



LIMPOPO WILDLIFE ECO COLLEGE



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“Limpopo Wildlife Eco College offers much more than just an education; it provides an enriching experience. Nature Training at its best! As a premier private Skills Development Provider (SDP), Limpopo Wildlife Eco College boasts over three decades of expertise in the wildlife and touring industry.”

Limpopo Wildlife Eco College & Africa Expectation Safaris offer a practical, character-focused education, blending theory and real workplace experience. The program starts with a 12-day Professional Hunter Skills course, assisting with Nature Conservation registration, and leads to a Professional Hunting Certificate. Small class sizes provide individualized attention, with qualified staff and real workplaces for hands-on learning. Flexible enrollment options and coaching-oriented teaching make graduates job-ready with recognized qualifications.



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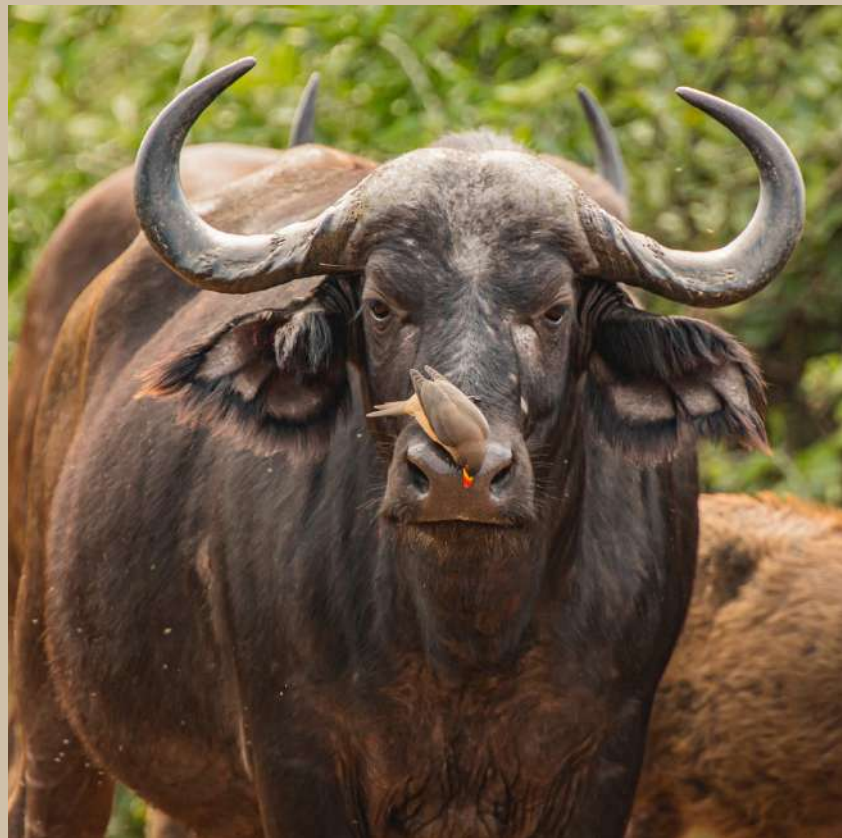
Limpopo Wildlife Eco College upholds the highest standards for its Eco-tourism, Conservation, and Wildlife programs, setting rigorous expectations for both its participants and educators. Our programs not only require significant dedication from students but also demand lecturers to design and deliver education that aligns with the National curriculum and complies with industry and professional standards.

Upon enrollment, students embark on an immersive educational journey that challenges their preconceptions, disrupts their everyday routines, and introduces them to novel and unconventional modes of thinking. Their participation in these programs equips them to take the next steps in their careers and personal lives, empowering them to exhibit leadership within the Academy, their classes, and among their peers. Most importantly, they return to their own communities armed with fresh ideas, newfound skills, and an enhanced ability to address the pressing environmental challenges that confront Africa.

Nature Guiding | Safari Ranger

The terms “nature guide” or “field guide” are often mistaken for “game ranger” and “tourist guide.” A game ranger is responsible for managing specific areas where wild animals roam, while a tourist guide covers a wide range of areas across the entire country, offering guidance to tourists in cities, museums, battlefields, and various points of interest, with a primary focus on the man-made environment and cultural-historical aspects.

On the other hand, a Nature or Safari Guide leads people into natural environments. This form of guiding encompasses more than just walking trails; it can also include activities such as vehicle drives, horseback safaris, canoeing, and other outdoor adventures. Nature guides have a keen interest in ecology and nature. However, the term “Ranger” is deeply entrenched in the tourism guiding industry and is unlikely to change. Therefore, by obtaining this qualification and registering as a Nature Guide, you can expect to be employed as a Ranger at game reserves, where you’ll have the exciting role of entertaining tourists and guiding them to observe Africa’s iconic Big 5: leopard, lion, elephant, buffalo, and rhino.



Tracking

Throughout history, humanity has honed its survival skills within the natural world. Man's quest for effective hunting led to the development of tracking expertise. In the realm of Eco Tourism, the art of tracking has evolved, introducing more sophisticated methods for locating elusive game like lions, leopards, and other highly sought-after species.

