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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 2012
- Full ATOL Bonding
- Working with over 55 Colleges and Universities around the UK

A small dedicated team in the UK and South Africa





Your Conservation Field Trip Explained

- A unique conservation experience based in South Africa
- Live in a research camp on a wild African game reserve
- 13 night programme specifically tailored for VN students
- Two project locations
- Learn about conservation management
- Project Activities include:
 - Pioneering Conservation Research
 - Conservation Activities
- Dedicated vehicles and conservation staff
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

Your two project locations

Your trip is split between two locations, in the same province of South Africa. You will first observe a focused wildlife veterinary practice on a reserve in the Waterberg, Limpopo Province (Entabeni Safari Conservancy) before travelling to Welgevonden Game Reserve to work with their academic team and qualified rangers at the Waterberg Biomonitoring Project. Project locations and duration are as follows:

Itinerary

1 Night

Johannesburg

7 Nights

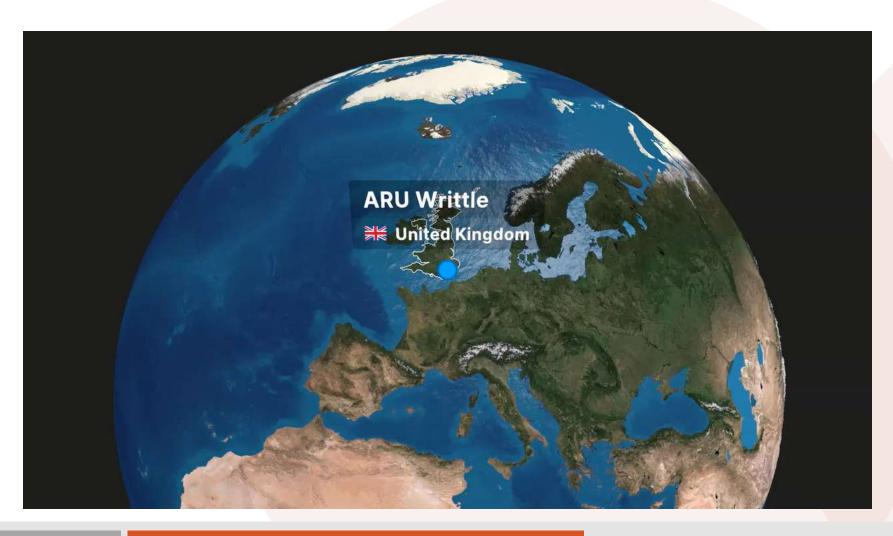
Entabeni Safari Conservancy – Waterberg – Limpopo Province

