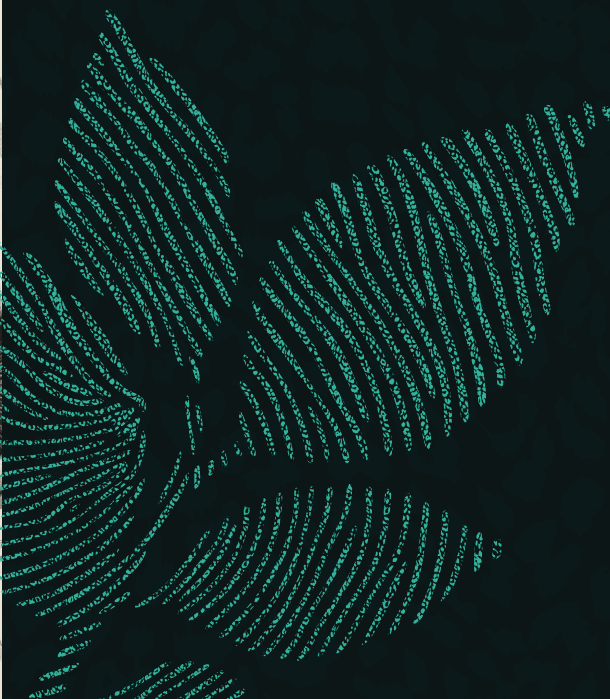




WILD SPIRIT  
FOUNDATION

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Powering Wildlife  
Conservation, Inspiring  
Change



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# 1. FOREWORD WITH GRATITUDE

As we close the chapter on 2024, we reflect on a year of significant progress in our mission to promote coexistence between wildlife and human communities. The Wild Spirit Foundation has laid strong foundations for the protection of vulnerable species and the sustainability of ecosystems, remaining steadfast in our focus on wildlife health, education, and community empowerment.

This year, we have transformed lives – both of the wildlife we protect and of the people who benefit from our initiatives. Through veterinary training, the rescue of orphaned animals, solar energy projects, and educational activities, we are advancing towards a more sustainable future for all. For us, education is an essential bridge connecting communities and the wider world with conservation and sustainability.

Among our achievements, the installation of solar panels in Moukalaba-Doudou stands out, enabling research on gorilla health and supporting more sustainable operations in this highly biodiverse park. Additionally, initiatives such as the educational program at our Maasai school in Tanzania and the “One Tree, One Child” project – which will involve over 200 children in reforestation efforts – highlight our commitment to the environment and local communities.

**None of this would be possible without the support of our partners, donors, and collaborators, whose dedication we deeply appreciate.**

In 2025, we will continue to work with science and innovation to create real impact, improving ecosystems and transforming lives sustainably. Together, we are building a future in harmony for wildlife, communities, and the planet.

With gratitude,



Founder and President of the Foundation



# 2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2024, Wild Spirit Foundation achieved significant milestones in wildlife health, conservation, and community empowerment. Our efforts were driven by a commitment to create a future where both wildlife and human communities thrive together.

## 2.1. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Expanded wildlife health programs impacting endangered species such as rhinos, cheetahs, and elephants.
- Empowered communities with scholarships, health resources, and sustainable initiatives in Tanzania and Gabon.
- Promoted environmental sustainability with solar energy projects, tree planting, and habitat protection efforts.
- Launched impactful global partnerships to enhance wildlife health research.

## 2.2. KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Great Apes Rescue and Rehabilitation:** Gained deeper insight into the needs of orphaned gorillas and chimpanzees, leading to the launch of our Emergency Fund for future rescues and rehabilitation.
- **Scholarships for Youth Empowerment:** Awarded four scholarships at Orkisima School, helping foster the next generation of conservation leaders.
- **Solar Energy in Gabon:** Installed solar panels at Moukalaba-Doudou National Park, reducing carbon emissions and powering crucial conservation and Low land Gorilla Health monitoring research in one of Africa's most biodiverse ecosystems.
- **Veterinary Training:** Trained 60 international interns collaborating with Wild Spirit Vet PTY, providing hands-on experience in wildlife care for endangered species.
- **Water Access in Orkisima:** The community secured and channeled a sustainable water source for 210 students and the wider community, marking a significant improvement in health and quality of life.

These milestones demonstrate our ongoing commitment to wildlife, education, and environmental sustainability, with lasting impacts on communities and ecosystems.



# 3 OUR PROGRESS

## 3.1. 2024 TIMELINE

### January

- **Annual Planning: Established strategic goals for the year.**
- **Tanzania – Orikosima Community:**
  - Awarded **five scholarships** to exceptional students: **three for secondary school** and **two for college**, fostering education for future leaders.
  - Secured annual salaries for teachers, preschool **educators**, **a cook**, and the **project director**, ensuring uninterrupted education for **210 students**.
  - Annual salary for our vet technician secured the health of the livestock and the people.



### February

- **South Africa – Wild Harmony Concert & Gala Dinner:**
  - Successfully launched a classical music and fundraising gala in a Big Five game reserve, attended by **80 prominent figures** from business, diplomacy, and conservation sectors.
  - Raised critical funds to support conservation initiatives.



### March

- **Tanzania – Conservation Technician:**
  - Hired a technician to deliver **community outreach**, **environmental** education, and manage reports on wildlife interactions, enhancing conservation awareness.



### April

- **Gabon – Papa Yitou Project:**
  - Provided uniforms and branding for **10 local staff**, empowering their role in gorilla conservation.
- **Tanzania – Veterinary Programme:**
  - Administered vaccinations and treatment for **200 cattle**, **300 goats**, and **200 donkeys**, improving livestock health in the community.



### May

- **Gabon – Partnership Development:**
  - Conducted a site visit to the orphaned chimpanzee and gorilla rescue centre in Moukalaba-Doudou National Park.
  - Initiated plans to reintroduce **30 chimpanzees** in captivity and supported conservation efforts for **5,000 gorillas**.
  - Strengthened local livelihoods by supporting **200 residents** reliant on ecotourism and conservation economies.



## June

- **Tanzania – Health and Education:**
  - Hired a nurse at Orikosima School, delivering **first aid, health assessments**, and women's health education to **210 children and 300 women**.
  - Organised the school's first **Olympics event**, led by Erasmus sports teachers, benefiting all students.
  - Donated **40kg of sports uniforms and materials**, alongside health supplies provided by Spanish nurses, impacting **500 community members**.
  - Conducted environmental and veterinary assessments, prioritising solutions for **water management**, land degradation, and livestock health.

## July - September

- **South Africa – Wildlife Veterinary Training:**
  - Trained international veterinarians in advanced wildlife care, equipping them with critical conservation skills.

## October

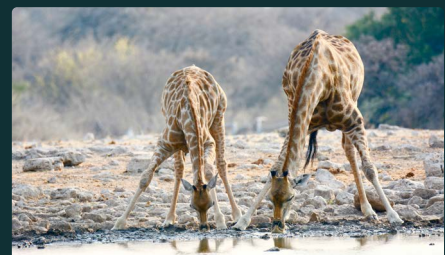
- Scholarships for Veterinary and Teaching Studies at University for Two Students in Tanzania.
- The dry season has arrived in Tanzania, and an urgent water fund has been released to get drinkable water for our students.
- **Namibia – Anti-Poaching Efforts:**
  - Conducted a site visit to develop a project addressing increased rhino poaching.

## November

- **Tanzania:** Good news! A government initiative is canalizing clean water from the mountains and Wild Spirit Foundation has funding to dig a water dam for the community
- **Namibia – Conservation Planning:**
  - Initiated feasibility studies for long-term projects aimed at rhino protection and habitat restoration.

## December

- **Scientific Diplomacy – Madrid:**
  - Hosted a meeting under RAICEX and represented the **Society of Researchers in Southern Africa (ACESDA)** to promote science-driven and sustainable policies while fostering international collaboration.
- **New Funding Opportunities:**
  - Signed agreements with financial institutions in Spain to secure funding for **2025 projects**, ensuring continued impact and growth.



