

THE HOEDSPRUIT ENDANGERED SPECIES CENTRE (HESC), located in Hoedspruit South Africa, is a facility dedicated to the quest of ensuring **THE SURVIVAL** of rare, vulnerable and **ENDANGERED SPECIES** (most particularly the cheetah) in South Africa, as well as the rehabilitation and care of orphaned and injured animals. The Centre is home to cheetah, wild dogs, black-footed cats, lion, African wild cats, ground horn bills, sable antelope, and many other species.

Conservation-oriented individuals between the ages of 18 and 35 who have a **PASSION FOR ANIMALS, NATURE** and **ADVENTURE** are able to participate in a hands-on three week Student Programme at the Centre.



The Programme aims to equip students with the aptitude to **ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE** in conserving the wildlife of Southern Africa, to build awareness of **CONSERVATION** on a broader global scale, and to **EXPERIENCE** the beauty and rich diversity of South Africa.



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THE CHEETAH CONSERVATION STUDENT PROGRAMME



FUN & ADVENTURE - Participants will learn basic **SURVIVAL SKILLS** in the wild, while at the same time enjoying the spirit of fun and adventure with activities such as hot air ballooning, paint ball war-games, river rafting in the Blyde River Canyon, horse rides, etc which can be arranged with the project leader. The Mpumalanga and Limpopo provinces are known for their **SCENIC BEAUTY**. Students will experience the area during **SIGHTSEEING** tours. A highlight of the three-week programme is without a doubt the **ELPHANT-BACK SAFARI** with the Camp Jabouli elephant herd.

ACCOMMODATION - Students are accommodated in twin traditional thatched huts in **NUNGU CAMP** - situated within the boundaries of the Big Five Kapama Private Game Reserve. Separate facilities are available for male and female participants. Three meals per day are prepared in the camp - a valuable team-building experience.

RELATIONSHIPS - As people from all around the world participate in the Students Programme, they have an opportunity to experience from and learn of **DIFFERENT CULTURES**, and to have a lot of **FUN** in the process!



CONSERVATION - The course includes daily lectures on all major aspects of conservation and includes **SPECIALIST INPUT** on animals, grasses, trees and basic biodiversity. **PRACTICAL EXERCISES** include a trip to the reptile park, identification of plants on walking excursions, tracking in the bush, a visit to a local tribal village, an excursion to the world famous **KHUSI NATIONAL PARK**, stargazing, natural and traditional food preparation and game drives.



PARTICIPATION - Students will work alongside the team at the HESC as they go about their daily activities of **FEEDING** the animals, ensuring their environments are clean and safe, and administering **MEDICAL CARE**. Students may also get the opportunity to view surgical procedures in the veterinary facility, as well as sharing in the education and upliftment of children from surrounding rural communities.