



MOHOLOHOLO WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTRE PROJECT CLOSE UP

Volunteering at the Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre gives you hands on experience in animal care, rehabilitation and hand rearing of wildlife.

CONSERVATION IN ACTION

How does this project make a difference?

The Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre contributes to the conservation of endangered species and the rehabilitation of injured and poisoned wildlife as well as facilitating a number of successful breeding programmes for rare and endangered species. Moholoholo is the only facility in southern Africa to have successfully bred the endangered crowned eagle and runs a hugely successful cat breeding programme for the rare serval; over 150 of which have been bred and released back into areas where they have previously become extinct.

How do I, the volunteer, make a difference?

This centre is a non-profit organisation, relying completely on the support of the public and volunteers. As a volunteer you lend hands-on support to the centre. One of Moholoholo's aims is to create homes for orphaned, poisoned or injured wildlife, which will never be able to return to their natural environment. The centre houses confiscated lions from a Mozambique circus, leopard, caracal, serval, cheetah, crowned eagle, marshall eagle, vultures and many more that have been confiscated, orphaned, abandoned or injured. You, the volunteer give each animal the care it requires.

CORE ACTIVITIES

- Hand rearing of orphaned animals from cheetah cubs to warthogs
- The care and welfare of the permanent residents which, due to the nature and extent of their injuries, cannot be released back into the wild and are used to educate visitors to the centre.
- The treatment and care of sick and injured birds, mammals and reptiles and subsequent release back into a wild environment.
- Attending call-outs to animals captured for relocation or to be brought into the centre for treatment. This may involve darting or humane trapping.
- Wildlife veterinary work, much of which is carried out by the centre's own staff.
- Cleaning enclosures, mopping floors, scrubbing bed mats, preparing food and cutting grass for bedding.

SKILLS GAINED

Animal care, animal behaviour and identification, hand rearing, assisting with veterinary nursing



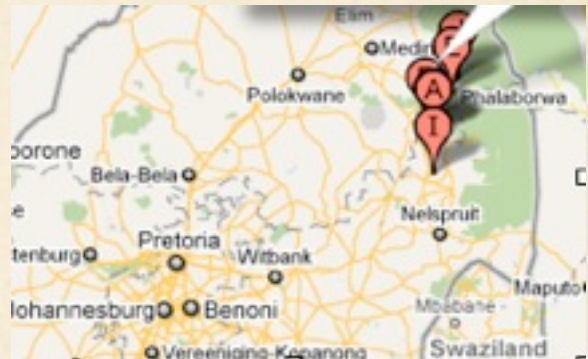


WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

Due to the nature of animal rehabilitation there is no way of predicting which animals will be brought into the centre or how long those that are undergoing treatment will stay before they are released. However, there are a number of permanent residents including lion, leopard, cheetah, rhino, hyena, wild dog, warthog, guinea fowl, vultures, hippo, serval cats and more.

LOCATION

Moholoholo is located in a scenic reserve near Hoedspruit and the Kruger National Park, in the Lowveld of South Africa.



FACILITIES

Accommodation: Cottage and house with shared bedrooms (either 2 or 4 volunteers to a room). Each room has a shared bathroom. Shared lounge/living area with a kitchen.

Meal Arrangements: All meals are provided and catered. Mondays there is the opportunity for a meal out at a local restaurant. Volunteers will need spending money for this. On the weekends volunteers can eat out in a nearby restaurant by the Blyde river where the cost of meals is covered by the project.

Nearest town: Hoedspruit

Working hours: Work 7 days a week, with flexible time off, depending on the needs of the centre.

Extra Activities: Regular excursions are arranged by Moholoholo (at volunteers' own cost) and you are free to travel independently for a few days if you wish. Hoedspruit is just a stone's throw away from the famous Kruger National Park and surrounded by many other game and nature reserves where you can expect to see the Big 5. Other trips include a visit to the cheetah breeding centre or reptile park.

Contact with home: SA time is GMT +2 hours. Internet access is available in the volunteer house - ACE provide one hour of internet access vouchers a week for you and you can buy extra time from the Moholoholo office.

Transfers: Transfers to the Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre are done by road. The drive from Johannesburg airport takes approximately 5-6 hours, broken up with a lunch stop.





HEALTH AND SAFETY

Airport: We meet all our volunteers personally at Johannesburg airport directly off the plane.

Road Safety: All drivers have Public Driving Permits and only new, air conditioned vehicles are used for transfers.

First Aid & Emergency: First Aid Kit on site

Medical: Hoedspruit Hospital

Reserve Insurance: Students will be required to sign an Indemnity form.

IS THIS PROJECT RIGHT FOR ME?

You do not need any previous experience or special skills to volunteer at Moholoholo, but you do need to love wildlife! Moholoholo is a great project if you want a hands-on experience, and you would like to learn about African wildlife species. The volunteer accommodation is not luxurious but comfortable, and all your basic creature comforts (hot showers, electricity, internet access) are there. Accommodation is strictly separated by gender though, so this might not be the best project for you if you are travelling as a couple and would like to stay together.

BOOKING INFORMATION

What's Included? Return international flights from London Heathrow (optional), transfers, food and accommodation, 24 hour support from our ground manager, ACE T-Shirt, financial contributions to the project

What's not included? Travel insurance, spending money.

When can I join? This project runs year round, even over Christmas and New Year

How can I join? You can apply online at www.conservationafrica.net/apply or simply fill out an application form in one of our brochures and post it back to us.

