



CHEETAH CHAT

Hoedspruit Endangered
Species Centre



Hello friends from around the world!

As the year is nearing an end and the festive season is upon us we would like to share a few of the stories and happenings from the centre. The staff has been busy around the clock ensuring the animals' needs are met and kept in perfect condition, the guides have been hard at work ensuring that guests visiting the centre receive the best experience possible. Over all we are trying to bring a change in this world for the better! In this newsletter, we share some of the highlights.

RESCUED RHINOS @ HESC



- Our rhinos have a special place in all our hearts. This is not only true for the staff at the centre but for many of our followers around the globe. We are happy to announce that one of our baby rhinos has reached a huge milestone, **Nhlanhla has been weaned off of his bottle**. This is always exciting for us as we witness one of our young ones move from one phase of life to the next! [Click here](#) for the recent update on the rhinos .

ORPHANS



- **Shawu** has grown up really fast. This orphaned baby elephant weighed a mere 101 kg on his arrival a year ago. He has since put on over 180 kg. [Click here](#) to read the recent update on him
- **Esmé is little rhino that arrived on 10 October.** Although she's been with us for a short while, Esmé has already captured hearts around the world. She was saved from a situation that could have turned deadly, but since her arrival she's put on weight and her energy levels have increased tenfold. [Click here](#) to read her story.
- Our former resident warthog, **Winston, has been released back into the wild!** He's been introduced to a sounder of warthogs on a reserve and seems to fit in quite nicely. Nothing makes us prouder than being able to rehabilitate and release animals back to the wild where they belong. We wish Winston a long and happy life with his 'new-found family'.

CHEETAH UPDATES



- Female cheetah, **Salome**, was examined a few weeks back after we noticed she was not eating properly. [Read the full story here](#)
- Some of our **cheetah cubs** underwent DNA profiling. [Click here](#) to read about what DNA profiling entails. You can read about the cubs' DNA profiling [here](#).

STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS



- The centre is actively involved with the **local school Lumukisa**. We have both facilitated donations for the school as well as created the HESCies programme, to teach the children about nature and conservation.
[Click here](#) to read about the HESCies last visit to the centre.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE



- HESC offers the opportunity to experience, first-hand, the work of the centre. **This intensive 21-day Wildlife Conservation Experience programme** is divided into 3 main sections: **participation, conservation, and sightseeing**. The programme is for those with an adventurous spirit looking for a unique African adventure; the passionate animal lover and the conservationist. [Read more...](#)

The programme is based at the Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre, which is home to cheetah, wild dogs, white rhino, lion, African wild cats, Ground hornbills, Sable antelope, to name only a few.

COMMUNITY



- HESC has also been able to introduce the **Investec Rhino Lifeline** to Lumukisa School, which has brought education through fun physical activities. [Read more...](#)

■ GENERAL NEWS



- HESC hosted the **Global March for Elephants and Rhinos** at the Centre. Learners from Lumukisa Preparatory and Hoërskool Hoedspruit started arriving early morning and looked forward to a day filled with lots of learning and sharing of information about elephants and rhinos.

A few weeks ago, together with our **Wildlife Conservation Experience**, we participated in an anti-rabies campaign where dogs from the surrounding community were vaccinated against the deadly disease. [Read more...](#)

- We welcomed **Bruce Crossey** to the centre to perform research on the Wild Dogs. [Read more...](#)
- **Heidi and Allen Roberts** opened their home once again and hosted their annual fundraising event in aid of the Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre. [Read more...](#)

■ THANK YOU

Over the last few months there has been so many people that contributed in so many ways to help with the

different causes the centre is involved in. Without the generosity of everyone we would not be able to do what we do.

These were our contributors over the last few months:

- [October](#)
- [September](#)
- [August](#)
- [July](#)
- [June](#)

We would also like to **thank each and everyone** that has made a donation via our online platform or directly during a visit to the centre.

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Until next time, we remain yours in CONSERVATION,
The HESC Team

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