### 3.2. SUMMARY OF KEY IMPACTED AREAS

- **Wildlife Protection:** Advanced conservation efforts by reducing wildlife-human conflict, increasing wildlife empathy through job creation, environmental education, solar energy system installations, veterinary care for endangered species, and targeted research on critical species, enhancing ecosystem health and ensuring long-term species survival.
- **Community Empowerment:** Directly impacted over 300 individuals through educational opportunities, scholarships, and access to essential resources like clean water, fostering sustainable growth and resilience within local communities.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Launched tree planting and solar energy initiatives, reducing carbon footprints and promoting eco-friendly practices to support long-term environmental health.
- **Global Advocacy:** Raised awareness and funds through international educational partnerships, events, and outreach, engaging thousands of individuals and strengthening the global conservation movement.

### 3.3. ACTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS BY COUNTRY

#### Tanzania - Orkisima School:

- **Scholarships & Youth Empowerment:** Awarded 5 scholarships, including one for a student who will begin private school in 2025, providing critical educational opportunities for future conservation leaders.
- **Water Access Achievement:** Secured and channeled a sustainable water source for 210 students and their families, significantly improving health and quality of life in the community.
- **Job Creation & Community Support:** Hired teachers, a cook, a vet tech, and a nurse, supporting the education and health of the students, improving livestock management, and enhancing wildlife-human conflict mitigation efforts.

#### Gabon - Moukalaba-Doudou National Park:

- **Solar Energy Installation:** Installed solar panels at the Doussala Research Station, powering essential wildlife research and reducing carbon emissions, while making eco-tourism more sustainable.
- **Emergency Rescue & Fund Launch:** Responded to the urgent rescue of orphaned great apes and launched the Emergency Fund, ensuring resources for future rescues and rehabilitation efforts.

#### South Africa:

- **Veterinary Training Success:** Trained 60 international interns, advancing wildlife care through hands-on experience with rhinos, cheetahs, and elephants and supporting rhino orphan programs.
- **Wildlife Protection & Research:** Contributed to buffalo and lion health research at Kruger National Park, partnering with Yale University and local experts to improve conservation strategies.

#### International Partnerships for Awareness & Fundraising:

- **Increased Global Awareness:** Partnered with IES Los Cerros and Baena School to join program Objective 8800, expanding awareness of wildlife conservation and its connection to mental health, reaching over 6,000 students globally.
- **Collaboration with ACESDA & SCC:** Wild Spirit Foundation is a proud member of the Society of Spanish Researchers in Southern Africa and the Spanish Chambers of Commerce in South Africa. And is supported by the Embassy of Spain in Pretoria.

# 4. WILD SPIRIT FOUNDATION'S 2024 PLANET INPUT

## 4.1. ROLE IN CLIMATE ACTION: CONSERVING NATURE, REDUCING EMISSIONS

Wild Spirit Foundation is contributing to reducing emissions from wildlife habitats through several key conservation initiatives that focus on sustainability, carbon sequestration, and habitat protection. Here's how:

### 1. Protecting Carbon-Rich Ecosystems

- **Elephants and Gorillas as Keystone Species:** By conserving critical habitats for elephants and gorillas, we're preserving some of the world's most carbon-rich ecosystems, like rainforests and savannas. These ecosystems naturally sequester carbon by storing large amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> in trees and soil. Elephants, in particular, help maintain these habitats by dispersing seeds, promoting plant growth, and maintaining healthy forests that act as carbon sinks.

### 2. Reforestation and Carbon Sequestration Projects

- 450,000 hectares of prestige forest at Moukalba National Park and contribution to many protected reserves in South Africa as part of the environmental initiative contribute directly to carbon sequestration, absorbing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere.

### 3. Sustainable Land Management

- **Erosion Control and Habitat Restoration:** Through projects focused on erosion control and land restoration (such as planting vegetation and installing stone barriers), Wild Spirit Foundation is helping to restore degraded land, which improves soil health and carbon storage. Healthy soil is a major reservoir for carbon, and by preventing further land degradation, we are helping to maintain this essential carbon storage capacity.

### 4. Reducing Human-Wildlife Conflict

- **Elephant Collaring and Habitat Protection:** By collaring elephants in Tsavo National Park, we reduce human-wildlife conflict by enabling the safe movement of elephants across their habitats. This not only helps protect the elephants but also prevents habitat destruction caused by human encroachment, preserving large areas of natural landscapes that play a vital role in carbon sequestration.

### 5. Clean Energy for Conservation Work

- **Solar Power at Doussala Research Station:** The installation of solar panels at the Doussala Research Station in Gabon reduces reliance on fossil fuels, lowering carbon emissions associated with research activities. Solar power is a clean, renewable energy source that directly contributes to mitigating climate change by reducing the station's carbon footprint.

### 6. Wildlife and Habitat Monitoring

- **Data Collection for Conservation:** By collaring elephants and monitoring rhinos, we gather important data that helps us protect critical habitats and ensure these areas remain intact for future generations. Healthy, protected habitats are essential for reducing emissions from deforestation and land degradation, and they continue to provide vital ecosystem services, including carbon storage.

## In Summary

Through our conservation efforts, Wild Spirit Foundation is actively reducing emissions from wildlife habitats by protecting vital ecosystems, promoting reforestation, implementing sustainable land management practices, and reducing human-wildlife conflict. These initiatives not only help mitigate climate change but also preserve biodiversity and ensure the health of the planet for generations to come.





## 4.2. OUR 2024 WILD SPIRIT FOUNDATION'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN-SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)

At Wild Spirit Foundation, our work is driven by the mission to protect wildlife, preserve ecosystems, and empower communities. Our initiatives contribute directly to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly focusing on wildlife health, climate action, and community sustainability. In 2024, we made measurable strides in advancing 30 out of the 17 SDGs, as we work to create a better future for both people and wildlife. Below are the specific ways in which our actions align with the global objectives:



### 1. No Poverty (SDG 1)

By providing scholarships and employment opportunities in the local communities we serve, such as Tanzania and Gabon, we have helped reduce poverty. In Orkesima School, 4 scholarships were awarded to children, providing access to education and a pathway out of poverty. We also created local jobs by hiring dedicated professionals like Paul Tomas, a veterinary technician, and Jane, the nurse at Orkesima, empowering individuals and families to secure a stable livelihood while contributing to wildlife conservation.



### 2. Quality Education (SDG 4)

Education is a core pillar of our work. In 2024, we empowered 210 children in Orkesima School through school supplies, sports equipment, and healthcare initiatives. Additionally, our scholarships enable young students to attend boarding schools and university. Through our partnerships with schools like IES Los Cerros, we've raised awareness on wildlife conservation and mental health, while educating thousands of students about sustainability and wildlife protection.



### 3. Gender Equality (SDG 5)

Our commitment to empowering girls like Mirena through scholarships is central to advancing gender equality. As part of our initiatives, we are helping break gender barriers in rural Tanzania, where education for girls is limited. By supporting female students and local female employees at Orkesima School, including Jane, the nurse, and Miriam, the teacher assistant, we help create opportunities for girls to lead and shape their communities.



### 6. Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG 6)

The water crisis in Losimingori and Orkesima is a pressing issue. Thanks to donor support, we responded to the crisis by providing 10,000 liters of clean water. Additionally, we've worked with local leaders on long-term water solutions, including tapping into mountain water sources and enhancing shallow dams. By improving water storage and access, we are helping communities sustain their health and well-being.



### 13. Climate Action (SDG 13)

Wild Spirit Foundation is directly contributing to climate action through our commitment to sustainable practices. Our solar panel installation at the Doussala Research Station in Moukalaba-Doudou National Park—a 4,500 km<sup>2</sup> jungle in Gabon—is a key example of how we reduce carbon emissions. The solar panels not only power wildlife research but also minimize our environmental footprint. Additionally, the "One Tree, One Child" project in Orkesima encourages children to plant trees, promoting carbon sequestration and raising awareness about climate change.



