- A small dedicated team in the UK and South Africa.



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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our conservation work in more detail

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#### Sibuya and the Waterberg Conservation Research Project

This unique project will allow you to experience up to three different projects starting with a 14-day project in the Eastern Cape, with the option of extending your stay to 28 days and travelling to the north of the country staying at two different reserves in the Waterberg Biosphere

A full day will be planned but will vary daily depending on the day's task and research goals.

The project split and duration are as follows:

14 Day Itinerary

Module 1 - Days 1 - 14 Sibuya Conservation Experience

Optional add-on (Greater Waterberg Biosphere)

Module 2 - Days 14 - 21 Waterberg Biomonitoring Research

Days 21-28 Swebe Swebe Wildlife Conservation Project

#### **Your Conservation Field Trip Explained**

- A unique conservation experience based in South Africa
- Live on three unique Wild African Game Reserves
- The opportunity to experience hands-on wildlife conservation
- Working behind the scenes on a Game Reserve in Africa
- Tailor-made projects to suit your needs and interests
- Project Activities include:
  - Pioneering Conservation Research
  - Conservation Activities
  - Coastal and River Activities
  - Adventure and Excitement
- All-inclusive experience
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

#### What is a Game Reserve?

- A game reserve is a large area of protected land where wild animals can live safely.
- Wildlife is free roaming throughout the reserve allowing them to thrive in their natural habitat.
- Reserves are either Government Owned (National Parks) or Privately Owned/Managed.
- Most reserves will have physical boundaries i.e. electrified fence line.
- Due to physical boundaries, wildlife must be managed due to restraints on population growth, migration and resources.
- Wildlife is protected but also utilised as a tourist attraction (Eco Tourism) which creates funding for conservation efforts and research.





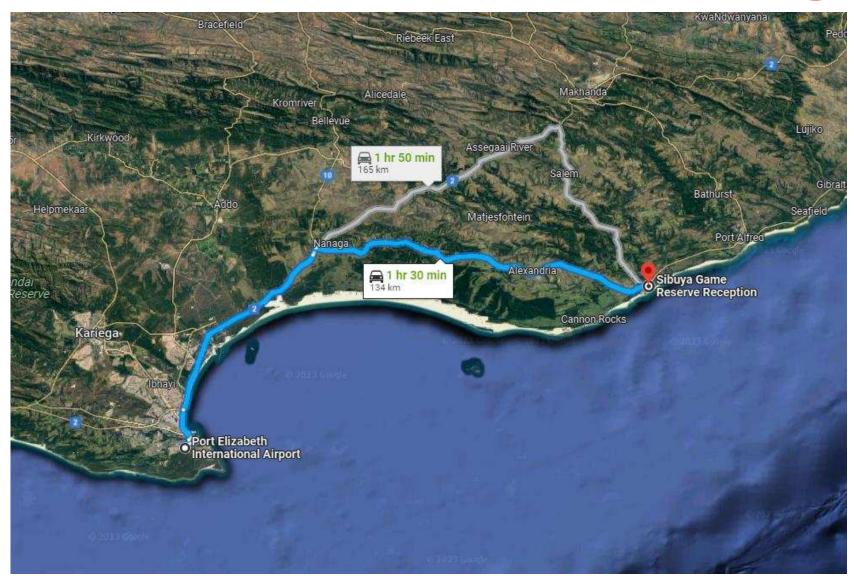


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# Module One:

## Sibuya Conservation Experience

#### **Sibuya Game Reserve Location**



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#### **Stunning River Reserve**