5 Nights

Waterberg Biomonitoring Project - Waterberg - Limpopo Province



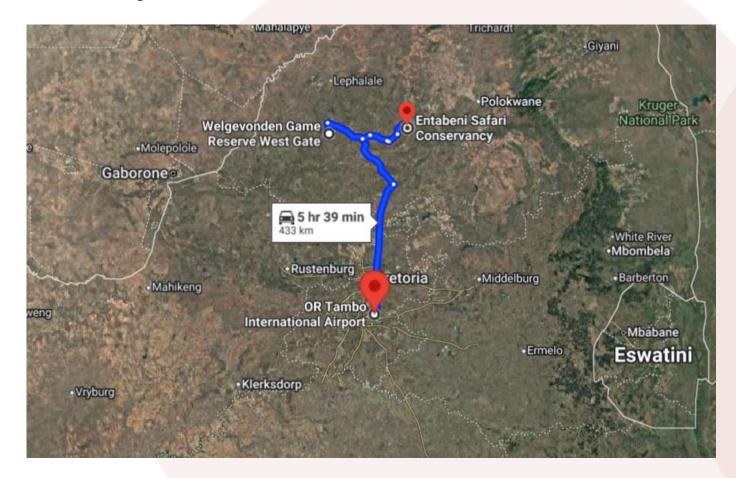
Entabeni Safari Conservancy - Location





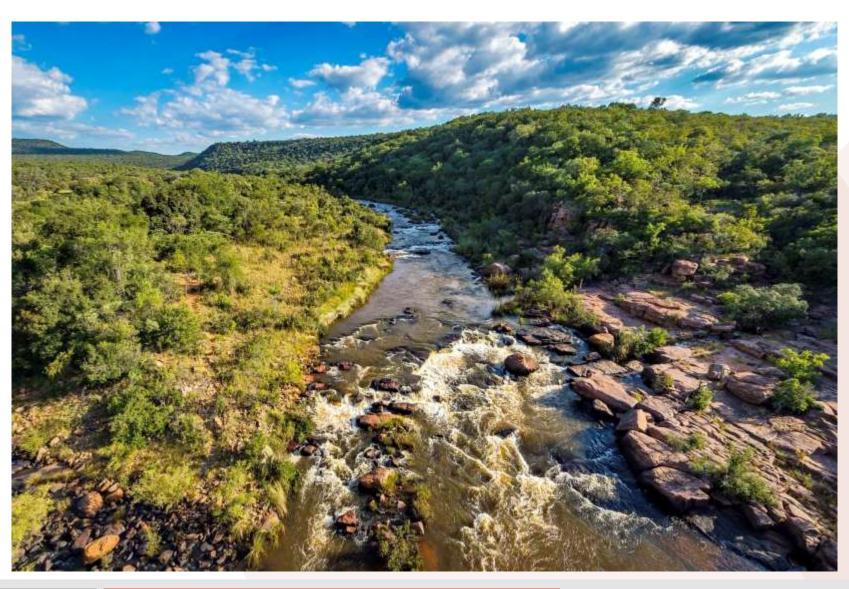
Welgevonden Game Reserve - Location

- South Africa a world leader in conservation
- Malaria free Waterberg



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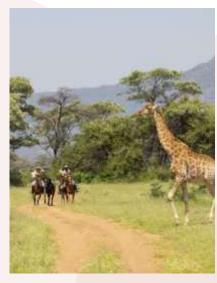




Known for its dramatic landscape

















Home to the BIG 5





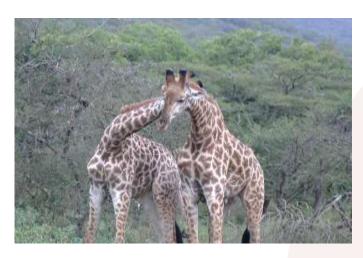








Home to over 60 Species of Mammal















Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species















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







Entabeni Safari Conservancy - Location

- South Africa a world leader in conservation
- Malaria free Waterberg Plateau



ABOUT ENTABENI

Entabeni Safari Conservancy

- 22 000 Hectare Privately Managed Game Reserve
- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere (662 059 ha)
- Work alongside the conservation team including:
 - Wildlife Vets
 - Conservation Researchers
 - Ecologists
 - Anti Poaching Unit
- Located in a Malaria free zone
- Proclaimed Protected Conservation Area
- Savannah Eco System
- Student Camp Accommodation



Bush Skills – Bush Walks, Tracking Wildlife















The Rhino Orphanage

The Rhino Orphanage was the first-ever specialised, non-commercial centre dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, raising and release of orphaned rhinos back into the wild.

Although new-born rhinos can weigh up to 50kgs, they are essentially "helpless" and require protection so that they may survive and ultimately thrive.













Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators















Research - Elephant Monitoring & Fertility Study

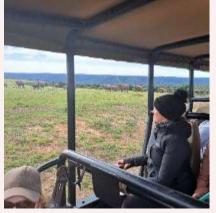
















Camera Trap – Research and Study

















Anti-Poaching Unit

















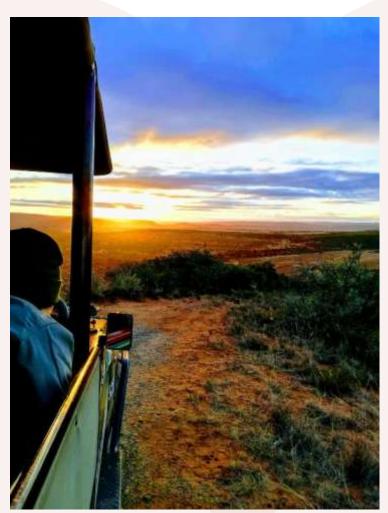
Night Game Drives











Community – GAP Donation Bags













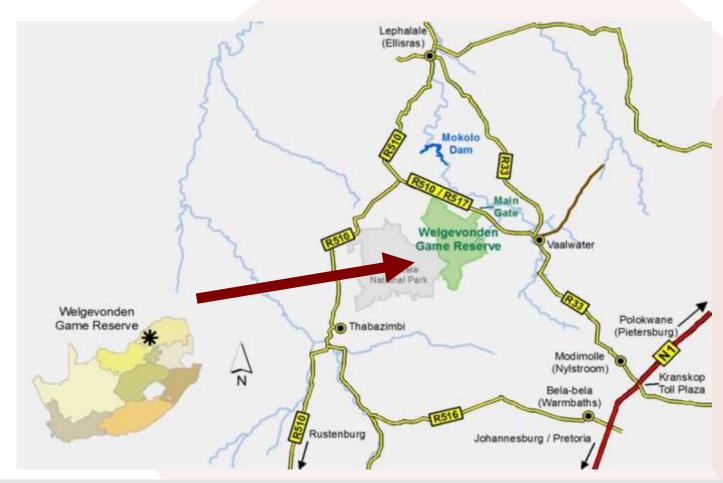






Welgevonden Game Reserve - Location

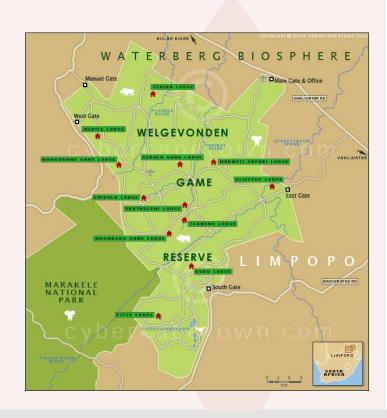
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ABOUT WELGEVONDEN

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- Research Camp Accommodation



Welgevonden Game Reserve

- Over 36,000 hectares
- Home to 100+ mammal species, including the Big Five and rare and endangered species.
- Its diverse habitats support a rich variety of antelope and over 300 bird species.
- Dedicated to conservation, balancing biodiversity protection with responsible tourism.
- The reserve's management focuses on habitat restoration, anti-poaching initiatives, and ongoing wildlife research to ensure a sustainable future for its unique ecosystem.