### 15. Life on Land (SDG 15)

The protection of wildlife and habitats is central to our mission. Through research, veterinary support, and anti-poaching initiatives, we've supported endangered species like gorillas, rhinos, and elephants. Our work in Moukalaba-Doudou National Park directly contributes to habitat preservation and supports the biodiversity of the region. Additionally, our "Papa Yitou Project" continues to protect gorillas in Gabon, ensuring that they thrive in a safe, secure environment.



### 17. Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17)

Wild Spirit Foundation's work thrives on collaboration. Our partnerships with organizations like Wild Spirit Vet PTY, universities globally, Gabon Untouched, and local wildlife reserves amplify the impact of our initiatives. By joining forces with these and other partners, we are building a global network committed to wildlife health, conservation, and community empowerment.

# 5. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## 5.1. REVENUE AND FUNDING SOURCES

In 2024, Wild Spirit Foundation secured essential funding from a diverse array of sources, including individual donors, corporate sponsors, and fundraising events. The valuable contributions from our partners allowed us to advance our mission of wildlife conservation, community empowerment, and environmental sustainability. Our funding model prioritizes the effective allocation of all donations, ensuring meaningful impact and long-term sustainability.

## 5.2 STRATEGIC ALLOCATION OF FUNDS: SUPPORTING OUR VISION AND IMPACT IN 2024

In 2024, Wild Spirit Foundation strategically allocated donor funding to maximize our impact in wildlife conservation, community empowerment, and sustainability efforts across Tanzania, Gabon, and South Africa. Below is a detailed breakdown of how we used these funds to drive real change:

### Tanzania - Orkisima School

#### 1. Empowering Education: Staff Salaries (€6,999.26)

- Largest expenditure for the ongoing operation of Orkisima School.
- Ensures quality education and healthcare services for students, fostering future conservation leaders.

#### 2. Investing in the Future: Scholarships (€2,324.02)

- **High School (€1,493.66):** Enabling secondary school education to break the cycle of poverty.
- **University (€830.36):** Providing opportunities for higher education to foster future leaders in wildlife conservation.

#### 3. Protecting Health and Livelihoods: Veterinary Care (€401.50)

- Essential veterinary treatment for livestock, ensuring animal health and reducing disease risks to wildlife.

#### 4. Securing Clean Water: Water Infrastructure (€1,480.11)

- Improved access to clean and sustainable water, benefiting 210 students and their families in a drought-prone region.

#### 5. Connecting with Nature: Safari Visit to Tarangire (€500.00)

- Sponsored a visit to Tarangire National Park for students and community leaders, deepening their connection to wildlife conservation.

#### 6. Community Engagement: Professional Site Visit Program (€9,630.25)

- In 2024, Wild Spirit Foundation hosted a site visit to Orkisima School, with two nurses, three teachers, and one veterinarian. The team brought medical, sports, and educational supplies, covering all their own costs, to directly support the school's health and educational initiatives.

#### 7. Supporting Education and Health: Sports & School Equipment (€500.00)

- Provided essential sports and school equipment, promoting physical and mental well-being for students.

## Gabon

### 1. Equipping for Conservation: Field Gear & GPS (€2,103.50)

- Provided essential equipment for wildlife monitoring and protection in Gabon's critical ecosystems.

### 2. Great Apes Rescue: Gorilla & Chimpanzee Project (€7,838.81)

- Supported the rescue and rehabilitation of orphaned gorillas and chimpanzees in Gabon, including travel and expert planning for this essential conservation project.

### 3. Sustainability in Action: Solar Panel Installation (€4,267.00)

- Installed solar panels at the Doussala Research Station to power conservation efforts with renewable energy, reducing environmental impact.

## South Africa

### 1. Engaging Stakeholders: Wild Harmony Concert (€2,723.74)

- Hosted a high-profile classical music event to raise funds and awareness for wildlife conservation. The concert successfully brought together key global stakeholders, strengthening international support for our mission and promoting the importance of wildlife protection.

### 2. Advancing Wildlife Health: Tuberculosis Research in Buffaloes (€589.88)

- Funded essential research aimed at addressing tuberculosis in buffalo populations. This research is crucial for understanding the disease's impact on wildlife health, particularly in preventing cross-species transmission, which is vital for the broader conservation of wildlife ecosystems.

### 3. Rhino Orphan Veterinary Funding (€1,000.00)

- Provided critical veterinary care for orphaned rhinos, enabling their rehabilitation and ensuring their protection. This funding supports the long-term survival of young rhinos affected by poaching, a direct contribution to rhino conservation efforts.

### 4. Wildlife Veterinary Support (€10,000)

Wild Spirit Vet PTY provided critical veterinary support to a range of wildlife conservation projects, including:

- **Black Rhino Monitoring & Anti-Poaching:** Implemented advanced tracking systems to monitor black rhinos, enhancing anti-poaching efforts and ensuring the long-term protection of this endangered species.
- **Lion Rehabilitation:** Provided veterinary care to reputable lion rescue centers, ensuring the health and well-being of rescued lions.
- **Rhino Translocation:** Assisted in the translocation of rhinos to secure habitats, promoting species sustainability and supporting habitat conservation efforts.
- **Elephant Collaring (3 Elephants):** Funded the collaring of three elephants, contributing to wildlife tracking and human-wildlife conflict mitigation through the development of an early warning system.

*Note: These veterinary services were fully funded by Wild Spirit Vet and directly supported key conservation efforts.*

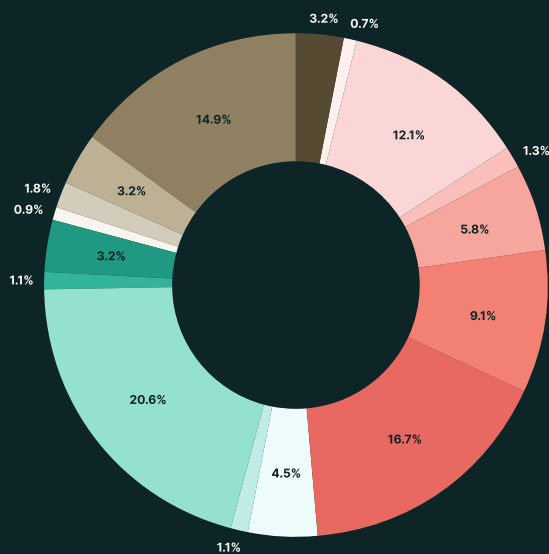
### 5. Administration & Communication

- **Operational Integrity: Accounting & Legal Fees (€5,654.18)**
  - Ensured financial transparency and legal compliance, maintaining operational efficiency across regions.
- **Raising Awareness: Promotional Video (€315.00)**
  - Produced a promotional video and updated communication materials, helping raise awareness and attract new supporters.
- **Website and Social Media Updates (€1,500.00)**
  - Enhanced online presence to engage the global community and showcase our work.

This allocation of funds reflects Wild Spirit Foundation's commitment to tangible, lasting impact. With your support, we continue to build stronger, more sustainable communities, protect endangered species, and drive real change across Africa.

### 5.3. FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

At Wild Spirit Foundation, we prioritize financial transparency, ensuring that every euro donated is utilized effectively toward our conservation, community empowerment, and sustainability initiatives. We are committed to clear, transparent reporting and welcome ongoing oversight from our donors and partners. Detailed financial statements and annual reports are available to our stakeholders upon request, ensuring accountability for every step we take toward our mission.



#### 2024 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

- Accounting & Legal Fees (12.1%)
- Buffaloes TB Research (1.3%)
- Wild Harmony Concert (5.8%)
- Solar Panel Installation (9.1%)
- Gorilla & Chimpanzee Project (16.7%)
- Field Gear & GPS (4.5%)
- Sports & School Equipment (1.1%)
- Salaries (14.9%)
- Website & Social Media (3.2%)
- Promotional Video (0.7%)
- Site Visit Program (20.6%)
- Safari Visit (1.1%)
- Water Infrastructure (3.2%)
- Veterinary Care (0.9%)
- University Scholarships (1.8%)
- High School Scholarships (3.2%)





# 6. STORIES FROM THE FIELD

## 6.1. TANZANIA

### EMPOWERING THE FUTURE: SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BRIGHT YOUNG MINDS

In 2024, Wild Spirit Foundation awarded 4 scholarships to students at Orkisima School in Tanzania, unlocking the opportunity for a high school education and a brighter future. These scholarships, supported by generous donors, give children the chance to attend boarding school and access the education they deserve.