Home to the BIG 5







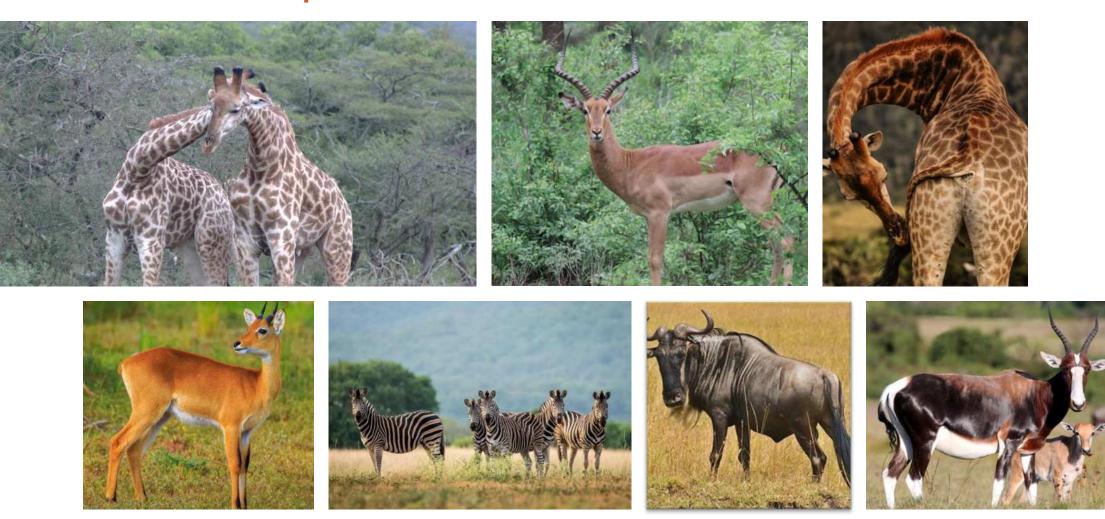
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#### Home to over 45 Species of Mammal



#### Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species



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## **YOUR PROJECT**

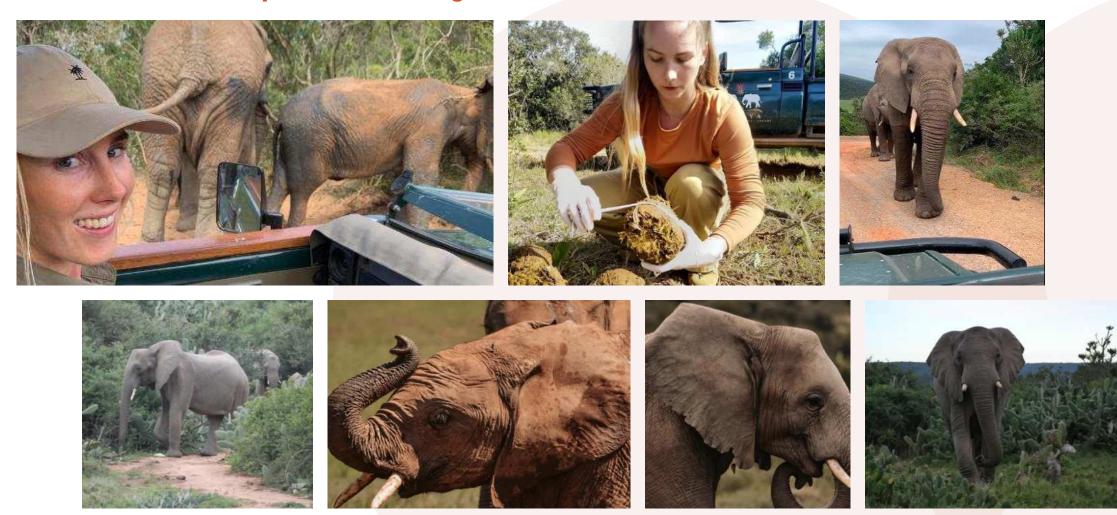
#### **Your Conservation Programme**

- Lion monitoring
- Elephant monitoring
- Rhino monitoring
- Ocean Research Institute fish tagging
- Fencing and Alien Plant clearing
- Community Outreach
- Possible Veterinary Interventions
- Coastal Dunes and Rocky Shores
- Kayak Expedition 15km
- Pitfall trap insect collection and Identification
- Starry Night Constellation Observation
- SANCCOB visit

#### Presentations and Talks on:

- Lion Conservation
- Elephant Ecology
- Rhino Conservation
- Ornithology (Birds)

