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Foundation Profile

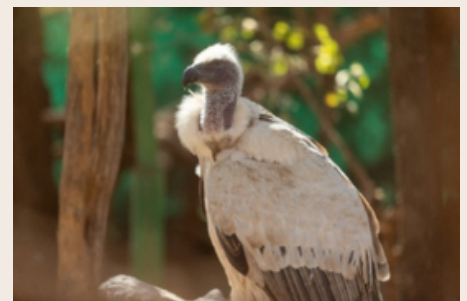
The Mokolodi Wildlife Foundation is a non-profit organization registered as a society under the Societies Act, Registration Number SOC052231123BW that acts as the governing body of the Mokolodi Nature Reserve.

Our core focus is the Mokolodi Education Centre, dedicated to the education of the children of Botswana in the subject of Nature Conservation and Environmental Education. We have an average of 9,000 to 12,000 students per year visiting our Education Centre and an estimated average of 60,000 to 70,000 people visiting the Mokolodi Nature Reserve.

The running cost of the Education Centre and the maintenance of the Mokolodi Nature Reserve and its conservation efforts are funded from the income we earn from the accommodation, conferencing, and activities we offer at Mokolodi Nature Reserve.

What We Offer

- Two education centers that can each host 40 boys and 40 girls and 4 teachers
- Volunteer house with 9 bedrooms, used for volunteer accommodation and teachers assisting at the Education Centre
- 3,800 ha nature reserve with White Rhino, giraffes, zebras, impalas, waterbuck, reedbuck, kudus, gemsbok, eland, free roaming leopards and many other species
- Conservation center and animal sanctuary with a variety of birds of prey, a cheetah and 6 wild dogs
- A Reptile Park with a variety of snakes, tortoises and other reptiles.
- White Rhino breeding project
- Vulture Rehabilitation Program





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Our Conservation Programmes

Mokolodi Nature Reserve is committed to conserving Botswana's wildlife through species conservation, wildlife rehabilitation, habitat restoration, environmental education and community engagement. Through a range of dedicated programmes, we work to protect biodiversity, inspire future conservationists and contribute to the long-term sustainability of Botswana's natural heritage.

Our conservation initiatives bring together practical field conservation, wildlife care, education and research, creating meaningful and lasting impacts for both wildlife and local communities.

Our conservation programmes include:

- Vulture Rehabilitation Programme
- Reptile Conservation
- Rhino Conservation & Breeding Programme
- Wild Dog Conservation
- Cheetah Conservation
- Wildlife Sanctuary & Rehabilitation
- Land Rehabilitation Programme
- Recycling & Sustainability Initiative
- Water Sustainability Initiative
- Renewable Energy Initiative
- Rural Schools Environmental Education Programme

The Vulture Rehabilitation Project



Vultures play a vital role in maintaining healthy ecosystems by removing carcasses and helping to prevent the spread of disease. However, their populations across Botswana continue to face serious threats from poisoning, habitat loss, collisions with infrastructure and human-wildlife conflict.

Mokolodi Nature Reserve has established a first-of-its-kind facility dedicated to vulture rehabilitation and conservation, comprising a purpose-built free-flight rehabilitation aviary and a wildlife rehabilitation clinic. Together, these facilities support the rescue, treatment, rehabilitation and release of injured, poisoned and orphaned vultures, providing them with the best possible chance of returning to the wild.

Beyond rehabilitation, the programme also contributes to conservation awareness and environmental education. Resident vultures housed within the aviary provide valuable learning opportunities for students visiting the Mokolodi Education Centre, helping them understand the ecological importance of vultures, the threats they face and the need to protect them. The facility represents a significant milestone in strengthening vulture conservation efforts in Botswana.

Reptile Conservation



Mokolodi Nature Reserve's Reptile Park provides a safe and engaging environment where visitors can discover Botswana's remarkable reptiles and their essential role in healthy ecosystems. Through interactive talks and guided experiences, guests learn about snakes, tortoises, lizards, and crocodiles while gaining a better understanding of their behaviors, ecological importance, and the need for their conservation.

The Reptile Park helps replace fear with knowledge, encouraging respect for species that are misunderstood and hence most vulnerable. By combining hands-on environmental education with responsible animal care, Mokolodi inspires thousands of visitors each year to appreciate reptiles and support the long-term conservation of Botswana's unique biodiversity.

Rhino Breeding Program

Mokolodi Nature Reserve has become a leading contributor to rhino conservation in Botswana through its successful white rhino breeding program and long-standing commitment to species recovery. Since the program began, more than 25 rhinos have been successfully reintroduced from Mokolodi into protected areas, helping strengthen wild populations across the country. This achievement reflects years of dedicated wildlife management, careful monitoring, and close collaboration with national conservation partners.

The reserve's breeding programme continues to support the growth of Botswana's rhino population while contributing to the long-term survival of this iconic species. Visitors and school groups also gain a deeper understanding of rhino conservation through guided educational experiences that highlight the importance of protecting wildlife for future generations. By combining conservation, education, and scientific management, Mokolodi continues to play a meaningful role in safeguarding Botswana's natural heritage.



Wilddogs



Mokolodi Nature Reserve is home to a resident pack of African wild dogs, one of Africa's most endangered carnivores, cared for within the reserve's Conservation Centre and Animal Sanctuary. The pack provides an exceptional opportunity for visitors and students to learn about this remarkable species and its important role in healthy ecosystems.

Through guided educational experiences, thousands of schoolchildren each year discover the wild dog's unique social behaviour, teamwork, and ecological importance. By combining outstanding animal care with hands-on environmental education, Mokolodi inspires future conservation leaders while strengthening public appreciation for Botswana's wildlife and commitment to biodiversity conservation.

