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## SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

### A. Gariseb Primary School Programme



- A.Gariseb Primary school is based approx. 200m from the Ugab River.
- Elephants are often in the school which is a dangerous situation for learners and staff.
- EHRA leaders teach the children about encountering elephants, elephant behaviour, society and other safety information.
- EHRA helped rebuilding classrooms, toilets, dormitories and showers.
- With education EHRA helps children to understand elephant behaviour to stay safe.

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## ELEPHANT MOVEMENT & ID



We track and monitor the desert elephants of the southern Kunene every other week of the year. EHRA believes accurate data on elephant numbers and movements, the ability to identify each elephant, and knowledge of individual elephant personalities are paramount to effective conservation management in Africa.



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### How to support us:

Our PEACE Project has become increasingly important and demand for workshops is increasing. Our aim is to be in the field, holding educational seminars on a bi-monthly basis. Our mission of lessening the human-elephant conflict can only be continued with your help.

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**elephant**  
CONSERVATION



They can walk up to 70km at night

They are adapted to the desert's dry conditions

## DESERT ELEPHANT INFO NAMIBIA

They are smaller and have bigger feet than other elephants

They dig holes in riverbeds to access water

There are only 2 populations of desert elephants worldwide - in Namibia and Mali

They can survive without drinking water for several days

## CONFLICTS

Conflict between elephants and humans exists due to the sharing of resources and the lack of knowledge on how to live with elephants. In Namibia's Damaraland, conflicts are mainly centred around water.

- Elephants use natural but also man made water points, such as dams at farmsteads.
- Elephants smell water. They can pull up pipes, break water pumps, and put their tusks through water tanks trying to access water if it is not readily available in a dam.
- Elephants were absent from the area until the late 1990's. This has resulted in a generation of people who grew up without elephants and the knowledge on how to live with them.
- People often keep water or food inside traditional houses. Elephants can smell this and will break houses to gain access.

## EHRA SOLUTIONS

EHRA is a Namibian registered NGO and has been in existence since 2003. EHRA aims to provide practical conflict solutions:

**Water Point Protection** – Teams of volunteers work directly with local communities to protect vulnerable structures with walls which allow the elephants to drink but prevent access to water tanks or pumps.

**The PEACE Project** – focuses on empowering community members with knowledge on elephant behaviour so they can stay safe during elephant's visits and live without fear.

**Schools Programme** – EHRA has partnered with a school in a hot spot for elephant movements. EHRA provides training for the pupils on elephant safety.

**Elephant ID** and movement database – Week long patrols are conducted every other week of the year.

## 1 WATER POINT PROTECTION PROGRAMME



- EHRA builds large walls around water points to reduce elephant-human conflict on farms and within communities.
- Volunteers from all over the world contribute to elephant conservation by being the manpower and funding for the project.
- Volunteer teams build walls every other week of the year.
- Walls are free of charge to communal farmers and application forms can be requested from EHRA, Conservancies, Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) and Rural Water Affairs offices.

## 2 PEACE PROJECT Educational Training on Elephant Safety



- **PEACE Project**  
= People and Elephants Amicably Co-Existing
- A community based elephant education programme for people living with elephants.
- The project empowers people with knowledge on elephant behaviour so they can keep themselves, their families and livestock safe during elephant visits.
- **The PEACE Project is a 2-3 day course:**  
**Day 1:** Seminar on elephant behaviour, society, physiology, safety tips and practical training and advice, such as how to teach dogs not to bark and how to arrange homesteads.  
**Day 2:** Field trip to see the elephants and to understand their behaviour first hand.
- Over 1000 people attended a PEACE Project
- Training is also provided to tour guides, conservancy game guards, MET employees.
- In these courses elephant safety, tracking skills, elephant identification, elephant behaviour, physiology and society is the focus.
- PEACE leaders also give talks to schools and hold a yearly elephant safety week at our partner school on the Ugab River.



To reduce conflicts elephants can cause on farms, community members are being educated by the PEACE project leaders about elephant behaviour.