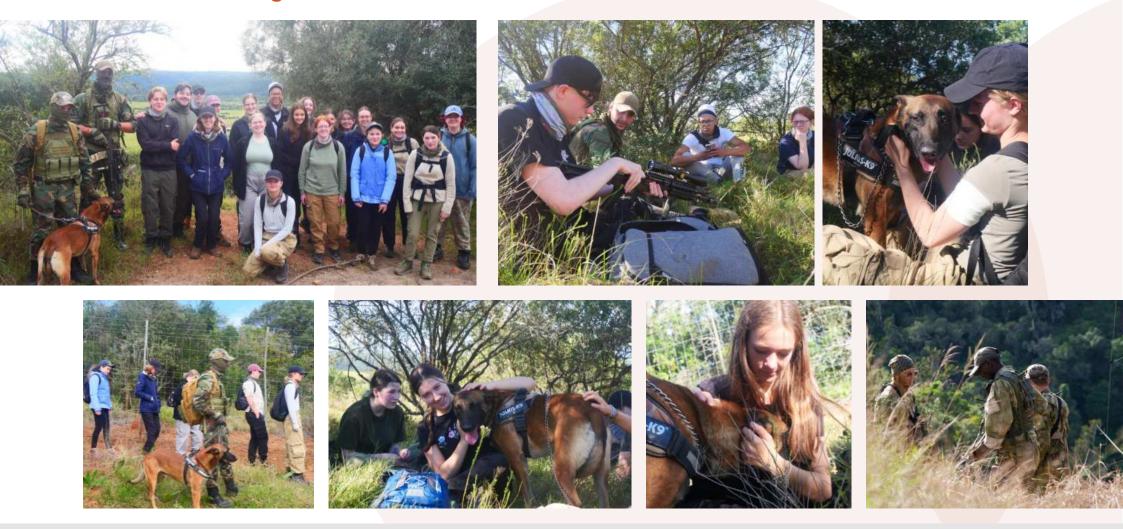
#### **Research - Elephant Monitoring**



#### **Research – Rhino Tracking**



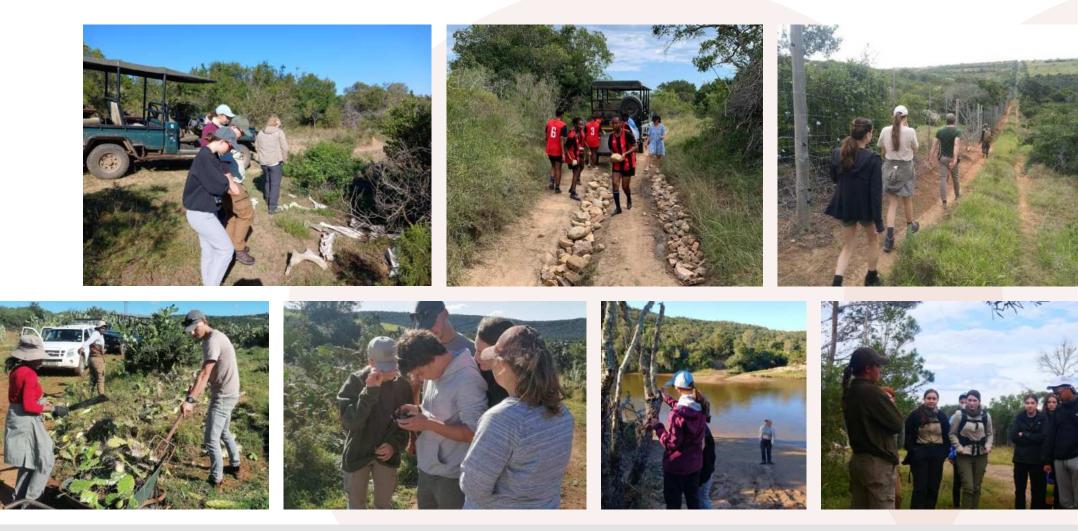
#### Anti-Poaching



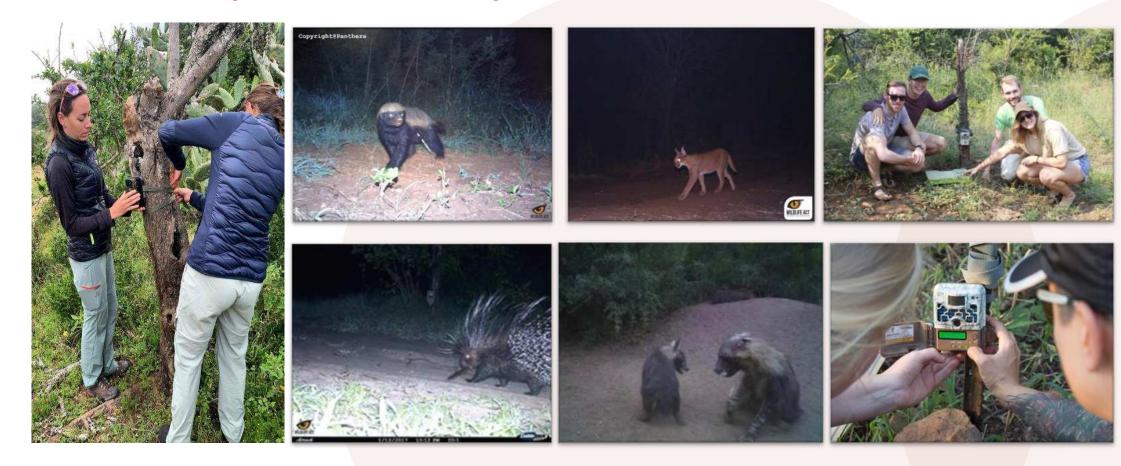
#### **Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators**