One of the recipients, Mirena, an 8-year-old with extraordinary promise, inspired a volunteer who saw her potential. Moved by her spirit, the volunteer pledged to sponsor Mirena's education, ensuring she has the support to succeed.

Starting in January 2025, Mirena will attend private school, marking the first step in a journey toward unlimited possibilities. This scholarship empowers Mirena to rise above her circumstances and pursue a future that was once out of reach.

Mirena's story is just one of many. These children, from Masai families in challenging conditions, represent a future where people and wildlife coexist. We help them preserve both their cultural and natural heritage, fostering a deep connection to the land and the wildlife that surround them.

By sponsoring a child, you're not just providing education—you're shaping the future. You're empowering the next generation of leaders who will protect nature and build a world where humans and wildlife thrive together.

### SITE VISIT TO TANZANIA: STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION AND IMPACT

June 2024

In June 2024, Wild Spirit Foundation embarked on a transformative site visit to Orkisima School in Tanzania, bringing together a dedicated team of professionals: two sports teachers from IES Los Cerros, two nurses, an Italian veterinarian, and a South African nature conservationist and farmer. Upon our arrival, the women of the Masai community greeted us with traditional songs, and soon, over 100 adults and 230 children gathered to welcome us. This warm and vibrant greeting underscored the strong connection between our foundation and the community, reinforcing our shared commitment to creating lasting change.



Our mission was clear: support the community, empower the children and protect nature.

## KEY ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### 1. Delivered Essential Supplies

Our team brought critical resources to Orkisima School, including school materials, sports equipment, first-aid kits, and 100 sports uniforms for the children. These supplies are vital in fostering a stronger education and a brighter future for the children, supporting both their academic and physical development.

### 2. Shared Knowledge

Our teachers worked closely with local educators, sharing sports training techniques, while our conservation expert introduced the children to wildlife education through engaging books, fostering a deeper connection to nature. This exchange of knowledge helped strengthen the educational foundation for both the students and their teachers.



### 3. Health Training

Jane, the newly hired nurse in June 2024, worked alongside our Spanish nurses to develop a healthcare plan for both the children and the broader community. Together, they began creating individual health profiles for each child and laid the groundwork for a new medical dispensary on-site. This dispensary will address immediate health needs, reducing the 8 km distance to the nearest health center, which currently lacks proper road access.

### 4. Wildlife Education and Environmental Management

Since January 2024, Thomal Elelqueriany, our Conservation Technician, has led talks on wildlife conservation, human-wildlife conflict, and erosion management. He also implemented strategies to raise awareness of climate change and protect the school's infrastructure from land degradation. This work is crucial in ensuring that both the community and the environment can thrive together.

### 5. Livestock Management and Veterinary Support

Paul Tomas, our Veterinary Technician since September 2023, has worked closely with the local vet tech to assess livestock health and manage vaccination campaigns. These efforts improve animal welfare and contribute to the community's livelihood.

### 6. Daily Meals and Support

Noemie, our dedicated cook, ensures that 210 children receive nourishing meals every day, supporting their health and well-being. Nutrition is foundational to the children's ability to learn, grow, and thrive in a challenging environment.

### 7. Teacher Assistance

Miriam, the new teacher assistant, plays a critical role in supporting the teaching staff, helping the children to thrive academically. Her work ensures that the students are well-supported and motivated to continue their education.



## 8. Erosion Mitigation and Land Management

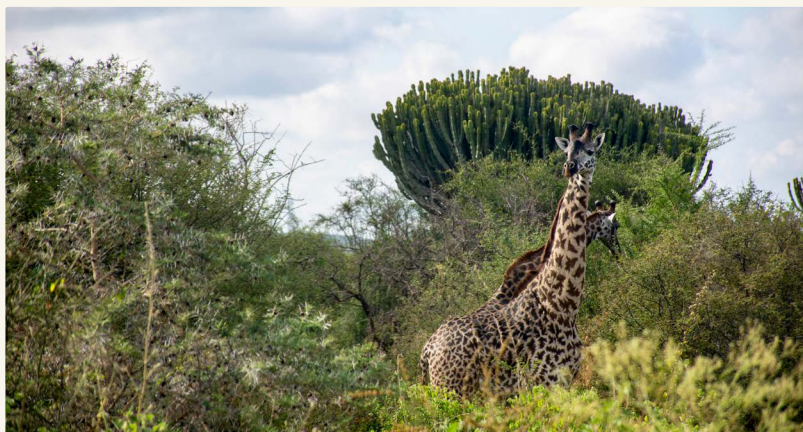
Thomal and the team assessed the land around the school, identifying areas at risk of erosion. Measures were introduced to stabilize the land and protect the school's infrastructure. These steps are crucial in ensuring that the school remains a safe and stable environment for the children to learn and grow.

## 9. Launched the “One Tree, One Child” Project

In line with our environmental goals, we launched the “One Tree, One Child” initiative, where each of the 210 children will plant a tree when the rains arrive. This project reinforces lessons in environmental stewardship and promotes sustainable practices that benefit both the community and the land.

## 10. Olympics Event

Our teachers organized an exciting Olympics-style sports day for the students, where everyone participated in a range of activities. The event was filled with friendly competition, laughter, and teamwork, creating unforgettable memories and strengthening the sense of community. It was a day that brought the community together and celebrated the students' achievements.





### 11. Safari Experience

We sponsored 50 children, along with 5 teachers and community leaders, for a visit to Tarangire National Park. For many, this was their first opportunity to witness wildlife in its natural habitat. This experience shifted their understanding of wildlife conflict to wildlife conservation, deepening their connection to nature.

### 12. Water Source Planning

During discussions with community leaders, we explored sustainable water solutions. We investigated tapping into mountain water sources, enhancing the current shallow dams, and finding better ways to retain rainwater. This work is critical for ensuring reliable access to clean water for the school and community.

### 13. Ongoing Community Collaboration

We met with community leaders to reflect on our progress and discuss future priorities, ensuring our efforts align with the community's needs. These meetings serve as a platform for continued collaboration, ensuring that we stay on track to achieve long-term, sustainable change.



## A LASTING IMPACT

For our volunteers, this visit was an eye-opening experience, providing a firsthand understanding of the challenges faced by the community while also deepening their commitment to the project. They had the opportunity to connect with the community and recognize the importance of wildlife protection, understanding that human development and conservation go hand in hand.

This visit was not just about delivering supplies; it was about creating lasting change. From healthcare and education to wildlife conservation and environmental sustainability, every action we took is a step towards a brighter, more sustainable future for the children and the surrounding ecosystem.







## IES LOS CERROS: TURNING SPORTS INTO IMPACT

September 2023 – June 2024

Objective 8800 was more than a fundraising target—it was a movement powered by the energy and commitment of IES Los Cerros in Úbeda, Spain. In 2024, hundreds of students participated in swimming competitions, running events, and other athletic activities, raising €8,800 to support Orkisima School in Tanzania.

This initiative is about much more than just raising funds. By turning athletic challenges into fundraising efforts, IES Los Cerros combined physical activity with the mission of Wild Spirit Foundation—supporting education, wildlife conservation, and mental health. Through these events, students gained awareness of the challenges faced by children in Tanzania while also recognizing the mental health benefits of sports. Sports became a means of both fundraising and fostering community and well-being among students.