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













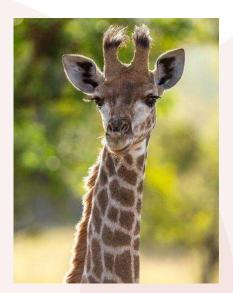




Monitoring Herbivore Condition and Health















Free-roaming Waterberg Wild Dog - Talks















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





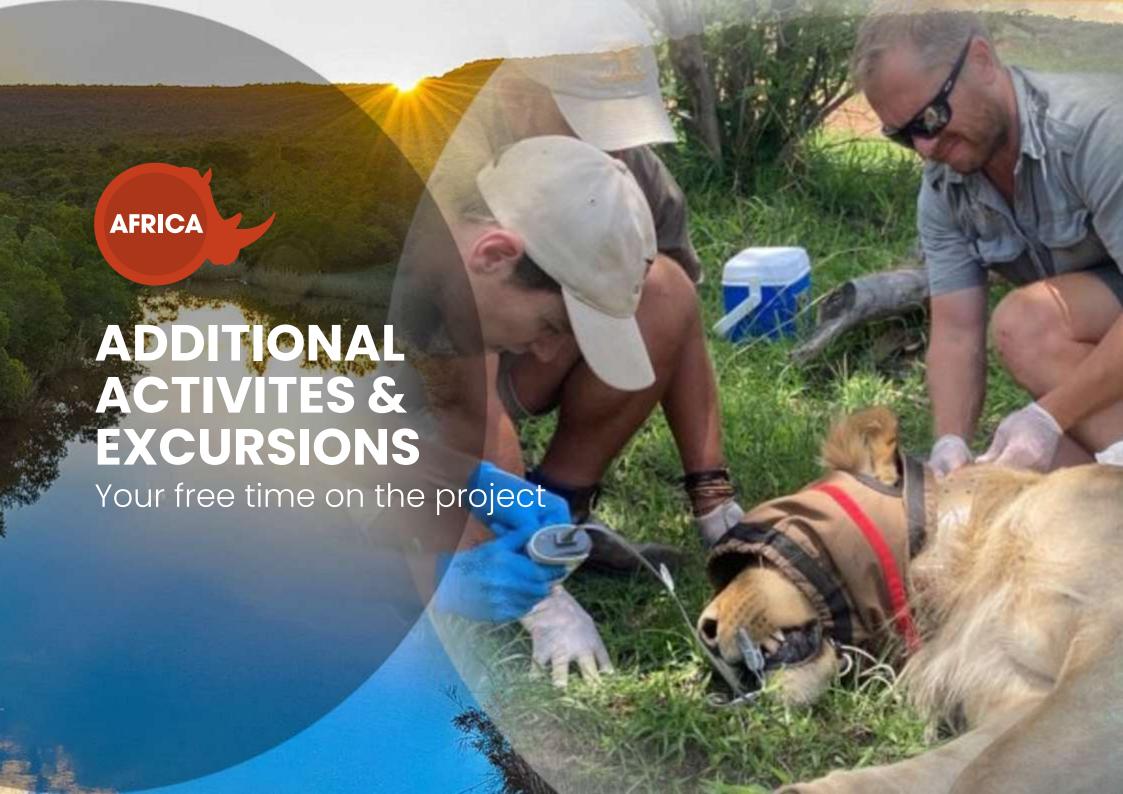












Activities/Excursions (own cost and optional)



















Waterberg - Entabeni Accommodation

You will stay in twin bedded rooms with ensuite facilities.

There are 4, 5 and 6 bedroom units each of which has an open plan layout with lounge and dining area and a fully equipped kitchen.













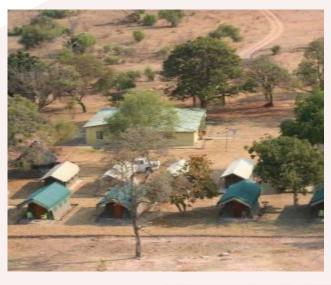
Waterberg - Welgevonden Accommodation

The student centre and camp is based on the reserve and boasts ten tents that sleep two 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.

The centre also has access to Wi-Fi.

The camp is fenced off inside the boundaries of the reserve.













Meals

Three meals are provided daily on a self-cook basis. The evening meal is prepared by the group in small teams. Students are responsible for the communal cooking and washing up.

Evening meals and breakfast are served at the facility and lunch is normally brought into the field and taken picnic-style in the bush.

Dietary Requirements

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

Provision can be made for Vegetarian & Vegan diets and for those who have a medical condition such as Coeliac disease that requires a Gluten Free Diet and for those with severe allergies to dairy, eggs or nuts.









ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE



Life on a Reserve





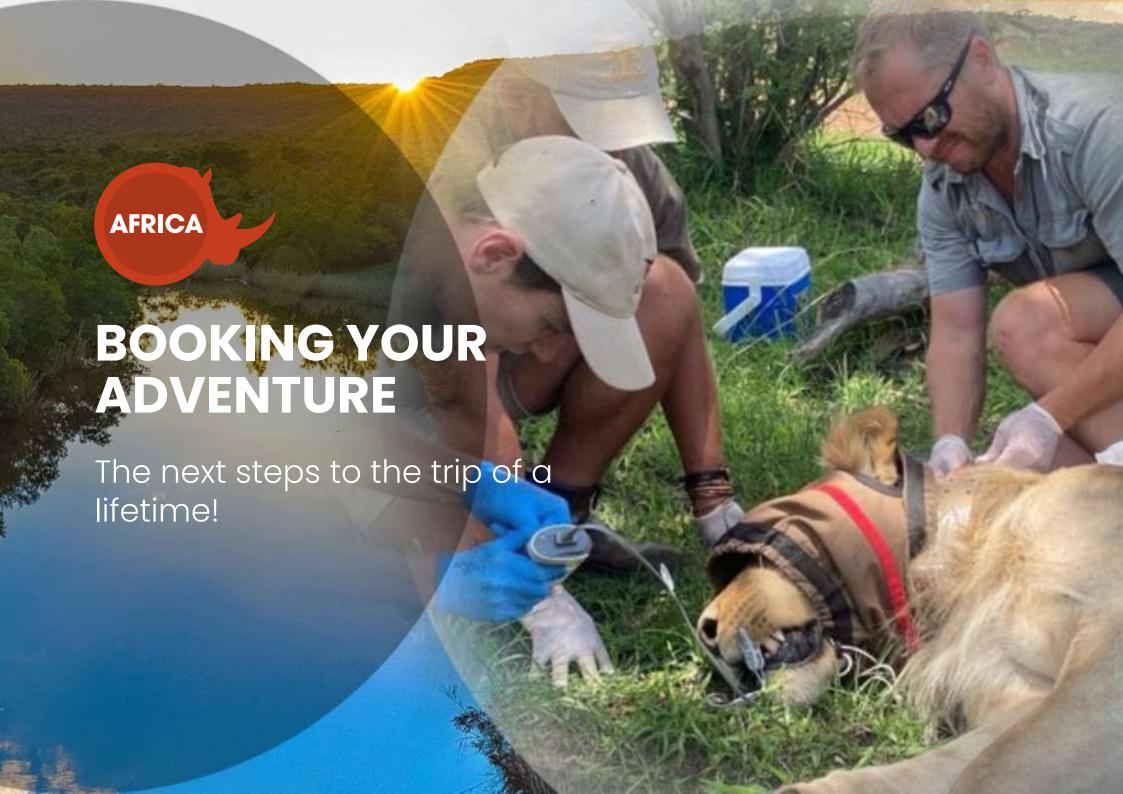








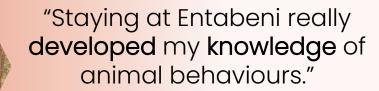




WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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What do previous travellers say about the Waterberg Wildlife and Veterinary Course - Entabeni?



"Everything exceeded my expectations, and the trip was life-changing."



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

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> "Assisting in the field was a phenomenal experience."

> > "I have returned home feeling more confident about my practical skills, it was brilliant."

> > > We got the opportunity to take part in practicals and interventions too, it was incredible."

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

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
- Weekend activities
- Visas/travel documents
- Tips
- * We recommend you take out insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed



Confirmed travel dates:

Depart UK: 8th August 2026 | Arrive SA: 9th August 2026

Depart SA: 22nd August 2026 | Arrive UK: 23rd August 2026

Trip cost:

Estimated £2695.00* Based on a group of 14 (confirmed once flights have been held)

Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 20/10/2025
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by 07/11/2025
- 50% instalment payment of £1197.50 to be paid by 19/04/2026
- Balance payment of £1197.50 to be paid by 14/06/2026
- 26/07/2026 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued



BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

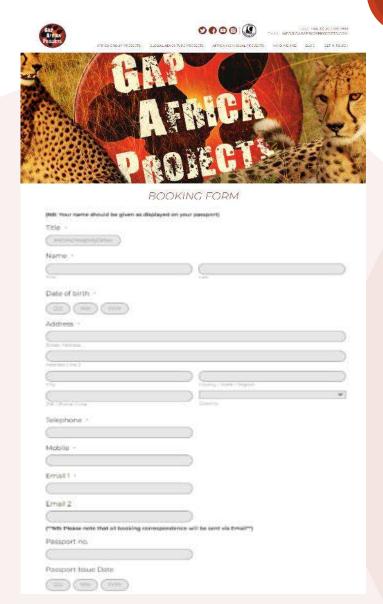
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Booking Form

- Please submit by 20/10/2025
- No deposit required at this stage of booking
- Passport fields not mandatory

Key deadlines are:

- Deposit of £300 to confirm placement
- Instalment payment of 50% due 16 weeks before departure
- Balance payment due 8 weeks before departure





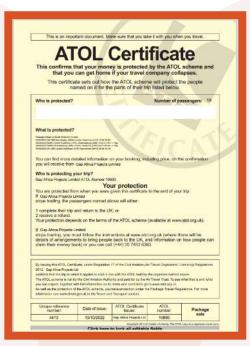
Confirmation Documents

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

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







Group Web Page

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Booking Form

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BOOKING FORM Please use the form below to submit your provisional backing to your selected project. You have the option to pay your Initial deposit with the submission of your booking form, or we will contact you for psyment once your project placement has been If you'd like to contact up to ask any initial quastions or first out more about what project you'd file to go an and when you can get also get in touch using our short enoughy form, or by calling +44 (0:207 193 781). (NET Your name about the given as displayed on your passport) Date of both =

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 may 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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