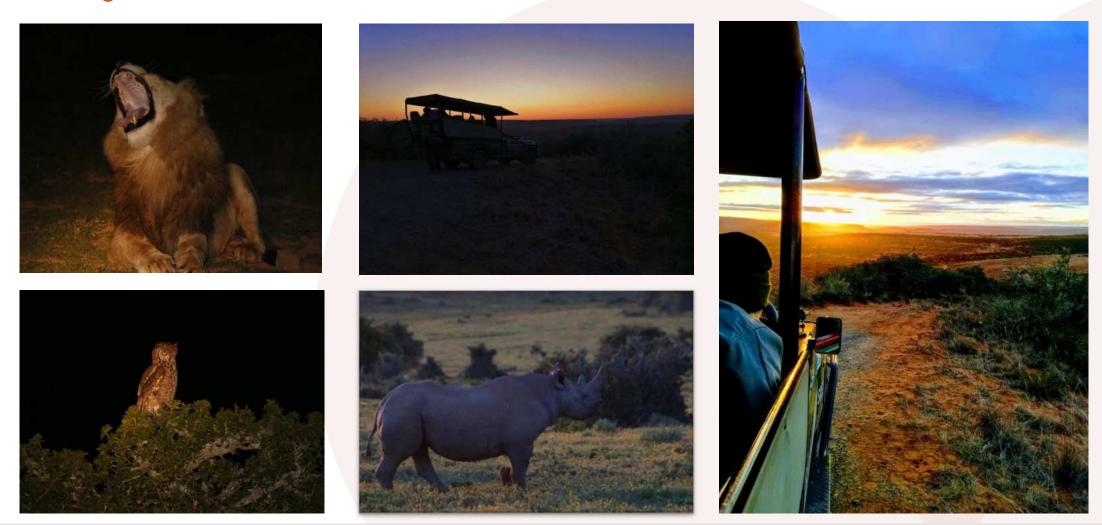
#### **Reserve Maintenance**



#### Camera Trap - Research and Study



#### Night Game Drives



#### **Possible Veterinary Interactions**







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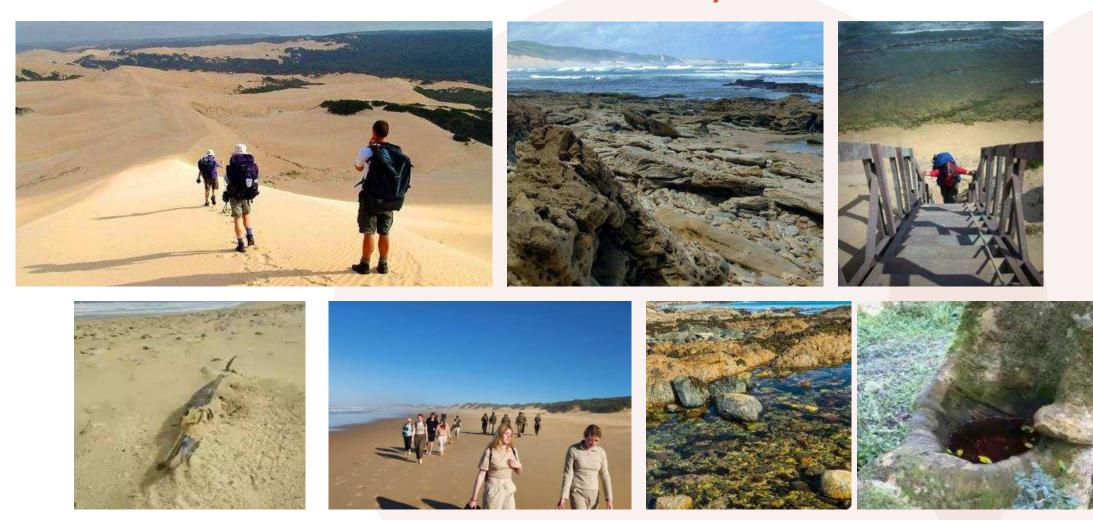