Since 2022, IES Los Cerros has not only contributed financially but has also helped raise awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation, sustainable development, and mental health. The students' participation in sports has strengthened their connection to nature and the vital need for its preservation, creating a sense of shared responsibility. The initiative has allowed them to directly impact Orkisima School, ensuring children there have access to the resources they need for a better future.

In 2024, this movement expanded. Thanks to the success of IES Los Cerros, other schools like Baena School in Cordoba have joined the cause. Together, these schools have raised awareness for wildlife conservation and mental health, reaching another 3,000 students and strengthening a network committed to the sustainable coexistence of humans and wildlife.

Through this partnership, Wild Spirit Foundation has seen the power of sports as a tool for both fundraising and promoting mental well-being. The funds raised have directly supported the Orkisima School and its educational programs, while the sporting events have had a profound impact on the students' mental health, teaching them the importance of balance between mind and body.

We extend our thanks to IES Los Cerros for their continued dedication, which not only supports Orkisima School but also builds awareness of wildlife and mental health—helping create a better, more sustainable future for all.



## WATER CRISIS IN LOSIMINGORI: ENSURING SURVIVAL FOR 210 CHILDREN

October 2024

### Critical Water Shortage

The community of Losimingori is facing a critical water shortage. The 210 students at Orkisima school, along with their families, depend on rainwater tanks for drinking water. But with the tanks now empty, they are confronted with the harsh reality of dehydration.

### Emergency Response

When the crisis hit, school director Moses reached out to Wild Spirit Fund for urgent help. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we allocated funding to send a water tanker, delivering 10,000 liters of clean water to provide immediate relief.



### Wildlife-Human Conflict

The ongoing drought has intensified competition for water. Humans, livestock, and wildlife—especially elephants and buffaloes—are all vying for the same scarce resource. As wildlife habitats shrink due to climate change, these conflicts have become inevitable, creating increasing tension in the region.

### Environmental Challenges

In addition to the water crisis, Losimingori is battling desertification and severe erosion, which are threatening both the land and the school's infrastructure. With each passing season, the landscape continues to change, and the erosion worsens.

### Community Initiatives

In response, local leaders have begun to take action. Through the construction of stone barriers and planting vegetation, they are working to stabilize the land and prevent further degradation. These efforts are helping to create a balance between the community's needs and the preservation of wildlife habitats, providing hope for a more sustainable future.

### A Complex Reality

Losimingori's location between Tarangire and Serengeti National Parks complicates the situation. This region, a vital migration route for wildlife, sees artificial ponds become battlegrounds during the dry season, where humans, livestock, and wildlife all compete for water. With wildlife habitats shrinking due to climate change, these encounters have become more frequent and increasingly tense.

### Resilience and Hope

Despite the challenges, the community's resilience is undeniable. With continued support from Wild Spirit Foundation and its donors, we are working together to ensure that the children of Orkisima—and the entire community—not only survive but thrive.



## DIGGING FOR WATER

November 2024

After months of intense effort and collaboration, a breakthrough has finally arrived. The government, in partnership with an alternative NGO, has successfully found a way to bring water to the community by channeling it from the nearby mountains. This new water source is a true blessing and a game-changer, offering hope and relief after a prolonged struggle.

Wild Spirit Foundation has also taken proactive steps to improve water storage in preparation for the upcoming rains. We've deepened the communal water tanks to increase their capacity, ensuring that when the rains do come, the community will be able to store and manage more water, providing a long-term solution to the ongoing scarcity.

This progress marks a significant turning point in the community's fight against water shortages and sets the foundation for a more resilient and sustainable future.



## LETTERS FROM THE FIELD: A THANKING MESSAGE FROM ORKISIMA

31 October 2024

As the year comes to a close, we reflect on the transformation in Orkisima, made possible by the unwavering support of individuals and organizations like the Wild Spirit Foundation and its generous donors. In a community where resources are often limited, the impact of this support is nothing short of life-changing.

At the heart of Orkisima, our school has become a beacon of hope. What was once a quiet space is now alive with the laughter of children, eager to learn. These young minds arrive each day with excitement, ready to embrace the educational opportunities made possible through your generosity. The joy in their voices as they share stories of what they've learned and the supplies they've received is a constant reminder of how far we've come together.

Mosses Mollel, the Project Leader and School Director, shares his deep gratitude:

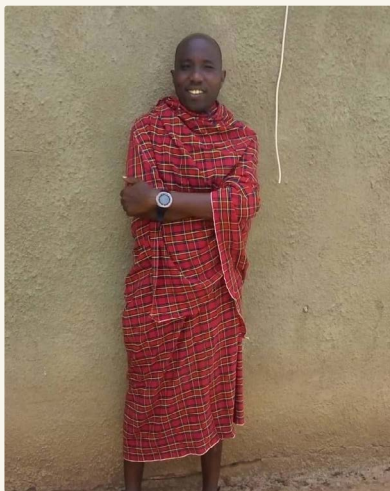
*"We are immensely grateful to the Wild Spirit Foundation for its commitment to empowering our community. Your support has transformed lives and created an environment where learning thrives. While we acknowledge the challenges we face, we have cultivated unity and resilience, together. Your dedication has opened doors, allowing us to envision a future filled with possibilities for our children."*

This year, our community was also blessed with a crucial gift: water. In a region where access to clean water is a constant struggle, the arrival of a reliable water supply has brought relief, nourishing both the students and staff. During a particularly dry season, this resource has been invaluable, quenching our thirst and lifting our spirits.

Looking ahead, Mosses remains hopeful, knowing that with continued support from the Wild Spirit Foundation and its donors, even more milestones are within reach.

*"Thank you to the Wild Spirit Foundation and all its donors for believing in Orkisima's potential. Together, we are not just building a school; we are building a brighter future for our children and our community."*

**This heartfelt message is a testament to the power of community, generosity, and the shared vision for a better tomorrow.**



## THE STORY OF NURU: A BEACON OF HOPE IN LOSIMINGORI

October 2024

### Rural Challenges in Losimingori

In the remote Maasai village of Losimingori, Tanzania, the path to opportunity has often been a steep one, especially for girls. Here, access to education and essential resources is limited, leaving many children, particularly girls, with untapped potential. Without external support, the cycle of limited opportunities often continues, leaving little room for growth or change.

### The Spark of Nuru

Nuru, whose name means "light," is a living testament to the power of determination. From a young age, she demonstrated an unwavering commitment to learning, defying the societal barriers that often hold girls back in rural communities. Her passion, drive, and resilience have made her a beacon of hope not just for herself, but for the future of all girls in Losimingori.

### Wild Spirit Foundation's Support

With the scholarship support from Wild Spirit Foundation, Nuru was able to overcome the financial barriers that would have otherwise kept her from pursuing her education. This funding provided Nuru with the opportunity to continue her studies and unlock possibilities she once thought were out of reach. The scholarship became not just a means to an end, but a key to a broader future.

### Educational Milestones

In 2024, Nuru reached a monumental achievement: she graduated from a teacher training program, marking a significant milestone in her journey. But her ambitions don't stop there. With continued support from Wild Spirit Foundation, Nuru has embarked on university studies, taking the next step toward realizing her dreams and setting the stage to create new opportunities for others in her community.



## A Beacon of Hope

Nuru's journey is a powerful reminder of how investing in girls' education can lead to profound change. Her story shows that with the right support, girls in rural communities can rise above adversity and realize their full potential. Nuru is more than just a student—she is a symbol of hope for future generations of girls in Losimingori. Through her success, she demonstrates that when you give girls the tools to succeed, they don't just change their own lives—they change the future of their communities.

Together with Jane, the school nurse, Miriam, the teacher assistant, and Naomie, the cook—three other incredible women employed by Wild Spirit Foundation at Orkisima School—Nuru's success story is one of collective impact. These women are showing the next generation of girls that education, empowerment, and opportunity are not just dreams, but achievable realities. Their example is opening doors for gender equality, where there were once barriers, and creating lasting change in a community where women have traditionally had fewer opportunities.

Nuru's story is just the beginning. It's proof that with support, education, and empowerment, the future for girls in Losimingori can be different—one full of possibility, growth, and hope.

