

CONSERVATION ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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Conservation (1/2)

Conservation Education

- Reestablishment of the conservation club with volunteer students
- A new community & conservation education officer joined the team in May after the departure for the former one in April.
- Organisation of 3 nature camps, in April, August and November
- Kids for Compassionate and Conservation outreach programme with Mama P book (between March and November) reached 18 different schools and 1,595 students from grade ECE to 12

Conservation (2/2)

Conservation Actions & Biomonitoring

- Launch of a bird survey to know more about the biodiversity of our landscape classified as IBA (Important Bird Area)
- Regular patrols to remove poachers traps, snares and camp
- Fight against bushfire to protect the wildlife natural habitats
- Water management to prevent drought



Nature Camps

These camps are important as it teaches children about environmental issues and promotes their understanding of nature and wildlife conservation.
In 2024, the 3 nature camps attracted 456 children between the ages of 3 and 18. Each one focused on different topics, like drought crisis, discussing its causes and effects on wildlife; endangered species and conservation awareness; and, flood prevention, management and waterborne disease awareness.
As they are the future ambassadors of the land, we believe that they need to be involved as young as possible.







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Fighting Bushfires

Every years, CWOT faces significant challenges from illegal bushfires, which affect almost 80% of the land. Our team fights these fires every season.
Most of these fires are started by poachers who are trying to clear land for easier poaching wildlife. Sometimes, surrounding communities set fires to gather food, further threatening the sustainability of the Miombo Forest. The resulting destruction not only harms wildlife habitats, but also contributes to soil erosion and alters water cycles, jeopardises the availability of food for livestock and threatens the safety of chimpanzees.







Bird Survey

In response to declining bird populations, CWOT has initiated a detailed bird survey to assess species numbers and protect key habitats, covering 10,000 hectares and over 340 bird species, including critical endangered species such as the Hooded Vulture and Martial Eagle.
Community involvement is central to this initiative, with efforts focused on educating locals about the importance of birds and promoting local stewardship through workshops and training. We had our first student from Twampane Community School who worked with the team on the survey and was keen to develop his skills in wildlife management.