Project Cheetah

Mokolodi Nature Reserve played an important role in Project Cheetah, an international conservation initiative working to restore cheetahs to India after their disappearance seven decades ago. In partnership with conservation authorities from Botswana and India, Mokolodi provided specialised veterinary care, health monitoring, and quarantine facilities to ensure the animals were prepared for their journey.

This collaborative effort marked another milestone in the strong conservation partnership between the two countries. The project continues to show encouraging progress, with cheetahs establishing territories, displaying natural behaviours, and successfully raising cubs in India. Mokolodi's involvement demonstrates Botswana's leadership in wildlife conservation and highlights how international collaboration, scientific expertise, and responsible wildlife management can support species recovery while contributing to global conservation knowledge and strengthening long-term biodiversity conservation efforts.



Wildlife Sanctuary Rehabilitation



Mokolodi Nature Reserve is home to the only registered wildlife rehabilitation centre in southern Botswana, providing rescue, care and rehabilitation for injured, orphaned and displaced wildlife. Situated within a protected nature reserve, the centre offers a unique advantage by allowing successfully rehabilitated animals to be released into a safe, natural environment where they can regain their independence and contribute to healthy wild populations.

Our dedicated team has successfully rehabilitated and released a wide range of species, including birds of prey, vultures, owls, mammals and reptiles. For animals that cannot be returned to the wild due to permanent injuries or imprinting, the sanctuary provides lifelong care while allowing them to play an important role in conservation education and inspiring visitors to value and protect Botswana's wildlife.

Through rehabilitation, animal welfare, environmental education and collaboration with conservation partners, Mokolodi continues to play a vital role in safeguarding the country's wildlife and promoting coexistence between people and nature.



Recycling Initiative



This proposed initiative aims to establish a comprehensive recycling program at Mokolodi Nature Reserve to reduce waste, promote sustainability, and provide hands-on environmental education for visiting students. Recycling stations for paper, tins, glass, and plastic will be set up across key locations, while wet waste from the restaurant and Education Centre will be repurposed for permaculture gardening.

Future plans include producing eco-bricks from plastic waste and implementing a community buy-back program where recyclables can be exchanged for essential goods. By diverting waste from landfills and encouraging sustainable waste management, this initiative will strengthen Mokolodi's commitment to environmental conservation and community engagement.

Land Rehabilitation Programme

This upcoming project focuses on restoring degraded landscapes at Mokolodi Nature Reserve by implementing erosion control measures, reforestation, and sustainable land management. The program will include gabion construction, reseeding bare patches, terracing runways, and controlling bush encroachment to prevent further soil erosion and enhance ecosystem resilience.

Additionally, a bridge will be constructed over the Fikeng River to improve access for conservation monitoring. To expand impact, an outreach program will educate farmers and landowners on sustainable land management practices to combat desertification. By employing a dedicated workforce for restoration efforts, this project will promote long-term environmental sustainability and community engagement in conservation.



Solar Energy Project



Mokolodi Nature Reserve is planning to transition to solar energy to reduce reliance on the national grid, lower operational costs, and support sustainable conservation efforts. This project involves a phased installation of hybrid solar systems across key locations, including the main entrance, conference center, and chalets.

By integrating solar panels, battery storage, and hybrid inverters, the initiative aims to provide reliable, clean energy, significantly reducing the reserve's carbon footprint while ensuring uninterrupted power for conservation activities. Beyond cost savings, this project aligns with climate action goals and sets a model for eco-friendly energy solutions in Botswana's conservation sector.

Water Sustainability Initiative

To address water shortages and high costs, this proposed project focuses on rainwater harvesting, filtration, and sustainable water management across Mokolodi Nature Reserve. Key initiatives include installing water tanks to capture and store rainwater, upgrading the grey and black water recycling plant, and drilling three additional boreholes to ensure a reliable water supply for operations and wildlife.

A filtration system at the Education and Conference Centre will eliminate the need for bottled water, reducing costs and plastic waste. Additionally, constructing a furrow system and paving key areas will prevent erosion and maximize rainwater capture, while an improved irrigation system will support a sustainable horticulture project to grow fresh produce for the reserve's needs.



Rural Schools Environmental Education Program



This ongoing initiative provides equal learning opportunities for students from remote and underprivileged communities, offering them a two-day immersive experience at Mokolodi Nature Reserve. Through hands-on environmental education, students learn about wildlife conservation, climate change, sustainable resource use, and human-wildlife coexistence.

Activities include game drives, nature walks, water studies, and team-building exercises to foster a deeper understanding of environmental issues and equip students with the skills to make informed, responsible decisions about conservation. The program has already had a significant impact, and further funding is needed to continue expanding its reach. The program will also extend beyond the reserve with school-based outreach projects, ensuring long-term impact and ongoing engagement in environmental stewardship.



Income Generating Facilities

- 5 Chalets with 8 rooms that can host up to 24 guests sharing.
- A first-class restaurant with 240 seats and a tea garden offering light meals.
- A Curio shop that sells mainly locally produced products.
- Worldview Conference Centre with 3 conference rooms, hosting 60, 30 and 10 pax each.
- 3 venues used for bush braais and outdoor events. We can host up to 100 people at our outdoor venues.
- 5 x Game viewer truck that can each accommodate up to 25 pax.
- 1 x Luxury game viewer that can accommodate up to 7 pax.



Activities

- Gamedrives
- Bushbraais (minimum 15 pax and up to 100 pax)
- Rhino Tracking (min 2 max 7 pax)
- Giraffe Tracking
- Cycling Routes and Walking Trails