## PAUL'S STORY: YOUNG MAASAI VET LEADING ANIMAL AND HUMAN HEALTH

October 2024

### Paul's Dedication and Initiative

At just 23 years old, Paul is a quiet yet determined young Maasai with a profound passion for both wildlife and community health. Despite his reserved nature, his drive to make a difference led him to reach out to Wild Spirit Foundation with a heartfelt letter, requesting support for his education to become a veterinary technician.

### Support from Wild Spirit Foundation

In response, Wild Spirit Foundation provided the funding Paul needed to complete his training in Arusha. This support has empowered him to become a vital asset not only to his community but also to the foundation's mission of promoting health and conservation.

### Impact on Community Health

Paul's work in the community has had a significant impact. By implementing livestock vaccination programs, he helps prevent diseases in animals and reduces the risk of transmission to both wildlife and humans. His efforts are building a healthier, more resilient community, directly aligning with the foundation's One Health approach.



### A Role Model with Growing Ambitions

In 2024, Paul passed the university entrance exam and, with continued support from Wild Spirit Foundation, began his veterinary medicine studies. His journey is not just a personal achievement—it's a powerful example for other young people in his community, embodying the foundation's goals of empowerment, education, and conservation. Paul's story is one of dedication, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to both human and animal health.

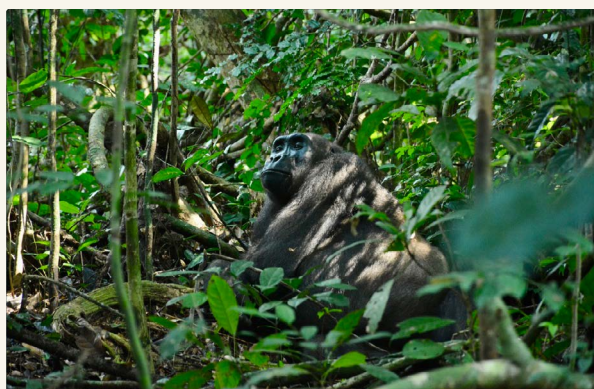
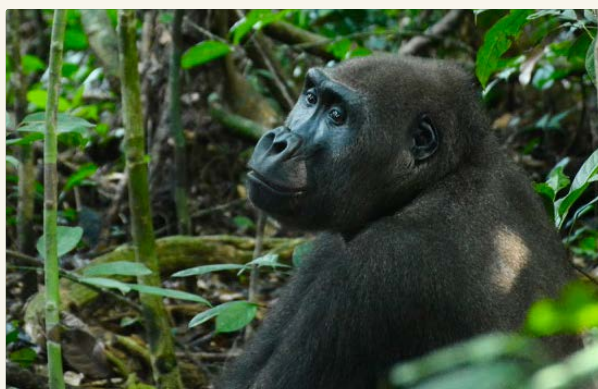
## 6.2. GABON

### ORPHANED APES: A CALL TO ACTION

In May 2024, a call from our collaborators in Gabon brought our team from South Africa and Australia to respond to an urgent crisis. A four-month-old gorilla, had been rescued from a local community after his mother was killed for bushmeat.

This baby gorilla story is a heartbreaking reminder of the ongoing illegal wildlife trade and bushmeat consumption. This crisis exposes two critical realities:

1. The high risk of zoonotic diseases—diseases transmitted from wildlife to humans—threatens both public health and global biodiversity.
2. The devastating toll on great ape populations leaving orphaned infants to face an uncertain future, often without the necessary care to survive.





Later, in August, we received another call from Gabon. This time, it was about a month-old orphaned chimpanzee. His story was even more tragic. Due to a lack of funding to cover transportation and urgent veterinary care, he didn't make it to the rescue center in time.

These moments are stark reminders that every delay can mean the difference between life and death.

During this trip alone, we encountered five more orphaned great apes—both chimpanzees and gorillas. The challenges were clear: the need for specialized veterinary care, appropriate facilities, and the complex task of reintroducing human-habituated animals into wild ecosystems.

This experience solidified one thing: we must act now.

Wild Spirit Foundation is launching an Emergency Fund to ensure no orphaned great ape is left behind due to a lack of resources. This fund will support urgent rescues, veterinary care, transportation, and community engagement programs to address the root causes of this crisis.

Andrew's story is not unique, but it is a call to action. Together, we can save lives, protect species, and ensure a future where these tragedies no longer occur.

**We need your support - urgently and now.**

### **RESTORING FREEDOM: THE CHIMPANZEE RESCUE AND FREEDOM INITIATIVE (CIRF)**

In 2025, Wild Spirit Foundation will embark on a transformative mission: the release of 30 chimpanzees currently confined in a laboratory in Gabon. These chimpanzees, each with their own story of resilience, are now at the heart of our efforts to return them to the wild.

Through the Chimpanzee Rescue and Freedom Initiative (CIRF), and in collaboration with local authorities and Dr Chloe Buitin, we are working with local experts to rehabilitate these individuals and prepare them for life in their natural habitat on Loango Island. The process will include tailored veterinary care, survival training, and ongoing monitoring to ensure their successful adaptation to the wild.

In March 2025, a dedicated team of experts and donors will conduct the first site visit. This critical visit will engage stakeholders, refine the project plan, and secure the necessary funding to bring this ambitious vision to life.

This initiative is more than a rescue—it is about rewriting the story of wildlife in captivity and building a legacy of freedom for future generations.

**Together, we can make this vision a reality.**





## GOOD NEWS FROM MOUKALABA-DOUDOU NATIONAL PARK

August 2024

After five years of dedication, we are proud to announce the successful installation of the first solar panels at our research station in Doussala. This milestone, achieved in collaboration with IRET and Gabon Untouched, marks a new era of sustainability for our Wild Gorilla Project in Moukalaba-Doudou National Park.

The solar panels will power critical research and conservation activities, ensuring that the work at Doussala continues with minimal environmental impact. One of the first benefits of this renewable energy was enabling professional filmmakers to charge their equipment on-site. This paved the way for a renowned documentary team to record Papa Yitou, a local conservation initiative led by Gabon Untouched. The documentary highlights the extraordinary efforts of the community to protect wildlife.

This achievement represents more than a technological step forward—it's proof of the power of persistence and collaboration in driving meaningful change.

## NEW UNIFORMS, NEW PRIDE

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the Papa Yitou Project, led by Gabon Untouched, has taken another significant step forward. This community-led initiative in Doussala, dedicated to protecting gorillas, is stronger than ever.

The project's name, Papa Yitou, means Hope in Punu, the local language—a fitting name for an initiative that inspires resilience and progress in the fight to protect Gabon's wildlife.

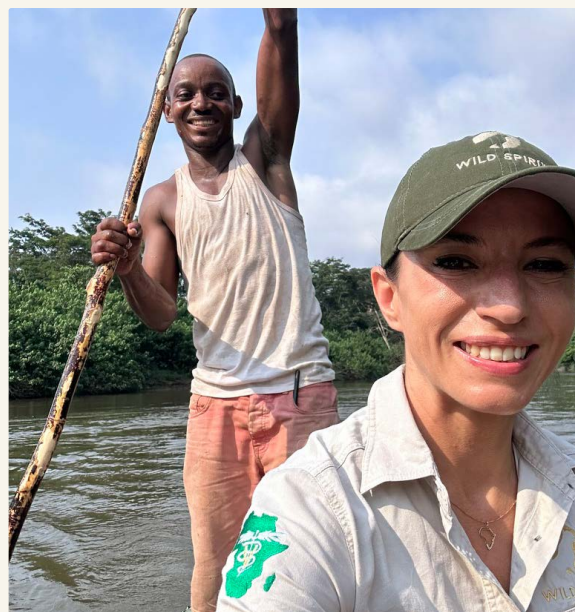
The local men, true guardians of the forest and the “soul of silverbacks,” now proudly wear new uniforms adorned with a custom-designed logo. The Logo, created by Leonidas Advertising as part of a Wild Spirit Foundation initiative, symbolises their commitment and fosters a deep sense of belonging.

