

# N/a'an ku sê Foundation

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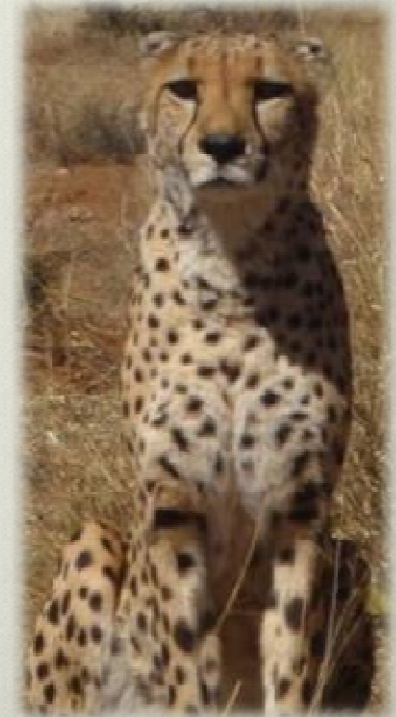
Founded in 2006 with two aims

1. To protect and conserve Namibia's vulnerable wildlife
2. To improve the lives of the San Bushman community that we work with through health care, job creation and education



# Wildlife Sanctuary & Rehabilitation Centre

- ❖ Safe haven for orphaned and injured animals
- ❖ Priority to leave wild animals in the wild
- ❖ Educating people to leave the wild in the wild – source of most animals coming to us
- ❖ Emphasis on rehabilitation and re-release of multiple species,
- ❖ Captivity last resort for few animals, practice ethical husbandry management







# Research



- ❖ Incorporate San tracking and identification skills in identifying true problem animals assisting farmers in human wildlife conflict
- ❖ Develop innovative techniques for mitigating human-wildlife conflict with commercial livestock and game farmers
  - ❖ Including evidence-based education programs
- ❖ Develop sound protocols for reintroductions
  - ❖ released 34 cheetahs, 19 leopards, and 3 brown hyenas
- ❖ Documented unpublished behaviour in cheetah



# Current Research Projects

- ❖ Large scale translocation and monitoring program of non problem carnivores into former free range historic ranges where low commercial farming densities occur
- ❖ Collar, release and monitoring on 30 000 hectares of commercial farms in surrounding area
- ❖ Non-invasive monitoring through camera traps and footprint identification development with international partners



## Translocation and reintroduction project

- ❖ Translocated collared animals:
- ❖ Cheetahs:19
- ❖ Leopards:9
- ❖ Brown hyenas:3
- ❖ Leopard survival 100%
- ❖ Cheetah survival 79% (1st year after release) and 63% (2nd year) 4 deaths in cheetahs first year (2 x hyena; 1 x heat shock; 1 x starvation)



# Translocation and reintroduction

- ❖ Preliminary conclusions: Publication pending
- ❖ Relocations generally successful – 62% of animals have established solid home ranges within 9 months after release
- ❖ Distance release site to center of new of home range (averaged 1st year):
  - ❖ Cheetah: 49.5km
  - ❖ Leopard: 19.2km
- ❖ Single cheetah males will explore/roam considerably further than other cheetahs/leopards/groups
- ❖ NO livestock predation documented from any of Naankuse's released animals, none of the animals was shot after release

# Lifeline Clinic

- ❖ Located in Epukiro, provides free primary healthcare to the San Bushman since 2003
- ❖ Estimated 3,000 Bushman treated per annum for over 8 years
- ❖ Lifeline Clinic recognized by the International Health Promotion Awards and honored first prize in the Community Health Award



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# Clever Cubs School

- ❖ Provides curriculum in English, Math, Art & Crafts, Sports, and Environmental Studies
- ❖ Enrollment of 13 Clever Cub graduates into Windhoek Schools



# Outlook

- ❖ Create forum for wild dog conservation and implement a meta-population management plan focused on captive stock in Namibia
- ❖ Ancient skills training academy i.e. spoor tracking for the younger San Bushman generation
- ❖ Depolarization of key conservation stakeholders: Farmers, hunters, government, NGO's
- ❖ Develop further successful public-private partnership avenues with Namibian government MOHSS Dr. Richard Kamwi – Patron of clinic project working for almost 6 years with state clinic in partnership
- ❖ Build on current partnerships i.e. Jolie – Pitt Foundation





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