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#### Ocean Research Institute Fish Tagging



#### Alexandria Dune Trail 7km & Coastal Dunes and Rocky Shores



#### **River Activities**



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**ANY QUESTIONS?** 

#### **Community Engagement Days**















#### **Community - GAP Donation Bags**















## **YOUR PROJECT**

#### **Sample Itinerary**

#### Week 1

Day 1: Arrival and settling into accommodation

Day 2: Welcome presentation, elephant monitoring, elephant conservation talk, camera trap set up

Day 3: Rhino conservation talk, rhino monitoring

Day 4: Fence management, alien plant removal, Bird count, ornithology presentation

Day 5: Community outreach (delivering dog food), town trip

Day 6-7: Leisure time/adventure activities

#### Week 2:

Day 8 Lion conservation presentation, lion monitoring, buffalo management

Day 9: Alexandria Dune Trail, rocky shore practical

Day 10: Fish Tagging, Boat cruise

Day 11: Wildlife monitoring drive and picnic

- Day 12: Camera trap collections and farewell dinner
- Day 13: Team breakfast and depart





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## **OPTIONAL WEEKEND EXCURSIONS**



Weekend Options will be sent in advance of your departure.

> Pre-Booked or Paid Locally





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# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

#### Intaka Bird Lodge

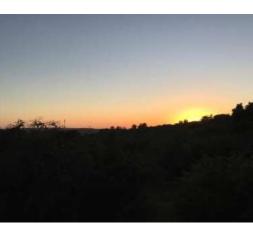
Together with the team, the group will be accommodated and hosted at the beautiful Intaka Bird Lodge (situated close to the Reserve). Happy family vibes, expansive grounds to explore and a large swimming pool with braai (BBQ) area make it the perfect spot to relax and unwind from the adventures of the day. Participants will share comfortable twin-bedded rooms with ensuite bathrooms, including full board (3 meals a day).











#### Intaka Bird Lodge















#### Life on the Reserve







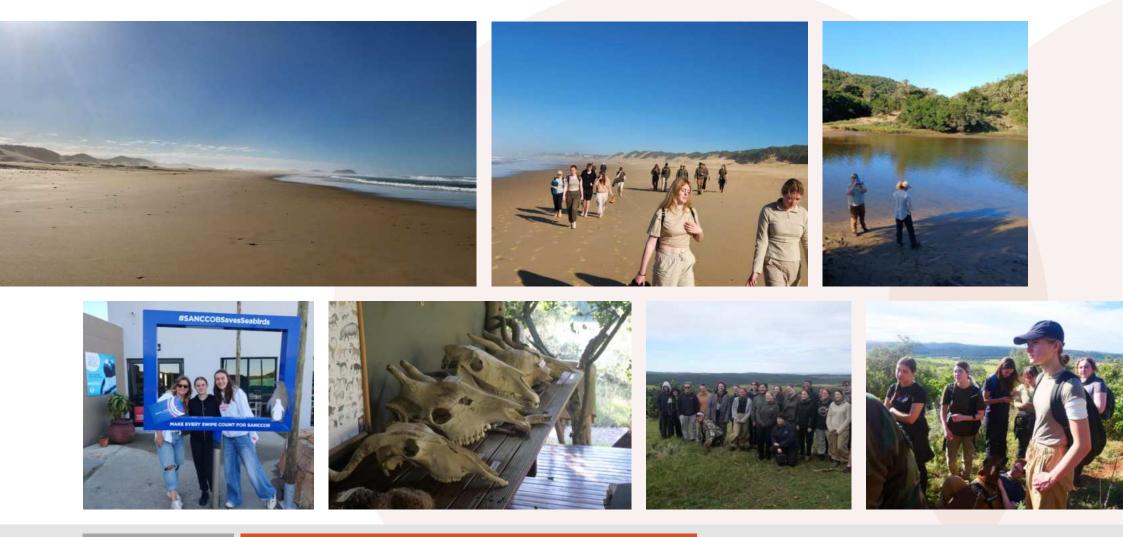








#### Life on the Reserve



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# Module Two: Greater Waterberg Biosphere