From Spain and South Africa, we delivered essential tools and gear to support their vital work, including:

- High-quality GPS monitors for mapping and tracking gorillas and chimpanzees.
- Durable boots for navigating muddy, rain-soaked forests.
- Sleeping tents for extended field missions.
- Waterproof backpacks and bags for all-weather conditions.

These provisions are more than equipment—they are tools of empowerment. They inspire pride and unity within the community, enabling these local heroes to continue their critical efforts to protect Gabon's extraordinary wildlife and ecosystems.

Together, we are safeguarding the future of Gabon's remarkable biodiversity.





### 6.3. SOUTH AFRICA

#### AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND CONSERVATION: THE WILD HARMONY CONCERT

In the South African wilderness at Monega, a renowned Big Five game reserve, Wild Spirit Foundation hosted an unforgettable evening: Wild Harmony - A Classical Music Concert for Conservation.

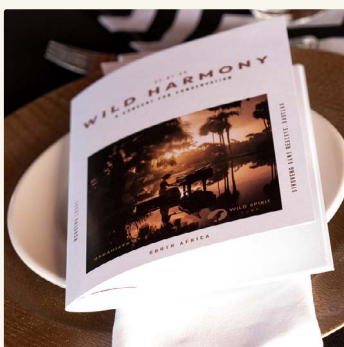
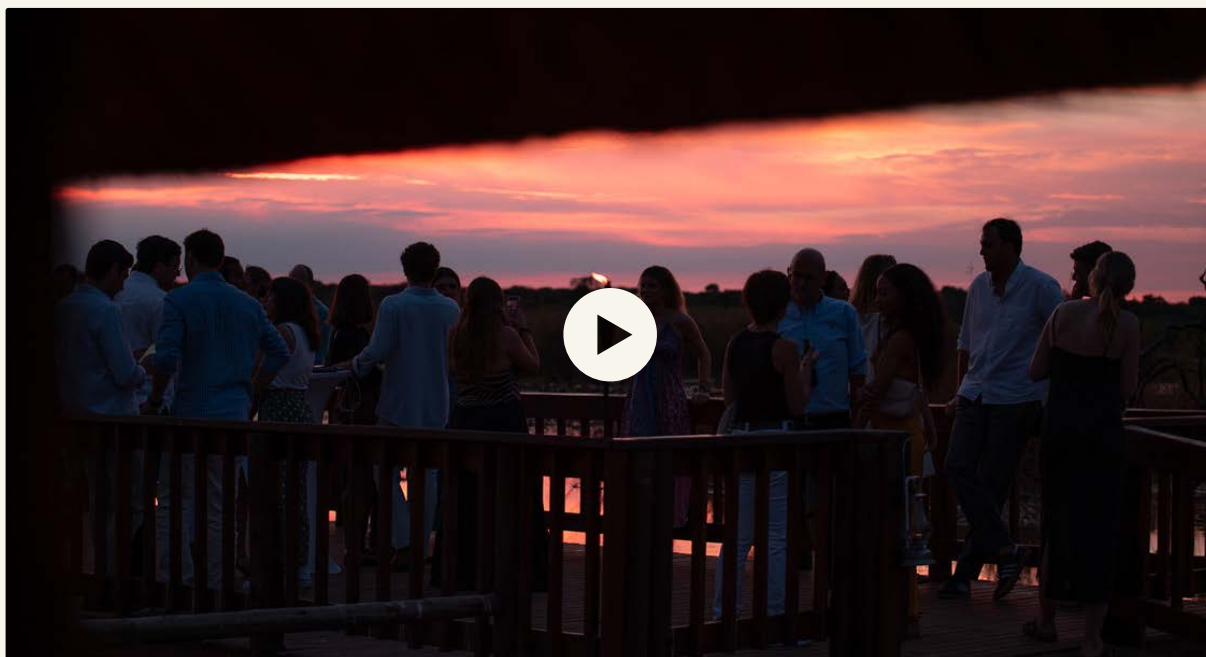
With the sounds of a violin, cello, and grand piano resonating in a lake at the sunset, the event brought together diplomats, business leaders, and passionate wildlife advocates for a magical night immersed in nature.

Led by our founder, Dr. Fabiola Quesada, the evening combined the power of storytelling with the elegance of music. Dr. Quesada shared compelling narratives about the work of Wild Spirit Foundation and the tireless efforts of professionals on the frontlines of wildlife health and conservation.

The event was more than just a concert—it was a call to action. By bringing these stories to life, we aimed to inspire awareness and secure critical funding to protect the natural world we cherish.

The Wild Harmony Concert wasn't just about music; it was about connection, understanding, and the shared commitment to creating a better future for wildlife and the ecosystems we all depend on.

**A classical concert for conservation - first edition by Wild Spirit Fund. Click to watch:**



## LIONS AND BUFFALOES: ONGOING RESEARCH AND COLLABORATION

### 2023 – 2024

The buffaloes and lions project has been a cornerstone of Wild Spirit Foundation's research since 2023, focusing on understanding the health dynamics of these iconic species in Kruger National Park. The primary objective is to investigate the role of *Mycobacterium bovis* in buffaloes and its potential transmission to lions, contributing to wildlife health management and better conservation practices.

In July 2024, Dr. Nemes traveled to Kruger to conduct a follow-up study and collect additional samples to further the analysis. Unfortunately, during the visit, the flow cytometers, vital for the analysis of these samples, malfunctioned, leading to a temporary setback. While repairs are pending, the research team remains committed to moving forward, and we are hopeful to resume the work soon.

Despite this technical hurdle, the collaboration with Yale University and local researchers in Kruger remains strong. This partnership continues to provide us with the necessary resources, expertise, and access to ongoing data collection, ensuring that the project remains on track for 2025 results. These findings will be crucial for understanding the disease transmission dynamics between buffaloes and lions, which will help shape future conservation and management strategies for both species.

The ongoing nature of this research reflects Wild Spirit Foundation's commitment to scientific excellence and collaborative partnerships, as we continue to work towards ensuring the long-term health and survival of wildlife in Kruger and beyond.

As we await the repaired equipment, we are confident that the future of this project will provide valuable insights into wildlife health and continue our mission to protect endangered species from emerging threats.

## TWO ORGANIZATIONS, ONE MISSION: IMPACTING CONSERVATION THROUGH VETERINARY TRAINING AND ACTION

### Direct Impact in the Field: Dr. Fabiola Quesada and Dr. Brendan Tidball's Leadership

In July and August 2024, Wild Spirit Foundation, under the leadership of Dr. Fabiola Quesada and Dr. Brendan Tidball, welcomed 60 international interns from across the globe. This collaboration with Wild Spirit Vet PTY brought together wildlife veterinarians, veterinary nurses, and students, providing them with hands-on training while directly contributing to vital wildlife conservation efforts across Africa.

Our mission is simple: to empower the next generation of conservationists and create real, lasting impact in the field. We partner with wildlife reserves and reputable rescue centers across South Africa, ensuring the highest standards of animal welfare. These centers play a crucial role in the lifelong care of big cats that cannot be reintroduced to the wild, ensuring they live in protected environments.

