



## Wildlife - Zuid-Afrika - Private Game Farm

### Arrival: Hoedspruit

The Game arm is a privately owned game farm situated in the Balule Nature Reserve (65 000 Hct.) which is included in the Kruger National Park – real original Big 5 country. Since it is an open ecological system for many square kilometres with no internal fences, the project does not have any animals in camps, cages or captivity – therefore it is not a “hands on with animals” project. Animals are seen and enjoyed in their wild and free state. This project offers the volunteers a course in Management of a Game Farm and Nature Reserve plus a Game Rangers course. It is a totally unique project with opportunities and features that differ greatly from most of the volunteer work experience projects and tourist destinations, you’ll find in South Africa. With no substantial fences between us and Kruger National Park, no internal fences within our reserve and no animals in camps and cages (captivity), we offer volunteers and tourists an unmatched stay in an open ecological system called the Greater Kruger Park - over 2 million hectares. Here the indigenous Flora enjoys maximum protection and our wild animals migrate freely

### Possible Work Experiences:

#### Ecology:

- Definition, understanding and protecting macro and micro systems.
- The termite mound: a micro ecosystem.
- Elephant dung life cycle micro system.
- Identification of Animals, tracks, droppings, birds, insects, snakes and other reptiles.
- Animal behaviour, speed and comfort zones: The dangerous nine.
- Habitat: definition, identification, threats and protection.
- Eating habits: various species.
- The food chain and energy flow
- Educational bush walks and game drives.
- Record keeping of sightings in Field Guide.
- Educational wildlife videos and documentaries.
- Geology and basic study of the Lowveld region.
- Insect evenings - research.



#### Management:

- A game farm or nature reserve: planning and building one, land, flora, fauna, and water.
- The ranger. His function and responsibilities.
- Fencing, patrolling and maintenance ~ consequent status of the land.
- Conservation, preservation, hunting, culling and problem animals.
- Poaching and anti poaching techniques
- Erosion: causes, cures and prevention.
- Alien plant identification and control.
- Foreign objects, dangers, prevention and removal
- 24-hour waterhole monitoring and game assessment.
- Breeding projects: which animals and why.
- Animal Rehabilitation projects.

#### Animals Available:

The Reserve is a natural Big 5 (Elephant, Rhino, Buffalo, Lion, Leopard) reserve adjacent to Kruger National Park and therefore we have most of the herbivores, carnivores, omnivores, reptiles, snakes, primates, smaller cats, eagles, vultures, birds, insects and their relatives that you find in Kruger National Park, roaming freely on our Reserve. During the bush walks and drives we offer, you’ll almost always see animals.