Days 14 - 28

# ABOUT GREATER WATERBERG BIOSPHERE AFRICA

#### **Your Conservation Field Trip Explained**

After 14 days in the Eastern Cape you will two options

Option 1: Return Home

Option 2: Travel to the Greater Waterberg Biosphere to continue your project spending a week in two uniquely different reserves



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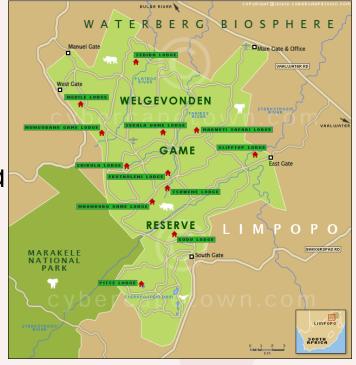
# WELGEVONDEN GAME RESERVE

Our conservation work in more detail

### **ABOUT WELGEVONDEN**

#### Welgevonden Game Reserve

- 36,000 Hectare Privately Managed Game Reserve
- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere
- Work alongside the conservation team including:
  - Wildlife Vets
  - Conservation Researchers
  - Ecologists
  - Anti Poachi<mark>ng Unit</mark>
- Located in a Malaria free zone
- Proclaimed Protected Conservation Area
- Savannah Eco System
- Research Camp Accommodation



#### Bush Skills – Bush Walks, Tracking Wildlife



#### **Monitoring the Welgevonden Rhino Population**

Behavioural observations, body condition, herd structure, photos and GPS locations are recorded to document where the animals are occurring; keeping tabs on the localities and activities of Black and White Rhino on Welgevonden.





