



THE AFRICAT FOUNDATION

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HELP SPONSOR AFRICAT LION GUARDS

**HELP SPONSOR AN ESSENTIAL SALARY FOR THE AFRICAT LION GUARDS:
KEEPERS OF THE WILDERNESS**

These dedicated community members are elected by their Conservancies, essentially carrying the message of Conservation from the highest authorities to the farmer.

The AfriCat Lion Guards encourage and guide communal farmers to adopt the AfriCat Livestock Protection Programme, identify priority villages for kraal-building, monitor and report on lion whereabouts and incidents, patrol fences, and report poaching and other illegal activities.



With approx. 1000 lions left in Namibia, AfriCat's mission to seek out approaches that support large carnivores to live out their natural lives in Namibia's wilderness while taking into account the needs of farmers and local communities, is critical if lions are to continue to roam free outside protected areas.

AfriCat, based on the Western Borders of Etosha National Park, is the hub of AfriCat's work with lions. Here the central AfriCat themes of research, environmental education, community support and human-wildlife mitigation are in action.

The Lion Research Project

The Hobatere concession area that borders Etosha National Park has identified a number of individual lions in the area. The GPS collars have provided invaluable data in terms of their home ranges, the number and frequency of their excursions in and out of the park, diet and social movements and can be used to help local farmers and communities know when the lions are in their vicinity.

The project has been extended westward with more lions being collared to increase the understanding of lion movements and populations in the area.

AfriCat works with the different conservancies in the area on a **Human Wildlife Mitigation Programme** which builds relationships and offers a range of practical help to the local farming community. Research has identified a range of farming practices that can protect both livestock and lions.

AfriCat encourages and supports the communities to adapt their farming practices to accommodate the lions and reduce their livestock losses to lion predation.

This is where the work of the **AfriCat Lion Guards** comes into its own.

These men are elected by their communities and play a vital role in mitigating lion-farmer conflict on communal farmland. AfriCat, working with and through the local chiefs, agrees a programme of support for the communities which includes help and advice, building or strengthening the kraals, education and community development in return for the communities' willingness to stop killing lions.



These are dedicated members of their own communities, and are held in much respect. All farmers themselves, they have a comprehensive understanding of the pressures and challenges that farmers face striving to make a living in the wilderness. They also uniquely understand the importance which traditional farmers place on their livestock.

Seemingly in contradiction to this, they also have great affection for the lion and it is upon this which their own work with Communal Carnivore Conservation Programme is founded.

With poaching on the increase and the area in the third year of drought, there is in fact a need for more guards not less.





Sponsor an essential salary for a Lion Guard: Funding in Namibian \$ and US\$

	Namibian \$	US\$
1.1 The AfriCat Lion Guards	60,000.00	4,267
- Senior Lion Guard	42,000.00	2,987
- Junior Lion Guard 1	42,000.00	2,987
- Junior Lion Guard 2	42,000.00	2,987
- Junior Lion Guard 3	42,000.00	2,987
- Junior Lion Guard 4	42,000.00	2,987
1.2 Five Lion Guard Volunteers (Food parcels valued @ N\$ 1,000 / month)	60,000.00	4,267
1.3 Ten Additional Lion Guards (To extend the work of AfriCat further) (Cost for fuel and food parcels @N\$ 3,200 / Guard per month)	385,000.00	27,383
Total Funds Needed in N\$	673,000.00	
Total Funds Needed in US\$		47,866

