

people's trust for endangered species

Essential information

Age range:

All ages

Group size:

unlimited

Time needed:

no limit

Curriculum links:

Science Units: various, also Citizenship, Geography, Literacy and ICT units

Setting:

Indoors

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Twin with a Tanzanian school-leader's notes

Background to activity

The Ruaha Carnivore Project (RCP) in Tanzania is working to save threatened species of large carnivores, such as lions, cheetahs and African wild dogs thanks to funding from PTES. The project, run by Oxford University, focuses on reducing conflict with big predators through working closely with local communities.

Meetings with villagers have found a very strong desire for improving education and recently the project launched Kids 4 Cats. This project would like to twin the 21 local primary schools and the 2 secondary schools in the study area with UK schools, which would provide an excellent platform for partnership, information exchange and reciprocal learning about a different culture and environment. Any funds generated would be used to buy much-needed basic equipment such as books, pens, teaching supplies, uniforms, chairs, desks and mattresses. As the project and partnerships develop, there could be opportunities for UK school personnel to visit their twinned school, in order to deliver supplies directly.

All activities would be linked clearly with the RCP to highlight that these community-driven benefits are clearly linked to local carnivore presence.

Running the activity

To express an interest in twining your school please email nida@ptes.org for more details.

Extension activities

- Researching background of Tanzania and what life is like for school children.
- Learn more about large carnivores and fundraising