Interns participated in a wide range of vital conservation projects, including:

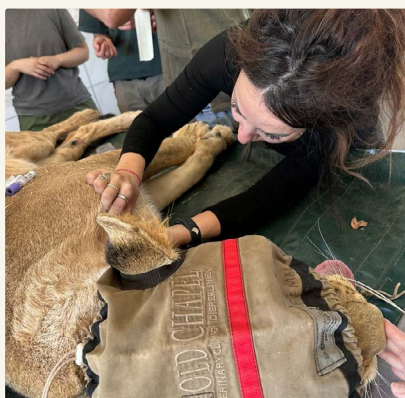
- Tracking black rhino horns to combat poaching and secure the future of this critically endangered species.
- Elephant conservation, including GPS collaring and radio tracking to monitor movements and enhance protection strategies.
- Conducting health checks and genetic research on cheetahs, essential for long-term species management and preservation.
- Rhino translocations to secure safe habitats and reduce the risk of extinction.
- Assisting with dehorning operations to reduce poaching risk at trusted rescue centers.
- Supporting rhino orphanages, providing care for young rhinos orphaned by poaching and funding their rehabilitation.
- Managing the health of rescued lions and assisting with birth control measures to maintain balanced, healthy populations.
- Addressing FIV in white rhinos and supporting embryo management to ensure genetic diversity and species survival, should the wild population reach a critical stage (which we hope to avoid).
- Conducting buffalo disease testing to ensure disease-free populations and supporting translocations between reserves to enhance population health and reduce disease spread.
- Zebra capture and translocation, contributing to population management and ecological balance across reserves.



In addition to fieldwork, interns participated in comprehensive lectures on wildlife health, wild animal capture, and anesthesia techniques, learning how to safely handle species ranging from cheetahs and lions to hippos and buffaloes. Key topics included One Health, wildlife health management, and integrated approaches to conservation and species protection.

These projects highlight the crucial role of veterinary care in wildlife conservation. Through Wild Spirit Foundation and Wild Spirit Vet, we work side-by-side to preserve Africa's most endangered species. Our joint commitment is to equip the next generation of conservationists with real-world experience and the knowledge needed to make a tangible, lasting difference in the field.

Beyond the hands-on training, interns return home inspired and equipped to continue driving wildlife protection efforts in their own countries and communities. Armed with practical experience and invaluable knowledge, they are now ready to contribute to the conservation of endangered species and the future of wildlife health globally.





## VETERINARY TATTOOS: A REFLECTION OF THE WILD SPIRIT IN OUR STUDENTS

At Wild Spirit Vet PTY, we've had the privilege of welcoming dozens of students into our veterinary training programs over the years. Initially, the tattoos adorning our students seemed unusual—a growing trend in veterinary circles. But over time, we've come to see them as powerful symbols of commitment and dedication to wildlife conservation.

Each tattoo tells its own story. It embodies what these students carry in their hearts: a deep love for wildlife and a relentless determination to protect the species they care for. These tattoos are not just ink on skin; they are a reflection of their journey and their calling.

Choosing to join Wild Spirit Vet means choosing to embrace a vision—a vision where veterinary medicine becomes a vital tool in creating a world where humans and nature coexist harmoniously. Our students come to us with a passion for change, and through our programs, they gain the knowledge and skills to bring that vision to life.

As a core partner of Wild Spirit Foundation, Wild Spirit Vet PTY plays an essential role in our shared mission to empower the next generation of conservationists. This connection between our two institutions highlights how, through education and collaboration, we are equipping students to make a lasting impact on wildlife and their communities.

We are proud to be a part of their journey. Every day, as we see their passion and commitment in action, we are reminded that the path to a better future for wildlife is paved with dedication, compassion, and collaboration. The challenges may be significant, but together, we are moving towards a future where both wildlife and humanity can thrive side by side.



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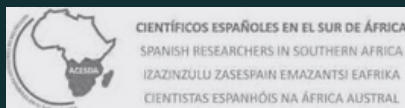
## MESSAGE TO OUR SPONSORS, DONORS AND COLLABORATORS

As we reflect on a year of growth and achievement, we are humbled by the continuous support of our dedicated donors, partners, and volunteers. Their belief in our mission has been instrumental in enabling the Wild Spirit Foundation to make a profound impact in 2024.

From individual donors sponsoring scholarships to corporate partners supporting key wildlife conservation programs, every contribution has been a step toward a brighter, more sustainable future. Together, we are creating lasting change for both humans and Africa's wildlife. We couldn't have done this without the generosity and commitment of each supporter.

Thank you for being a part of this journey. With your help, we continue to build a world where humanity and nature can coexist in harmony.

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# 8. CHALLENGES & LESSONS LEARNED

## 8.1. OVERCOMING OBSTACLES IN 2024

While 2024 has been a year of tremendous progress, it hasn't come without its challenges. Key obstacles included:

- **Ongoing Field Operations:** With permanent employees now in the field, we are managing long-term operational costs such as ongoing salaries and logistical expenses, which requires strategic financial planning to ensure sustainability.
- **Water Scarcity:** The water crisis in Losimingori demanded urgent action to provide clean water for the students at Orkisima School. The difficulty of addressing water scarcity in a region affected by droughts, desertification, and competing demands from humans and wildlife required innovative solutions. Thanks to the swift response and donor support, we alleviated the immediate crisis, but long-term solutions remain a priority.
- **Logistical Hurdles in International Programs:** Coordinating travel, accommodations, and fieldwork for 60 international interns across multiple countries presented significant logistical challenges. Careful planning was essential to ensure a smooth experience for both the interns and the local communities we support.
- **Health and Safety:** In light of global health challenges, ensuring the health and safety of volunteers, staff, and local communities during field operations was crucial. This required flexibility and on-the-ground problem-solving to manage potential risks effectively.
- **Equipment Failures:** The malfunction of vital equipment, such as the flow cytometer used in research projects, led to a temporary halt in certain initiatives. We are working on replacing and upgrading critical equipment to avoid future disruptions.
- **Strengthening Our Digital Presence:** While our impact has been significant, we recognized the need to amplify our presence on social media. Increasing engagement and sharing our work, achievements, and passion for wildlife conservation will allow us to reach more supporters and raise awareness globally.

## 8.2. HOW THESE LESSONS SHAPE FUTURE STRATEGIES

These challenges have provided invaluable insights and will inform our future strategies. We are committed to:

- Strengthening our **operational sustainability**, particularly in terms of employee retention and field operations.
- Investing in **long-term solutions** for water access in areas like Losimingori, while ensuring efficient use of resources.
- Streamlining our **logistics and coordination** for international programs to enhance the experience for volunteers and interns.
- Continuing to prioritize the **health and safety** of our team members and the communities we work with.
- **Upgrading equipment** and establishing contingency plans to minimize project disruptions.
- **Expanding our digital outreach** to enhance engagement with our supporters, share our successes, and foster a global community of conservation advocates.

By learning from these challenges, we are better positioned to drive even more impactful change in the years ahead. Together with our partners, we are committed to continuously improving and adapting to ensure the success of our mission.



# 9. LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025: WHAT'S NEXT?

## 9.1. PLANS FOR UPCOMING PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

The year 2025 promises to be one of bold initiatives and exciting growth for Wild Spirit Foundation. Here are a few highlights of what's to come:

- **Chimpanzee Rescue and Freedom Initiative (CIRF):** In **March 2025**, we will conduct the **first site visit** to plan the release of **30 rescued chimpanzees** onto Loango Island in Gabon. This will mark a significant step in our efforts to give these animals a future in the wild.
- **Elephant Collaring in Tsavo National Park:** One of our key projects is the **collaring of three elephants in Tsavo National Park in May 2025**. This initiative aims to reduce human-wildlife conflict through an early warning system and collect valuable data on elephant movements, enabling better protection for both the elephants and the surrounding communities.
- **Namibia Conservation Expedition:** In **June 2025**, Wild Spirit Foundation will launch an impactful **conservation experience in Namibia**. The expedition will focus on rhino conservation, with an emphasis on **anti-poaching efforts and cheetah monitoring**. This experience will provide critical data for **cheetah population management** and help ensure the long-term protection of both species in their natural habitats.
- **Expanding Wildlife Training Programs:** We will continue to grow **our wildlife veterinary training programs**, working with more conservation organizations across Africa to equip the next generation of wildlife veterinarians.
- **Sustainable Water Solutions:** Our work in **Losimingori** and other communities will continue to focus on **long-term water solutions**, improving infrastructure to provide reliable access to clean water and ensuring sustainable development for the community.



# 10. CONTACT INFORMATION

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Tax Number:	9123529258
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Both entities are fully operational and work together to protect wildlife, ecosystems, and the communities that depend on them.

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