Tracking has transcended mere artistry; it has become a science with practical applications across various domains, including Nature Conservation, Eco-tourism, Environmental Education, Scientific Research, combating poaching, facilitating nature research initiatives, and trophy location.

Nonetheless, one cannot truly become a tracker through mere reading or short courses. These are essential starting points, but real mastery requires hands-on experience and an expanding knowledge of the wilderness. Practical thinking and application are key elements in this journey.

Becoming a proficient tracker demands practical experience, and even the most seasoned tracker remains open to continuous discovery and learning. Your tracking skills not only enrich your understanding of nature but also heighten your overall enjoyment of the natural world.



Dangerous Game Guide| Trails Guide

View Potentially Dangerous Animals | For the man in the bush, more important than having a sound knowledge of firearms, is having an intimate knowledge of the behaviour of dangerous game species. It is far better to avoid a dangerous situation than have to face the consequences of a confrontation. To view potentially dangerous animals on foot, a hands-on practical course, where Africa's dangerous game are tracked down and approach, is most practical. Learn the golden rules, animal behaviour, anatomy and danger signs / displays and how to let your clients have an unforgettable safe experience. Also learn and "Show your Competence through superior knowledge rather than firepower" but just in case you do need it.....Advance Weapon Handling for Guiding on Heavy Calibre Rifles (375, 458, 416). Learn how to use your big bore rifle fast and accurate, under pressure and at short distances with the correct shot placement to "drop" charging dangerous game. You also qualify for the National Competency Certificate on Act 60 of 2000 on Use of a Rifle.

A giraffe with a brown and white patterned coat is looking directly at the camera. It is standing behind a green, leafy bush. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with more greenery and a pale sky.

Field Ranger | Anti-Poaching Ranger

Game Rangers and Field Rangers serve as the primary custodians of the world's most treasured natural and cultural protected environments. Field Rangers undertake intricate and profoundly significant duties, preserving the essential components of our global natural and cultural heritage.

If you're seeking a career filled with adventure, our course provides an excellent foundation for a successful journey within the dynamic private Game Reserve sector. It's also an ideal pathway for those aspiring to secure positions within Provincial or National Parks as Wildlife Field Rangers. Upon successful completion of the course, you'll have the opportunity to further your specialization by enrolling in our Anti-Poaching Ranger Course. This advanced program encompasses Tactical Combat Techniques, Combat Tracking, Security, Critical Incidents, and Recovery (SCIR), paving the way to become an Anti-Poaching Ranger or, more precisely, a Field Ranger specializing in Law Enforcement and Armed Response.

In the third year of the program, you'll embark on the Park Ranger – Game Ranger track, which focuses on Area Integrity Management. This comprehensive training includes theoretical coursework, practical exercises, and real-world experiences, all designed to prepare you to lead Ranger Teams and effectively oversee the preservation of wildlife in Protected Areas, Game Farms, Nature Reserves, Provincial and National Parks across Africa.



First Year

Safari Guide & Eco Tourism

PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: SAQA & QCTO WITH CATHSSETA AS QAP
ENTRY-LEVEL REQUIREMENTS: LOVING NATURE

CATEGORY	COURSE DETAILS	DURATION
Nature Guide, Tourism & Field Ranger Game Lodge Management available as an Alternative for Field Ranger – Both Are Possible –	Nature Guiding / Safari Guide (Compulsory) Explore the captivating world of nature guiding and safari guiding with a comprehensive curriculum covering ten essential subjects: Taxonomy, Ecology, Geology, Weather and Climate, Astronomy, Botany, Birds, Mammals, Insects, and Reptiles. Practical Guiding (Compulsory) Hone your guiding skills with a blend of Safari Vehicle and Walking Safari/Trails training, equipping you for hands-on, real-world guiding experiences. Wildlife Track & Sign ID (Compulsory) Master the art of identifying wildlife tracks and signs, a fundamental skill for understanding the natural world. Dangerous Game Guiding: Open Vehicle – VPDA1 For those seeking adventure, delve into Dangerous Game Guiding from open vehicles, with an option to enhance your knowledge further with the Kruger Park Orientation Course (available for an additional Fee). Eco-Tourism (Compulsory) Explore the dynamic field of eco-tourism, learning the principles of customer service and how to create and conduct memorable tourism experiences. Also, gain proficiency in Wilderness First Aid and Wildlife Photography. Electives (Select One): 1. Field Ranger 3-in-1 (Law Enforcement) – Field Ranger 1: Focus on Anti-Poaching Management & Control – Tracking 1: Develop your Wildlife Spoor Identification and Man Tracking skills – African Bush Craft & Navigation & Survival – PFTC Firearm Competency – Use Of A Bolt Action Rifle – Physical Selection Field Ranger: Engage in Bushcraft, Survival, Obstacle Courses, Fitness, and Discipline OR 2. Game Lodge Management – Dive into the world of game lodge management, gaining insights and skills necessary for a successful career in this industry. Our program offers a range of elective paths, ensuring you can tailor your education to your specific interests and career goals.	1 YEAR