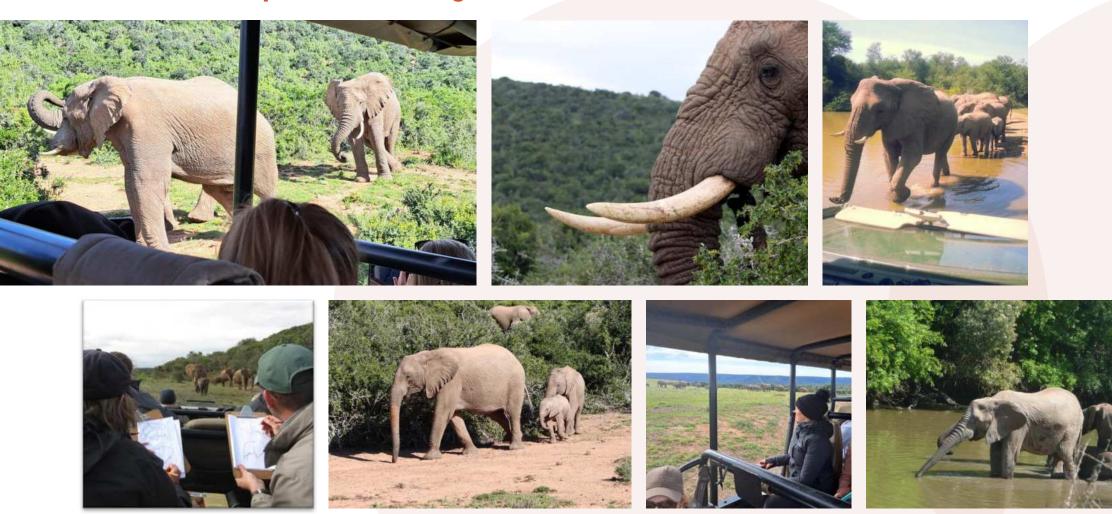








### **Research - Elephant Monitoring**



#### **Monitoring Herbivore Condition and Health**



#### Free-roaming Waterberg Wild Dog - Talks







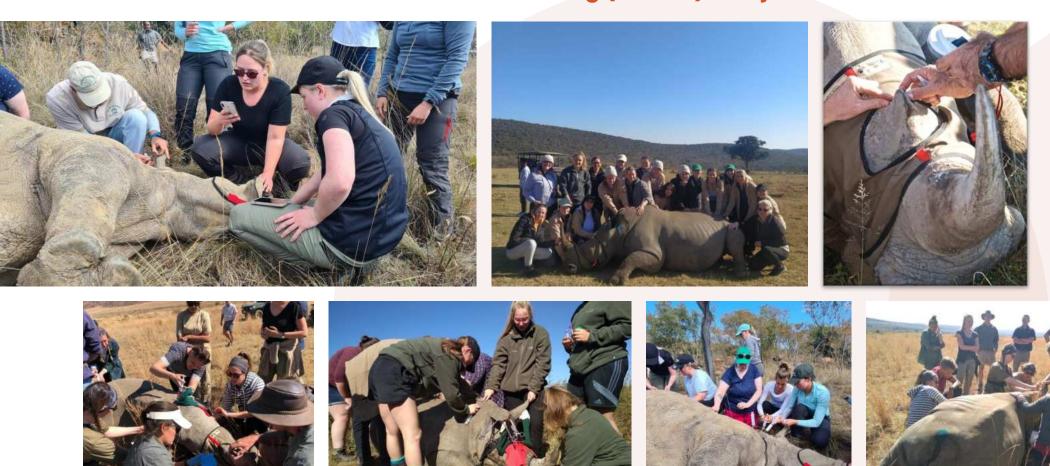








#### Rhino – DNA Collection, ID and Ear Notching (Rhodis) or injuries



#### Cheetah Relocation - Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)















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# ACCOMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Living in the African Bush

#### Meals

All meals are included, and there is a communal kitchen where food will be prepared in groups.

Some days lunch will be had back at camp, other days lunch will be brought into the field to be had as a picnic.

Evenings are spent at leisur<mark>e around the campfire.</mark>

Only Sunday will be an off day to 'chill' in camp or do extra activities.







#### **Welgevonden Accommodation**

The student centre and camp is based on the reserve and boasts ten tents that sleep two to four people per tent in single beds, each tent also has lighting and electricity supply. There are communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. There are communal facilities including a lecture room, canteen, lounge, entertainment area and storage fridge.









#### Welgevonden

All meals are provided in the communal dining room, there is an outside area for dining as well.

Three meals are provided daily on a self cook basis, prepared communally by the group. Students will take part in communal cooking and keeping the kitchen tidy.

Meals will either be served at the facility or in the field 'picnic' style, this depends on activities either planned or unscheduled.

The research team often work 6 days a week so time off is often limited to Sundays only.

Most evenings are spent at leisure around the camp.









#### Life on Reserve



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# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

The next steps to the trip of a lifetime!

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

### What is included?

- Flights
- 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
- Tips

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



### THE NEXT STEPS

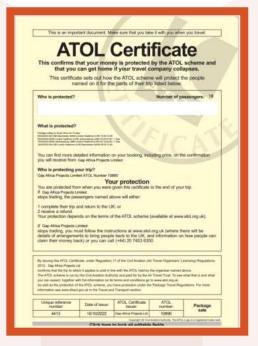
#### **Confirmation Documents**

Confirmation documents will be issued and sent directly to you via email.

Please communicate with us with any questions relating to the field trip.







### BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE Module one: - Sibuya

### Dates & key deadlines

2025 trip dates are:

Depart UK: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 18<sup>th</sup> Arrive SA: 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Depart SA: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August | Arrive UK: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025

#### Trip cost:

£2825 – £2995 est. depending on group sizes

#### Key deadlines are:

- Return of booking forms by **29/10/2025**
- Deposit payment of £300 to confirm placement
- Instalment payment of 50% due 02/06/2025
- Balance payment due **02/06/2025**
- Payment schedule available to help manage finances
- E tickets will be issued 2 weeks prior to departure and emailed to students



# **BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE**

Module one: - Sibuya

**Booking Form** 

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Module one and two: - Sibuya and Greater Waterberg Biosphere

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Depart SA: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August | Arrive UK: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025

#### Trip cost:

£3850 – £3950 est. depending on group sizes

#### Key deadlines are:

- Return of booking forms by 29/10/2025
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