Second Year

Conservation Practitioner

PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: SAQA & QCTO WITH CATHSSETA AS QAP
ENTRY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS: LWEC YEAR 1 OR NQF 2 NATURE GUIDING/MATRIC: MATH LITERACY, GEOLOGY AND BIOLOGY

CATEGORY	COURSE DETAILS	DURATION
<div>Nature Conservation & Safari Guide</div> <div>4-in-1</div>	<p>Conservation Practices (Compulsory)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Conservation Ethics: Understand the ethical principles that underpin conservation efforts.* Wildlife Fencing: Gain expertise in setting up and maintaining wildlife fencing to protect natural habitats.* Veld Fire Control: Learn effective strategies for managing and preventing veld fires.* Monitoring Wildlife: Explore techniques for monitoring and tracking wildlife populations.* Infrastructure Management: Master the art of managing conservation infrastructure.* Alien & Invasive Plant Control: Develop skills in controlling and eradicating invasive plant species.* Waste, Disposal & Recycling: Understand eco-friendly waste management, disposal, and recycling practices.* Environmental Monitoring: Engage in environmental monitoring to ensure the well-being of natural ecosystems.* Mechanical Repair: Learn essential mechanical repair skills for maintaining equipment used in conservation.* Erosion Control: Discover methods to prevent and control erosion in natural environments.* Water Provision: Learn how to provide water sources for wildlife in protected areas.* Basic Ecology: Gain a foundational understanding of ecological principles. <p>Game Ranger – Terrestrial (Compulsory)</p> <p>Protected Area Management & Wildlife Monitoring: Dive into the management of protected areas and wildlife monitoring.</p> <p>Dangerous Game Guiding VPDA 2: Enhance your dangerous game guiding skills with a focus on backup strategies, including the use of a second rifle.</p> <p>Bolt Action Rifle For Business Purposes – ARH (Safari Tactical): Develop proficiency in using bolt-action rifles for business purposes, with a focus on safari tactical applications.</p> <p>Advanced Rifle Handling .458: Master advanced rifle handling techniques, ensuring your readiness with .458 caliber rifles. You'll even receive 40 new cartridges for practice.</p> <p>Elective VPDA 2: While not mandatory, you have the option to choose from the following:</p> <p>Tracking 2: Deepen your tracking skills, focusing on tracking dangerous game and trailing.</p> <p>This program offers a range of skills and knowledge to prepare you for a successful career in conservation and game ranging, with optional specializations to match your interests and goals.</p> <p>ELECTIVE:</p> <p>Professional Hunting – PH</p> <p><i>(National Qualification)</i></p>	<p>1 YEAR</p> <p>(Second Year)</p>

Third Year

Wildlife Practitioner

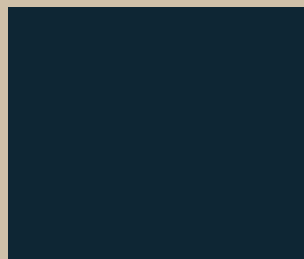
PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: SAQA & QCTO WITH CATHSSETA AS QAP
ENTRY-LEVEL REQUIREMENTS: LWEC YEAR 2 / NQF 4 NATURE + VPDA / CONSERVATION DIPLOMA NQF 5 OR EQUIVALENT

CATEGORY	COURSE DETAILS	DURATION
Wildlife Practitioner 5 – in – 1	<p>Wildlife Management Custodial Management In Africa (Compulsory) Ecology: Gain a comprehensive understanding of ecological principles. Veld & Habitat Management: Learn effective strategies for managing and preserving natural habitats. Parasitism and Contagious Wildlife Diseases: Explore the dynamics of parasitism and contagious diseases in wildlife. Marketing: Understand marketing strategies in the context of wildlife conservation and management. Finances: Master financial management in the realm of wildlife and conservation. Human Resources: Develop skills in managing human resources within wildlife organizations.</p> <p>Wildlife Animal Health Care (Compulsory) Game Capture & Relocation (Compulsory): Learn the art of capturing and relocating wildlife species, a crucial aspect of conservation efforts.</p> <p>Wildlife Rancher Manipulative Wildlife Management (Compulsory) Game Production: Dive into the intricacies of game production in a controlled environment. Genetics: Explore genetic factors that play a role in wildlife management and breeding programs. Nutrition: Understand the nutritional needs of wildlife in managed settings. Green Economy: Discover how wildlife management contributes to a sustainable and environmentally friendly economy.</p> <p>This program encompasses a broad range of essential topics in wildlife management, ensuring you have the knowledge and skills to excel in custodial management within the African context.</p> <p>ELECTIVES: Dangerous Game Guiding VPDA 3 Trial Guide / VPDA KNP Proficiency External Test</p>	1 YEAR (3rd Year)



Accommodation

Our accommodation is of the highest standard. We offer Wi-Fi to the students, full DSTV, a swimming pool (for those hot summer days), thatched chalets with their own bathrooms, a comfortable thatched lecture hall and all the modern conveniences.





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